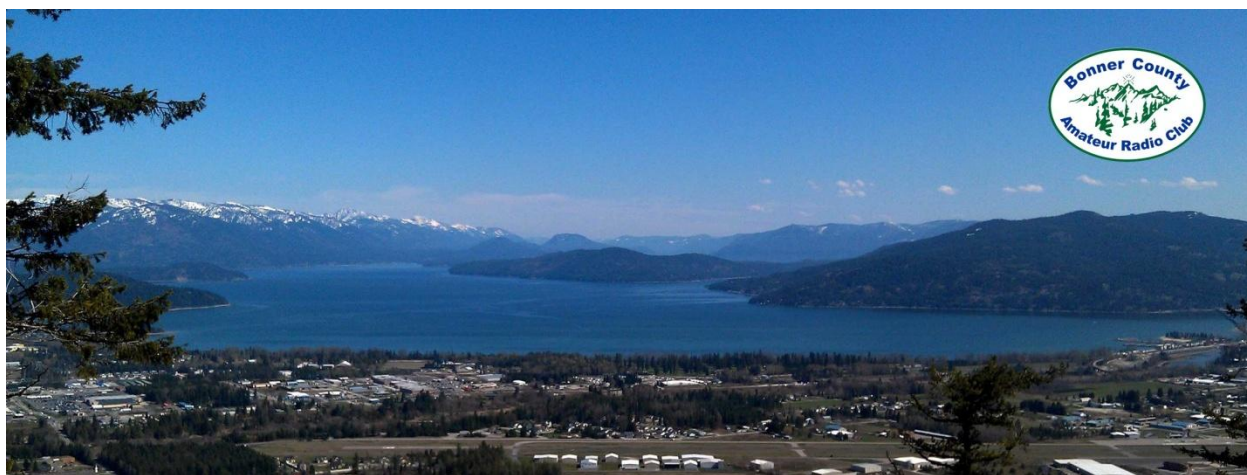
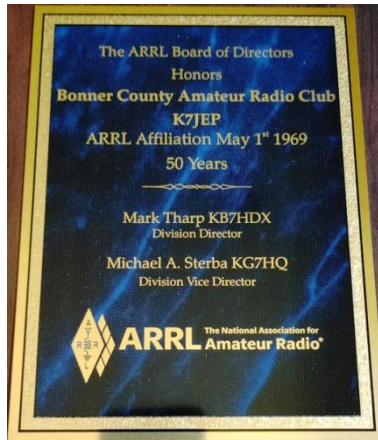


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History of the Bonner County Amateur Radio Club (BCARC) 1961 – Present





Preface:

If someone is to be named in honorarium, I think it is important to know and remember who they were. And, I believe an organization should remember its roots. This is my humble attempt at documenting the history of the Bonner County Amateur Radio Club (BCARC).

It's a little hard to create variety when documenting facts using news articles so forgive me if the reporting of the years seems redundant. I have opted to place supporting articles/documentation within each year so that long scrolling time is eliminated should you want to review a particular documentation. To make many of them readable I had to resize them which, makes them a little blurred and the page count much larger than I would like, and created some weird page breaks. If news articles have the same wording but published on different dates within the same year I only show one of the articles with the dates of publication above the article.

In May of 1969 The Sandpoint Daily Bee absorbed the Sandpoint News Bulletin. In 1988 The Sandpoint Daily Bee was purchased by the Hagadone Media Group and became The Bonner County Daily Bee. I have reached out to the Daily Bee's Managing Editor to see if we could get some non-profit coverage on their events page to no avail (did not even receive a courtesy reply).

Thanks go out to Gary Dingman - KG7CSD and Daryl Baird - K6KRG for their help.

If anyone can add to this history by providing insight into the blank years, adding milestones, events, or your memorable occasions, or suggestions, it would be highly appreciated (especially regarding the past Presidents of the Club (next to last page)).

You can email me @: K2KKB@proton.me

One of the Club's Founders and the Club's Honorarium

Malcolm Neal Fredstrom was born 9 February 1931 in Sandpoint, Bonner County. He passed away on 12 January 2003 in Sandpoint at the age of 71. Neal is buried in Mount Olivet Cemetery in Anaconda, Deer Lodge County, Montana, USA. Neal had two brothers **Darrell A. Fredstrom** 1934–2009 and **Bruce Arbie Fredstrom** 1942-2012.

After moving to Sandpoint his parents, **Malcolm Claude Fredstrom** 1909–1998 and **Cleo Audrey Van Patten Fredstrom** 1909–2005, became active in the social activities of Sandpoint, as did their descendents. The Fredstrom women are frequently mentioned engaging the local activities.

Neal married **Geraldine Naomi Farrar** on 20 May 1952, in Bonner, Idaho. They were the parents of three boys and one girl (**Kris Ann** 1955-2003, **Michael Neil** 1959–1959, **Paul Neal** 1961–1981, and **Mark Arbie** 1963-2006). On February 5, 1983 he married Lillian Yvonne "Poody" Janosko.

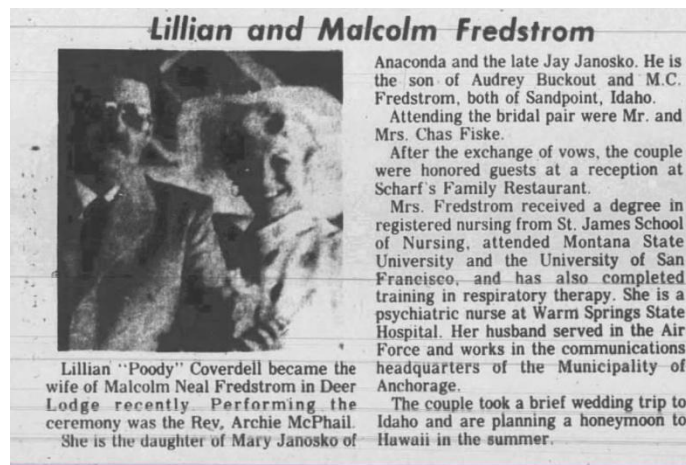


Photo courtesy of Daryl Baird K6KRG

While I found no records as to his employment, he probably worked for the General Telephone Co. as he received a 9 year pin for being accident free.

Neal was active in Civil Defense and amateur radio. His original call sign may have been KD7UJD as a search of that call sign comes back to K7JEP.

It was Neal, Marvin Leach, and Charles Spealman that were the driving forces behind creating BCARC with Neal being named the first president, at that time called chairman, of the Club. (May do research for them later)

*****January 19, 1961 (BCARC formed)*****

The first mention of the Club is an article in the *Sandpoint News-Bulletin* dated February 2, 1961; it announced the Club would meet at 7:00 p.m. in the district courtroom at the county courthouse (apparently this remained the meeting place until May).

On page 3, it states that on January 19 a new organization to be known as the Bonner County Amateur Radio Club was formed. Neal Fredstrom was chosen as chairman, Marvin Leach as vice chairman, and Charles Spealman as secretary- treasurer. Other appointees were Roger Williams and Glen Rusk, both appointed as directors, and Jeff Woodhouse as the membership Chairman.

In June they had eight members and six assistants participate in the ARRL field day exercise. They made 56 contacts in seven hours using emergency power and an additional 148 on commercial power.

Page 1 of the Sandpoint News Bulletin on February 2nd, 1961

HAM OPERATORS MEET
The Bonner County Amateur Radio club will meet tonight at 7 p.m. in the district courtroom at the county court house. All persons interested in radio are invited to attend.

Page 3 of the Sandpoint News Bulletin on February 2nd, 1961

Local Radio Hams Form Organization
Amateur radio enthusiasts of Sandpoint and vicinity have formed a new organization to be known as the Bonner County Amateur Radio club.
At an organization meeting held on Jan. 19, 16 amateur radio hobbyists got together and formed the club. Neal Fredstrom was chosen chairman, Marvin Leach, vice chairman and Charles Spealman, secretary-treasurer. Directors are Roger Williams and Glen Rusk.
Purpose of the club is to further the activities of anyone interested in ham radio. Additional members are welcome and Jeff Woodhouse has been designated membership chairman.
The club plans to hold meetings the first and third Thursdays of each month.

Amateur Operators Make Many Contacts

More than 200 amateur radio operators were contacted in 19 states and two Canadian provinces including the states of Texas, Alaska, South Dakota, Minnesota, Oklahoma, Missouri and Georgia over the week end by the Bonner County Amateur Radio club in a two-day field exercise.

According to M. N. Fredstrom, chairman of the club, the annual competition is sponsored in the United States and Canada by the American Radio Relay League. Its purpose is to demonstrate the ability to handle communications in emergency situations, he said.

The exercises began at 4:20 p.m. Saturday and ended at 2:18 Sunday after 22 hours of almost uninterrupted operation. Using one transmitter and receiver, 56 contacts were made during seven hours of operation on emergency power and 148 additional contacts were made during the remaining hours using commercial power. G. A. Woodhouse, secretary-treasurer of the group, estimated

Eight different members of the club operated during the field day and six assistants were on hand to enter contacts into the records, Woodhouse said.

*****1962*****

In an article dated January 25 several insights of the past year were revealed.

By the end of the first year, Charles Spealman had resigned due to business commitments with Jeff Woodhouse replacing him. Marvin Leach had moved to Seattle and Fred Arndt had replaced him.

In May a building at the airport was obtained for a meeting place and club room and, after much renovation and donated wood, a lease was negotiated with the owner.

Additional insight was given regarding the previous year's field day event. The generator had been borrowed and failed after seven hours requiring them to go back to commercial power. Their score was 660 points with contacts in 19 states and 2 Canadian provinces on three bands.

They were also the owners of a complete radio station and antenna system.

The Club held its first annual business meeting on January 25th and at that meeting Fred Arndt was elected as chairman, Don LaMoreaux as vice chairman, and Jeff Woodhouse as secretary-treasurer. Apparently, the directors were changed to only one as Glen Rusk is the only one mentioned. Meetings were being held on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month at 7:30 p.m. at the clubhouse on N. Boyer and Airport Rd.

Amateur Radio Club Makes Good Progress During First Year

The year-old Bonner County Radio club held its annual meeting Thursday evening, electing Fred Arndt as chairman, Don LaMoreaux, vice-chairman; Jeff Woodhouse, secretary-treasurer and Glen Rusk, director. Arndt will name his appointive officers and committees at the first meeting in February.

The club was formed last January with Neal Fredstrom as chairman, Marvin Leach, vice-chairman, Charles Spealman, secretary-treasurer and Roger Williams, director. Spealman later resigned, due to pressure of business, and Woodhouse was named to replace him.

In May a building at the old airport was loaned to the club by the owner and after much work and the use of donated lumber it was transformed into a meeting place and clubroom and a lease was negotiated.

In June the ARRL field day was participated in by the club. A borrowed emergency power plant failed after a few hours and the club went back on power from the P&L lines, but a good score of 660 points was made by contacting radio stations in 19 states and two Canadian provinces on three amateur hands.

In September Marvin Leach moved to Seattle and Fred Arndt was appointed vice chairman.

A complete radio station, antenna system and other electronic devices are now owned by the club. Persons interested in electronics are welcome at club meetings which are held at 7:30 p.m. on the first and third Thursdays at the clubhouse on North Boyer and Airport road.

*****1963*****

Nothing found for 1963.

*****1964*****

Their annual business meeting and upcoming election of officers was announced in the Sandpoint News-Bulletin to be held on the 16th of January at the Pastime following a "Dutch Treat" dinner at 6:30 p.m. The results of that election, along with the meeting time and place at the airport, were published on the 6th of February. Neal Fredstrom was re-elected chairman, Glen Rusk as vice chairman, and Blaine Sisson as secretary-treasurer.

After their meeting of 20th of February, the Club adjourned to the home of the LaMoreaux's to celebrate their 22nd wedding anniversary. Members attending were Charles Spealman, Roger Williams, Fred and Paul Arndt, Curtis Reed, and Blaine Sisson. Their next meeting of March 5th at their clubhouse was also announced.

In response to an earthquake in Alaska, local hams set up a relay in early February to handle emergency communications to and from the affected area. They reached as far as St. Albans, N. Y. A note of the scheduled meeting at the airport was also included. (As the first column was extremely hard to read, I have transcribed it.)

Page 1 of the Sandpoint News Bulletin on January 16th, 1964

HAMS WILL ELECT

Annual meeting of the Bonner county amateur radio club will be held tonight (Thursday) at the Pastime following a Dutch treat dinner at 6:30. All interested persons are invited. New officers will be elected.

Page 1 of the Sandpoint News Bulletin on February 6th, 1964

Fredstrom Heads Radio Hams' Club

New officers have been selected by the Bonner County Amateur Radio club, Neal Fredstrom being chairman, Glen Rusk, vice chairman and Blaine Sisson, secretary-treasurer.

The group will meet tonight (Thursday) at 7:30 at its clubhouse on the airport. It holds regular meetings on the first and third Thursdays.

AMATEUR RADIO CLUB GUESTS AT ANNIVERSARY

After the regular meeting of the Bonner County Amateur Radio meeting Thursday night, members were guests at a party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Don LaMoreaux in observance of their 22nd wedding anniversary. Members attending were Charles Spealman, Roger Williams, Fred and Paul Arndt, Curtis Reed and Blaine Sisson.

The club will meet at its airport clubhouse March 5 and anyone interested in amateur radio is invited to attend.

"Relatives of Local People Not Hurt in Alaskan Catastrophe"

Ham Operators Busy

A number of local amateur radio operators joined with hundreds of others throughout the country in handling emergency communications to and from the stricken area.

Neal Frestrom, K7JEP, took messages and relayed by telephone to Washington D.C.,

C., Bremerton, Wash., Cody, Wyo., Nampa, Boise and Twin Falls, Walla Walla and Pasco

Roger Williams, K7MKW and Charles Spealman, W7LIQ, worked together and handled a number of calls, both outgoing and incoming, including one to St. Albans, N. Y.

Members of the local amateur radio club, which holds its regular meeting at its clubhouse at the airport tonight, point out that "hams" provide a vital communications link in every similar emergency.

*****1965*****

There was a “no host” dinner at the Pastime for its annual business meeting with meetings again being specified as the 1st and 3rd Thursdays’ of the month at the airport on the 21st of January.

A 16th of December article announced its December 16th meeting at the airport.

Page 2 of the Sandpoint News Bulletin on January 21st, 1965

RADIO AMATEURS WILL HAVE DINNER TONIGHT

~~—A no-host dinner at the Pas-~~
time will feature the annual
meeting of the Bonner County
~~Amateur Radio club tonight~~
(Thursday) Neal Fredstrom,
president, says. Anyone who is
interested in this field will be
welcome to attend.

