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Riverdale Fire Station



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PREVIOUS CLUB MEETING/ACTIVITY

December Activity

Family Christmas Dinner

3rd Saturday 15 December 2018

5:00 PM

Golden Corral Buffet

NEXT CLUB MEETING/ACTIVITY

January Meeting

Riverdale Fire Station

3rd Saturday 19 January 2019

TOPIC

Byron Hellewell, NJ7J

IRLP repeaters

PREVIOUS MEETINGS PICS

Club Photographer

Rick Hansen N7EGA







More pics available on the club website

<http://OgdenARC.org/fdinner2018.html>

Dave's Rag Chew



Dave Mamanakis KD7GR

Greetings and Happy New Year!

It is always at this time of year that I reflect on how to “be better”. You know, New Year’s Resolutions!? I try to make Resolutions that I can work on a little here and a little there. One of the things that this brings to my mind is Elmering.

We have a good number of people get their Amateur Radio Licenses, but then, they don’t come to the meetings, or they put the radio in a box and never use it. I think a lot of people get their license and ask, “Now What?”

Well, that is a very good question!

And one that has been discussed in the Newsletter, in some of our meetings and gatherings, and by the ARRL. In our club, Stan received an award for his mentoring efforts, Congratulations and Thank You, Stan!

What we need are our Active Hams to offer to be Elmers to all our newly licensed. I’m not just talking in the way of “answering questions” or “helping decide x vs. y” or something equally routine. I think I’d like to see something a little more specific...

Don’t get me wrong, we still need Elmers who can and will answer questions and help us decide what equipment (etc) we should get, but we also need Elmers to say, “I’m going to operate CW, QRP, on Wednesday night, is there anyone who’d like to come and participate?”, or, “I’m working FT8, to get ‘all states worked’, would anyone like to come participate?” ...

Or, conversely, we need Hams to ask for mentoring help, “I’d like to learn to operate Digital, can someone help me?”, or “I’d like to use HF to make some DX contacts, is there someone who would like to help?” We need people to see the whats, whys and hows and to experience Ham Radio... to put their hands on the radio and “do it”!

I think Elmering in this way is “taking it to the next level”! I think it is just what we need to get people more interested, to get them involved, and get them on the air! I’m just going to ask that you all give it some thought, see if there is an area where you might be able to be an Elmer, and then, make the offer...

And, don’t feel like you need to go through some kind of official process, there is no process. If you need to use the repeater, like the Ham-n-Eggs Net on Tuesday nights... while, yes, we do need to coordinate that kind of activity, it isn’t impossible, it isn’t hard, and, in fact, we encourage it! Just ask! We’d like to ENCOURAGE you to use the repeater for activities! We, the Club, will support your Elmering as best we can! We can put things up on the website, in the newsletter, and even mention them during the Nets and meetings!

I’ll let your creative juices flow on this one, but I think we could have a lot of fun AND get people more active in radio!

So if you’ve ever had an idea, thought of a fun activity, wanted to do something but don’t have the knowledge or equipment... I’m encouraging you to “do it”: ask for help or offer help.

As a club, we will help support you and your activities. It is what we are for!
Thanks, all! See you at the next meeting!



OARC COMING EVENTS



Next Meeting

3rd Saturday 19 Jan 2019 @ 9:00 AM

Riverdale Fire Station

More details on the following pages.

Next Tech Class

Each Wednesday in January 2019

Weber Co Sheriff Office

More details to follow later.

Next VE Test Session

1st Wednesday 06 Feb 2019 @ 6:00 PM

CLUB NEWS

Next Meeting

3rd Saturday 19 January 2019 @ 9:00 AM

Riverdale Fire Station

Our speaker for January 2019 will be:

Byron Hellewell, NJ7J

I have asked him to talk to the club about **IRLP repeaters**, operation, courtesy, protocol, and uses.

He maintains the 449.950 Clearfield repeater with IRLP node 3876.

Byron is an electrical engineer and has worked for the USAF on several projects including microwaves.

His amateur radio career as a ham for 45 years, includes holding an Extra Class license, designed and built 5 repeater systems with associated equipment, a VE for 15 years, has taught several up-grade classes, and held a 3rd class FCC phone license.

I am excited to have him as our guest.

73 de Gil

NG7IL

**[You do not need to be licensed to become a member]
[You do not need to be a member to attend]**

**[\$15 single membership, \$25 whole family membership]
[1st year membership is free to newly licensed hams]**

CLUB NEWS

OARC Tech Class

Each Wednesday in January 3, 9, 16, 23, 30, 2019

6:00 PM to 8:00 PM @ Weber Co Sheriff Office,

south of 12th Street, turn on Depot Road.

Cost for book is \$25.00.

CLUB NEWS

HAM and EGGS Net

Tuesday Evenings at 7:00 PM Mountain Time

Mt Ogden 70 cm repeater 448.600 Mhz (- offset, 123.0 PL Tone)

New, Intermediate & Old Timers. Elmering, Education, General Ham Discussion and Rag Chew.

New hams encouraged to check in. Get connected, learn new things and ask questions.

Questions: Larry Griffin AD7GL, ad7gl@arrl.net

Stan Sjol W0KP, stansjol@xmission.com

HOBBY NEWS

Saturday, 02. February 2019, Salt Lake Community College Conference Center, Utah Digital Communications Conference 2019

The third annual Utah Digital Communications Conference will be held on February 2nd, 2019 at the Salt Lake Community College Miller Campus in 9750 South 300 West, Sandy Utah.

