



Eagle Rock Amateur Radio Club Newsletter

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Earthquake Rocks Idaho

Those who came to the October meeting were able to see a great presentation by Ed Williams, KB7BUA. Ed is a Professor at Ricks College and studies Earthquakes. He brought many pictures from earthquake he has studied, including some here locally. He showed pictures from the 1983 Borah Peak earthquake and the 1959 Quake Lake earthquake. Many of us were surprised to find out that we are living on the second most active earthquake zone

in the US following California. Some Idahoans were recently hit in an earthquake this last month. An earthquake measuring 3.7 on the Rector Scale his Montpelier. Ed showed us that we should be prepared for the worst. Not only are we on an active earthquake zone, we are also susceptible to volcanic activity. Most of us have at least been through Craters of the Moon. It is evidence of recent volcano activity. Our own Snake River Plain was formed

by a bubble of magma that has drifted underneath the earth's surface. It is now under West Yellowstone. Yellowstone itself is actually rising because of the bubble. It's surprising what is going on and most people in our area don't even know it.



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Repeater News

Rod Wilde, AB7OS, Sean O'Brady, W7QJR and Allen Fielding, K7EFZ recently took a trip up to the 146.64 repeater. The repeater was receiving interference from a nearby transmitter that has not yet been located. Also some adjustments to

the duplexers had to be made. I would like to thank Allen, Rod, and Sean for taking the time go up and fix the machine. A transmitter near shelly is has been producing spurious emissions, one of which is on the output frequency of the

146.74 repeater. The owners of the interfering station have been notified and Rod and Allen are working with them to get there signal cleared up.

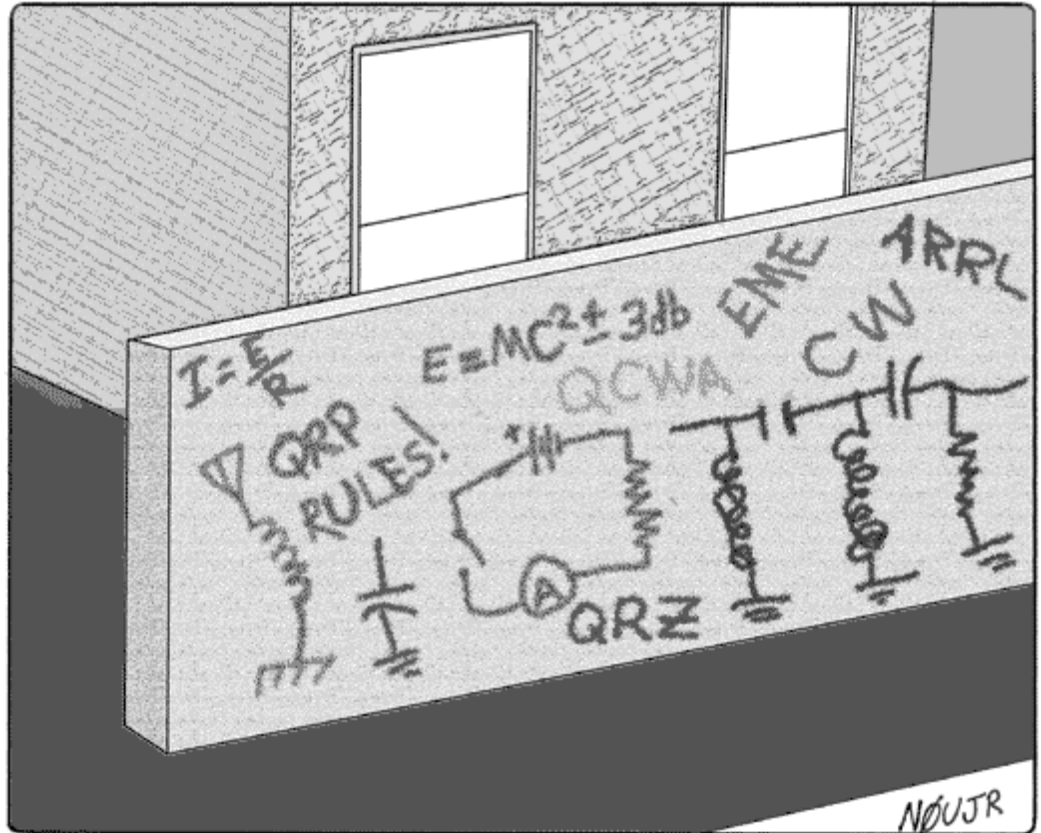


- Executive meetings @ 6:30 p.m. before regular meeting
- Club meetings starting promptly @ 7:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of every month.
- Come learn something new about your hobby!
- Everyone is welcome! Amateurs and non amateurs alike.
- Hope to see you there!