Regular meetings are held by
members of the club at the ra-
dio shack at the airport each
first and third Thursday and
interested persons may attend
any of them, Fredstrom re-
ports.

Page 13 of the Sandpoint News Bulletin on December 16th, 1965

RADIO CLUB TO MEET

The Bonner County Amateur
Radio club will meet at 7:30
p.m. tonight (Thursday, Dec.
16) at the Sandpoint airport. In-
terested persons are invited.

*****1966*****

The years of 1966, 1967, and 1968 showed an increase in news coverage of the Club with six articles in 1966, nine in 1967, and six in 1968.

The Club started 1966 off with an announcement on the 6th January of its annual business meeting on 20th of January at the Pastime Restaurant. The results were posted on the 27th with Jim Wienand elected as president, Roger Williams as vice president, Curtis Reed as secretary-treasurer, and Fred Arndt as director (notice that this is first time the designation was changed from chairman to president). Meetings were still being held at the airport.

In July the Club helped clean-up vandalism to Camp Stidwell at Mirror Lake.

A Club meeting announcement was published for October 6th at the airport.

A November 10th article indicates the first time the Club was asked to become involved with Civil Defense. Jim Bixler, the county civil defense coordinator, appeared at the meeting asking for a qualified person take over the operation of the Sandpoint link in the Idaho civil defense radio network. Jim Weinand agreed to use his own equipment to link with Boise contacts and coordinate local efforts. Bixler also requested members help with radiological monitoring.

The year closed out with a meeting notice for 17th November's meeting at the airport.

Page 3 of the Sandpoint News Bulletin on January 6th, 1966

**AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
WILL MEET TONIGHT**
The Bonner County Amateur Radio club will meet at 7:30 p. m. Thursday (today), Jan. 6, at the clubhouse at Sandpoint airport, President Charles Speakman announced.
The annual meeting of club will be held at the airport on Thursday, Jan. 20.

Page 1 of the Sandpoint News Bulletin on January 27th, 1966

**JIM WIENAND PICKED
RADIO CLUB LEADER**
Jim Wienand was elected as president of the Sandpoint Amateur Radio club at a meeting Thursday evening, Jan. 20, in the Pastime restaurant, it was announced.
Named vice president was Roger Williams; secretary-treasurer, Curtis Reed; director, Fred Arndt.
The next meeting is scheduled to take place at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 3, in the clubhouse at the airport. Anyone interested in amateur radio is invited to attend, members point out.

Groups Help Clean Stidwell Damage

There are more good Samaritans than vandals, Kiwanians are convinced.

Several weeks ago, Camp Stidwell at Mirror lake was vandalized when someone went through pouring concrete in stoves, damaging electrical receptacles and trying to put the camp out of action.

This week, it has been learned, according to Floyd Perks, club president, and Don Largent, Camp Stidwell committee chairman, that a couple of other groups have been out there to help clean up the mess. A number of Kiwanians have also been involved.

Rev. Neal McConnel, Christian church, had a group at camp which took the concrete out of the stoves. Bonner County Amateur Radio club worked on another weekend to help clean up the camp.

HAM CLUB MEETING

Bonner County Amateur Radio Club meets at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 6, at the club building near the airport entrance.

CD Coordinator Solicits Aid From Radio Club

Bonner County Amateur Radio Club agreed Thursday night to lend assistance to Jim Bixler, county civil defense coordinator

Bixler appeared at the meeting of the club at the airport ham shack to make his appeal. He asked that someone who is qualified take over with the operation of the Sandpoint link in the Idaho civil defense radio network.

Jim Weinand, club president, agreed to take the initial work in connection with the assignment. He will set up contacts with the radio coordinator in Boise, handle the mail and prepare the Sandpoint area for a civil defense practice alert which is scheduled for late this month. Other club members who are qualified will fill in on the radio working as needed during the alert.

Weinand will use his own amateur radio station to set up the Boise contacts. A civil defense radio station which is located in the basement of Bonner county's courthouse was ruled out by Weinand for his use. He said that the ramp was out of the question for a wheel chair.

Bixler also invited club members to take his radiological monitoring classes. Local people are needed who are not connected with other civil defense duties who can handle the monitoring.

CLUB TO MEET

Bonner County Amateur Radio Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 17 at the club's shack at the Sandpoint airport.

*****1967*****

It was reported that the Club held its annual business meeting on 26th January at the Pastime Café with nine members present. Fred Arndt (W7IDA) was elected president, Don LaMoreaux (K7UBP) was elected vice president, Delar Messmore (WA7CGX) was elected secretary-treasurer, and Blaine Sisson was elected as a director. The Club again seems to have increased its officers as the article states that Sisson was one director and the president would appoint other directors and the sergeant-at-arms.

The Civil Air Patrol attended the February 9th meeting asking that BCARC provide communications for the newly organized Sandpoint Squadron. No one offered assistance at the meeting. At its March 9th meeting the Club decided not to commit itself to participation in the new Civil Air Patrol Squadron. It did leave it open for individual members to participate should they chose to do so. At this meeting they began planning for the upcoming field day event.

March 2nd, April 6th, and June 1st articles were announcements of meeting dates with the Club meetings still being held at the airport.

While no mention of a field day was found in 1966, an article dated June 22nd states the 1967 field day would be held at the airport using a special antenna setup for the event and using its own generator. It mentions the 1966 field day as being in another location and the members thought the mineral content of the area had a deterrent effect.

A photograph was published with a caption regarding the field day event on July 6th. (Photo not copied as it was unrecognizable.)

An April 3rd article notes that the Spokane Radio Club would handle the communications for the Scout's XII World Jamboree. The Spokane Club was chosen due to its size. There is no mention of any assistance from BCARC.

Page 2 of the Sandpoint News Bulletin on January 26th, 1967

Fred Arndt Will Head Radio Club

Bonner County Amateur Radio Club elected officers Thursday night during the annual meeting held in the Pastime Cafe.

Elected president of the organization was Fred Arndt, W7IDA, and Don LaMoreaux, K7UBP, was elected vice president. Delar Messmore, WA7CGX, was elected secretary and treasurer.

Blaine Sisson was named as one director. Other directors and the sergeant-at-arms will be appointed by the new president.

There were nine members present for the annual dinner.

<p>CAP Suggests Radio Amateurs Give Aid</p> <p>Members of the Idaho Civil Air Patrol last Thursday night proposed to the Bonner County Amateur Radio Club that it provide the communications for the new Sandpoint Squadron being organized under Lloyd Olson.</p> <p>Olson and officers of the Bonners Ferry Squadron attended the meeting to explain the organization of the Air Force auxiliary and its need for qualified communications experts such as amateur radio operators.</p> <p>The Civil Air Patrol flies on search and rescue missions for civil authorities and for the Air Force. It is made up of local pilots, ground personnel and technicians who give of their time and often of their own money to function as a semi-official organization.</p> <p>The radio club has not yet</p>	<p>found a member who is available. If an amateur operator within the club agrees to handle communications the CAP will be a step nearer actual operation here.</p> <p>Calvary Baptist Plans Banquet</p> <p>Calvary Baptist Church, Olive and Superior, has planned its annual sweetheart banquet for Tuesday, Feb. 14, in the Alpine room of the Travlers Motel. The banquet to be held at 6:30 p.m., will be followed by a program of entertainment and inspiration.</p> <p>Rev. Lee Collins will be guest speaker for the evening.</p> <p>Mrs. Geraldine Porter of Spokane, who is said to be well known for her readings, both humorous and serious, will also be a part of the evening program.</p> <p>Those desiring to attend this time of fellowship should contact Mrs. Lavern Harper no later than Sunday, Feb. 12.</p>
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AMATEUR RADIO CLUB MEETING THURSDAY NIGHT

Bonner County Amateur Radio Club will meet at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, March 2 in the club's ham shack at the Sandpoint airport.

President Fred Arndt will be discussing spring plans for the club. Refreshments will follow the meeting.

RADIO CLUB DECIDES NOT TO HELP WITH CAP

Members of Bonner County Amateur Radio Club decided Thursday night that they would not commit the group as a unit to participation in the Civil Air Patrol unit here.

The way is left open for individual members to take a part if they wish.

Plans were discussed for the annual field day to be held in approximately three months. Various possible locations and equipment for the field day contest were discussed as well. No final decisions were made by the group.

**AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
TO MEET ON THURSDAY**

Bonner County Amateur Radio Club will meet at 7:30 in its building at the Sandpoint municipal airport.

Club members will continue preparations for the 1967 field day. Refreshments will be served.

CLUB TO MEET

Bonner County Amateur Radio Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. tonight, June 1, at the clubhouse on the airport grounds. Refreshments will be served following discussion on field day.

Radio Club Slates Annual Field Day

Bonner County Amateur Radio Club will hold its annual 24-hour field day exercise from 4 p.m. Saturday, June 24 until 4 p.m. Sunday, June 25 at the club shack on the airport grounds.

The club members will operate around the clock, working in shifts of four hours each, making radio contacts with other amateur radio operators around the nation and logging these calls for contest points.

A special antenna has been set upon the grounds for use during the event. Although the club shack has regular electrical power service, the first rule of the field day contest is operation from an auxiliary power source. The club has its own gasoline power plant which will provide the power.

Last year's contest was held in a field location which provided a large number of contacts although members felt the mineral content of the area had a deterrent to even more contacts.

The club will shoot for a better rating this weekend.

Visitors are welcome at any time to see and hear the work of the club during the weekend exercise. Members say they believe that the public will find the action interesting.

FIELD DAY — Two members of Bonner County Amateur Radio Club listen intently to the short wave transceiver as they strive to make additional radio contacts with amateurs throughout the country. Fred Arndt, left, is logging for Don LaMoreaux who is operating the equipment. Six shifts of four hours duration operated the station around the clock, with shutdowns only to refuel the auxiliary powerplant which was used as a field day requirement. (News-Bulletin photo)

Amateur Radio To Aid Jamboree

Aiding the cause of communications during the XII World Jamboree at Farragut State Park will be amateur radio operators.

Nearest group of the size needed to handle the vast amount of messages the amateurs are expected to send and receive in connection and coordination with the Jamboree is the Spokane Amateur Radio Club. Traffic will be cleared from Scout radio headquarters at the Jamboree through Spokane where the amateur operators will relay the messages throughout the world.

Most of the messages will go to the rest of the United States, Canada and South America. There are international regulations or agreements which prohibit third-party contacts in some nations.

To prepare for this effort the Spokane amateurs selected Farragut as the location of their field day transmissions. During the 24 hours of the American Radio Relay League field day, the amateurs made approximately 1,100 contacts from Farragut.

They will make more during the coming Jamboree.

*****1968*****

The annual business meeting and dinner was held at the Pastime Café on 21st of January with ten members present. The results were reported on the 25th with Roger Williams elected as president, Blaine Sisson as vice president, Fred Arndt as secretary-treasurer. Glen Rusk was named as a director. The Club was still meeting on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays' but the location changed to the old dog pound site west of the airport.

The Club participated in the ARRL field day on the weekend of June 22nd at their building west of the airport (I assume this is the dog pound location mentioned earlier).

One of the guiding forces of the Club, Charles Spealman, became a silent key on the 15th July 1968. A copy of the 1968 Radio Amateurs Handbook was given to the Sandpoint Library in his honor on the 22nd.

December saw the opening of an International Harvester truck dealership with the owner, Edmund Bourne, a member of the Club. He was to become president the next year.

Page 8 of the Sandpoint News Bulletin on January 11th, 1968

PLAN ANNUAL MEETING
Bonner County Amateur Radio Club will hold its annual meeting and election of officers following a dinner at the Pastime Cafe at 6 30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 21.

Page 2 of the Sandpoint News Bulletin on January 25th, 1968

Roger Williams Heads Ham Group

Bonner County Amateur Radio Club met Sunday night at the Pastime Cafe for its annual meeting and election of officers with 10 persons, including two guests, attending.

Roger Williams was elected president. Blaine Sisson was named vice president and Fred Amdt, secretary and treasurer. Glenn Rusk was named as a director.

The club extends an invitation to all persons who are in amateur radio, or are interested in it, to attend meetings. First and third Thursdays are meeting nights. The club meets at 7 30 p.m. in the club building, at the old dog pound site west of the Sandpoint airport.

Amateur radio club takes part in competition

Bonner County Amateur Radio Club took part last weekend in the annual American Radio Relay League field day.

The event started at 1900 GMT, which was 12 noon Saturday. Object of the field day was to make as many radio contacts with other amateur radio operators and clubs as possible. Each radio station was limited to one contact with each other amateur on any one radio band.

At 12 noon, local time, the club went to action. As the requirements were that the station had to be portable and that the antenna had to be erected after the starting hour, several club members were on hand at the club's building west of the airport. After wading through wet grass, the large 80-meter center-fed antenna was hoisted to the top of the poles, the lead-in soldered. As everything checked out, the portable generator was taken outside and started. The building was disconnected from the commercial power source and the station was portable at approximately 1:15 p.m. A period of 27 hours, including time for station erection was allowed for the contest and the club operated through the afternoon, evening, night and on through Sunday, until 3 p.m., local time, or 2300 GMT.

As the club used a fixed (directionally) antenna this year rather than a rotating beam, as it did in 1967, the officers and members of the organization do not expect to get as many contest points as last year.

Club members who are licensed amateur radio operators (Hams) operated the equipment while the non-ham members did the logging of contest information.

Charles Spealman succumbs

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, July 17, at the Moon Chapel for Charles Warren Spealman, 51, of 502 N. Forest Ave., Sandpoint, who died Monday, July 15, at Bonner General Hospital.

The Rev. Fred Rarden, First Methodist Church, officiated. Interment was in Pinecrest Cemetery.

Spealman was born at Sandpoint on Nov. 24, 1916. He spent his entire life in this community. He graduated from Sandpoint High School and became a bookkeeper. He was with Farmin Insurance 20 years. For the past two years he was associated with Bonner General Hospital as a bookkeeper.

Spealman married Edna Bliss on June 4, 1940, at Sandpoint. He was a member of the Methodist Church.

He held membership in the Masonic Lodge, B.P.O.E. No. 1376, American Legion and Bonner County Amateur Radio Club. Adept at electronics, Spealman not only followed the hobby of amateur radio closely, he was also commercially licensed.

Survivors include his wife, Edna, at their home; two sons, Stephen Spealman, Libby, and Joel Spealman, with the U.S. Navy at Lakehurst, N.J.; one daughter, Mrs. Sandra Pitotti, Yelm, Wash.; a sister, Mrs. Robert Forgey, Sandpoint; and four grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials may be made to the Shriner's Hospital in care of Mrs. Vivian Eitzman, Box 668, Sandpoint.

