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UARC MEETING

The next meeting of the University Amateur Radio Club will be held Tuesday 6 December 2005 at Godfather's Pizza. The meeting will be combined with a pizza Bernie club to kick off the holiday season. Start time will be 6:00 pm local time. Cost for the pizza buffet will be about $5.50 per person plus beverages. All amateurs and interested persons and their families are invited to attend. Talk in on the UARC repeater at 146.610 MHz 600 kHz standard negative offset.

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT Jim KD7KMU

For those of you who would like to operate on HF, using the 10 meter band, there will be a special event that has been scheduled up in the tower of the Student Union on Saturday December 10th at 9 A.M.

ARRL 10 meter contest will be held that weekend, making it easier for you to work a few more stations than usual. NQ7Q has volunteered his time and will advise you of the proper procedures to use when operating on HF. Thank you Wayne for taking this time!! Coffee and doughnuts will be available. Hope to see you there.

As 2005 comes to an end and 2006 begins, I would like to thank everyone for your hard work and efforts that you have given to the club this past year. I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Jim KD7KMU 73s

UARC CALENDAR

4 December 2005 **Bernie Club in honor of Paul W7MO** who has worked all countries at the residence of John McKay W7JAL – 2461 East Park Avenue in the Corthell Hill area here in Laramie. Time will be 4:00 pm local time. Please RSVP to John at 742-2386 and bring a side dish or desert. John will provide entrée and beverages.

6 December 2005 **UARC Bernie Club at Godfather's Pizza** 6:00 pm local time
All persons interested in amateur radio are invited to attend.
Regular meetings are the first Tuesday of each month.

10 Dec 2005 **UARC Club Station Operating Event** 9:00 am local time
Location is Wyoming Student Union Room 501 – the top level of the central tower in the old portion of the building
The event will coincide with the ARRL 10 meter contest and everyone will have an opportunity to talk on the club rig and learn about HF operations and the UARC facilities at the student union.
All persons interested in amateur radio are invited to attend.

13 Dec 2005 **ARES RACES regular meeting** 7:00 pm local time at the KOA Campground recreation room adjacent to the main campground office near I-80 and Curtis Street.
All persons interested in the role of amateur radio in emergency situations are invited to attend. Regular meetings are the second Tuesday of each month.

Upcoming ARRL Special Operating Events of note include:

3 Dec 2005 **0000Z-2400Z**, Grand Junction, CO. Western Colorado Amateur Radio Club, N0W. **Skywarn Recognition Day**, from the National Weather Service. 14.250. QSL. Al Acker, WA4HND, 1685 Mae Ct, Fruita, CO 81521. wcarc.ws.

10-11 Dec 2005 **1400Z-0200Z**, Nazareth, PA. Christmas City Amateur Radio Club, WX3MAS. **Christmas Greetings from Nazareth and Bethlehem PA**
21.365 14.265 7.270 3.970. Certificate. Christmas City ARC WX3MAS, Graystone Building, Gracedale Complex, RR8, Nazareth, PA 18064. **www.dlarc.org**.

17-25 Dec 2005 **1300Z-2359Z**, Bethlehem, NM. Valencia County Amateur Radio Association, KC5OUR. **Celebrating the Christmas season from Bethlehem, New Mexico.** 28.273 21.273 14.273 7.273. QSL. VCARA, PO Box 268, Peralta, NM 87042. **www.qsl.net/kc5our/**.

31 Dec – 1 Jan 0400Z-1600Z, West Memphis, AR. M&M Amateur Radio Club, KB5ZMU. **Celebrating the coming of the New Year.** 14.300 7.330 7.275 3.925. QSL. Marc Gwin, 1402 Stratford Dr, West Memphis, AR 72301. **http://geocities.com/marca2gwin**.

1-31 Jan 2006	0000Z-2400Z, Brant Rock, MA. Fessenden Amateur Radio Society (W1FRV), AA1A/BO. **100th year commemoration of transoceanic 2-way communications.** 18.075 14.055 10.118 7.055. QSL. RAF.NESCO, Box 686, Brant Rock, MA 02020. Participating stations use /BO suffix. **www.radiocom.net/Fessenden/**.
28 Jan 2006	1400Z-2100Z, Punxsutawney , PA. Punxsutawney Area Amateur Radio Club, K3HWJ. **Commemorating Groundhog Day 2006.** 14.240 7.240 7.125 147.390. Certificate. Mike Miller, N3HBH, 1097 Wishaw Rd , Reynoldsville, PA 15851. **www.qsl.net/k3hwj**.

