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UARC MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the University Amateur Radio Club will be held Tuesday 6 April 2004 in room 2100 of the Engineering Building at 7:30 pm local time on the University of Wyoming campus. Talk in on the UARC repeater at 146.610 MHz 600 kHz standard negative offset.

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT / COTW EDITOR John KD7NAE

Dave KY7DR gave us a great demonstration of APRS tracking at last month's meeting. I want to learn more about APRS and other digital amateur modes of operation including PSK31 and SSTV. I've got a couple TinyTrak3 kits that just arrived today and I'm looking into what I can do with my existing computer-connected Yaesu FT100D main rig as well as checking out how to hook up my mobile Yaesu FT 90R and Alinco DJ-5V HT. Digital modes might make for good programs at upcoming meetings. Please let me know if you're interested in amateur digital modes of operation.

Organizing continues for summer ham activities including support for bicycle races. Bill AF7E is organizing communications for the Dead Dog Classic taking place on Field Day Saturday 26 June 2004. Mapping and APRS support will be coordinated by Dave KY7DR. Our Field Day site will probably be Fox Park, last year's site, with other relay locations to provide good coverage along the highway 130 race route. The Laramie Enduro mountain bike race is scheduled for Sunday 1 August 2004 around the Happy Jack area north of I-80. I've been attending the planning meetings and will provide more information as it is available.

This weekend is the Longmont ARC ARRL Hamfest in Longmont, Colorado at the Boulder County Fairgrounds. The LARC garage sale and swap activities begin at 8 am Saturday morning.

Labor day weekend is the Wyoming State ARRL Convention in Casper. Registration form and details are reprinted in this issue. The annual state convention is always a good opportunity to meet our fellow hams from around the state. Licensing examinations, swap tables, vendor booths, technical programs and a Saturday evening banquet are featured along with socializing with our Wyoming ham friends in person.

Cheers and 73s. John KD7NAE

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UARC CALENDAR

3 April 2004 Longmont ARC ARRL Hamfest in Longmont, CO http://www.qsl.net/larc
contact Brian Steege K0BRS larc@qsl.net 303-678-0406 PO Box 86
Longmont, CO 80502-0086

10-11 April 2004 Indianapolis, IN: RCA Amateur Radio Club, W9RCA. 1300Z Apr 10-2200Z Apr 11. 50th Anniversary of 1st production RCA color TV set. 28.450 21.350 14.250 7.250. QSL. RCA Amateur Radio Club, 624 Lexington Blvd, Carmel, IN 46032.

15-18 Apr 2004 Senigallia/Ancona, Italy: Ancona and Senigallia Amateur Radio Clubs, II6CC. 0600Z **Apr 15**-2200Z **Apr 18**. XV Annual Meeting of the National Association of Carabinieri. HF/VHF/UHF SSB/CW/RTTY. QSL. Via IZ6FUQ (bureau); or for QSL with special postmark: ARI Associazione Radioamatori Italiani, PO Box 122, 60100 Ancona Italy (send 1 Euro or $1 US to cover postage), by May 14, 2004. For more information: iz6fuq@tiscali.it.

29-30 May 2004 Wyoming State ARRL Convention in Casper, WY
http://www.wyohamfest.com contact Rev Morton WS7W ws7w@arrl.org
307-235-2799 1341 Trojan Drive Casper, WY 82609

upcoming ARRL contests include:

12-14 June 2004	ARRL June VHF QSO Party
19 June 2004	Kid's Day
26-27 June 2004	ARRL Field Day
10-11 July 2004	IARU HF World Championships
7-8 Aug 2004	ARRL UHF Contest
21-22 Aug 2004	ARRL 10 GHz and Up Contest
11-12 Sept 2004	ARRL September VHF QSO Party
18-19 Sept 2004	ARRL 10 GHz and Up Contest
6-8 Nov 2004	ARRL November Sweepstakes (CW)
20-22 Nov 2004	ARRL November Sweepstakes (Phone)

see http://www.arrl.org/contests/calendar.html for more info

WYOMING GETS NEW ARRL SECTION MANAGER

NEWINGTON, CT, March 30, 2004 -- Bill Edwards, WU7Y, has been appointed as the new ARRL Wyoming Section Manager, effective April 1, 2004. He will complete the term of Jay Ostrem, W7CW, who has moved out of the section. The present term extends one more year until March 31, 2005.