Radio Club presents handbook in name of late club officer

Bonner County Amateur Radio Club has presented the Sandpoint Library with a 1963 volume of the Radio Amateurs Handbook.

The book was given in memory of Charles Spealman, club secretary, who died last week.

The library received the book Monday, July 22. It takes the place of the previous volume owned by the library, a 1942 edition.

Roger Williams, club president, "said that many young people are becoming interested in electronics. If this book will help encourage even one, the club will be well pleased."

New International dealership opening Dec. 6 at Sagle

The Sandpoint area will see the opening of a new International Harvester Co. truck dealership on Dec. 6 and 7 at Sagle.

Edmund W. Bourne, Sagle, has received the motor vehicle franchise for the area. International has been absent from the area since Cox Implement Co. went out of business.

The new dealer has a hobby shared with many. He is an amateur radio operator. Bourne presently has a novice license and is a member of Bonner County Amateur Radio Club.

*****1969*****

There was only one article in 1969 that was dated 23rd of January. In it was the annual business meeting at the Pastime Café with eight members and three wives attending. Edmund Bourne was elected president, Fred Carlisle as vice president, Don Dundon was made secretary, and Jim Weinand the director.

The Club was still meeting bi-monthly but had apparently changed locations again. This time it is on the country road between Great Northern and Gooby & Sons Meat Co.; this location may have been the dog pound mentioned earlier.

The article also mentions the Club's participation in the ARRL field days and states it has facilities for teaching code as well as a licensed radio facility.

It notes that Bourne was also active as a radioman for the local Civil Air Patrol.

In that year BCARC became an ARRL Affiliated Club.

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Edmund Bourne elected head of amateur club

Bonner County Amateur Radio Club met Thursday night, Jan. 16, at the Pastime Cafe for the annual dinner and election of officers.

Eight members and three wives attended.

Edmund Bourne of Sagle was elected president of the club for 1969. Fred Carlisle was elected vice president. Don Dundon was elected secretary and Jim Weinand, director.

The club meets normally at 7:30 p.m. on the first and third Thursdays of each

month at the club quarters on the county road between Great Northern and Gooby & Sons Meat Co.

The members have taken part each June in the national contest for number of radio contacts in a single day. That contest is sponsored by the national headquarters of the American Radio Relay League (ARRL) which is the parent and national representative for individual clubs and members. Bonner County Amateur Radio Club is currently in the process of renewing its membership in the ARRL.

Bonner County's club has facilities for teaching code to potential radio licensees and has a licensed radio facility which may be used in proper legal fashion by members with radio amateur licenses. The new president, Bourne, is a novice operator, and is limited to code operation but will be permitted to use amateur voice service operation as soon as he receives his general license. Bourne is also involved as Civil Air Patrol radioman and operates equipment for the local squadron.

*****1970*****

As a side note: The Daily Bee reported in its March 3rd issue a ham operator of Orem Utah being arrested for transmitting on an illegal radio frequency (jamming Utah's Civil Defense Radio System).

*****1971*****

I found no articles for 1971.

*****1972*****

1972 only had one article regarding the Club's participation in the annual Fly-In.

Annual Fly-In Turn-Out Good

Over 22 planes were on hand for the Pend Oreille Flyers Inc., Second Annual Breakfast and Fly-In, at the Sandpoint Municipal Airport Sunday. Considering the cloudy weather and frequent rain showers, the flyers were quite pleased with the turn-out, announced Bob Sleep, spokesman for the group.

The event-filled day began with a breakfast of pancakes and sausage served in the new Airport Maintenance building. According to head cook for the day, Charlie Brown, over two hundred breakfasts were served. The 4-H Club and Presbyterian Church loaned the flyers their cooking grills.

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was cancelled. Steve Soper, Bayview took first place in the spot landing contest and Jim White, Sandpoint, won first place in the flour bombing. Jim White also served as Master of Ceremonies along with Miss Sandpoint, Peggy Kirk, who made the presentation of awards. Harold Reese functioned as event co-ordinator and conducted the pilot briefing.

Elmer Carlson, St. Maries, won best homebuilt with his Smith Mini plane and the best antique display was a PT 13 Sterman, owned by Joe Meyers, Colfax, Wash.

For the first time the Bonner County Amateur Radio Club and the Pend Oreille Flyers worked together in coordinating the take-offs and landings. "The groups worked quite well together and a lot of time was saved as a

*****1973*****

The Club was apparently struggling in the early 70's.

It starts off with the Club assisting the 73 Fly-In with planning on 8th of March and on May 16th it was reported that BCARC handled all communications. On May 17th there was a follow-up article.

At some point between 1969 and 1973 the Club went from meeting twice a month on Thursdays to once a month on the 1st Wednesday of the month. Notices of a meeting were given on Oct 2nd, 3rd, and 4th (pg.1 and 22) for a meeting on October 3rd. The article of the 4th seems to be a day late but stated that the Club had been inactive for some time and was calling for reactivation. The meeting was to be held in the Washington Power building.

Two more meeting notices were given on November 6th and 7th for a November 6th meeting in the WP building.

Pilots planning May 13 fly-in

All pilots in the area are invited to join the Pend Oreille Flyers, a new group of area pilots and aircraft owners interested in the problems and fun of flying.

A meeting will be held March 15 at the Sandpoint airport. Anyone who would like more information is asked to contact Walt or JoAnn Williams, the airport caretakers. They will be glad to answer any questions.

May 13 is the date set for the third annual fly-in breakfast. The fly-in committees appointed so far are Charlie Brown, trophy chairman; Don LaMoreaux, communications, assisted by other members of the Sandpoint Amateur Radio Club; Jim White of Clark Fork as master of ceremonies; Harold Riese, events chairman; Herb Johnson, dispatcher; Ann Wilkinson, publicity. Brown will also cook the hotcakes and sausages. Tickets to the breakfast are on sale and each member has a supply.

Other events planned for later in the year include a fly-in potluck picnic, a hangar dance and a banquet.

73 Aircraft Fly-In Sunday

Pend D'Oreille Flyers' third annual Fly-in and breakfast Sunday drew a total of 73 aircraft into the Sandpoint Airport with flyers coming from all over the Pacific Northwest, and the farthest from Northridge, Calif.

Ron and Maxine Lee flew a Sharp T18 from Northridge, built after two years of labor by the Lee's. They were awarded the trophy and free night's accommodations donated by Condo del Sol Resort Inn.

The same couple were also named winners for best home-built aircraft and will receive a full color portrait of themselves and their airplane by Wilkinson Photography.

The fly in was termed a success by the sponsoring club with over 400 breakfasts being served the pilots, guests and spectators.

Second prize in the home-built class went to Stu Clark, Spokane, for his red Smith Mini Plane, the product of nine years work. It has been in the air only two years.

Gene Soper, Athol, took third in the homebuilt division with his Duncan Sport, claimed to be the oldest flying homebuilt in the area.

Winner in the best antique division was a 1943 Steerman

owned by Jack and Joy Rose.

Winners in the Spot Landing Contest were: First, Craig Wyborny; second Jim White; and third, Jim Kennell.

Flour Bombing winners were: First, Ken Kyle; second, Steve Soper; and, third, Craig Wyborny. Short field takeoff and landing winners were: First, Steve Soper, Craig Wyborny second; and, third, Tim Kennell.

Pend D'Oreille Flyers wishes to thank those who donated prizes: Condo del Sol Resort Inn, Ed Eitzman, Ed Blundell, Bonner County, Vista Air Service, Wilkinson Photography, and Charlie Brown. The Bonner County Amateur Radio Club handled all communications.

New Trophies In Girls Track

Two local merchants, Les Rogers and Art Ruyle, are sponsoring a pair of new trophies for the Sandpoint High School athletic department, both in girls track.

Mrs. Pat Smith, coach of the SHS Cinderchicks, announced this week that Rogers has decided to

Fly-in brought 73 visiting aircraft to Sandpoint field

The third annual Fly-In and Breakfast was held Sunday under sunny skies, a far cry from the first two which were plagued by rain.

Pend d'Oreille Flyers, the club of local pilots, aircraft owners and general aviation enthusiasts, reported that 73 visiting aircraft from the Pacific Northwest and California were here for the day. Although some pilots came to breakfast and then flew on to Fairchild Air Force Base where an open house and antique aircraft show competed with Sandpoint's activities, most came to spend the day here.

The pilot coming from the farthest point was Ron Lee of Northridge, Calif. He and his wife flew here in a home-built Thorpe T-18 he completed about two months ago. They won a trophy and overnight accommodations, both presented by Condo Del Sol. They also won the best home-built aircraft award which was a framed color photograph of themselves and their plane. It was presented by Wilkinson Photography.

Second prize for home-builts went to Stu Clark of Spokane. He flew here in his red Smith Mini-Plane. Clark spent nine years of his spare time building the ship. He has been flying it for the past two years. Third place in home-builts went to Gene Soper of Athol who arrived in a Duncan Sport. Soper spent about two years building it in his spare time. He has been flying the ship for 11 years. It is the oldest home-built in the Spokane area. Miss Sandpoint, Claudia Dewey, received an exciting ride with him in the open craft.

There were other home-builts not in the prize winning ranks which drew the attention and admiration of pilots and landlubber visitors Sunday. Edgar Carlson, Spokane, flew here in his Stits Playmate which took 3½ years of his time to complete. Art and Darlene Swenson, Spokane, came in The Wild Goose, a home-built amphibian which took six years of spare time to complete. They have been flying it now for 3½ years.

Winner of the best antique aircraft prize was Jack Rose, Spangle, Wash. He and his wife, Joy, came in a 1943 Stearman Navy primary trainer from World War II days. They also won a framed color photo.

Jim Page, Pullman, flew in to Sandpoint in a French built Stampe. This antique is powered by a Renault engine and boasts 180 miles per hour top speed. It cruises at 100.

One of the rarest aircraft of the day was an early (about mid-1920s) Curtis Wright high wing monoplane from Hamilton, Mont. The pilot and a crew of seven others were enroute to the antique show at Fairchild. The pilot, name unknown at this time, had the ship gassed up while his crew had breakfast. When the ship departed most of the old pilots were on hand to see it lift off the runway. It climbed off the airport with agility hardly equalled by any of the more modern planes.

A flyover initiated scheduled events. Twenty aircraft joined in this event. Pilots took off at 100 foot intervals with Jim White of Clark Fork commanding the group. The planes flew

out to Colburn, turned and set a course for Dover. By the time White had passed Dover and turned eastward, most of the planes had caught up with him. He turned again over the long bridge and brought his squadron back across Sandpoint and the airport. Twenty-four aircraft landed after the massed flyover. This can only be explained by the addition of four late arrivals who landed with the others.

Spot landing contest winners were Craig Wyborny, Sandpoint, first; Jim White, Clark Fork, second; and Tim Kennell, Seattle, third. Flour-bombing contest winners were Ken Kyle, Hayden Lake, first; Steve Soper, Athol, second; and Craig Wyborny, Sandpoint, third. Steve Soper, 18, placed first for the third straight year in the short field takeoff and landing contest. Craig Wyborny was second, and Tim Kennell, third.

Nine local aircraft participated in the day's events. Firms providing the awards were Condo Del Sol, Ed Eltzman Shell Oil, Ed Blundell Standard Oil, Bonner County, Vista Aviation, Wilkinson Photography and Charlie Brown.

A goat hanger model plane was presented to Gene Soper for being the best out of town friend of the Flyers. Charlie Brown made this model himself.

Bonner County Amateur Radio Club handled the ground communications.

Charlie Brown and his kitchen crew cooked 400 breakfasts and 150 hamburgers.

Bonner County Amateur Radio Club will meet at WWP on Cedar Street, 7:30 p.m., Oct. 3.

All radio amateurs and interested persons invited to attend.

Film will be shown.

Page 1 and 22 of the Sandpoint News Bulletin on October 4th, 1973

**Amateur Radio
Club to meet**

The Bonner County Amateur Radio Club has announced a meeting for Wednesday, Oct. 3, at 7:30 p.m., in the Washington Water Power building.

The club has been inactive for some time, according to Don LaMoreaux, so all amateurs and other interested persons are invited to attend and get meetings started again.

Page 3 of the Daily Bee on November 6th and 7th, 1973

Bonner County Amateur radio club will meet Wed., 7:30 p.m. at the WWP building. Anyone interested is welcome to attend.

*****1974*****

1974 was a lean year with only two announcements of meetings on August 7th and January 1st (1975) at the WP building.

Page 7 of the Daily Bee on August 7th, 1974

Bonner County Amateur Radio Club meets 7:30 Wednesday, at WWP Building. All interested personnel please attend.

Page 7 of the Daily Bee on December 31st, 1974

Bonner County Amatuer Radio Club will hold its Jan. meeting Thurs at 7.30 p.m. at the Wash, Water Power Building.

*****1975*****

Again there were only two announcements of meetings at the WP building. One to be held on Thursday and the other on Wednesday, so it would seem the next meeting date may have been decided at each meeting or they alternated Wednesday and Thursday meeting dates?

Page 3 on January 2nd and Page 6 on February 5th, 1975 of the Daily Bee

Bonner County amateur radio club will meet Wednesday, Feb. 5, 7:30 p.m. in the WWP building in Sandpoint. Election of officers for 1975 will be held.

*****1976*****

Both the Sandpoint Daily Bee and the Sandpoint News Bulletin announced the implementation of a free radio course by BCARC to be held at the First Baptist Church beginning on Thursday 23 September and lasting several weeks.

Page 9 of the Daily Bee and the Sandpoint News Bulletin on September 22nd, 1976

Amateur Radio License Course Set

Do you want to talk to people in foreign lands? Do you want to help out in time of disaster? Do you want to make friends in other states? Are you frustrated by the abuse of, and congestion on CB radio? If you answer any of these questions yes, then the Amateur Radio Operator's License is for you.

The Bonner County Amateur Radio Club, and the Sandpoint First Baptist Church will be conducting a class on Thursday evenings, beginning on Sept. 23 at 7 p.m. at the First Baptist Church, for those wishing to qualify for the Novice License and operate on the Novice Amateur Radio bands.

The class will last several

weeks and at the conclusion, those who complete the course will be given the Novice examination. If they pass, the Federal Communications Commission will issue them a Novice call sign and license and they will have the privileges attending that license.