Above are just a few of many ham special events**.** Refer to http://www.arrl.org/contests/spev.html for more ARRL Special Event listings.

Upcoming contests include:

2-4 Dec 2005	ARRL 160 Meter Contest
10-11 Dec 2005	ARRL 10 Meter Contest
1 Jan 2006	Straight Key Night
7-8 Jan 2006	ARRL RTTY Round-Up
21-23 Jan 2006	ARRL January VHF Sweepstakes

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

Forwarded from WY7FD, Dwayne Allen, Section Manager, WY ARRL Section

7th Call Area QSO Party

The first 7th Call Area QSO Party (7QP) will be conducted on May 6-7, 2006.

This party will take place on HF bands both phone and CW modes. Operating format for the party is simple: 7QP stations exchange state and county information with the state, province or DX information of contacted stations.

Volunteers from the 8 seventh call area states are in the process of establishing rules for this inaugural event. Current information is contained on the web site: http://www.codxc.com/new/Page.asp?Content=dryland7s

As state captain, my objective is to inform and encourage the participation of all Wyoming hams in this event. My goal is to have stations operating from all 23 Wyoming counties during the weekend.

I am asking you to help me achieve this goal. I encourage individuals and Wyoming ARRL affiliated clubs to promote and make efforts to participate in this QSO party. How about making this a major event for your club?

Wyoming hams could support this party by operating from their individual home stations, from club stations, from field day type locations or from mobile stations. Stations camped or operating from a vehicle located on county lines could pass out multiple county multipliers with a single contact.

I would like to recognize Wyoming individual and club participants in 7QP with certificates. I challenge each

Wyoming club to compete for a rotating trophy for this event.

Will you help me? I want your suggestions and participation in 7QP. Please feel free to contact me by email: w7se@arrl.net or by mail:

Walter Marshall, W7SE
Box 651
Laramie, WY 82073 (307) 745-4226

Thank you in advance for your support.

Fellow WY Hams,

I have received this from W7SE, Walt. I think this has been a long time in coming and encourage statewide participation.

Thanks,

ARRL Wyoming Section

Section Manager: Dwayne Allen, WY7FD

wy7fd@arrl.org

UARC and Albany County Amateur Radio news

Albany County ARES and RACES leaders have agreed to combine meetings for the two organizations. The meeting time will be the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm local time and the place will be the KOA Campground meeting room. Next meeting will be Tuesday 13 December 2005.

David Rolf of Albany County Search and Rescue has invited ARES and RACES members to participate in a dinner tentatively scheduled for 31 January 2006 to include area volunteer fire departments and emergency service providers, search and rescue volunteer groups, ski patrol groups, Civil Air Patrol and others in an effort to get to know one another and move toward integration and coordination of all the various response groups. David coordinates the first aid team for the Dead Dog Classic bike race and has become familiar with the important communications role of radio amateurs through our involvement in the race. More on this as details are finalized.

Our last ARES meeting included a good discussion of what should be included in our communications ready kits. Wayne NQ7Q provided a good list with other experienced members showing their kits as well. We will make Wayne's list and other notes available to anyone who is interested.

Happy Holidays, cheers and 73s to everyone. John KD7NAE.

The Amateur's Code

The Radio Amateur is

CONSIDERATE...never knowingly operates in such a way as to lessen the pleasure of others.

LOYAL...offers loyalty, encouragement and support to other amateurs, local clubs, and the American Radio Relay League, through which Amateur Radio in the United States is represented nationally and internationally.

PROGRESSIVE...with knowledge abreast of science, a well-built and efficient station and operation above reproach.

FRIENDLY...slow and patient operating when requested; friendly advice and counsel to the beginner; kindly assistance, cooperation and consideration for the interests of others. These are the hallmarks of the amateur spirit.

BALANCED...radio is an avocation, never interfering with duties owed to family, job, school or community.

PATRIOTIC...station and skill always ready for service to country and community.

--The original Amateur's Code was written by Paul M. Segal, W9EEA, in 1928.