The conference will be a fusion of amateur radio communications and maker topics. Amateur radio is the pioneer of digital modes. This conference will focus on the amateur radio hobby that surrounds utilizing digital modes or technology in the hobby. Current emerging topics such as digital modes for emergency communications and building your own components.

To register go to event bright and pay the registration fee of \$15.00

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/utah-digital-communications-confernce-2019-tickets-52509019892?invite=&err=29&referrer=&discount=&affiliate=&eventpassword=>

If you have questions please direct them to John Jacobs, W7DBO,
johnwjacobs@gmail.com

HOBBY NEWS



The ARRL Rocky Mountain Division Convention

Hosted By Utah Hamfest and Utah Amateur Radio Events

8,9,10 August 2019

Weber State University, Shepard Union Building.

This will be an outstanding opportunity for all Amateur Radio Operators.

We are seeking **Volunteers** yes that means you to assist with committees and help with the planning for this event.

Please contact one of the following to let us know where you would like to help out, or if you have any questions about this event.

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Mel Parkes, NM7P, nm7p@msn.com, 801-673-6116

HOBBY NEWS

Last month Dave's president letter addressed this issue. Here is a ARRL letter on the same subject.

ARRL, FCC Discussing Issue of Uncertified Imported VHF/UHF Transceivers

ARRL has taken exception to the wording of a September 24 FCC *Enforcement Advisory* pertaining to the importation, marketing, and sale of VHF and UHF transceivers, and is in discussions with FCC personnel to resolve the matter. The *Enforcement Advisory* was in response to the importation into the US of certain radio products that are not FCC certified for use in any radio service, but identified as Amateur Radio equipment.

"While much of this equipment is actually usable on amateur bands, the radios are also capable of operation on non-amateur frequencies allocated to radio services that require the use of equipment that has been FCC certified," ARRL said. "Such equipment is being marketed princi-

pally to the general public via mass e-marketers and not to Amateur Radio licensees."

ARRL said the result is that the general public has been purchasing these radios in large quantities, and they are being used on the air by unlicensed individuals.

"Radio amateurs have complained of increased, unlicensed use of amateur allocations by people who are clearly unlicensed and unfamiliar with Amateur Radio operating protocols," ARRL said. While it supports the general tenor and intent of the *Enforcement Advisory*, ARRL said it disagrees with the FCC on one point.

"In several places, the *Enforcement Advisory* makes the point that 'anyone



importing, advertising, or selling such noncompliant devices should stop immediately, and anyone owning such devices should not use them,"

ARRL pointed out. "The *Advisory* broadly prohibits the 'use' of such radios, but our view is that there is no such prohibition relative to licensed Amateur Radio use — entirely within amateur allocations — of a radio that may be capable of operation in non-amateur spectrum, as long as it is not actually used to *transmit* in non-amateur spectrum."

ARRL has had extensive and ongoing discussions about this issue with FCC Wireless Bureau and Enforcement Bureau staff.



California Radio Amateur Receives Notice of Unlicensed Operation from FCC

11/26/2018

The FCC Enforcement Bureau on November 7 issued a *Notice of Unlicensed Operation* ([NoUO](#)) to Technician licensee Daryl Thomas, KE6MWS, of Carmichael, California, for allegedly operating an unlicensed FM radio station.

On October 10, 2018, an Enforcement Bureau agent from the FCC's San Francisco Office responded to a complaint of an unlicensed FM station operating on 95.7 MHz in Carmichael.

The agent confirmed by direction-finding techniques that a signal on 95.7 MHz was emanating from a residence, and Thomas subsequently admitted that he was the operator of this station, the FCC said in the *NoUO*.

The agent measured the field strength of the signal found that it exceeded the maximum permitted level of 250 μ V per meter at 3 meters, established under Part 15.

The *Notice* cautioned Thomas that operation of radio transmitting equipment without a valid radio station authorization, or in violation of the Commission's RF radiation limits, constitutes a violation of the federal laws cited above and could subject the operator to severe penalties, including, but not limited to, substantial monetary fines, in rem seizure of the offending radio equipment, and criminal sanctions including imprisonment.

"Unlicensed operation of this radio station must be discontinued immediately and must not resume," the *Notice* warned.



FCC Tells LED Sign Marketers to Abide by Statutes and Rules

12/03/2018

The FCC Enforcement Bureau [has called on](#) marketers of light-emitting diode (LED) signs to ensure that these lights comply with FCC rules. Since March of this year, the agency has entered into 21 settlement agreements with companies that marketed noncompliant LED signs in violation of the Communications Act and FCC rules. The settlements yielded approximately \$850,000 in penalties, and commitments to ensure compliance with the law going forward.

Adherence to the FCC's equipment authorization and marketing rules is critical because radio frequency emissions from the signs may cause harmful interference to licensed communications, such as wireless services, the FCC said.

"In light of these recent settlements, we remind LED sign marketers of their obligations under the law," said Enforcement Bureau Chief Rosemary Harold. "The FCC takes seriously its responsibility in ensuring that energy-emitting devices like LED lights do not interfere with authorized transmissions."

LED lights are often used in digital billboards and other commercial and industrial applications, including billboards and large video displays in sports arenas. Given the electrical design of these lights, they may emit RF energy. Prior to being marketed in the US, LED sign models must be tested and comply with FCC technical standards and must include the proper labeling, identification, and user information disclosures. The FCC Office of Engineering and Technology (OET) oversees the equipment authorization [process](#) for RF devices, including LED signs.