The class is free and will be under the instruction of Dr. J. Ralph Daugherty who has been an Amateur Radio operator for 62 years. He will be assisted from time to time by members of the BCARC. Come this Thursday at 7 p.m. to the First Baptist Church, across from the high school and learn the details.

*****1977*****

In 1977 reporting of the Club's activities again picked up with six announcements.

January 17th, 18th, 19th, and 20th saw announcements of the Club's radio course at the First Baptist Church and on the 28th an announcement of code and theory instruction at the WWP Building.

On November 9th they donated a complete set Amateur and Electronics published by ARRL to the library.

Page 3 of the Daily Bee on Monday, January 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th 1977

The Bonner County Amateur Radio Club will begin classes for those interested in an amateur radio license starting Thursday evening at 7 p.m. The first class will be held at the 1st Baptist Church. Those wishing to take the class and obtain an amateur radio license are asked to attend. There is no charge for the class.

Page 3 of the Daily Bee on January 28th, 1977

The Bonner County Amateur Radio Club will be available for code and theory instruction Friday night at 7:30, Washington Water Power Building in Sandpoint.

Page 14 of the Sandpoint News Bulletin on November 9th, 1977

'Hams' Vote To Donate Radio Texts To Library

The Bonner County Amateur Radio club recently voted to purchase and present to the Sandpoint-East Bonner County Library a complete set of publications on Amateur Radio and Electronics published by the American Radio Relay League, Inc., the voice of "Ham" radio.

These books cover completely the necessary study to prepare for and pass Federal Communications Commission licenses to operate stations from novice to extra class in Ham Radio, and would be extremely helpful in getting commercial licenses.

The American Radio Relay League Inc. is the organization

by and for amateur radio in the United States and Canada, and thru the International Amateur Radio Union is world wide in scope.

The Bonner County Amateur Radio Club is composed of local amateurs who meet on the first Thursdays of the month at 8 p.m. in the Washington Water Power building on First Ave. in Sandpoint. They welcome any visitors interested in short wave radio, amateur or CB at their meetings.

Lew Wetzel W7JCV is president, Tim Fury WA7YLZ is vice president, Jeff Woodhouse W7FL is secretary-treasurer, and Fred Arndt W7IDA, Glenn Rusk W7IDP, and Curt Reed, N7AH are directors.

*****1978 – 1979*****

I didn't find any announcements.

*****1980*****

There were three announcements, July 1st, 2nd, and 3rd of their Thursday July 3rd meeting at the WWP building where members would view two films. (Apparently back to 1st Thursday of the month.)

Page 8 of the Daily Bee on July 1st & 2nd, Page 14 on 3rd, 1980

Members of the Bonner County Amateur Radio Club will view two films when they meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the Washington Water Power Building in Sandpoint. Persons considering joining the group are encouraged to attend.

*****1981*****

The Club sponsored the Kootenai River Days on July 25th.

On the 14th and 30th of September, in the Daily Bee, and the 16th of September in the Sandpoint News Bulletin, it was reported the Club would hold its meeting at the Library. This is the 1st mention in several years of a set 1st Thursday of each month meeting date.

The Daily Bee reported on November 30th and December 1st and 2nd, with the Sandpoint News Bulletin reporting on the 2nd of December that the next meeting would be at the home of Fred Arndt.

Page 3 of the Daily Bee on July 16th, 1981

By Saturday, July 25, Kootenai River Days is in full swing. When no less than one dozen happenings fill the schedule. Tie up those sneakers early for the annual Marathon Run, sponsored this year by the Amateur Radio Club, and organized by Tom Wofford. Two courses will be offered again this year, a four-and-a seven-mile jaunt, beginning at 8 a.m. at the fairgrounds.

Page 6 on September 14th, Page 13 on September 16th, and Page 8 on September 30th, 1981 in the Daily Bee

The Bonner County Amateur Radio Club meets at 7:30 p.m. the first Thursday of each month at the Sandpoint-East Bonner County Library. The public is invited.

Page 4 on November 30th, Page 10 on December 1st, and Page 9 on December 2nd, 1981 in the Daily Bee

The Bonner County Amateur Radio Club will have its monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the home of Fred Arndt, 706 Monroe St., Sandpoint.

Page 9 of the Sandpoint News Bulletin on December 2nd, 1981

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*******1982*******

It seems as though there was no set meeting place as various meeting places were announced (Sandpoint Library, at member's homes, and Don Duebel). There also seems to be conflicting information as to the meeting place for April of this year. In one article dated the 26th of March, which would be for the April 1st meeting, the Daily Bee states the meeting will be held at the Sandpoint Library. While another notice from the Daily Bee on the 29th and 30th of March states it will be held at the home of Don LaMoreaux. The Sandpoint News Bulletin on the 31st of March also states it will be held at the home of Don LaMoreaux. Meeting times also varied between 7:30 PM and 8:00 PM.

Page 9 on March 26th, Page 12 of the Daily Bee on April 16th, Page 10 on April 20th, Page 15 in the Daily Bee and Page 7 of the Sandpoint News Bulletin on April 21st, 1982

The Bonner County Amateur Radio Club meets at 7:30 p.m. the first Thursday of each month at the Sandpoint-East Bonner County Library. The public is invited.

Page 7 on March 29th, Page 12 on March 30th, and Page 9 on March 31st, 1982 in the Daily Bee

The Bonner County Amateur Radio Club meets at 8 p.m. Thursday at the home of president Don LaMoreaux at 513 Poplar St., Sandpoint. More information is available at 263-6386 or 263-3058.

Page 10 of the Sandpoint Daily Bee on May 6th, 1982

The Bonner County Amateur Radio Club meets at 8 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month at one of the member's homes. Please call 263-6386 or 263-3058 for information on the meeting's location.

Page 10 of the Daily Bee on August 31st, Page 8 of the Daily Bee & Page 4 of the Sandpoint News Bulletin on September 1st, 1982

The Bonner County Amateur Radio Club will have its September meeting at 8 p.m. Thursday at the home of Don Duebel on Baldy Road. For further information, call 263-6386 or 263-3201.

Page 8 of the Sandpoint Daily Bee on September 2nd, 1982

The Bonner County Amateur Radio Club will have its September meeting at 8 p.m. Thursday at the home of Don Duebel on Baldy Road. For further information, call 263-6386 or 263-3201

*****1983*****

No mention of BCARC found.

*****1984*****

To raise funding for the repeater on Baldy Mountain the Club held a raffle for ½ a side of beef. This was announced in the Daily Bee on the 2nd of May. The winner of the drawing, reported on the 12th of September, was a vegetarian by the name of Chris Bessler. The drawing netted about \$800 toward the repeater.

They participated in field day on the 23rd & 24th of June on the property of club member Gene Schraurt. They had 304 QSO's and 11 participants.

Page 17 of the Daily Bee and the Sandpoint News Bulletin on May 2nd, 1984

Radio club schedules fund raiser

In an effort to generate money to install a repeater on Baldy Mountain the Bonner County Amateur Radio Club is sponsoring a raffle which will render one lucky ticket holder one half of a beef.

The installation of a repeater on Baldy Mountain will enable the radio club to assist in search and rescue efforts, according to John Little, club member.

The club has already printed up raffle tickets and are seeking people to donate \$1 for each ticket they wish to obtain.

The club hopes to raise \$2,000 by Sept. 7, the date of the drawing.

Tickets may be obtained from John Little at Pend Oreille Printers, or one may call Bob Kellogg at 263-5671.

Radio Club practices emergency measures

Twelve members of the Bonner County Amateur Radio Club recently participated in the 1984 field day event held on June 23 & 24.

The field day is an annual training exercise in emergency communications preparedness. This is usually done at temporary locations utilizing emergency power sources and antennas.

The object of the exercise is to establish effective communications with as many other similarly set up stations across the U.S. and Canada as possible during the 24 hour period.

Members of the local club this year contacted a total of 304 stations in a total of 45 states and four Canadian

provinces. Operation was at a site about ten miles north of Sandpoint in a field owned by club member Gene Schraut. Power was supplied by a gasoline powered generator and several emergency antennas were erected.

Club members who directly participated were: Gene Schraut, Curt Reed, Fred Arndt, Don Lamoreaux, Lew Wetzel, Bob Kellogg, Jim Wolfe, Bill Rogers, Dave Lewis, Nancy Keller and Tim Fury.

Any persons interested in Amateur Radio or in the local club's activities is invited to contact any of the members mentioned or by contacting the club's secretary-treasurer Bob Kellogg at 263-5671.

Drawing boosts radio club funds

The Bonner County Amateur Radio Club credits a recent drawing with bringing the group closer to its goal of aiding local law enforcement agencies with area emergencies.

Just under 1,000 tickets were sold and the lucky winner of a half-beef was vegetarian Chris Bessler.

Club Secretary Bob Kellogg reports that the drawing brought in approximately \$800 which will pay for about half the expenses associated with installing a two-meter radio repeater on Baldy Mountain.

Kellogg said the main equipment has already been ordered. He said

the club plans to have another drawing next year to raise money for the rest of the equipment.

"The repeater can reach into some holes we don't have now," Kellogg said. "It will enable us to become more involved in search and rescue efforts in the future."

Although the club itself has about 25 members, Kellogg estimates over 85 licensed radio amateurs live in Bonner County. "We believe Sandpoint has the largest concentration of amateurs in a wide area, bounded roughly by Coeur d'Alene to the south, Kalispell to the east, Spokane to the west and perhaps as far north

as Calgary," Kellogg wrote in a letter to the Sandpoint City Council.

"There is no doubt that a two-meter radio repeater is needed in the Sandpoint area, and that such a facility would be widely used when available. There would be no financial profit to anyone, but a potential gain in public service."

The two-meter repeater, Kellogg said, would greatly increase the range of existing radio signals.

Kellogg thanked Gooby Meats for cutting and wrapping the prize half-beef and Pend Oreille Printers for donating the tickets.

The public works committee also discussed a request from the local amateur radio club which wants to construct an additional antenna on Bald Mountain.

*****1985*****

*****1986*****

In January the Lions Club extended its lease which allowed BCARC to be a sub-tenant.

In May the Club was thanked for its participation in the "Spring Run-off".

Page 1 of the Daily Bee on January 9th, 1986

Lease extended

A new 10-year lease between the city of Sandpoint and the Sandpoint Lions Club has been prepared by the city clerk for action at the Jan 20 City Council meeting

The 10-year lease for \$1 per year allows the Lions Club to continue using a piece of property owned by the city on Bald Mountain. The Lions provide the site for public radio station KUID broadcasting out of Moscow, according to Sandpoint City Clerk Helen Newton.

In addition, the new lease would allow the Bonner County Amateur Radio Club to become a sub tenant on the property.

Page 7 of the Daily Bee on May 6th, 1986

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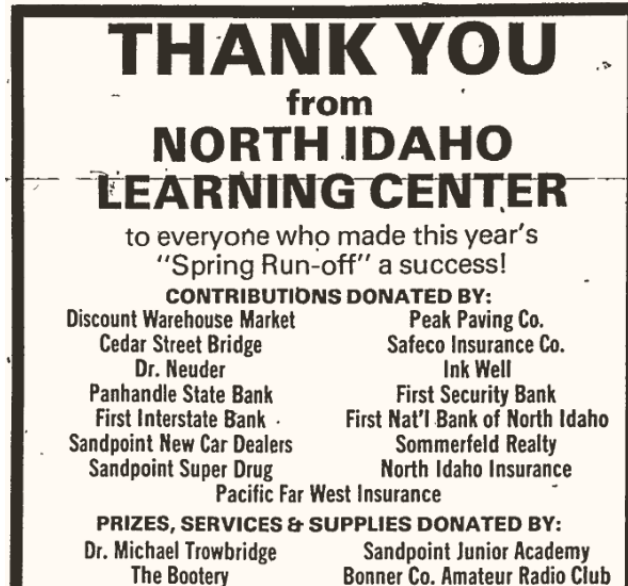
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*****1987*****

The Club was again thanked for its participation in the "Spring Run-off".

Page 6 of the Daily Bee on May 1st, 1987



*****1988*****

I didn't find any announcements.

*****1989*****

This was another banner year of reporting with the Club holding its meetings at Harold's Foods Snack Bar.

Another thank you was given by the North Idaho Learning Center for the Club's help in the Sandpoint Spring Run-off.

Page 8 on May 4th, Page 1 on May 5th, Pages 1 & 8 on June 2nd, Page 3 on July 4th, Page 5 on July 6th, and Page 1 on July 7th, Page 3 on August 2nd, 30th, 31st, Page 3 on September 6th, Page 6 on September 7th, Page 5 on October 3rd, Page 3 on October 4th, Page 6 on October 5th, Page 1 on October 6th, Page 3 on October 31st and November 1st, and Page 5 on November 2nd, 1989 in the Daily Bee

BONNER COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB re-
gular meeting, 7 p.m., Harold's Foods cafeteria. All
amateur radio operators invited.



*****1990*****

The Club continued to meet at Harold's.

Page 3 on January 3rd, Page 4 on January 4th, Page 1 and 5 on January 5th, Page 6 on January 30th, Page 3 on January 31st, Page 1 on February 2nd, Page 7 on February 27th, Page 7 on February 27th, Page 5 on February 28th, Page 5 on March 1st, Page 1 on March 2nd, Page 9 on April 3rd, Page 5 on April 4th, Page 5 on April 5th, Page 3 on April 6th, Page 5 on May 1st, Page 4 on May 2nd, Page 4 on May 3rd, Page 5 on May 4th, Page 4 on July 3rd, Page 4 on July 4th, Page 5 on July 5th, Page 5 on July 6th, Page 3 on August 1st, Page 10 on August 2nd, Page 1 and 3 on August 3rd, Page 6 on September 4th, Page 3 on September 5th, Page 6 on September 6th, and Page 3 on September 7th, 1990 in the Daily Bee

**BONNER COUNTY AMATEUR
RADIO CLUB 7 p.m., Harold's
Foods snack bar. All amateur
radio operators welcome.**

*****1991*****

No mention of BCARC found.

*****1992*****

The Daily Bee had an obituary for Fred Arndt's passing. Fred was a long time member and guiding force in the Club.

Daily Bee on September 22nd, 1992 Page : 10

Fred A. Arndt

Fred A. Arndt, 81, died Sept. 19, 1992, in Sandpoint, Idaho. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 22, in Coffelt's Moon Chapel. Pastor Dennis Hanson of First Lutheran Church will officiate. Memorials may be made to the First Lutheran Church.

Fred was born in Sprague, Wash., on Feb. 12, 1911, the son of Paul and Anna Arndt. He moved to Sandpoint in 1924 and graduated, as valedictorian, from Sandpoint High School in 1927. He had operated a dairy farm on Pine Street and also lived on Highway 95 north of Sandpoint.