Courtesy of Jim KD7KMU

UARC meeting minutes from 1 November 2005

Call to Order:

The November meeting was called to order by President Jim KD7KMU at 7:30 pm in room 2 of the Student Union. 15 members and one visitor were in attendance; all officers were present. Those attending were: John Pearce, John Harrison KD7NAE, Bob Hansen WS7C, Rick Damiani KD7TVV, Lynn Hamblin KB7SGP, Mac McDonald WB7K, William H. Wright AF7E, William H. Frazier N7SXC, Gery Simpson, Jerry Tastad N7JT, Wayne M. Sutherland NQ7Q, Doug Wheeler KD7W, Jim Johnson KD7KMU, Suzanne Luhr AA7AY, and Doris Hutcheson KD7RQX. David Roolf was visiting as a representative of the Dead Dog Classic bike race.

Secretary's Report:

There was a motion by Bill AF7E that the minutes of the October meeting be approved as published in the Code of the West, Bill N7SXC seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Suzanne reported the following:

UARC: Expenses $41.76 phone
New balance $687.47

Repair Fund $1,000

High Plains: $531.89 balance

Old Business:

Jim KD7KMU reviewed the information regarding radio support for a state soccer championship to be held in Laramie on Memorial Day weekend (Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The event will be held at all soccer field locations in town (Washington Park, Kiwanis Park and the UW fields). The conflict with the state hamfest in Casper and the need for clarification on what would be expected of the club considering that the locations would probably be covered by cell phones was reiterated. Jim KD7KMU will contact Don Barnes of the Laramie Fitness Center for more details and to invite him to a future meeting.

There was discussion of renewal of the club's 501C tax exempt status. John KD7NAE had looked up the club's status on the states web page and will coordinate with Suzanne AA7AY to complete the form and pay the renewal fee.

There was discussion of the Forest Service lease for the .82 repeater. KD7NAE had contacted Mike Winters at the Forest Service Mike will e-mail John KD7NAE the status of the site fee waiver.

There was a discussion of the return of the deposit check from Curt Goudy State park for the Field day site. Suzanne AA7AY will contact Don Miller of the Shy-WY club regarding the check and reimbursement for any outstanding costs for the event.

Suzanne AA7AY reminded everyone that dues for the current year were still being accepted.

John KD7NAE reported that he had heard from Rich Vincent regarding a donation for our club and the Albany County Red Cross from the Laramie Enduro Bike race.

New Business:

There was a discussion of scheduling review sessions for VE exams with sessions to be held every three months with exams 3 times per year. Qualified examiners were identified as Jerry N7JT and Suzanne AA7AY. President Jim KD7KMU appointed a committee to be headed by Jerry N7JT to start organizing this effort. It was suggested that posters and a newspaper ad be used to advertise the sessions. Dates will be presented at the next meeting.

Jim KD7KMU suggested that a Bernie club organizing committee be formed. Bill AF7E volunteered to head the committee.

There was discussion of having the December 6th meeting be a Holiday party. AF7E moved and Lynn KB7SGP seconded that the next meeting be a pizza party at Godfathers, the club approved. Doris KD7RQX volunteered to set up the event to begin at 6:00 pm.

Jim KD7KMU requested that a deadline be set for future Code of the West publications. Wayne NQ7Q said that it was nice to have the distribution occur the Friday or Saturday prior to the next meeting. Jim KD7KMU also encouraged other club members to submit articles and other interesting information for the newsletter.

Special Guest:

David Rolf addressed the club and thanked members for the club's continued support of the Dead Dog Classic bike race. Race officials asked him to inform the club that the support is important because speed is essential in the event of an emergency. Kat Martin, race coordinator, has put together a report for the county that lists the number of entries by state. This report was intended to inform the county of the economic impact on the county and includes statistics such as the 118 hotel rooms booked for multiple nights.

David is also a member of the Ski Patrol and Albany County Search and Rescue which are currently organizing a CERTS certified group for the county. He invited interested club members to participate.

Announcements:

ARES will meet at 7:00 pm Tuesday, the 8th of November. The topic will be GO BAGS.

RACES will meet on the 2nd (November 9th) and 4th (November 23rd) Wednesdays. Steve WL7CMA is anxious to submit a list of 6 to 8 active members (who have passed IS-022) to the county and FEMA.

Drawing:

Bill AF7E won a one year subscription to World Radio.

Meeting Adjourned:

Bill AF7E moved and several members seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Doris
KD7RQX

Local hams Wes KD7PXK and Suzanne AA7AY were attacked last month in the mountains east of Laramie by a small T-Rex sometime around Halloween. Photo by Wayne NQ7Q.

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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