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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Due to Field Day falling on the weekend of the clubs normal monthly breakfast, we have moved the breakfast to Saturday, June 17th at 9am at Connie's Café.



Speaking of Field Day and Food, on Saturday, June 24th at 6:30pm, BCARC and BCARES will be co-hosting a BBQ dinner with pulled pork sandwiches and all the fixin's at the Grange. The dinner is open to all BCARC members and their families, however, we need to you to **RSVP by Friday, JUNE 9th** so that we can plan accordingly. Please RSVP with the number attending to our club email bcarc73@gmail.com.

We hope you will join us!

JUNE MEETING PRESENTATION

It's Almost Here!

Field Day 2023 June 24-25 Edgemere Grange

ARRL Field Day is the most popular on-the-air radio event. Last year over 2,400 logs were submitted, and an estimated 35,000 amateur radio operators participated!

Our June meeting will focus on all things Field Day and how **YOU** can participate. Starting with some of the general history and current controversies surrounding Field Day at the national level, BCARC team members will provide a foundation of what Field Day is about and how BCARC is participating.

So, what bands will we be using? We have a band plan for that! BCARC will be co-located with BCARES providing band coverage from 80m down to 70cm and satellite!

Which modes play well on Field Day? Single Sideband (SSB), CW (Morse Code) or the modern digital modes such as FT8/FT4? All will be available!

Need some operating tips? Should you "run" or Search and Pounce?

Additionally, we will be working hard to finalize our operator rosters for Phone, CW and FT8 as well as volunteers for overall setup and breakdown.

Please come to the meeting to find out more. See you there!

CLUB INFORMATION

NEXT MEETING

June 14, 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

PAST PRESENTATIONS

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

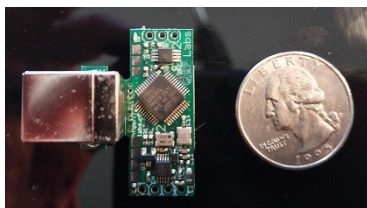
MEMBER NEWS

Dayton Hamvention 2023 – John Kludt K7SYS

An event of interest to many hams is the Dayton Hamvention held in May every year. Interestingly the event is no longer held in Dayton, Ohio, but has moved to Xenia, Ohio, a few miles further down the road. These numbers are not in for 2023, but in 2022, **31,367 amateur radio operators** from all over the world attended the three-day event.

In the past, I would make the easy 7 - 8 hour drive from Atlanta. This year, however, was a little more challenging involving 5 airplane rides. Outbound it was Spokane to Atlanta to Dayton and the return trip was Dayton to Atlanta to Salt Lake City to Spokane. So, what makes Hamvention worth the effort and the cost?

Well, first of all, every vendor you can imagine is there including numerous small vendors that I at least have never heard of. Of course, Icom, Yaesu and Kenwood were all in attendance. And other than the Icom 905 microwave radio, none of these vendors had any new products to announce. Flex was there showing off their line of high-power contest equipment. But the real interest were the smaller vendors. For example, QRP Labs from Turkey was there and did a forum on High Altitude Pico Balloons. From them, I bought for BCARC a U4B2 WSPR Balloon Tracker. One of these and its balloon are presently on their 7th trip around the world!



For those of you who are looking for deals, the “bone yard” as always was huge. It filled the entire infield of the track normally used for horse racing! Everything from vintage rigs to new rigs looking for a new home to, well, junk was on display and available for price pending negotiations.

Another part of the Dayton experience is the forums. Again, there was a wide range of topics from ARES, to the aforementioned ballooning, to VHF/UHF/SHF. The list is very long and can be found at <https://hamvention.org/>.

In addition, many of the vendors and special interest groups have dinners that are always interesting to attend. I went to the ARRL Donor Reception, the DX Dinner and the Contest Dinner which gave me a chance to break bread with some of the top DXers and Contesters from around the world.

An interesting aside ... on the upcoming Ducie Island DXpedition. A team of three will be deploying a couple of RIB's (Rig in a Box) <https://ke9v.net/2022/06/03/rig-in-box.html>. The team of three is responsible for the deployment and fueling of these units. Most of the operators will be operating the RIB's from their home QTH's scattered around the world remotely via Starlink. Wow! They will be “going on a DXpedition” but never leaving home.

BCARC BREAKFAST

June 17, 2023

9am – 10:30am

Location

Connie's Café
323 Cedar St
Sandpoint, ID

BCARC NETS

K7JEP HooDoo Mtn VHF
Repeater / North Idaho
Repeater Group Net

Every Sunday at 7pm

145.490MHz (-0.6 MHz off-
set; 136.5 tone)

Simplex Net

Immediately following the
Repeater Net

145.600MHz Simplex

MEMBERSHIP

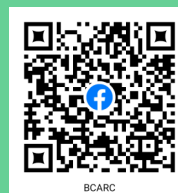
\$25 Individual

\$35 Family

To join, please remit with a
membership application at
the next meeting or send to:

BCARC
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A membership application
can be downloaded by click-
ing [here](#).



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Speaking of ARES, parked by the entrance were a few local ARES mobile command stations. Most of the units had pneumatic masts on them, some extended, others collapsed. All featured capabilities from HF to VHF. In the same area were a couple of VHF rovers.

And can you believe this one belonging to a ham from New Jersey... It was good from 6m to 5.0 GHz! They did admit all the antennas on the roof cost them a couple of miles per gallon!



This is an event that every ham should attend once in their amateur radio career. With so much to do and so many people to meet, you might even be able to put a face with the callsign of someone who you have worked!

It's always in May and...now, always in Xenia.

ARRL FIELD DAY



Field Day 2023
June 24th - 25th
11am—11am
Edgemere Grange
3273 Bandy Road
Priest River, ID, 83856

NEED PRACTICE FOR FIELD DAY?

Would you like to try your hand at using FT8 but are a little unsure? We have a great opportunity for you to practice! On **June 3rd**, BCARC member Jim Morford, will be participating in the [International Digital Contest](#) and has offered a chance for members to learn and practice FT8 at his house in Priest River from Noon to late evening. If you are interested, please contact him at 509 945 9804.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Between now and June 24th, there is a lot to do to make Field Day happen. We are looking for volunteers to help with many different areas including site set up and clean up, food & beverage service, manning the public information table and radio shifts. Sign up sheets will be available at the next Club meeting or shoot us an email at bcarc73@gmail.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

ARRL Field Day

June 24 – 25, 2023
Edgemere Grange
Priest River

July 4th Parade

July 4, 2023
Downtown Sandpoint

Long Bridge Swim

August 5, 2023
Sandpoint

Bonner County Fair

August 16—19, 2023
Bonner Co Fairgrounds
Sandpoint

Panhandle Preparedness Expo

Sept 30—Oct 1, 2023
Bonner Co Fairgrounds
Sandpoint

BCARC Calendar



CALL FOR ARTICLES

Do you fancy yourself a budding journalist? Do you have expertise in antennas, digital mode, DIY radio projects or other interesting radio topics? We would love to have you write an article for our monthly newsletter! If you are interested, please contact us via our club email: bcarc73@gmail.com. We will follow up with you regarding the next publication opportunity.