The Enforcement Bureau investigated hundreds of indoor and outdoor LED sign models and discovered repeated FCC rule violations concerning the failure to market the models with the required equipment authorizations, labeling, and user information disclosures. To settle its respective investigation, each company verified that the models at issue were brought into compliance with FCC rules, agreed to pay a monetary penalty, and committed to abide by a compliance plan to improve internal procedures to avoid future violations.

The Bureau has settled 21 investigations to date, with penalties as high as \$115,000. [Each settlement](#) is available on the FCC Enforcement Bureau home page.

GUEST ARTICLE

by Dan KB6NU

Make ham radio a habit

Every week, I get an email newsletter from Penguin Random House called *Signature*. *Signature* includes links to articles about books and writing. Being a writer, I clicked on the link to "5 Good Writing Habits You Need to Learn Now." As I was reading the article, it occurred to me that the advice could also apply to amateur radio.

So, with apologies to the author, Lorraine Berry, here are five things you can do to make ham radio a habit:

To get on the air more, or to do more building, set up a time to do it. If you enjoy getting on the air or homebrewing, but never seem to be able to find the time to do it, you need to put it on your schedule. Set aside the time a couple of days, or a week, or even a month in advance, and you'll be more likely to do it. If you set up a regular time every week, pretty soon it will be a habit.

If ham radio is important to you, create an environment that encourages you to do ham radio. To make ham radio a habit, you really need a place that's set up to do ham radio. If you have to dig out and set up your equipment every time that you want to get on the air, you're just not going to do it. You need a "shack" that makes it easier for you to engage in the hobby. Richards, K8JHR, gave me some great advice back in 2012 on where and how to set up a shack (<https://www.kb6nu.com/building-a-new-shack/>).

Create temptations that reward you for your new habit of ham radio. For me, being able to make interesting contacts, or building some new gizmo, is reward enough, but you may want to reward yourself with a beer or some ice cream after an operating session.

Make it easy to do what you like to do. This is related to #4. Your shack should have everything you need to easily do whatever ham radio activities you enjoy doing. If you enjoy operating, then it should have a nice operating desk. If you enjoy building, then set it up so that all of your tools are readily accessible. The easier it is to do, the more likely it is that you'll do it. If you enjoy operating portable, then build up a kit that has all the stuff you need, and have it ready to go when you're ready to go.

Start with the Two-Minute Rule for new habits and continue from there. The "two minute rule" (<https://www.lifehack.org/articles/productivity/how-stop-procrastinating-and-stick-good-habits-using-the-2-minute-rule.html>) is a tool to help you overcome procrastination. The idea is to allot just two minutes to a task that you'd like to complete or a skill that you'd like to develop. It's a small commitment, but enough to get you started, and the idea is that once you're started on a particular task or project, continuing work on that task or project becomes a lot easier. Those two minutes could easily become a half hour or an hour once you've gotten the ball rolling.

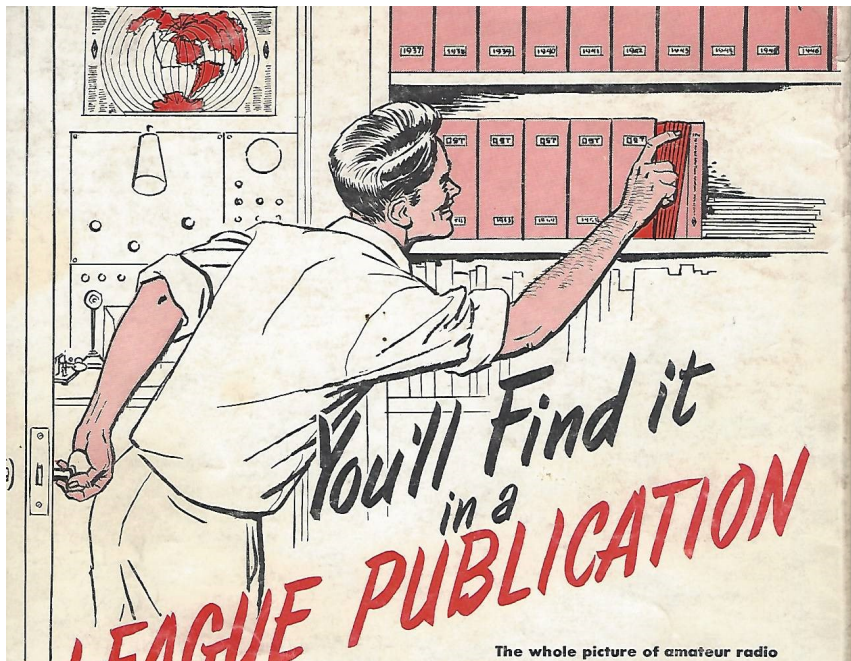
Armed with this advice, I'm expecting you to be a more active ham in 2019. I'll be listening for you on 40 m.

FEATURED ARTICLE

by Kent Gardner WA7AHY

\$600.00 QST Scam?

Ever since I became an amateur radio operator (Novice 1960 and General 1964) I have enthusiastically subscribed to QST. The magazine is sent out to all those who join the Amateur Radio Relay League (ARRL). I have now been a member of ARRL for over 55 years. The league encouraged all subscribers to keep the magazines handy for quick reference as shown below. Notice the cost of the Handbook was only \$4.00.