He married Mabel Bolstad on Sept. 12, 1942, and they celebrated their golden wedding anniversary this year. He had worked in the pole yards, retiring as a crane operator on Dec. 31, 1972.

He enjoyed woodworking and picking huckleberries and was a longtime member of the Sandpoint Amateur Radio Club.

Fred is survived by his wife, Mabel Arndt of Sandpoint; a daughter, Arlene Snyder of Milpitas, Calif.; two sons, Allen Arndt of Edwall, Wash., and Paul Arndt of Spokane, Wash.; and seven grandchildren. His parents,

Paul and Anna, and a brother, Everett, preceded him in death.

CORRECTION

A Postal Service employee was misidentified in a Sunday business story as a public sector employee. Postal Service employees no longer are paid with taxpayer dollars.



*****1993*****

No articles found.

*****1994*****

No mention of BCARC found.

*****1995*****

The Club announced plans to participate in the ARRL field day event where they would operate from the Fairgrounds on June 23rd & 24th.

In June they announced their sponsorship of the FCC license exam held at the Priest River Library. They again sponsored exams in July, August, September, and October at the same location.

Club to be in short wave radio contest

SANDPOINT — The Bonner County Amateur Radio Club has announced it will participate in the annual field day short wave radio contact contest.

The club will operate from the Bonner County Fairgrounds on June 24 and 25 beginning at 11 a.m. Saturday and concluding at 11 a.m. Sunday.

The purpose of the exercise is to set up an amateur radio station and demonstrate the ability to help in emergency situations such as floods, earthquakes, fires,

tornadoes, or other times radio contacts would be of service.

This annual field day is sponsored by the American Radio Relay League, and is participated in by thousands of amateur radio operators throughout the United States and Canada.

It is not unusual for each station to make hundreds of contacts.

The public is welcome and encouraged to visit and observe this operation in progress.

On June 7th (Page 19), 8th (Page 4), 9th (Page 12), 10th (Page 14), July 13th (Page 4) and 14th (Page 7), August 11th (Page 12), 12th (Page 4), Page 10 September 9th, Page 12 October 12th, 13th (Page 10), 14th (Page 6) of the Daily Bee

FCC licensing exams: sponsored by Bonner County Amateur Radio Emergency Service and Amateur Radio Club, Priest River Library, 15 High St., 9 a.m. Preregistration required. Call 265-4534 for information.

*****1996*****

An article on April 13th on the Daily Bee stated the Rotary Club would again sponsor the triathlon race and that some of last year's proceeds had helped BCARC.

Page 7 on April 13th, 1996 in the Daily Bee

Rotary runs the race as a community service, all proceeds are donated back into the community

Among those who benefited from last year's event included the Sandpoint Recreation Department, the Sandpoint High swim team, the Sandpoint High cross country team, the Schweitzer Ski Patrol, Emergency Medical Services,

and the Radio Club

The Rotary is currently in the process of fund-raising for this year's race

Anyone interested in helping with this year's race, by contributing money or prizes, or by helping on set-up day or race day, is asked to call the race phone at 265-6753 or Rotary president Tom Harvill at Bank of America, 263-7591

*****1997*****

The Lions Club again thanked BCARC for furnishing "superb" communications support.

Page 4 of the Daily Bee on July 10th, 1997

***Lions Club says
thanks to community***

The Sandpoint Lions Club wants to thank everyone in our community who aided the Lions in making this one of the best Fourth of July celebrations yet. As you know, the Sandpoint Lions Club is a small service organization of about 30 active members. The kids' parade, the grand parade, the variety show, the kids games and the fireworks take a lot of work before and during the events.

The list of those deserving thanks begins with all those who bought tickets for the 4 x 4 pickup giveaway. That is what pays the bills for the Fourth and supports other Lion community activities. It is impossible to specifically thank all those who made this Fourth happen, but some of our many helpers need special attention.

The Bonner County Amateur Radio Club provided superb communications support for the parade. Those great posters announcing the events were distributed by Savanna Pettit and Liz Keck. The expanded fireworks were funded by Coldwater Creek. Special appreciation goes to the Sandpoint Kiwanis Club for furnishing judges for the parade. Thanks too go to the Daily Bee for the spectacular public information provided for the Fourth of July events. We cannot leave out the Lions wives who helped with the whole effort.

*****1998*****

The Club lost one of its founding members and driving forces with the passing of Malcolm Fredstrom on July 9th.

On that same page (Page 4) in the Daily Bee, the Club was again thanked by the Lions Club for providing communications. BCARC was acknowledged for contributing to the Lake-to-Forest Triathlon on July 24th and 25th.

Page 4 in the Daily Bee on July 10th, 1998

Malcolm Fredstrom

Malcolm Fredstrom, 89, passed away on Thursday, July 9, 1998 in Sandpoint, Idaho.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Monday, July 13, 1998, at Coffelt's Moon Chapel, with Pastor Randy Beal of the Assembly of God Church presiding. Interment will be at Lakeview Cemetery.

Malcolm was born March 23, 1909, in Kootenai, Idaho, the son of Adolph and Caroline Fredstrom. He grew up and attended schools in Bonner County and started working in the mill in Sandpoint in the blacksmith shop and then the filing shop for Art Pederson.

Malcolm drove truck for a local beer distributorship for a short while before going to work at Sandpoint Motor Company.

Malcolm served his country during World War II in the U.S. Army Air Force.

He returned to Sandpoint, where he continued to work for Sandpoint Motor Company in the body shop for 10 years. He then went to work for North Idaho Equipment for four years and then McFarland Pole Company.

Malcolm loved fishing, hunting and working at home as a body and fender man. Malcolm was a member of the Assembly of God Church.

He is survived by his wife, Audrey Fredstrom of Sandpoint, sons Neal Fredstrom and Darrell Fredstrom, both of Sandpoint, and Bruce Fredstrom, New Brunswick, Canada, stepson Neil Ashley of Phoenix, Ariz., seven grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers, a stepson and two grandchildren.

LETTER

Lions Club says thanks to everyone

The Sandpoint Lions Club wants to thank everyone in our community who helped the Lions make this year's 4th of July celebration a success.

"Stars, Stripes, and Sandpoint Forever" could only pay tribute to our country and community with many helping hands. As you know, the Sandpoint Lions Club is a small service organization of about 30 active members. The kids parade, the grand parade, the variety show, the kids games, and the fireworks require a lot of work and cooperation before and during the events.

We could not possibly 'list' all of those deserving thanks. There are several thousand in the first category, i.e. those who bought raffle tickets to pay the bills for the celebration and help support other Lion community programs. We do want to mention some specific helpers who made it all work.

Bill Brown, who has been the parade announcer for years, again did a splendid job. The Bonner County Amateur Radio Club provided extremely helpful communications support for the parades. The advance posters announcing the events were distributed by Brissa and Brianna Linscott. (Uncle Mat helped too.) We want to thank the City of Sandpoint, particularly the police department, for their help in keeping the show rolling. We also appreciate the help of Waste Management of Idaho in donating their resources to the cleanup. Thanks go also to the Daily Bee and Sandpoint radio for the exceptional publicity given the 4th of July events. We must also recognize the efforts and contributions of the Lion wives who helped with every phase of the program.

Again "Thank You" to a community in which it is a pleasure to live and work.



**17th Annual
PEND OREILLE LAKE
LAKE-TO-FOREST
TRIATHLON
BARBECUE &
PASTA PICNIC**

**GARFIELD BAY
SUNDAY, JULY 26TH, 8:00 AM**

1K SWIM Triangular Course. Wetsuits Recommended 37K BIKE Scenic, Hilly Course Along Garfield & Bottle Bays 10K RUN Along Tree-lined County Roads	Sprint Mountain Bike Triathlon 1/4 mi. Swim Triangular Course. Wetsuits Recommended. 11 mi. Bike Gravel, Paved Roads, and Single Track. 3.1 mi. Run Along Tree-lined County Roads.
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...and Smoke

By MIKE MORROW
Sports editor

While race director Missy Hurlow keeps an eye on the 300 or so entrants in Sunday's ~~Lake-to-Forest Triathlon~~, her assistant will be keeping his eye elsewhere.

Nicholas is 3 and he will be watching out for Smokey the Bear, who is making a special appearance at the event.

"My assistant, yeah," said Hurlow as her young son romped through her living room. "He'll be there, running around with his little t-shirt that says 'Assistant Race Director,' waiting for Smokey the Bear. He is so excited."

So, too, are other people as the event, now in its 17th year, gets underway at Garfield Bay. The long course race starts at 8, the short course at 8:30.

"We're so excited, it has been a real labor of love, believe me," said Hurlow, whose group, Lake-to-Forest Promotions, has worked almost non-stop for several months now.

"The community has really stepped forward. We have volunteers from the (North Idaho Volleyball Club), from the swim team, from the Search and Rescue Department, from the Amateur Radio Club. It has been wonderful."

*****1999*****

The Lions Club Parade was "soggy" in 1999, but thanks was given to the Club for their support.

Thanks to the community; not the weather

The Sandpoint Lions Club wants to thank everyone in our community, with the exception of the weatherman, who helped the Lions make this year's 4th of July celebration a success. Rain and very cool weather could not stop "Stars, Stripes and Sandpoint Forever." The kids' parade was rained on, the Grand Parade lined up in the rain, the variety show was shortened by rain, the kids' games had to be canceled because of hard rain, but the fireworks went off in the best weather of the day.

It all worked because the Lions had lots of help. First, we must thank all of you who bought raffle tickets to pay the bills for the celebration and help support other Lion community programs. While we can't mention everyone who helped the effort, we do want to mention some specific people and organizations that made it all work.

Bill Brown, who has announced the parade for years, did a super job again. Bonner County Amateur Radio Club operator, Jerry, KC7UNM, provided communications support for the Grand Parade. The advance posters announcing the events were distributed by Brissa and Brianna Linscott. We want to thank the Bonner County Commissioners and the City of Sandpoint for help in making the events possible. Maurice Dunn and the Sandpoint Parks Department deserve our special thanks. We also appreciate the help of Waste Management of Idaho in donating their essential services.

Thanks go also to the Daily Bee and Sandpoint Radio for the exceptional publicity given the 4th of July program. We must not leave Lion-wives out of our appreciation note. They helped with every phase of the program.

Again, "Thank you" for making a community celebration work.

Karl Bohmann
President

*****2000*****

I'm not sure if the notice on the 9th of September of the FCC testing was sponsored by BCARC but in that same article it announced the Club would hold a "pot-luck" picnic at the Coty Beach pavilion. This was followed up on the 10th.

FCC Amateur Radio License Testing: For more information call Russ at 265-4534, 7-9 p.m.

Sandpoint Farmers Market: Held from 9 a.m.-noon at Farmin Park. For more information call 263-2844.

Senior Dance: Featuring the Golden Eagles, 4-1 p.m. at the Sandpoint Senior Center, 820 Main St. Bring finger food.

Bonner County Historical Museum: Open, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Small fee at door.

Alcoholics Anonymous: Early Risers (open, nonsmoking), 7 a.m., Bonner General Hospital conference room; Saturday Night Live (closed, nonsmoking), 7 p.m., Bonner General Hospital conference room, speaker last Saturday of the month.

Narcotics Anonymous: 5:30 p.m., Bonner General Hospital.

SUNDAY

Amateur Radio Club: Bonner County Chapter Annual Potluck Picnic, 2 p.m. at the City Beach Pavilion, featuring a discussion on antennas. For information call 263-8170.

WHAT'S UP?

Amateur Radio Club: Bonner County Chapter Annual Potluck Picnic, 2 p.m. at the City Beach Pavilion, featuring a discussion on antennas. For information call 263-8170.

*****2001*****

The Club received thanks from the Lions Club and from Duane Titus for repairing his antenna when he couldn't do it.

Page 4 of the Daily Bee on July 10th, 2001

Lions offer thanks

A "really big" thanks Sandpoint! The Lions Club wants express appreciation to the many groups and individuals who worked hard to make our Fourth of July Centennial Celebration a success. Even the weather co-operated. The Kids Parade, the Grand Parade, the Variety Show, the carnival, and the fireworks went off under friendly skies.

First we must thank all of you who bought raffle tickets to pay the bills for the celebration and help support other Lion community programs. We can't mention everyone who helped with the Centennial event, but we do want to mention some specific people and organizations that made it all work.

The Centennial Committee was fantastic in the co-operative effort to make it all a success. Eight operators from the Bonner County Amateur Radio Club provided valuable communications and coordination support for the parades. Bill Brown, who has announced the grand parade for years, did his usual professional job. A spe-

cial thanks to Jean Offermann, Mary Cheney, and Greg Holmlund our judges for the Grand Parade.

At City Beach, Wes Olson Trucking again provided the truck for the Variety Show stage. On that stage Kenny Carter and the Big Eddy Band, along with the Barn Yard Critters and other talented musicians treated everyone to a great variety show.

We want to thank the City of Sandpoint for lots of help in making the events possible. The Police Department and the Panhandle Traffic Flaggers also deserve special thanks.

A big "thank you" goes to the Daily Bee and Blue Sky Broadcasting for the exceptional public information support given the events. We must not leave the Lion wives out of our appreciation note. They helped with every phase of the program. This year we also want to thank our new Lions who pitched in like veterans to do many of the tasks needing attention.

Again, "thank you" for making a community celebration a reality.

*John Hunt,
President Sandpoint Lions*

Page 1 of the Daily Bee on August 31st, 2001

KUDOS

Duane, KC7AEM

Kudos to Duane, KC7AEM, of the Bonner County Amateur Radio Club, for repairing my antenna when I couldn't do it. Now I'm back on the air. Many thanks and 73s.

*****2002*****

In 2002 the Club obtained its status as a non-profit 501(c) (3) charitable Idaho Corporation, with the Federal ID Number 82-0425697, to promote amateur radio and serve the interests of the communities in Bonner County Idaho.

Again, this year we participated in the Lions Club Parade and held our "pot-luck" picnic at the Sandpoint City Beach.

In October, Jeff Yetters, a club member, opens the "Wireless Works"

In November it was noted that the Club had received funds from the Lake to Forest Triathlon proceeds.

Lions appreciate help and support

Thanks Sandpoint! The Sandpoint Lions want to express the Club's appreciation to the many groups and individuals who worked hard to make our 49th Fourth of July Celebration a success. Even the weather was friendly.

The Kids Parade, the Grand Parade, the Variety Show, and the fireworks went off under cooperative skies.

