

THE COAX NEWSLETTER



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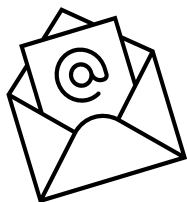


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ANNOUNCEMENTS



BCARC member communication continues to improve! In addition to adopting **groups.io** for all member communications, our Club website no longer has a Members login or Members forum. In place of this, members are directed to our **groups.io** list which will serve as the primary communications and discussion site for Club members. Any messages from our website indicating your account has been deleted are due to this change. **Please ignore and delete any of these messages from the website.**

BCARC members will need to subscribe to the Club **groups.io** ([here](#)) in order to receive direct email communications from the Club.

REMINDER: If you haven't renewed your membership, please do so as soon as possible. Dues help fund our organization and events!

MEETING AGENDA

The April BCARC meeting will include the following presentation:

Presenter: John Kludt, K7SYS

Some Thoughts on Logging Programs

So why log at all? How has logging changed over the years? Not all logging programs are the same, so which one is right for you?

Discussion will include a review of AC Log, Ham Radio Deluxe, DXKeeper, QRZ.com, N1MMLogger+ and several more.

Participants will also have an opportunity to look through a paper log and book of QSL cards started in 1976, along with AC Log, QRZ and DXKeeper on a local machine during the pre-function.

We look forward to seeing you!

PAST PRESENTATIONS

To download presentations from prior meetings, click [here](#).

NEXT MEETING

April 12, 2023

2nd Wednesday of the Month



Board Meeting

5:00 PM

Pre-function / Workshop

6:00 PM

General Meeting

6:30 PM

Location

VFW HALL

1325 PINE ST.

Corner of Pine & Division

Sandpoint, ID

ON THE AIRWAVES

2023 IDAHO QSO PARTY – THE SPUD RUN

And the results are in!

From the Pocatello ARC Website-

A huge thank you to all who participated in the **2023 Idaho QSO Party Spud Run!**

Some quick statistics...

- We had 64 Idaho stations playing this year compared to 47 last year.
- We activated 28 of Idaho's 44 counties this year compared to 27 last year.
- Many who worked a county this year that was not activated last year got a 500-point bonus. This will continue next year only we will add another 500 bonus points to any county that was not activated THIS year.

Thanks for playing in the IDQP Spud Run and we hope to see you next year! 73, K7SU

Bonner County HAMs did very well!

Low Power (single op unless extra calls are noted)

Finishing Place	Call	Cnty	Mode	MULTS	PH QSO	CW QSO	Digi QSO	QSO score	Total Score
2	N7HDD	BNR	SSB	62	802	0	0	802	50124
3	KE4EW/7	BNR	CW	55	0	284	0	568	31640
12	KJ7OY	BNR	SSB	43	154	0	0	154	6722
15	KJ7YOZ	BNR	SSB	36	94	0	0	94	3384
20	K7MEE	BNR	SSB	17	46	0	0	46	1182
22	K7SYS	BNR	MIXED	16	47	0	0	47	852
26	KJ7SEN	BNR	SSB	18	37	0	0	37	666
29	WA7DH	BNR	SSB	2	5	0	0	5	210

High Power

Finishing Place	CALL	Cnty	Mode	MULTS	PH QSO	CW QSO	QSO Score	Total Score
5	W7JRD	BNR	MIXED	59	1	314	629	37511
6	W7TMD	BNR	MIXED	68	530	7	544	37392
7	K7BSV	BNR	SSB	63	570	0	570	36310

Full results can be found [HERE](#).

POWER CABLES, COAX AND CONNECTORS.....OH MY!

The March BCARC meeting was a hands-on session with members and guests who turned out to learn how to install connectors on various types of coax and Anderson connectors on power cables. Many folks built and tested coax jumper cables for their Ham Shacks. Thanks to all who donated their expertise, materials and equipment to make this a success. We hope to do more hands-on sessions in the future.



ARRL FIELD DAY

As we approach the 4th weekend in June, we are busily preparing for Field Day. Field Day, sponsored by the ARRL, has more participants than any other operating event. To quote from the ARRL:

“ARRL Field Day is the single most popular on-the-air event held annually in the US and Canada. On the fourth weekend of June of each year, thousands of radio amateurs gather with their clubs, groups or simply with friends to operate from remote locations. Field Day is a picnic, a campout, practice for emergencies, an informal contest and, most of all, FUN!”

After a hiatus of many years, in 2022, the Bonner County Amateur Radio Club re-engaged in the fun of Field Day. How did we do?

The Idaho section had five entries in class 2A in **Field Day 2022**. Bottom line? We did well...coming in **1st** out of 5 in the Idaho section.

CALL	FINAL SCORE	Club Name	Participants	TOTAL CW QSOs	TOTAL DIGI QSOs	TOTAL PHONE QSOs	TOTAL QSOs	BONUS POINTS
K7JEP	1,334	Bonner Co. ARC	20	4	0	174	178	970
KC7SIK	1,262	Eagle Rock ARC	10	4	127	94	225	550
K7DSC	1,162	Do Something ARC	13	49	8	42	99	850
N7LGN	1,108	American Legion Post 113 ARC	10	0	0	124	124	860
N7PI	448	Pocatello ARC	50	30	0	39	69	250



Field Day 2023, will happen **June 24 -25 at the Edgemere Grange, 3273 Bandy Road, Priest River, ID, 83856**. We will again run two transmitters with emergency power making us a 2A class entry. There will be plenty to see and lots to do for phone, FT8 and CW operators. Even if you are new to ham radio, please join us for the fun and chance to learn new ways to “play radio.”

Current plans include a satellite ground station – always fun to watch as the antennas track the satellite across the sky! There is lots to do to make Field Day happen and we really hope that you will volunteer your time to work with other BCARC members and guests to make BCARC Field Day 2023 even more successful than we were in 2022!

CLUB MEMBERSHIP

2023 Membership dues are due!

**\$25 Individual
\$35 Family**

Please remit **with a membership application** at the next meeting or send to:
BCARC
PO Box 792
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A membership application can be downloaded by clicking [here](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS

BCARC participates and supports many local events. For more information on the events or volunteering opportunities, click on the links below:

Museum Ships Weekend

June 3 – 4, 2023
Farragut State Park
Brig Museum

ARRL Field Day

June 24 – 25, 2023
Edgemere Grange

July 4th Parade

July 4, 2023
Sandpoint

Long Bridge Swim

August 5, 2023
Sandpoint

BCARC CALENDAR