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I have dutifully kept up on my QST collection and now have almost 600 magazines.



At about ½ pound each, that is over 300 pounds. Such weight poses several problems when it comes to shipping. I just turned 77 and with a cancer scare in 2015, I began to wonder how my family would dispose of these valuable QSTs, when I was gone.

I tried all the university libraries in Northern Utah to donate the entire collection to them and maybe use a donation that I could put in my tax return. Utah State University had a complete collection and someone was paying the annual subscription fee so the collection stayed up-to-date. All the other universities had no interest in them. I guess most libraries don't do magazines any more. I tried several swap meets, but no one showed the least bit of interested. Yes, now you can buy yearly DVDs that include all QSTs, and other ARRL issues for about \$25.00 for the year. The ARRL sends me a \$10.00 gift certificate for my birthday (30Dec). I order the DVDs on line and with the \$10.00 certificate they only cost \$15.00 out of pocket. I have noticed that a goodly number of hams bring a year's worth of QSTs and other ham magazines to ham club meetings and give them away to new hams so I decided I would try to sell them on KSL Classifieds as follows:

For Sale: Ham Radio QST magazine collection. From the early 1960s to the present. \$600.00. Less than six are missing. Comes out to be \$1.00 per issue.

I finished putting them on line about midnight 15 December 2018. I put the phone down next to my bed and went to sleep. Less than two hours later I groggily noticed that my phone's light was blinking, meaning I had an incoming message. I was too sleepy so didn't look at it until morning. Lo and behold, someone wanted to buy my collection. To show the thought processes on what was going through my mind and maybe trying to second guess who would want to buy them I am dividing the document into two columns to show how the text messages progressed and what my thought process was at the time.

16Dec18 6:51 AM

TNX Kent

Hello, do you still have the QST magazine collection.
\$600.

8:33 AM

Yes, they are as seen in the photo. I have inventoried them in the past and I have those notes, but if interested I plan to do it again before the sale. TNX Kent, WA7AHY

Okay, I really appreciate your response, my name is Bryan by the way. Can I have your name and mailing Address for me to issue out a Cashier's check I will make arrangement for the pickup after payment has been received and cleared in your account. I would not mind adding \$50.00 if you retain it for me and Please take the posting off and consider it sold to me

8:47 AM

Great. Where do you live?

My info is:

Kent S. Gardner, WA7AHY

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Depending on your mode of transportation I can box them up or we can do it together to make sure all is well with you.

I will go in and close out the posting now.

Don't worry about the \$50.00

How, in the world, did or could he, respond so quickly? Did he have some kind of robotic data collector?

I noticed that the text message phone number was a 707 area code.

Wow, here was a great chance for me to sell my collection at full price. The thought of a scam crossed my mind, but this shipper idea was new to me and I really "wanted this to be real".

Am in Georgia, a shipper will be coming to your location for pickup as soon as you have payment. Cool. I will get back to you as soon as I mail out the package.

16Dec18

8:59

OK. I am curious how you happen to be monitoring KSL in Salt Lake? We can talk later about whether the shipper will do the packing/boxing. TNX Kent

I resell stuffs, taking advantage of regional price differences? That's always seemed like a good business model, to me.

12/18/18 11.09

Kent S. Gardner how are you doing today ?

This is Bryan that contacted you about the QST magazine collection you are selling for \$600. I am presently on a business trip to negotiate a business contract so I had to keep you updated about the payment.

I want you to know that the payment has already been mailed out and will be delivered to you soon. I need you to keep an eye out for it in the mail and please let me know once you have it with you okay .

Georgia? Why would someone be in Georgia and have to pay for shipment of the heavy magazines?

I guess I am not up on being a reseller. I went online and Googled Georgia resellers. There were literally hundreds of websites listed. I still don't know if other states have the same reseller laws and thought that he must have chosen Georgia because of their friendly reseller laws.

His general tone made me think that he was an older person.

I looked up a scam warning page on KSL and began to pick up on several different scams that KSL had experienced. The page warned me that something may be sounding fishy here. Most situations were from a buyer's standpoint. I was the seller this time so I kept up the text messaging thinking that when I got the cashier's check, I would deposit it in the bank and wait for it to fund. A credit union friend told me that Georgia was in a different federal banking district/zone and would take longer to fund than from a local bank.

I am beginning to notice that his texts show a foreign accent. Either he is doing everything on his smart phone and cutting corners or is struggling to keep up with proper grammar and spelling rules.

Pls check again with me if your data I have is correct:

Kent S. Gardner,

Not shown for this article .

Hi, my address info is correct. I have not rcvd anything from you as yet.

TNX

Kent

07/:21 AM

Wed 19Dec19

Hi how are you doing today? Happy New Year in advance.

I am very sorry for the late update here is the USPS tracking number 9205590230421100004070 to the payment that will deliver to you Need you to watch out for it in the mail and pls let me know once you have it with you okay .

Wed 19Dec19

9:43 AM

I have watching for the mailing, but have been in hospital over Christmas, if you can believe. Don't know if I can go home period. My wife is watching for it. TNX Kent

8:59 AM Good morning and how was your night?

I was notified by you USPS that payment is out for delivery and will be deliver to your address soon. PLS I just got word from my secretary regarding the payment sent. The payment she issued includes the funds for the item and mover's fee for the item and the other items I am moving from the local area as well. Once the funds from the deposit are available for use, kindly deduct the fee for your item and I will provide you where the rest will be paid so that pickup can be made okay.