First we must thank everyone who bought raffle tickets to pay the bills for the celebration and help support other Lion community programs. Sandpoint merchants played an important role in getting those tickets sold. There isn't room to mention all those who helped with the celebration, but we do want to mention some specific people and organizations that made it all possible.

The Lions were particularly honored to have veterans organizations and individual veterans serve as our Grand Marshals. What they stood

for made it possible for all us to celebrate our freedom.

Mobile stations from the Bonner County Amateur Radio Club provided valuable communications and coordination support for the Grand Parade. Those units worked in memory Bob Swain, now a "silent key", who worked hard in supporting past parades. Bill Brown, who has announced the Grand Parade for years following in his father's footsteps, did his usual professional job. A special thanks to the judges who had the difficult task of picking winners in the Kid's Parade and the Grand Parade.

At City Beach, Big Eddy Productions treated everyone to a great variety show. The show featured Illusion 33, The Big Eddy Band, our old friends The Barnyard Critters, and other talented groups.

We want to thank the City of Sandpoint for lots of help in making the events possible. The Police

Department, the Bonner County Sheriff's Office, and the Panhandle Traffic Flaggers deserve special thanks in this year of road construction.

A big "thank you" goes to the Daily Bee and Blue Sky Broadcasting for the exceptional public information support given the celebration. We must not leave the Lion wives out of our appreciation note. They helped with every phase of the program.

Two people deserve special mention for their help. Lion wife Carol Miller who has consistently kept the "sign-in" table working smoothly and Susan Kiebert who helped overcome the bureaucratic hurdles in getting approval for our Grand Parade.

Again thanks to everyone for making a community celebration a reality.

Jeff Sater
President

Page 3 on September 4th, Page 8 on September 7th, and Page 2 on September 8th, 2002 in the Daily Bee

Annual picnic set

SANDPOINT — The Bonner County Amateur Radio Club is hosting their annual potluck picnic Sunday. Plans are to gather around noon and eat at 2 p.m. at the City Beach. Anyone interested in amateur radio is welcome to attend.

Page 2 of the Daily Bee on October 18th, 2002

The Yetters Open "The Wireless Works"

Jeff is a member of the Bonner County Amateur Radio Club and Gideons International. He reads the Bible in his spare time.

Page 6 of the Daily Bee on November 7th, 2002

courtesy photo

For the event year of 2002, the Lake to Forest Triathlon allocated \$2,300 to six different nonprofit entities in the community. Among those groups were Bonner County Search and Rescue, the Bonner County Amateur Radio Club, the Sandpoint City Recreation Department's scholarship programs, the Sandpoint High School cross country and swim teams, and the Bonner County Waterways.

*****2003*****

On 14 Feb 2003, the Club was granted a sequentially numbered club call sign of KD7UJQ and on July 2, 2003, the Club's call sign was changed to K7JEP in memory of Neal Fredstrom.

On June 8th Club Member Paul Davis became a silent key.

BCARC didn't miss participating in the Lions Club Parade and was awarded a plaque. BCARC received funds from the Lake to Forest Triathlon proceeds.

Page 4 of the Daily Bee on June 12th, 2003

Paul Davis will be remembered

Sunday I lost a friend, Paul Davis. Paul was a good friend, a good husband, a good man. He was a Marine. He was respected by everyone I know.

Paul was a member of Bonner County Amateur Radio Club. He had attained the highest possible rating, Extra Class. Paul did everything right. He kept himself in shape, he helped people.

He was a volunteer fireman and often told me "I have to be in shape in order to properly do my job."

Paul was also a member of Bonner County Sheriff Search and Rescue for at least six years. Both Paul and Sandy never failed to show up and help whenever we needed them. Paul flew his private airplane helping us to search for lost people.

All of us who knew Paul will miss him, there will be an empty place in our lives. Those of you who did not know him, missed a lot.

Page 4 of the Daily Bee on July 15th, 2003

Community's help made Fourth fantastic

Other groups and organizations contributed their skills and expertise to the events. Our Grand Parade Judges, Jenny Jensen and her two assistants, Joan Wanamaker, and Eric Daarstad did a professional job in picking the winners. Parade Announcer Bill Brown called the parade action. The Bonner County Amateur Radio Club provided stations and operators who helped organize the parade and avoid problems.

Sandpoint Lions Club recognize supporters

With a very successful 2003 Fourth of July celebration now in the record books, The Sandpoint Lions Club took the opportunity to recognize businesses and organizations that made it all possible.

A plaque of appreciation was presented to Coldwater Creek for their generous matching funds for the biggest fireworks display ever and their long time support of Lions' community outreach programs.

For their long-term support of many Lions' programs, Litehouse Dressings of Sandpoint was given a long overdue plaque recognizing the firm's help with Lions' community assistance efforts. Panhandle State Bank's funding of the Fourth of July cash prize was recognized with a plaque along

with the Bank's support for other Lions' efforts.

A plaque was given to the Bonner County Amateur Radio Club in recognition of the club's role in assisting in parade management and safety.

Plaques of appreciation were given to three local businesses which generously permit the Lions to sell raffle tickets to fund the Fourth of July program from their premises. These helpful merchants were Yokes, The Co-op Country Store, and Safeway.

"In Sandpoint and Bonner County things work for the greater community good because individuals and businesses are willing to cooperate and give of their time and resources," said Lion Club President Tim Coffelt.

Lake to Forest Triathlon Donates \$3,150 to Community organizations

event is the distribution of excess funds to these various groups. This year, \$3,150 of donation money was allocated for six different nonprofit entities in the community, that's almost \$1,000 more than in 2002.

Among those groups receiving moneys were Bonner County Search and Rescue, and the Bonner County Amateur Radio Club. These groups provided valuable telecommunications to the event. They provided

ed radios and more than 20 qualified volunteers to operate them making for a safe and smoothly operating race day. The groups plan to use funds to

upgrade equipment and purchase repeaters for better coverage.

The Sandpoint City Recreation Department

NOVEMBER 7, 2003

FRIDAY EVENING							
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00
7	Seinfeld	Friends	Joan of Arcadia	JAG			Handler
8	Entertain	Drew	Lopez	Married	Hope	Bonnie	20/20
9	Jeopardy!	Fortune	Deteline		Miss Match		Third Watch

*****2004*****

On January 4th the Club's member Glenn Rusk became a silent key.

BCARC furnished communications for the Lions Parade and held its "pot-luck" picnic at City Beach.

Charles Glenn Rusk, 94

Charles Glenn Rusk, 94, passed away on Sunday, Jan. 4, 2004, in Sandpoint.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 10, 2004, at Coffelt's Moon Chapel with Pastor Tony Nelson from the First Christian Church officiating. Interment will be held at Pinecrest Memorial Park Cemetery.

Glenn was born on Sept. 19, 1909, in Bantry, N.D., the son of William and Lizzie Mae (Clodfelter) Rusk. In 1919, he moved with his family to Portland, Ore., and graduated in 1928 from Tillamook High School in Tillamook, Ore.

Glenn married Doris Dwyer

on Aug. 10, 1931, in Gresham, Ore.

Glenn worked for Pacific Power and Light, beginning his career in 1928, starting in appliance merchandising and servicing. In 1937, he became a company serviceman and in 1942, he was made a lineman. Three years later in 1945, he became foreman and also a journeyman electrician. His last promotion was in 1955 when he moved to Sandpoint and took the position of district superintendent. Glenn retired from Pacific Power and Light after 43 years of service in 1970.

After retirement, Glenn and his wife, Doris, spent winters in

Arizona and summers in Sandpoint.

He enjoyed fishing, hunting, skiing, traveling, working on home projects and spending time with his family and grandchildren. Glenn was a member of the Elks Lodge, Sandpoint Lions Club and Amateur Radio Club.

Glenn is survived by two children, Jerrold G. Rusk and his wife Lyn of Chicago, Ill., and Judy G. Schwintek and husband Rich of Sandpoint; three grandchildren, Jason R. Schwintek and wife Misti of Post Falls, Angie M. Critchfield and husband Bob of Coeur d'Alene and Matthew Rusk of

Chicago, and four great-grandchildren, Katrina Marie Critchfield and Nathaniel Robert Critchfield of Coeur d'Alene and Brandon Richard Schwintek and Tatiana Mischelle Schwintek of Post Falls. Glenn was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Doris; an infant son; and his sister, Glee Abplanalp.

Funeral arrangements are under the care of Coffelt Funeral Service of Sandpoint.



Sandpoint Lions thank community

The Bonner County Amateur Radio Club deserves special thanks for providing communications necessary in organizing and controlling the parade. The instant communications net was invaluable in making it all work.

Bonner County Amateur Radio Club: Annual potluck picnic, noon-2 p.m., City Beach. All hams invited. Want to be a ham? Stop by and talk to club members.

*****2005*****

The Club's president was Warren Weber.

We didn't miss this year's Lions Club Parade.

Community's generosity helps Lions help others

The Bonner County Amateur Radio Club again deserves very special thanks for providing communications in organizing and controlling the parade. A few individuals and groups have trouble understanding the parade application that clearly states that throwing or distributing candy creates a safety hazard for kids. For safety reasons, the Lions liability insurance prohibits this practice.

—Courtesy photo

Sandpoint Lions Club President Art Long presents an award to Bonner County Amateur Radio Club president Warren Weber for the exemplary communications support the Amateur Radio Club has provided the Sandpoint Lions during the Fourth of July parades. Long emphasized that this support has been provided for a number of years. The expert communications help contributes to the safety and organization of the events. He added that it has been hard to catch up to the radio club because they have just finished vital communications support for the Lake To Forest Triathlon.

*****2006*****

BCARC received financial assistance from Bizarre Bazaar, Art Long, president of the Lions Club, again thanked the Club for its assistance, and the Club held its annual "pot-luck" picnic at City Beach.

COME FEEL TIGHT-FISTED *and* BIG-HEARTED ALL AT ONCE.

Talk about win-win. Really cool merchandise at really low prices. And new items come in everyday, so you never know what you might find.
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Prest Lake Elementary School
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The Festival at Sandpoint
Abert Falls Pipes & Drums
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Priest Lake Search and Rescue
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105 Vermer Dr., Ponderay, 263-3400

Independence Day celebration was a community affair

The Sandpoint Lions again say "thank you" to all those helpful people who made the Independence Day salute to our nation and community a success. The few Lions could only make the holiday program work with many volunteers from a supportive community. We can only mention a few special helpers, but we want everyone who participated to know that their contribution was appreciated.

The Lions thank everyone who bought raffle tickets that helped pay for the prizes and other celebration expenses. Particular thanks go to businesses that sold tickets or provided space for our raffle ticket sales crews. These firms included Yoke's, Wal-Mart, Safeway and The Coop Country Store.

Very special thanks go to the veterans organizations that provided the Color Guard for the Grand Parade and some honored guests from Bonners Ferry. These guests were members of Charlie Company, 116th Engineer Battalion, Idaho National Guard. The unit recently returned from a two year tour of duty in Iraq. The community was reminded that our armed forces are still in harms way defending our freedom and community.

The spectacular fireworks again were only possible because Coldwater Creek matched the Lions \$7,500 bid and gave us a tremendous \$15,000 shoot that was the finale to the celebration.

The city of Sandpoint, particularly Police Chief Mark Lockwood and his department, did an exceptional job in keeping the festivities moving smoothly. The Bonner County Sheriff's marine deputies kept the boat spectators safe and the bicycle-mounted Emergency Medical Service patrols ensured that medical help was always close by.

The Bonner County Amateur Radio Club again earned the Lions' special thanks for providing communications in both organizing and controlling the parades. The club's contribution to maintaining good order and protecting the safety interests required by the Lions liability insurance are important factors in the success of the parades.

The Grand Parade judges Dorothy Modafferi, Paul Graves and Joan Wanamaker had the difficult task of picking winners from the nearly 100 quality entries. Bill Brown, the parade announcer, again had the job of informing the crowd about those entries. Kids Parade judges Dick and Mary Neudier, Nadine Steen and Becky Lessinger had the challenge of picking winners in the fast moving Kids Parade event.

The musical units in the variety show at City Beach put together by Michael Cosby earned everyone's applause. Jack Hester. Excavation again furnished a flatbed for the stage. Emerald Distributors made the ice cream available for kids visiting the

face painters and participating in the always fun kid's games.

The Lions thank the media that publicized and covered the Fourth of July Celebration. The list of media supporters includes: The Bonner County Daily Bee, The River Journal, Sandpoint Newsline, The Reader and Blue Sky Broadcasting.

Some of the helpful people we want to include in our "thank you" list include Dale Cofelt, who drove our Grand Marshal Bob Gunter and his guests in Dale's classic convertible. Another classic car was furnished by Tom Spade, who drove our incoming president George VanRossum in the Grand Parade. There were also some good helpers at the Kids Parade who need to be mentioned. They are Linda Lacey, Jay Reeb, Patty Murphy, Marilyn Ward and Lloyd Hammack.

Our "thank you list" always comes up short and the Lions apologize to the many specific contributors we have left out. But in conclusion we thank our Lions members and their families who worked very hard on this effort. Lion George VanRossum and Lion Lewis Emerson were our Fourth of July celebration co-chairman. The Sandpoint Lions look forward to another great Fourth of July celebration in 2007, but first there is "Toys For Tots" 2006.

ART LONG
President, Sandpoint Lions

Radio club sets potluck picnic

SANDPOINT —

Members of the Bonner County Amateur Radio Club will hold their annual potluck picnic at Sandpoint City Beach on Saturday August 12. The Club provides emergency communications support for a broad range of emergencies and supports other community activities such as the Lions Club Fourth of July Parades.

Since this is a radio club activity, there will be an amateur radio station in operation. Folks with an interest in the great hobby and service opportunities amateur radio offers are invited to stop by and see what makes the hobby so attractive.

*****2007*****

The Club received a donation of surplus equipment from the county and we continued our support of the Lions Club Parade.

Page 6 of the Daily Bee on January 19th, 2007

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, EMS and 911 DISPATCH Bob Howard

1) Discussion/Decision on Lease Agreement for Work Space for 911

After discussion in regards to acquiring additional space for dispatch which will be \$100.00 a month and hearing that civil council has reviewed the lease Commissioner Phillips moved to approve the lease agreement and authorize the Chair to sign. Commissioner Dye seconded. All in favor. The motion passed.

2) Resolution to Donate Surplus Equipment

Director Howard shared the list of equipment that is no longer being used in their department and asked that it be donated to the Bonner County Radio Club. Commissioner Dye moved to approve Resolution #07-04 to donate the surplus equipment to the Bonner County Radio Club. It was also noted that none of the equipment being donated is valued at more than \$250.00.