Field and Educational Services Manager Rosalie White, K1STO, in consultation with Rocky Mountain Division Director Walt Stinson, W0CP, and Vice Director Rev Morton, WS7W, made the appointment. Edwards, from Gillette, Wyoming, is an ARRL Volunteer Examiner and recently has been working to reactivate the local Amateur Radio club.

He was first licensed in 1957. After letting his license lapse due to school and family priorities, Edwards got re-licensed in 1988 and quickly upgraded to Amateur Extra. He said that Amateur Radio emergency communications is important to him. "It's why we have our ham privileges," he said.

WEATHER SPOTTER TRAINING OFFERED

Thanks to Dave KC6WZP for passing along the following invitation. This may be of particular interest to ARES members. All interested persons are welcome to attend.

Please come join us for Weather-Spotter Training!

Monday, April 12, 2004
7 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Laramie Fire Department Station #2
1558 N. 23rd Street
Laramie, WY

Presenter: John Griffith, National Weather Service

Training is free, but registration is required. Please call the Albany County Red Cross for more information or to register, 745-5505.

This class is designed for basic and intermediate level severe weather spotters. Learn how thunderstorms, tornadoes and downbursts develop. Learn how to identify wall clouds, shelf clouds, downbursts, funnel clouds, and tornadoes.

Sponsored by Albany County Emergency Management, Albany County Red Cross and National Weather Service

To register for this training session please contact:

Janice L. Gahagan, Manager
Albany County Branch
American Red Cross of Wyoming
410 Grand Avenue - Suite 105
Laramie, WY 82070
Ph: 307-745-5505 Toll Free: 866-819-5163
Fax: 307-745-3351 Cell phone: 1-307-631-3781
E-mail: gahaganj@usa.redcross.org

It's already time to start planning for the

2004 ARRL WYOMING STATE HAMFEST

Sat. & Sun., May 29th and 30th (Memorial Day Weekend)

At the newly renovated Parkway Plaza Convention Center

in Casper, Wyoming - Hosted by the Casper, Amateur Radio Club

Special Room Rates:
$52 for 1 - 4 People
Call 1-800-270-STAY

Vendors will include:
Rad-Comm & Am-Com, Inc.

The banquet on Saturday evening will be a western style barbeque with ribs, chicken, and brisket. Wear your blue jeans, boots, and cowboy hat!

The speaker will be ARRL division director Walt Stinson, W0CP.

You'll Have:

VE Testing

A Transmitter Hunt

Swap Tables

Excellent Commercial Vendors

Wyoming State ARRL Convention

Meetings

Fun activities for the whole family

We're Giving away an Icom IC706 MKIIG!

(And lots of other goodies)

The Hamfest will be at a new location this year!

The Parkway Plaza Convention Center

www.parkwayplaza.net
is located just off of Center Street, slightly *south of the interstate.*

Take exit 188A from the interstate and turn south onto Center.

Or find Center Street and look immediately south of the interstate.

You can't miss it!

2004 Hamfest Pre-Registration Form

To pre-register, send this form with check payable to:
Casper Amateur Radio Club
P.O. Box 2802
Casper, WY 82602

Listen-In on 146.94
W7VNJ Repeater

For Information contact:
Rev Morton WS7W
307-235-2799
WS7W@arrl.org

Pre-registration prize will be a 2004 ARRL Handbook

Name: Call

Name: Call

Name: Call

Name: Call

Street

City, State Zip

Please indicate the quantity of each item desired, and fill in the totals:

QTY	Description	Price Each	Totals
	Pre-Registration ($12.00 at the door)	$ 10.00	$
	Evening Banquet	$ 15.00	$
	Swap Tables	$ 5.00	$
	Prize Tickets (Or 6 for $5.00)	$ 1.00	$
		Grand Total	$

If you plan on being tested at the V.E. testing session at the hamfest, please make sure you bring copies of all current CSCEs and copies of your current amateur radio licenses. The test fee is currently $12, but may increase by the time of the hamfest. ***Please bring cash and small change to make things easy :)***

Also, please contact Tim Bachmeier, AB7BJ to register in advance for testing via radiogram or email at ab7bj@bresnan.net or 607 Swanton Ave., Casper 82609 or call Tim @ Tel:307-265-0830. We will have all of the needed info and the 610 forms required to register for exam.