I don't know how he knows on what to base the shipping charges. He seems to indicate that the shipper has other items to pick up beside my magazines. This may be the first indication that I may have to reimburse him for those extra charges? This may be part of the scam.

Some of the scams have you deposit the cashiers check and then send extra charges out of the buyers own pocket, however much that would be. Then, even though the bank deposited the check then it won't fund so the person loses what he sent for the extra charges. This doesn't appear to be my situation, but the situation is changing to a point that it was worrisome

9:26 AM

Message received but not understood. I have been in the hospital so may have to put you off depending on when the check comes through. Again, the rest was confusing. TNX Kent

I just got to know that my secretary mistakenly mail out your payment with money meant to be for my movers. I have items I bought already which covers insurance they will be helping me pickup as well before coming to your end okay.

Once the payment will deliver to your address and have been deposited for cash you are to deduct your money and I will tell you how to handle the rest so that pickup can take place okay.

I am sorry you are having problems. I think it is best to call the sale off. Best of luck in your move. Also, I noticed that your area code was in California.

10:26

Yes, I text you earlier that I am presently in Ca. on a business trip to negotiate a business contract..

I already make arrangement with my movers coming for the pickup at your end that is just after I confirm payment receive by you okay.

10:35 AM

No. Please cancel the shippers. I am sorry. Things are just not making sense. I will not accept the check if it comes or will return without depositing. I will also have to turn the shippers away should they show up. TNX Kent.

This is my chance to begin to back out of the deal by telling him I don't understand.

Again, some lack of proper grammar and use of English appears to be more evident. I think things are happening too fast to correct any initial errors in spelling and grammar.

Nothing was said about insurance and apparently the mistake by his secretary that some of the money was meant for the shippers.

Here is where I called off the transactions. I was still nice to him by commenting about his moving (from Georgia).

His explanation about his being in California to explain the 707 area code didn't add up. He was struggling to keep things going.

I gave him an emphatic NO and told him I would not go through with it.

Lo and behold, a USPS Priority Mail envelope shows up on my front porch just a half an hour after I texted him NO.

I was so glad that I told him NO before the check came.

Not once did he call me on the phone or use email. Everything was text only. So now everything moved into high gear for my wife and I.

By the way, the return address was from Kim Service Inc. Second line Paul Morrison of Bloomfield, New Jersey. Was mailed from area code 77301. I Googled it and it was from Conroe, Texas.

The following is what my wife Lauralee and I did after the package/probable check arrived.

Since I had promised to not open it, we took it to the post office and asked how we could return it or in their words, refuse it.

The other two clerks at the windows overheard our conversation and all three immediately agreed that we should just turn it over to the USPS Postal Inspector and just leave it at that. I just about did that, but how would the inspector know the background of our text exchanges. I told them I would go back home and type up a summary of all the text exchanges etc. and would return. The office was to close in two hours.

We got back home and my wife and I tried to highlight all the text on my smart phone and email it to ourselves, but could only do one paragraph/message at a time. She read me all the texts and I typed as fast as I could (which is pretty fast).

It took us an hour and a half to get it all down on paper. I put a short statement at the beginning explaining what I could. The above column text is the result of our efforts. In my haste I probably made some small errors etc, but it had to do. The buyer's language and grammatical skills, hopefully were evident anyway.

We made it back to the Post Office with 15 minutes to spare. It was the fun topic among the three clerks. We gave them the envelope and the accompanying letter.

Just in passing, I verbalized out loud that I was going to go back and send a final text back to the guy letting him know what we had done. One of the clerks, very loudly, exclaimed that I should NOT do that. I was to just leave it alone and let the Postal Inspector handle it from here.

I dearly wanted the satisfaction of telling him, but I promised my wife that I wouldn't and I didn't. I got one more text from his as follows ((Monday 8:19)

"I want you to take the check to your bank once it opens this morning and have it deposited in your account for cash out and withdraw the difference of the money for my movers and let me know once you have the cash with you so that we can schedule pickup okay."

I did not respond.

Additional notes:

KSL warns that these kinds of buyers usually look for big ticket items like washers and dryer and TVs etc. I made copies of both sides of the Priority Mail envelope. Also, my cancer scare seems to have gone away. I do yearly checkups now instead of 6 months. I am due for 22Jan19.

So, did I do right by turning the envelope into the Postal Inspector, or was I that close to selling my QSTs for \$600.00?

TNX Kent, WA7AHY



Club Swapmeet



“SALE” or “WANTED” ITEMS NEEDED

OARC's **O-bay (On-Line Swap-Meet) items needed** for the web site...

Visit OgdenARC.org then click O-Bay Swap

FEATURED ITEMS

SWAP ITEM # 188

FOR SALE: * SOLD *****

ICOM IC-756 Pro II Transceiver (100 Watt HF/6M):

with built-in Antenna Tuner, built-in CW Keyer, 102 Memories, Analog multi-function meter, dual VFOs, DSP filters.

with ICOM included: HM-36: Hand-Held Microphone, Power Cable, and User Manual.

Supports: SSB (USB, LSB), CW, AM, FM, RTTY, + Digital modes interface.

INCLUDED >>> ICOM SP-21: External Speaker (value=\$100)

INCLUDED >>> SEC-1223: 12 Volt 23 Amp Switching Power Supply (value=\$100)

EXCELLENT LIKE-NEW CONDITION.