3) Resolution to Exchange Equipment Between 911 Dispatch Center and

The Sandpoint Lions Club recognize the many who made the Independence Day celebration of "Bonner County 100 Years, Past, Present and Future" a real community tribute.

The program was only possible because of the many individuals and firms that volunteered. We want everyone who participated to know that the Lions appreciated your help. Some specific contributors were:

All who bought and sold raffle tickets helped pay for the prizes and other celebration expenses. The Lions particularly thank those businesses that provided space for our raffle ticket sales. These firms included Yoke's, Wal-Mart, Safeway, and the Co-op Country Store.

The biggest fireworks yet were only possible because Coldwater Creek donated \$10,000. Bonner County Sheriff's Marine Deputies kept the boat spectators safe, and the Sandpoint Police Department did an exceptional job in making the festivities run smoothly, particularly in efficiently moving traffic after the fireworks. The Bonner County Amateur Radio

Club again deserves very special thanks for providing communications in organizing and controlling the parade.

The Grand Parade judges Dorothy Modafferi, Paul Graves, and Joan Wanamaker met the challenge of picking winners from the many quality entries. Bill Brown, the veteran Parade Announcer, again kept the crowd aware of what was happening. Thanks also to the Kids Parade judges and all those who helped make that event a delightful success.

Special thanks go to the veterans organizations that provided the Color Guard and were a reminder that our Armed Forces are still in harm's way defending our freedom and community.

Three grand marshals did a spectacular job of representing Bonner County past, present and future. They were Barbara Blood, Marsha Ogilvie, and William Hughes.

The musical units in the Variety Show at City Beach brought together by Michael Cosby earned the crowd's enthusiastic applause. Emerald

*****2008*****

The Club again responded to the 4th of July Parade's needs.

Page 4 of the Daily Bee on July 17th, 2008

Community, volunteers keep Fourth fabulous

By JOHN A. HUNT

The Sandpoint Lions Club again says "thank you" to the many who made the Independence Day salute to our nation and community a success. The Lions are few, and the program United We Stand was only possible because of the many volunteer individuals and groups. We want everyone who helped to know that the Lions appreciate your efforts.

Everyone who bought and sold raffle tickets helped pay for the prizes and other celebration expenses. The Lions particularly thank the businesses that provided space for our raffle ticket sales. These firms included Yoke's, Wal-Mart, Safeway, The Hoot Owl, Schweitzer Conoco, Co-op Country Stores and Sandpoint Super Drug. Businesses which sold raffle tickets contributed significantly.

The Grand Parade contributed 98 units and entries were capably judged by Ray Miller. Joan

Wanamaker and Paul Graves, Lion charter members Jim Berry and Bill Jones served as grand marshals and parade announcer. Bill Brown kept the crowd informed. Kids Parade judges Marilyn Ward, Maggie Becker, Elizabeth Murphy and Patty Murphy had the challenge of picking winners in that fun event.

The Lions' special thanks go to the veterans' organizations that provided the color guard and were a reminder that our armed forces are still in harm's way defending our freedom and community.

The variety show at City Beach was highlighted by the 25th Army Band, Idaho National Guard. Michael Cosby brought together the fine local talent for the event. We also want to thank the face painters.

The great fireworks were only possible because Coldwater Creek generously matched the Lions' budget and gave us the tremendous \$15,000 shoot that concluded our celebration.

Bonner County Sheriff's marine deputies kept the boat spectators safe and the Sandpoint Police Department did an exceptional job in making traffic and the festivities run smoothly. The Bonner County Amateur Radio Club again earned special thanks for providing communications in organizing and controlling the parade.

The Lions thank all the media which publicized and covered the Fourth of July celebration. The list includes the Bonner County Daily Bee, River Journal, Blue Sky Broadcasting and the Sandpoint Newslane.

Our "thank you list" will always come up short and the Lions apologize to all those we failed to mention. We must conclude by thanking our Lions members and their families who worked very hard on this effort. The Sandpoint Lions look forward to another great celebration in 2009.

■ John A. Hunt is the president of the Sandpoint Lions.

*****2009*****

Once again we participated in the Lions Club Parade.

Page 4 of the Daily Bee on July 21st, 2009

Community, volunteers keep Fourth fabulous

By BILL LEWIS

The Sandpoint Lions Club once again says "thank you" to the many who made the Fourth of July salute to our country and community a success. The Lions are few and the theme, "Celebrate Sandpoint," was only possible because of the many volunteer individuals and groups. We want everyone who helped to know that the Lions appreciate all your effort.

Everyone who bought and sold raffle tickets helped pay for the prizes and all the other celebration expenses. The Lions particularly thank all the businesses that provided space for our raffle ticket sales and encour-

aged their customers to purchase the tickets. These businesses include; Yoke's, Wal-Mart, Safeway, The Hoot Owl, Schweitzer Conoco, and Co-op Country Stores. Businesses which sold raffle tickets contributed significantly.

The Grand Parade had 88 units; these entries were

capably judged by Chuck Spickelmire, Vicky Jacobson and Carmen Bloom. A natural choice and making a wonderful Grand Marshall was Ernie Belwood, parade announcer. Bill Brown kept the crowd informed.

The Bonner County Amateur Radio Club earned special thanks for providing communication in controlling the parade. Thank you to Kim Woodruff and Austin in the Sandpoint Parks & Rec Department for all your help.

Cherry Lane and her wonderful crew of flaggers along with the Sandpoint Police Department did an exceptional job in making traffic and the parade run smoothly.

A special Lions thank you goes to the veterans that provide the color guard and were a reminder that our troops are still in harms way defending our freedom.

Once again Mike Cosby brought together the fine local talent in the community for the event. We also want to thank the face painters.

A special thank you to

Staff Sgt. Morgan for bringing the Army National Guard's climbing wall to the beach, it was a huge success and much fun for all. Also, the Elks Lodge for bringing their drug awareness trailer.

Thank you to Sandpoint Fire Chief Robert Tyler in securing the marina and surrounding area for the fireworks shoot.

The great fireworks were only possible because Coldwater Creek generously donated \$10,000 to add to the Lions' budget of \$7,500, which gave us the \$17,500.00 fireworks show that concluded the celebration.

Our "thank you list" will always fall short and the Lions apologize to all those we failed to mention. I must

conclude by thanking all the Lion members and their families, who work very hard not only on the Fourth of July but on all of our projects. The Sandpoint look forward to another great celebration in 2010.

Bill Lewis is the president of the Sandpoint Lions Club.

*****2010*****

The ARRL's website's records for field day only go back to 2010. So, aside from any articles specifically mentioning participation in previous years, I began tracking the Clubs yearly participation from this point in the ARRL field day event and found no participation for this year.

We again helped the Lions Club.

Community, volunteers keep the Fourth fabulous

By BILL LEWIS

The Sandpoint Lions Club once again says "thank you" to the many that made the Fourth of July salute to our country and community a success. The Lions are few and the theme, "Together, We Are One," was only possible because of the many volunteer individuals and groups. We want everyone who helped to know that the Lions appreciate all your effort.

Everyone who bought and sold raffle tickets helped pay for the prizes and all the other celebration expenses. The Lions particularly thank all the businesses that provided space for our raffle ticket sales. These businesses include: Yoke's, Walmart, The Hoot Owl, Schweitzer Conoco, Co-op Country Stores, Stacey's Country Kitchen, and Super 1 Foods. Businesses which sold raffle tickets contributed significantly.

The Kids Parade had more

than 200 participants and the Grand Parade had 84 entries, these were capably judged by Vicky Jacobson and Sue Lopez. A natural choice and making a wonderful grand marshal was The Bonner Hospital Auxiliary; parade announcer Bill Brown kept the crowd informed

The Bonner County Amateur Radio Club earned special thanks for providing communication in controlling the parade. Thank you to Kim Woodruff and Austin in the Parks & Rec Department for all your help.

Cherry Lane and her wonderful crew of flaggers along with the Sandpoint Police Department did an exceptional job in making traffic and the parade run smoothly.

A special Lions thank you goes to the veterans that provide the color guard and were a reminder that our troops are still in harms way defending our freedom. We were also honored to have the 25th Army Band from Boise this year, the

music was outstanding

Once again Mike Cosby brought together the fine local talent in the community for the event. We also want to thank the face painters

Thank you to Fire Chief Robert Tyler in securing the marina and surrounding area for the fireworks shoot.

As special thank you goes to Entertainment Fireworks for helping to stretch our dollars and give us the biggest bang for our bucks. It was a great show

Our "thank you list" will always fall short and the Lions apologize to all those we failed to mention. I must conclude by thanking all the Lion members and their families, who work very hard not only on the Independence Day Celebration but, on all of our projects. The Sandpoint Lions look forward to another great celebration in 2011.

Bill Lewis is past president of the Sandpoint Lions Club.

*****2011*****

No participation in ARRL field day or articles found.

*****2012*****

BCARC did not participate in ARRL field day. They received a grant from the Community Assistance League. A "plug" was given on April 14th by Susan Bates-Harbusch (a staff reporter) for their April meeting on the 16th at the Library. This was a Monday, so I don't know if the day of the month had been changed or this was a special meeting.

Page 9 on February 14th, Page 10 on March 13th, Page 9 on May 8th, Page 9 on April 10th, Page 9 on June 12th, Page 9 on July 10th, Page 9 on October 9th, 2012 in the Daily Bee

**Bonner County Amateur
Radio Club meeting. 7 p m.,
Panhandle Health Building**

Page 57 of the Daily Bee on February 29th, 2012

The Community Assistance League was formed in 1979 by a group of 16 women who wanted to make a positive change in their community. CAL was established as a community organization, assuring that all activities and funds would specifically benefit Bonner County

2011 Grant
Recipients



Scholarship

- Love INC
- Community Cancer Services
- Bonner Community Hospice
- NAMI Far North
- Community Action Partnership
- Priest River Ministries
(Healing Hearts)
- Sandpoint Area Seniors
- Area Agency on Aging of
North Idaho
- Memorial Community Center
- Bonner Community Food Bank
- Gardenia Center
- Mystic Farm Wildlife Rescue Inc
- Bonner County Amateur
Radio Club

Page 3 of the Daily Bee on March 30th, 2012

Ham radio opportunities abound at library

By SUSAN BATES-
HARBUCK

Ham radio fans have two opportunities to meet with people on the same frequency this next week.

The Bonner County Amateur Radio Club will be in the meeting rooms from 5-8 p.m. both Monday, April 2, and Tuesday, April 3. Any interested people are invited to join them.

The Friends of the Library will be spotlighting the Bird Aviation

next week @ the library

Museum and Invention Center and the education programs offered there. The meeting lasts from noon until 1 p.m., or until the audience runs out of questions. This is a great chance to learn more about the world-renowned museum located right in our backyard.

The monthly book and tape sale takes place on Saturday, April 7, begin-

ning at 10 a.m. Come early for the best selection. If you are of a poetical nature, stay after you make your purchases for the Poets' Corner, a gathering to celebrate poetry and poets. It begins at 1 p.m.

If you are in the library during the week before 5 p.m., introduce yourself to Patrick Goodman, our newest employee. If you have noticed that the stacks look especially nice and neat, he's the one to thank.

Page 3 of the Daily Bee on April 14th, 2012

By SUSAN
BATES-HARBUCK
For the Bee

Monday, April 16, the Bonner County Amateur Radio Club meets at 5 p.m.

If you are looking for a way to make friends around the world without leaving your home this might be a good group for you.

Page 67 of the Daily Bee on September 9th, 2012

“Bonner County Amateur Radio Club meeting 7 p.m. Panhandle Health Building.” (article almost unreadable)

*******2013*******

(From the Daily Bee and *Gary Dingman KG7CSD -past president.)

The Daily Bee had notices in February, March, May, June, and July of the Club’s upcoming meetings at the Panhandle Health Building.

*Gary Dringman advised the Club held its meetings at the Panhandle Health Building until they relocated. Meetings were then held at Eichart’s Pub before moving to the VFW site. Gary states he is sure the Club has not missed a Lions Club Parade since 2013.

Dave Holten N7UTG was the president in 2013.

I did find that K7JEP participated in the ARRL field Day. One of the problems with reporting results is that ARRL keeps changing the way they calculate scores. K7JEP had 880 for a total score with 95 QSO’s, and 24 participants.

Page 11 on February 12th, Page 9 on March 12th, Page 9 on Tuesday, April 9th, Page 11 on May 14th, Page 9 on June 11th, Page 2 on July 7th and Page 9 on July 9th in the Daily Bee

Bonner County Amateur Radio Club: meeting, 7 p.m Panhandle Health Building

*******2014*******

(*From Gary Dingman KG7CSD - past president)

*Larry Westerfeld KF7TNA (silent key) was the president and driving force in getting the HooDoo repeater.

*Bill Eisele WB7TQN & Sylvia Eisele KE7HFK held a “pot-luck” BBQ at their place on Old Mill Rd. on the 24th of August. They also stored the Club’s trailer, under shelter, at their place. Bill was also instrumental in managing the repeater system.

The Club’s records show a membership of 30 licensed amateurs.

Adair, Royce	kc7PHQ
Ballo, Charles	Kg7FAH
Booker, Bruce	kf7WHP
Dingman, Gary (Leslie)	kg7CSD
Domke, Gary (Jackie)	AA2HL
Eisele, Bill (Sylvia)	wb7TQN
Eisele, Sylvia (Bill)	ke7HFK
Foy, Ed	k7VJP
Fry, Tim (Crystal)	ke7CJV
Gift, Tim (Deb)	kg7CSE
Greene, Carl	k7NFW
Haney, Jeff (Karla)	af7JX
Haney, Karla (Jeff)	kg7NUP
Holten, Dave (Lori)	wa7DH

Holten , Lori (Dave)	kf7IKP
Howard , Bob	kf7FQQ
Lawrence , Ed (Ali)	wa5SWD
Lynskey , Rick (Denise)	kg7RDL
McClelland , John (Madeline)	kd6PGS
Martinelli , Al	kg7csg
Mason , Craig (Bonnie)	kf7JYB
Mason , Bonnie (Craig)	kf7JYA
Merritt , Dave (Irene)	w7FYV
Messia , Ed	kg7SJW
Nowacki , Wayne	k7ZOX
Wadds , Elissa	kf7FQR
Waller , Martin	kg7LRV
Wieland , Bill	kb8DBY
Worley , Brian (Dana)	kd7MTH
Worley , Dana (Brian)	kf7FQP

No participation in ARRL field day found.

