



EAGLE ROCK AMATEUR RADIO CLUB NEWSLETTER

The ERARC Newsletter Will Be Getting a New Editor.

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Many may have noticed that I didn't make it to the Christmas party. I was unable to attend because of my new Job at Center Partners that I started the 4th of December. Because of this job and other obligations that I have, I have decided to let someone else take over the newsletter. Danny Anderson



Article by Jesse Dickson President

volunteered to take over the newsletter unless someone else is interested. Danny is our current Net control for our Tuesday night net on the 146.64 repeater. With Danny

taking this responsibility, we would have a position open for net control. If you are interested taking over the newsletter or would like to be the net control, talk to Danny at the meeting or e-mail me a kc7sik@yahoo.com.

Elections Coming Up in April

For some it may seem early to be bringing up the topic of elections, but we, the executive committee would like to do the election a little different this year. Rather than waiting till the April meeting and spending half of the meeting waiting for someone to volun-

teer, we would like to begin the election process a little early. In March, we would like to have nominations and after a month to decide, we would have elections in April. We have decided this to give plenty of time for people to decide and for others

to think about if they would be interested in running. We would like to encourage everyone to come to the meetings and speak your voice. If you don't like how we are doing it, let us know and help us change it.

What happened? What's Next?

This last month, we had our annual Christmas party. We held it at JJ North's in front of the Grand Teton Mall. Sean O'brady was gracious enough to take on the responsibility of the Christmas party which turned out great. We had estimate of around 40

people. Many people brought their families and several prizes were given out. I'd like to thank Sean, W7QJR and Rod Wilde, AB7OS for taking care of the raffle also. This next month, we will not be having an executive meeting before the regular meet-

ing. We will be having our regular meeting in which we will get to hear a presentation on batteries by Gary Hunt who specializes in battery power. Everyone come on down for the meeting and you will be well informed.



Murphy's Law:

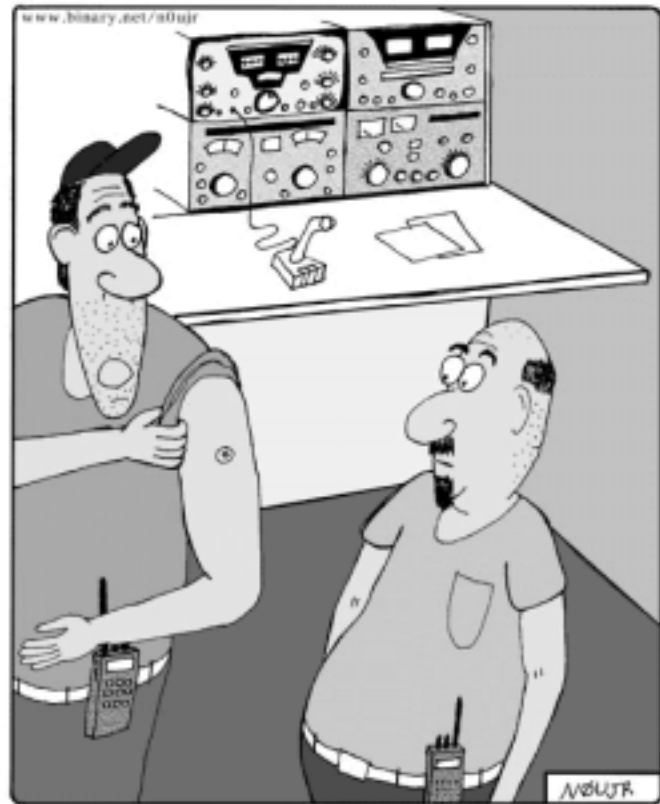
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"This is the new RF exposure monitor device I came up with. When you reach the maximum cumulative exposure, the red center pops out. My wife says it's perfect for a turkey like me."

IDAHO FALLS' NEW ANTENNA ORDINANCE

In September of 2000, the Idaho Falls City Council approved a new antenna ordinance. The title of the ordinance, while long, gives a fair indication of what is covered. The title is: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1941 BY ADDING A NEW ARTICLE X ENTITLED "WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS TOWERS AND ANTENNAS"; PROVIDING DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING FOR PERMITTED LOCATIONS; PROVIDING CONDITIONS FOR PERMITTED USES; PROVIDING FOR PERMITS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEALER; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The ordinance does apply to amateur radio operations within the city limits. Fortunately, section 10-1-3 Applicability state

- B. Amateur Radio Station Operators/Receive Only Antennas. This ordinance shall not govern any tower, or the installation of any antenna, that is under seventy (70) feet in height and is owned and operated by a federally-licensed amateur radio station operator or is used exclusively for receive only antennas.

Stated another way, if you plan to erect a new antenna 70 feet or higher, you will have to file the permit application and comply with some of the other requirements of the ordinance.

While the ordinance contains a preference for new antenna locations, hams desiring to erect antennas higher than 70 feet should be able to do so at their own home locations based upon the current case law applying the FCC's PRB-1, provided the hams comply with the permitting requirements and the tower system is safe. On the other hand, should 15 or so neighbors show up in opposition to your proposed antenna at the permit hearing, the ham may well want to contemplate some legal expenses or alternatively, reduce the proposed height to under 70 feet so as to render the ordinance inapplicable.

If you are planning to erect a new antenna that exceeds the 70 foot exemption, it would be good idea to get a copy of the ordinance in order to anticipate the information required for the permit application. Copies may be obtained from the Idaho Falls Planning and Building Division.

73,
Ralph Throckmorton
K0TRV

A TASTE OF MURPHY'S LAW:

Trust Everyone—Then cut the cards.

Everything takes longer than you think.

Every solution breeds new problems.

To succeed in politics, it is often necessary to rise above your principles.

Anything that can go wrong will go wrong, and at the most inopportune time.

If at first you don't succeed, destroy all the evidence that you ever tried.

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- 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!