ALL YOU NEED IS AN HF ANTENNA to get on the air.

PRICE: \$ 756.42 * SOLD *****

CONTACT: Val Campbell - K7HCP, email = k7hcp@arrl.net, phone/voice mail/text = 801-389-0690

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Club Swapmeet



“SALE” or “WANTED” ITEMS NEEDED

OARC's O-bay (On-Line Swap-Meet) items needed for the web site...

Visit OgdenARC.org then click O-Bay Swap

FEATURED ITEMS

SWAP ITEM # 187

FOR FREE:

I have some new Sinclair 220 duplexers, rugged 5-element Sinclair yagis, and some Sinclair 220 isolator panels.

No cost... was a donation from unused surplus federal equipment as they changed systems.

PRICE: \$0

CONTACT: Mike Collett K7DOU, k7dou@comcast.net 801-550-5101

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SWAP ITEM # 186

FOR SALE:

The January VHF contest is coming. I've decided I'm to old for mountain topping anymore and am selling my multimode equipment.

- Kenwood TS-790 VHF/UHF all mode transceiver. 45W on 2m and 40W on 70cm. = \$450
- Teletec DXP-V175 2 meter Brick, 50W in 175W out. = \$175
- Astron SS30M 30amp switching power supply. = \$75
- 2 Cushcraft 10 element 2m Yagis. = \$25 ea
- AEA 14 element 70cm Yagi. = \$50

PRICE: \$675 for the lot.

Will throw in two 20' TV masts and guys.

Also assorted RG8 and RG213 coax cables.

CONTACT: Charlie Schmalz N7SFT; 801-782-1427

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SWAP ITEM # 176

FOR SALE:

40ft mobile air pushup tower.

Includes spare tire for trailer, leveling feet for trailer and guy straps with ground stakes.

Trailer requires 2 inch ball.

PRICE: \$3000

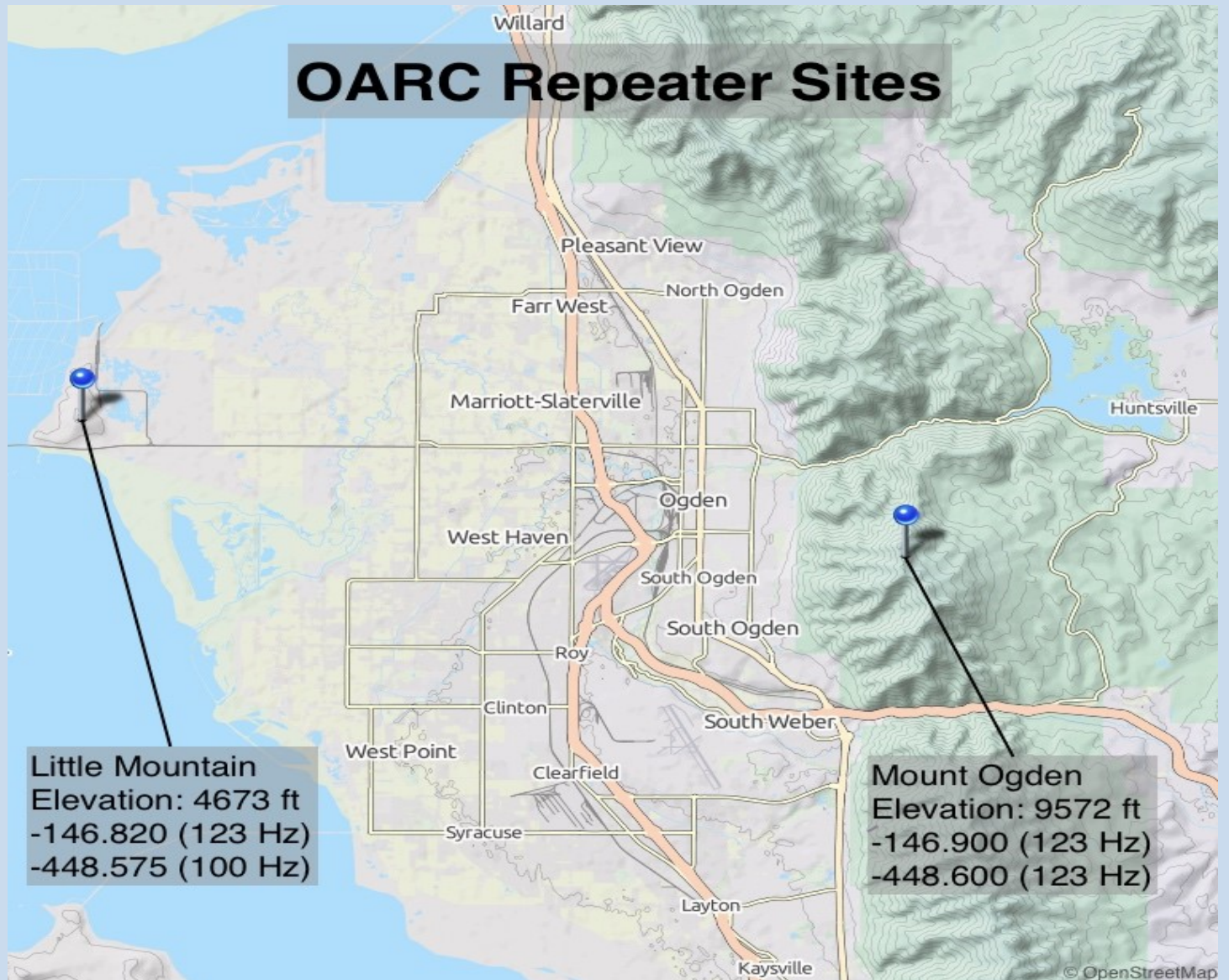
CONTACT: John - N7WZ, jbinc@xmission.com, 208.520.3537 (leave message)

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CLUB REPEATER NEWS



Scott Willis KD7EKO



Mike Fullmer KZ7O

Scott Willis KD7EKO and Mike Fullmer KZ7O are the OARC repeater engineers that keep our club repeaters at Mt Ogden and Little Mountain operational.