REPEATER INFO FROM HISTORIC EMAIL

Aug 9, 2014,

To all BCARC members, the club radio system is now completed and working. It has been a struggle for some time to try and get all the repeaters and bases on line. But we did. Thanks to help of many people, Brian Worley, Bill Eslele,, John McCelland, Rick Linskey and Myself. It has only been possible because of the people who worked we me to make it happen.. Thank You each and every one ust in me to make it happen. The club has 4 repeaters and 2 simplex bases all linked together. Below is a location of each site and the Frequency's for each.

HOO DOO MT. UHF REPEATER TX-443.375 MHZ AND A TONE OF 136.5 AND A 5 MEG OFFSET WITH A 123.0 TONE OUTPUT.

HOO DOO MT. VHF REPEATER TX-145.490 MHZ AND A TONE OF 136.5 AND A 600 KC OFFSET AND A 123.0 TONE OUT.

THE SAGLE REPEATER IS LOCATED AT THE MC CELLAND RANCH AND NOT GOLD MT. IT IS A VHF REPEATER TX-146.780 MHX AND A TONE OF 100.0 AND A 600 KC OFFSET WITH A 123.0 TONE OUT

THE SAMUELS REPEATER IS LOCATED JUST NORTH OF SAMUELS UP OLD MILL RD AND IS A UHF REPEATER TX-443.875 AND A 123.0 TONE AND A 5 MEG OFFSET AND A 123.0 TONE OUT

PRIEST RIVER BASE IS LOCATED AT THE WEST PONDARY FD ON HIWAY 57 IT IS A SIMPLEX BASE RX/TX 144.910 MHZ AND A 100.0 TONE

SPIRIT LAKE BASE IS LOCATED AT MY HOUSE AND IS A SIMPLEX BASE WITH A RX/TX 146.720 AND A TONE OF 123.0

*****2015*****

(*From Gary Dingman KG7CSD - past president.)

*The officers for 2015 were Rick Lynskey K7RDL - president, Jeff Haney AF7JX – vice president, Sylvia Eisele KE7HFK – secretary/treasurer, and Bill Eisele WB7TQN – director.

No participation in ARRL field day found.

*****2016*****

(*From Gary Dingman KG7CSD - past president.)

*The officers for 2016 were Gary Dingman KG7CSD - president, Wayne Hutchison W7ZOX – vice president, Sylvia Eisele KE7HFK – secretary/treasurer, and Rick Lynskey K7RDL – director.

No participation in ARRL field day found.

*****2017*****

(*From Gary Dingman KG7CSD - past president.)

*The officers for 2017 were Gary Dingman KG7CSD - president, Eric Anderson AF7YQ – vice president, with Sylvia Eisele KE7HFK – secretary/treasurer.

2017 is the first year that shows K7JEP's domain name being renewed for 1 year so I assume the Club had a website in 2016. Dave Holten was the webmaster.

No participation in ARRL field day found.

INTERESTING - DECEMBER 2017 A 10METER CLUB NET TRIAL FROM BCARC COAX NEWSLETTER

VP Eric Anderson, AF7YQ sez:

Our initial 10 meter net test last night was not a roaring success.
Here is the check in list:

AF7YQ Net Control

K7LJG Backup Net Control

K7LNA

K7MEE

K7AVR

KE6WHN

KG7LRV

The first 3 I could hear well. After that, I could hear but not understand - in other words, they were

below S1. K7LNA and K7AVR provided some relay service, as did K7LJG. It would appear that I can get out better than I can get "in." The mountain behind my house is formidable. I am surprised I get out to the west. Apparently bounce off of some mountains to the east of me... But I don't get the bounce back.

If we are going to continue, someone other than me, with the giant impediment in my back yard (the mountain) should take on the Net Control position. We did not attempt to have any discussions or pass any messages or any other communications other than call letters, handles, and signal reports. The net lasted 25 minutes, approximately, at 28.400 MHz USB.

*****2018*****

(*From Gary Dingman KG7CSD - past president.)

*The officers for 2018 remained the same: Gary Dingman KG7CSD - president, Eric Anderson AF7YQ – vice president, with Sylvia Eisele KE7HFK – secretary/treasurer

No participation in ARRL field day found.

*****2019*****

(*From Gary Dingman KG7CSD - past president.)

*In 2019 Gary and Eric remained as president and vice president. The secretary/treasurer became Dan Elsbury KI7VKB and Warren Webber N7WEB became the Club's repeater trustee.

At some point in either 2019 or 2020 the Club's trailer was moved to Dan Elsbury's residence in Ponderay for storage.

The year's membership applications, some of which may be missing, shows 29 members.

No participation in ARRL field day found.

*****2020*****

(*From Gary Dingman KG7CSD - past president.)

*Dan Elsbury became the Club's president, Richard Kroll KI7LFD becoming the vice president. Warren Webber became the secretary/treasurer and remained as the repeater trustee.

The year's membership applications, I'm sure some are missing, shows 16 members.

No participation in ARRL field day found.

*****2021*****

(*From **Gary Dingman** KG7CSD - past President: :”Dan remained the president for 2021, with John Ailport K7BSV becoming the vice president. Gary Dingman took over as the Club's secretary/treasurer.”)

I, Gary White, K2KKB, joined BCARC in late 2021 and as I'm terrible at remembering names began compiling a list of members I could refer to in placing faces with names. This later evolved into the official membership roster.

Records show membership for the year as 20 with no participation in ARRL field day.

The Club was meeting at the VFW Hall in Sandpoint.

*****2022*****

In 2022 John Ailport was elected president, Jim Morford KJ7SEN became the vice president, Ken Conradi KF7FDN as secretary, Pat Cox KJ7SJU took over as treasurer, and I became the webmaster.

The Club continued to meet at the VFW Hall and 2022 saw many revisions in the Club's operations and an increase in meeting attendance. With John Kludt's (K7SYS) help the monthly presentations went from a paper easel to a projected PowerPoint presentation. The Club sold its trailer, as it wasn't being used, and the proceeds placed back in the treasury. On the 2nd of June, John Kludt started the groups.io site where members can enjoy discussing topics of interest. In the later part of the year the Club made its beginning steps at making the meetings available to members via Zoom.

The Club's events included providing security communications for the Long Bridge Swim, the Lions Club Parade (aka: 4th of July parade), and a BBQ held in conjunction with its participation in the ARRL field day event.

The Club had a field day score of 1334 total points (including 970 bonus points), with 178 QSO's, and 20 participants.

I archived the Club's records. This is the first year that I have found where the Club's records were archived. The year ended with 39 members. I also took over as the Webmaster of the Club's website K7JEP.org.

(*From **Dave Holten** WA7DH – past President: “I believe the website was originally started in the 1990's. The original webmaster, Evelyn Courtney K7EVE, had it hosted on tripod.net as www.tripod.net/bcarc if I remember correctly. She moved to Texas in the early 2000's. The site was left unattended for a couple years before I took it over probably around 2010 or so. By then no one had the Tripod user account login credentials. I created and registered the K7JEP.org domain name that didn't exist before on active-domain.org and set up a new free site on x10hosting.com provider using the Drupal web platform. After several issues with Drupal and getting hacked, I converted to the Joomla web platform which seemed to have better support and security. It was around 2017 that I started converting over to WordPress for easier support and maintenance. After that you know the rest of the story.”) Thank You.

*****2023*****

In 2023 the Club continued to meet at the VFW Hall and the officers remained unchanged: John Ailport as president, Jim Morford KJ7SEN - vice president, Ken Conradi KF7FDN - secretary, and Pat Cox KJ7SJU as treasurer.

I remained as webmaster, John Kludt was made program chairman, and the Zoom meetings continued to improve and, due to its use by the members, were continued.

The Club again participated in field day and amassed a total of 2550 points. They had 244 QSO's and 1150 bonus points.

The Club began making preparations to launch a Pico Balloon in 2024. The year ended with 56 licensed members.

*****2024*****

The Club continued to meet at the VFW Hall and its membership continued to increase as well as the quality of the monthly presentations. There was also an increase in members volunteering to help with Club functions and activities. Colleen Conradi KK7KNL took over the preparation of the Club's monthly publication, The COAX, and greatly increased its content and overall presentation. She also started a [Facebook page](#) for the Club.

The last 12 issues of the COAX, our meeting presentations in .pdf format, and the Board of Directors notes were placed on the Webpage. Previous years of the COAX, that were available, and the PowerPoint slides of the meetings, for anyone needing the original presentation, were also archived on the Club's Gmail account where members could download or review them as needed.

In February the Club held its second annual swap meet at its regular meeting. It furnished communications for the Sandpoint 4th of July Parade and the Long Bridge Swim. Members participated at the Bonner County Fair and the Emergency Preparedness Expo.

Once again the Club participated in the ARRL's Field Day event, setting up at the House of the Lord, Highway 41 Annex in Oldtown, and holding a "taco bar dinner" for the participants. There were 265 Phone QSOs, 259 digital QSOs, and 54 GOTA QSOs. With the addition of 1,990 bonus points, there was a grand total of 3,668 points! By comparison, in 2023 they scored a total of 2,550 points.

The Club achieved a successful launch of its Pico balloon equipped with a radio transmitter on the morning of July 16th. During its flight, the balloon remained airborne for 7.5 hours before developing a leak and descending near Glacier Park in Montana. Despite failing to reach the jet stream, it was considered a success as the balloon reached an altitude of 26,000 feet and successfully transmitted data to ground stations. Plans were made for a subsequent launch later.

The Club ended the year with its annual Christmas dinner and year end review. It ended the year with 69 members (20 Extra, 33 General, 15 Technician, and 1 studying).

*****2025*****

The Club held its annual business meeting in January and elected Daryl Baird K6KRG as President, John Kludt K7SYS Vice-President, Ken Conradi KF7FDN remained as Secretary, and Vernon Walters AI7WS elected as Treasurer.

On Monday, January 27 the Club launched another Pico balloon, named "Dennis" in honor of Colleen Conradi's recently deceased father. This one had better performance/luck than the previous launches.

Due to its lack of use from members and the time required for set up, the use of Zoom was discontinued.

The Club assisted, by furnishing communication support, in the Lion's Day 4th of July parade.

The club again participated in the Annual Field Day event with coverage from the Daily Bee.



Local amateur radio operators invite the public to Field Day 2025



Keith Bansemer, center makes radio contacts during Bonner County Amateur Radio Club's 2024 Field Day as fellow members, Alden Bansemer, left, and John Ailport look on.
Photo courtesy COLLEEN CONRADI

| June 4, 2025 1:00 AM

The Bonner County Amateur Radio Club members are saying "CQ" to the public. "CQ" is how ham (also known as amateur) radio operators initiate a contact, and it means, "calling any station." The reason they're calling is to tell the community that they are invited to attend the annual Amateur Radio Relay League Field Day from noon to 6 p.m. Saturday, June 28, at the Edgemere Grange just south of Priest River.

Amateur radio is a popular hobby that brings people from around town to around the world and even to space without the internet or cell phones. Field Day is a major event for ham radio enthusiasts and has been since 1933. It has occurred annually since then except for the years 1942-45 due to World War II.

"The theme for this year's event is 'Radio Connects,' Daryl Baird, current BCARC president said. "BCARC members will set up three radio stations that run solely on battery or generator power to demonstrate how stations can operate in the field when on-the-grid power is not available.

Locations where the Club has held its meetings in its 63 year history

1. District courtroom at the county courthouse
2. Pastime Café – usually dinner in conjunction with the annual business meeting.
3. Sandpoint Airport
4. Old dog pound site west of the airport (4 & 5 maybe the same location)
5. Location not actually specified but listed as: “on the country road between Great Northern and Gooby & Sons Meat Co.”
6. Washington Water Power Building.
7. First Baptist Church
8. Sandpoint East Bonner County Library
9. Home of Fred Arndt
10. Home of Don LaMoreaux
11. Home of Don Duebel
12. Sandpoint Lions Club
13. Harold’s Foods cafeteria (AKA: Harold’s Snackbar
14. Panhandle Health Building
15. Eichardt's Pub
16. Café 95 in Sagle
17. VFW Building

Draft

Past Presidents:

1. 1961	Neal Fredstrom		
2. 1962	Fred Arndt W7IDA	35. 1995	Unknown
3. 1963	Unknown (Arndt or Fredstrom?)	36. 1996	Unknown
4. 1964	Neal Fredstrom	37. 1997	Unknown
5. 1965	Unknown	38. 1998	Unknown
6. 1966	Jim Wienand	39. 1999	Unknown
7. 1967	Fred Arndt W7IDA	40. 2000	Unknown
8. 1968	Roger Williams	41. 2001	Unknown
9. 1969	Edmund Bourne	42. 2002	Unknown
10. 1970	Unknown	43. 2003	Unknown
11. 1971	Unknown	44. 2004	Unknown
12. 1972	Unknown	45. 2005	Warren Weber
13. 1973	Don LaMoreaux	46. 2006	Unknown
14. 1974	Unknown	47. 2007	Unknown
15. 1975	Unknown	48. 2008	Unknown
16. 1976	Unknown	49. 2009	Unknown
17. 1977	Lew Wetzell W7JCV	50. 2010	Unknown
18. 1978	Unknown	51. 2011	Unknown
19. 1979	Unknown	52. 2012	Unknown
20. 1980	Unknown	53. 2013	Dave Holten N7UTG
21. 1981	Unknown	54. 2014	Larry Westerfeld KF7TNA
22. 1982	Don LaMoreaux	55. 2015	Rick Lynskey K7RDL
23. 1983	Unknown	56. 2016	Gary Dingman KG7CSD
24. 1984	Unknown	57. 2017	Gary Dingman KG7CSD
25. 1985	Unknown	58. 2018	Gary Dingman KG7CSD
26. 1986	Unknown	59. 2019	Gary Dingman KG7CSD
27. 1987	Unknown	60. 2020	Dan Elsbury KI7UKB
28. 1988	Unknown	61. 2021	Dan Elsbury KI7UKB
29. 1989	Unknown	62. 2022	John Ailport K7BSV
30. 1990	Unknown	63. 2023	John Ailport K7BSV
31. 1991	Unknown	64. 2024	John Ailport K7BSV
32. 1992	Unknown	65. 2025	Daryl Baird K6KRG
33. 1993	Unknown		
34. 1994	Unknown		

Sources:

1. The Sandpoint Daily Bee archives
2. The Sandpoint News-Bulletin archives
3. ARRL records
4. Find A Grave website
5. Family Search website
6. Current Members
 - a. Gary Dingman – past president
7. Past Members:
 - a. Dave Holten – past president
 - b. Jeffrey Yetter – no response
 - c. Ray Marchant – no response (SK?)