Longmont Amateur Radio Club

Electronics & Stuff Garage Sale

Saturday, April 3rd 2004

8:00 am - 1:00 pm

Boulder County Fair Grounds

Talk-in: our repeater (147.270+,100Hz),or 146.520 simplex

Admission - $4.00 (Buyer or Seller)

Friday night setup 5:00pm - 8:00pm April 2nd

Saturday setup starts at 6:00am April 3rd

Optional table rental only at the door!

Table with 1 chair - $12.00 each - while they last.

Space available on First Come-First Served basis

VE Testing @10:00 am

Cost - $15.00

Bring picture ID.

If upgrading,

bring copies of current license

and of any Certificates of Successful

Completion.

Testing location to be announced!

Longmont Amateur Radio Club

P.O Box 86

Longmont, Colorado 80502-0086

E-Mail: LARC@QSL.net

For more information, visit our web site: http://www.qsl.net/larc

UARC MEETING MINUTES from 2 March 2004

Call to Order:

The March meeting was called to order by President John KD7NAE at 7:37 pm in room 2100 of the Engineering Building. 7 members were in attendance; all officers were present. Those attending were: Suzanne Luhr AA7AY, Jerry Tastad N7JT, Doug Wheeler KD7W, David Rush KY7DR, Brent Gurnsey KC0FUP, John Harrison KD7NAE, and Doris Hutcheson KD7RQX.

Minutes of the Last Meeting:

Brent KC0FUP moved to approve the minutes of the February 3rd meeting as written in the Code of the West. The motion was seconded by Doug KD7W, all approved.

Reports:

Treasurer's Report-Brent KC0FUP gave the treasurer's report:

Bills paid: Phone $21.^{73}.
Regular account balance: $230.^{75}.
Maintenance fund balance: $938^{67}.
Brent announced that he will be graduating in May and the club will need to fill his position as treasurer.

Communications Reports:

Field Day:
John KD7NAE had QSL cards received from contacts of last year's field day and other club contests. Jerry N7JT suggested that the cards be given to Bill AF7E. Brent KC0FUP said it was probably time to send more funds to the QSL bureau for postage and envelopes. The invoice from the bureau will be given to Bill along with the cards received.

VE Exams:
Jerry N7JT moved that an exam will be held on Saturday, April 24th (National Test Day), Suzanne seconded and all approved.

There was a discussion of proposed changes by the FCC to license classes. Jerry speculated that it would be at least 6 months before any changes would be made.

Old Business:

John KD7NAE reported that Bill AF7E had contacted him regarding ham participation for the Dead Dog Classic on June 26th. Currently, 7 people have signed up to assist, Bill feels that at least 12 will be needed. Bill AF7E has a map of the race route.

John KD7NAE has a map of the route for the Laramie Enduro Mountain bike race to be held August 1 at Happy Jack.

New Business:

Jerry N7JT reported that Wayne NQ7Q had talked to regarding the site for the High Plains Roundup. The club needs to reserve the site at Curt Goudy State park as soon as possible to assure availability. Wayne feels that it is only necessary to reserve the site for 2 nights instead of the 3 reserved last year. He will need two checks to send with the application one for the deposit and one for the use fees.

There was a discussion on the current state of club funds, given the outlay for High Plains Roundup. Last year the roundup cost was $145 and $132 was received from roundup events. There was speculation about the High Plains funds that were to be sent to our club from Colorado. To date, those funds have not been received. Last year's Field day cost $114.34 for food and supplies. Brent pointed out that a projection on the phone bill through December 2004 would be $196.

Jerry N7JT moved and Dave KY7DR seconded that the club allocate up to $150 for fees for the High Plains Roundup site. The motion was approved with Brent KC0FUP opposing.

Drawing:

This month's winner of the club drawing was Jerry N7JT winning a subscription to World Radio.

Meeting Adjourned:

KC0FUP moved with second by Doug KD7W that the meeting be adjourned at 7:28 pm. Following the meeting Dave KY7DR gave a presentation on APRS tracking and equipment.

Doris KD7RQX

Frank Lloyd Wright's Taliesin West
north of Scottsdale, Arizona
16 Mar 2004

Photo by John KD7NAE

Submissions to COTW are welcome from all UARC members, area hams and persons interested in amateur radio communications and activities.

Printed copies of COTW are available from John KD7NAE.

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