**NETS AROUND THE AREA
(LOCAL TIMES)**

<u>DAILY</u> Farm Net 0200UTC Utah Beehive Net @ 12:30 P.M.	3.937 7.272
<u>SUNDAY</u> PARC @ 8:00 P.M. UARC @ 9:00 P.M.	147.06 146.85
<u>MONDAY</u> RACES @ 9:00 P.M.	146.94
<u>TUESDAY</u> ERARC @ 9:00 P.M.	146.64
<u>WEDNESDAY</u> ERRS @ 9:00 P.M. ERRS @ 9:00 P.M.	146.88 146.82



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Letters to the Editor

No Name Yet...

As many of you who hang out on 2 meter know there has been a persistent interference problem on the 146.64 machine. These things are to be expected from time to time, especially in an environment like the 64 is in. So I think this is a good time to remind people that while we have repeater trustees are volunteers and their primary responsibility is to make sure the machines are used in accordance with FCC rules.

When there is a problem with a machine it is not their sole responsibility to take care of it. The repeater is still a club machine and it is the clubs responsibility to take care of them. When I hear people complain on the air I can't help but wonder what they found when they went up the hill to take care of the problem. WHAT??? They haven't been to the hill? I don't have time to go up there. I have kids, a job church, whatever. So do the

people who are the repeater trustees. I would like to suggest that we bank all the gripe time (there seems to be a fair share) and use it more productively by doing something to solve the problem. I guess you don't have to wonder why we have to twist arms to get someone to take a repeater.

W7QJR

This month, I only received one suggestion for a name for the newsletter. The suggestion made was "The Lid." If you have any suggestions, bring them to the meeting or e-mail them to me Kc7sik@yahoo.com. Also, I am still looking for people to help with the newsletter to write articles, instead of writing it myself. Thanks to W7QJR for the Letters to the Editor. If anyone else has an article they would like to publish. You can give it to me or e-mail it to me also. I would really appreciate some input.

TREASURERS REPORT

It has been several months since we have given a treasurers report and according to the constitution, we are to report it monthly. I feel that the newsletter is a good forum for publishing this information along with the regular meetings. The following are the current balances of our accounts:

Repeater Account-
\$3,136.93

Project Account-
\$430.48*

Checking Account-
\$394.09

*\$250 was recently removed to pay for Christmas Party expenses. Pre-

I have noticed that there has been a very strong push to have technical or instructional meetings at the club meetings. I even heard it said that if there weren't more technical meetings some were not going to continue with the club. I would like to point out to anyone who has not served a position in the club that sometimes things are easier said than done. It would be a hard task to get an instructor for each and every meeting. Even if that did happen you would only get the tiniest small introduction in

electronics. If a person wants to learn something about the technical side of the hobby they should volunteer to help with the repeaters when there is a problem. They might also look into building some projects. Don't just buy a kit either, try building a few from scratch. The best way to learn is to get your hand into things. I guess I have a different idea about what the club is for. I think a meeting that teaches is fine, but I also enjoy the meetings that are social. I thought that the foxhunt we

had a few years ago was great fun. If you don't think there was some experimentation and electrical learning going on before that, then you didn't see some of the antennas that showed up. I think we need to support the executives and if we want to see something different at a meeting we need to be willing to help make it happen. I discovered that the executive committee gets far more complaints than offers to help.

W7QJR

What's Next???

For the November meeting, we will be having Charles Woodward. Charles owns Natural Resources out of Victor. He specializes in alternative energy. He will be talking to us about solar panels. He will also be showing us about alternative

Ways to power your home and eat your water using wood or solar energy. In December, we will be having our annual Christmas party at Norths Chuchwagon. The meeting will start early at 6:30. We are hoping to have a speaker

at the christmas party to talk about batteries. We also hope to have several prizes to give away so come join us.



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