OARC YAHOO GROUP




Did you know that OARC has a Yahoo Group?

We occasionally communicate with our OARC members via the Yahoo Group. Receive notices regarding upcoming club meetings and future e-newsletter release notices and much more like CHAT items of interest.

You can also send/receive notices to/from other group members yourself.

It's easy to sign up...



Just click on the  icon at the top of the club website home page and then follow the Yahoo Group instructions to create yourself a user ID and password.

OARC You Tube Channel



Did you know that OARC has a You Tube Channel ?

A lot of our meeting presentations are recorded and posted to our OARC You Tube channel for you to view at a later date.

It's easy to view missed



meetings...

Just click on the icon on the right hand panel of the club website home page to view recorded meetings preserved for your viewing pleasure.

Club Badges

OARC Club badges are available for all licensed club members.

The cost is \$10.00 each. The badge comes with a “MAGNETIC” clip. Badge includes your Call Sign in large letters and your First Name in a somewhat smaller font in white lettering on a pitch black background with the club logo. See example below.



Place your order along with \$10.00 in advance for each badge ordered and specify Call Sign and First Name. Contact webmaster or any club officer via email or contact the club treasurer at the next club meeting.

For additional information see club website left side menu and click “Join” to fill out a club application form to order a club badge.

OARC MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

SUPPORT YOUR RADIO CLUB

Don't forget to signup/renew your OARC membership now (\$15) which runs August to August. Consider signing up your spouse as well.

Ham + Spouse = \$15 + \$10 = \$25

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Join OARC

Renew your membership now!

Membership in the Ogden Amateur Radio Club is open to anyone interested in Amateur Radio. You do not need an amateur license to join us. You do not need to join the club to participate with us. Dues are used to operate the club, field day activities, and repeater equipment maintenance.

Joining is easy. Come to a club meeting or fill out an application form from the club website (click "Join" from the left side main menu). Instructions for mailing on the form.

DUES: Dues are \$15.00 per person and runs August - August. (Ham + spouse = \$25.) More than one ham in the family? Consider the OARC Family plan for \$25.

NOTE: New Hams >>> Membership in OARC is complimentary for remainder of 1st year licensed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Club Meeting:

3rd Saturday of each Month

The Ogden Amateur Radio Club meetings are usually held on the **3rd Saturday** of each month.

Meeting/Activity:

See notices above

Talk-in: **-146.82 (pl 123.0)**

Check OARC web site for details

www.ogdenarc.org

Please invite a friend to join you. You do not have to be a member of the club to participate in our club meetings or activities. We invite all to join us.

If anyone is interested in doing a presentation on something or just have something unique to show at the meetings. - Please get a hold of any of the officers and let us know.

Next Weber Co VE Test Session:

1st Wednesday Feb, Jun & Oct

Exam sessions are held in Ogden every few months, **usually** the first Wednesday in February, June, and October.

Time: 06:00 PM *Walk-ins allowed*

Location: Permanent location

**Weber County Sheriff Office
Training Room
712 W 12th Street Ogden Utah**

Contact: VE Liaison:

Rick Morrison W7RIK (Liaison)

morrisonri@msn.com (801-791-9364)

Jason Miles KE7IET (IT)

Cost: \$ 14.00

Two forms of **ID**, one of which must be a **picture ID**.

For "Upgrades" bring current **license** and a **copy** of current license, and any **CSCE's**

Most **calculators** allowed. Calculator memories must be cleared before use.

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Club Call Sign

Listen to the club repeaters for this very familiar CW ID. You do know Morse Code don't you?

W7SU

ARRL Field Day is held on the last full weekend of June every year.

Location may vary each year so watch this notice for details as time draws near.

See you there.

OARC REPEATERS			
(*) Yaesu Fusion digital/FM compatible			
FREQ	CLUB	TONE	LOCATION
146.900-	OARC (*)	122 DCS	Mt Ogden
448.600-	OARC (*)	123.0	Mt Ogden
146.820-	OARC (*) "Talk-in"	123.0	Little Mtn
448.575-	OARC	100.0	Little Mtn (w/auto patch)

