

THE COAX NEWSLETTER



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*** 1st ANNUAL BCARC SWAP MEET ***



February's pre-function will be the 1st Annual BCARC Swap Meet. If you have items in your shack that are no longer needed or used, this is the place to sell them! Bring your items to the pre-function beginning at 6pm with a price tag on them and if you have something "oversize" like a 200ft tower, just bring a picture. Also, bring cash and be ready to buy!

One ground rule: *If your item doesn't sell and you don't want to donate it to someone, it goes home with you!*

Should be fun!!

MEETING AGENDA

Presentations

Presenters: Doug Forster, W6AXR, and John Kludt, K7SYS.

Improve The Efficiency of Your 2m Station

Topics include: antenna improvements, feedline improvements, antenna location, preamps, the addition of a power amplifiers, etc.

Propagation Beyond the Horizon

Topics include: tropospheric ducting, sporadic E, and other reflective and refractive modes, and bounce your signal off a mountain – why not?

Bouvet Island

3Y0J Bouvet Island, off the coast of Antarctica, is 9,860 miles from here. It is the second most wanted entity in the ham radio world. The team working to put the island on the air, has arrived at the island and with any luck, by the time of our meeting, they will have their equipment in operation on all band 160m-10m, SSB, CW and FT8. Even if you don't consider yourself a DXer, this one is worth pursuing.

NEXT MEETING

Feb 8, 2023

2nd Wednesday of the Month

Pre-function / Workshop

6:00 PM

Meeting Begins

6:30 PM

Location

VFW HALL

1325 PINE ST.

Corner of Pine & Division

Sandpoint, ID

Given the logistics, the travel and the expense involved in putting Bouvet on the air it probably won't happen again for a very long time. You really don't want to miss this one. Here is a YouTube that helps you better understand the Dxpediton and how to predict the bands and times to try and work them.

Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1bGld8CHySE>

Idaho QSO Party

The Idaho QSO Party will be March 11 – 12, 2023. A state QSO party happens annually for any state or given set of states with the goal of having other amateurs work as many counties in the state as is possible. The fun of a state QSO party comes as the amateurs within the state “become the DX.” Everyone will be trying to work you!

For Idaho stations, the goal is work as many states and DX entities as possible. Your score is the total number of QSO's multiplied by the number of states and DX entities worked. The exchange is simple. For us it is the three-letter abbreviation for your county.

Logging support can be found withing the N3FJP program suite. Full rules can be found at <http://www.pocatelloarc.org/idahoqsoparty/rules.htm>

There will be an award to the BCARC member with the highest score for the event!



PRESENTATIONS ARE NOW AVAILABLE

To download presentations from prior meetings, follow the link below:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/14yaFHhiCSwilgjbBZL_4FMtiSkOrFti?usp=share_link

“If you want to find the secrets of the universe, think in terms of energy, frequency and vibration.” - Nikola Tesla