OTHER AREA REPEATERS			
FREQ	CLUB	TONE	LOCATION
146.620-	UARC	none	Farnsworth Pk
147.120+	UARC	100.0	Farnsworth Pk
449.100-	UARC	146.2	Farnsworth Pk
449.500-	UARC	100.0	Farnsworth Pk
147.040+	DCARC	123.0	Antelope Isl
447.200-	DCARC	127.3	Antelope Isl
449.925-	DCARC	100.0	No Salt Lake
145.290-	GSARC	123.0	Brigham City
145.430-	GSARC	123.0	Brigham City
147.220+	GSARC	123.0	Brigham City
448.300-	GSARC	123.0	Brigham City
146.640-	BARC	none	Logan
146.720-	BARC	103.5	Mt Logan
147.260+	BARC	103.5	Promontory Pt
449.625-	BARC	103.5	Mt Logan
145.250-	WSU	123.0	* coming soon
449.250-	WSU	123.0	* coming soon
145.490-	K7HEN	123.0	Promontory Pt
146.920-	N7TOP	123.0	Promontory Pt
449.775-	N7TOP	123.0	Promontory Pt
147.100+	Morgan	123.0	Morgan Co
448.825-	IRLP/Echo	123.0	Clearfield City
449.950-	IRLP	123.0	Clearfield City
449.425-	IRLP	100.0	Nelson Peak
147.360+	Summit Co	100.0	Lewis Peak

AREA CLUB MEETINGS & WEB SITES

CLUB	WEB SITE	DATE/TIME	LOCATION
OgdenARC	ogdenarc.org	3 rd Saturday 09:00 am	Check OARC web site ...
WC Sheriff Comm-O		1 st Saturday 10:00 am	Weber Co. Sheriff Complex West 12 th Street Ogden Utah
Barc	barconline.org	2 nd Saturday 10:00 am	Cache Co. Sheriffs Complex 200 North 1400 West Logan Ut
CSErg	dcarc.net /ares.htm/	Last Wednesday 8:30pm	Clearfield City Hall Clearfield Utah
DCarc	dcarc.net	2 nd Saturday 10:00 am	Davis Co. Sheriff Complex Farmington Utah
NU Ares	home.comcast.net/ ~noutares/	3 rd Wednesday 7:00 pm	Cache Co. Sheriff Office Logan Utah
Uarc	xmission.com /~uarc/	1 st Thursday 7:30 pm	UofU EMC Bldg Room 101 Salt Lake City Utah
UVarc	https://uvarc.club	1 st Thursday 6:30 pm	Orem City Council Chamber Room 56 North State St. Orem Utah
GSarc	Ubetarc.org	Check Website	Check Website
Utah DX Association	udxa.org	3 rd Wednesday check web page for details	check web page for details Salt Lake City area
UvhfS	ussc.com /~uvhfs/	Each Tuesday 8:00 pm (refer to web site)	Weekly 2 meter net (no eye ball meetings)
WDArc	westdesertarc.org/	1 st Tuesday 7:00 pm	Tooele County Courthouse Tooele Utah
WsuArc	https://groups.google.com/forum/#! forum/wsuarc	3 rd Thursday 5:30 pm	WSU Blding #4 Room ? Ogden Utah

LOCAL AREA NETS

DATE	CLUB	FREQ
Daily @ 12:30 PM mt	Utah Beehive net HF	7.272 Mhz HF LSB
Daily @ 07:30 PM mt	Utah Code net HF	3.570 Mhz HF CW
Daily @ 02:00 UTC	Utah Farm net HF	3.937 Mhz HF LSB
Sunday @ 8:45 AM	Ogden Old Timers HF net	7.193 Mhz HF LSB
Sunday @ 7:30 PM	GS ARC	145.430 - 123.0 (training net)
Sunday @ 8:30 PM	SATERN Net	145.900 - 123.0
Sunday @ 9:00 PM	Morgan Co Net	147.100 +123.0
Sunday @ 9:00 PM	UARC Info net	146.620- no PL tone required
Monday @ 9:00 PM	2-meter SSB net	144.250 Mhz 2-meter USB
Tuesday @ 7:00 PM	OARC—Ham & Eggs Net	448.600 -123.0
Tuesday @ 8:00 PM	Weber ARES	448.600 - 123.0
Tuesday @ 8:00 PM	VHF Society Swap	147.120 + 100.0
Tuesday @ 9:00 PM	Bridgerland ARC	147.260 + 103.5
Wednesday @ 8:00 PM	GS ARC	145.290-, 145.430-, 448.300- (all 123.0)
Wednesday @ 8:30 PM	CSERG	145.770 simplex
Wednesday @ 9:00 PM	No. Utah 10m HF net	28.313 Mhz HF USB
Wednesday @ 9:00 PM	6-meter SSB net	50.125 Mhz 6-meter USB
Thursday @ 6:30 PM	Davis Co Elmers Net	147.040 + 123.0 New Hams
Thursday @ 8:00 PM	Weber State ARC	146.820 - 123.0 (coming soon)
Thursday @ 8:00PM	State RACES VHF/IRLP	145.490 - 123.0, 146.680 - 123.0 3 rd Thursday - even months only
Thursday @ 8:30 PM	Davis ARES	147.420 = simplex
Thursday @ 9:00PM	Wasatch Back Net	147.360 + 100.0
Saturday @ 8:00AM mst	RACES State HF	3.920 Mhz HF LSB 3 rd Saturday – odd months only
Saturday @ 11:00AM mst	QCWA net HF	7.272 Mhz HF LSB

OARC OFFICERS

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Gil Leonard NG7IL

Activity Director:

Bob Smith KG7EIZ

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NL Editor: Val Campbell K7HCP

"OARC" web site

Webmaster: Val Campbell K7HCP

OTHER CLUB APPOINTMENTS

VE Liaison: Richard Morrison W7RIK
Jason Miles KE7IET (IT)

Repeater Engineers: Mike Fullmer KZ7O
Scott Willis KD7EKO

Photographer: Ceva Cottrell W7CVA
Asst Photographer: Rick Hansen N7EGA

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