

W7TCK News

Capital City Amateur Radio Club

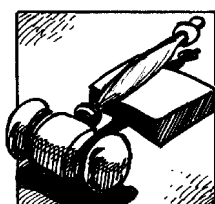
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John McDougall K7JM – Editor

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From The Pres...

I'll start off by letting everyone know that probably I won't be at the coming club meeting on the 1st. I've had a family emergency come up, and unless something changes I will be out of town dealing with it during the club meeting, so someone else will be in charge.



I can finally officially say "only four more articles to write after this one"... Although I've been counting the remaining articles in private for a few months now. Writing this article every month has been one of the bigger struggles for me during my presidency. After a while, you start feeling like you've said everything a dozen times before. Hopefully I don't sound too much like a broken record each month.

As many of you are aware, and as I stated during the last meeting, I've officially decided not to run for re-election as your President this next year. The reasons are numerous but can mostly be boiled down to wanting to dedicate my time and efforts.
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AUGUST MEETING Board of Directors

Monday
August 1
Salvation Army
Church
1905 Henderson
7:00 pm.



- Pres: Forrest Christian, AC7DE
- Vice Pres: John Curry, K7EBL
- Sec.: Rich Weddle, N7GC
- Tres.: Dan Stinson, KC7KKH
- Newsletter Editor: John McDougall K7JM
- Training: John Geach, KS7R
- Technical: Don Heide, W7MRI
- Volunteer Exam Team Leader: John Geach, KS7R

Upcoming Events

Here is some info from Joe Overstreet W1YV in Moscow, ID. cavalryjoe@hotmail.com
They are having several special events stations for Lewis & Clark in Idaho.
Sept 12th and 13th from Lolo Pass, W7L on 20 and 40.
Oct 1st and 2nd from Canoe Camp W7S all bands
Oct 11th and 12th from Clarkston, ID W7C all bands.
Visitors are welcome to come and guest operate these stations, and there are RV sites at all locations, though it would be a good idea to contact Joe at 785-550-1282 to make sure there is room left before making the trip.

Don W7MRI

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toward a couple of other projects I have been putting off for some time.

In reality, I had pretty much decided that this was my last year when I ran for re-election last year. I had been struggling with the decision around this time last year, but decided there were a couple of things I wanted to see accomplished under my tenure and so I decided to continue for one more year. Now that those items have been accomplished (or at least headed in the right direction), I feel that I can turn the reigns over to someone else with a clear conscience.

I am extremely happy with the things I've seen the club do this year. Governor's Cup ran like clockwork. Field Day went extremely well. Several club members helped with the Triathlon. The MCU is in the best shape I've ever seen it. And on and on and on. In addition, I'm hearing some club members with some great ideas for the future. Ideas which may help revitalize the club and ensure CCARC's survival for the future. Hopefully some of these members will step up to the plate and fill in the holes left by myself and any other presidency members who decide, like me, that this is their last year. I feel that this is perfect timing for a new presidency who can break free from past history and try a different approach than the club has been taking for the past few years. Things are changing and the right presidency can mold CCARC to better fit the new face of Amateur Radio in Lewis & Clark County.

I think that's all for now.

73's

Forrest
AC7DE

ARES Notes...

ARES has been asked to participate in a Preparedness Fair, Saturday, September 17 at Capital Hill Mall. Local emergency and public service response



agencies will set up their vehicles in the west parking lot, as well as having tables in the mall.

We have been asked to demonstrate ham radio and to have literature available for interested persons. There will be several planning meetings, so I should have more information as we get closer to that date. Hopefully, we will have operators and the MCU available for the event. Let's plan on discussing it at the next two club meetings.

de Bob K7HLN

From The Editor

This has been a great Ham filled summer. I hope you have been able to get in on some of the fun. There was Governor's Cup, Field Day, Glacier Waterton Hamfest, the Triathlon, and MORE. I am all tuckered out and ready to relax for awhile.



Many of you know by reading these newsletters, what a pack-rat I am. After the 4th of July, my family had to make a "quick trip" out to the Seattle area for a wedding reception. Of course, my eye is always looking out for good Ham deals. I came upon a garage sale that had a box full of ham stuff. I offered the guy 20 bucks and took it away. Inside was a Drake SW8 receiver, a couple of different MFJ active antennas, a speaker console, an MFJ code reader, and a bunch of other goodies. The SW8 alone is worth a couple of hundred bucks new.

Then there is the Hamfest. I managed to pick up a couple of prize articles of Junque and not so Junque. I acquired a nice digital frequency counter and a "NICE" antique Zenith "tombstone" style radio that covers the broadcast band and shortwave from about 1.8 Mhz to about 18 Mhz and it WORKS. It has been restored nicely and it now sits in my living room.g

As I write this, I am reminded of how important it is for us to be prepared for disasters, natural or man made, as we had an earthquake last night that

rocked our house for about 20 seconds and scared us all good. How ready are you?

On another subject, I am about to make a long anticipated move. I am changing careers. After much thought and prayer over about the last year, I am moving from the service industry to a more technical one. As of August 1st, I will no longer be employed by Perkins, but by the Montana Dept. of Transportation as an Electronics Tech. I am very much looking forward to this much needed change. I will let you know how it goes.

I am devoting as much space as possible in the rest of this newsletter to pictures of our great Ham time summer.

73 and God bless you all,

John K7JM - Editor

For Sale

Yamaha Generator: 3000 watt, electric start, 120 and 12 volt output, super quiet, used very little, will start and run large A/C unit, \$1850, contact Bob K7HLN



FCC Proposes to Drop Code

FCC Proposes to Drop Morse Code Requirement for All License Classes

NEWINGTON, CT, July 20, 2005--The FCC has proposed dropping the 5 WPM Morse code element as a requirement to obtain an Amateur Radio license of any class. The Commission recommended the change to its Part 97 Amateur Service rules in a Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM) in WT Docket 05-235. Any rule changes proposed in the NPRM would not become final until the FCC gathers additional public comments, formally adopts any changes to its rules and concludes the proceeding by issuing a Report and Order (R&O) spelling out the changes and specifying an effective date. That's not likely to happen for several months. The FCC declined in its NPRM to go forward with any other suggested changes to Amateur Service licensing rules or operating privileges beyond elimination of the Morse requirement. See the ARRL web site for more information at www.arrl.org

Lewis and Clark Event

I took a couple of digital pix at the Hauser Lake L&C Party last weekend of John and Sam with the clubs mobile unit trailer... 73's Bob KH6GNF Helena





Glacier Waterton Hamfest QRP Seminar with WU7R and K7JM attending



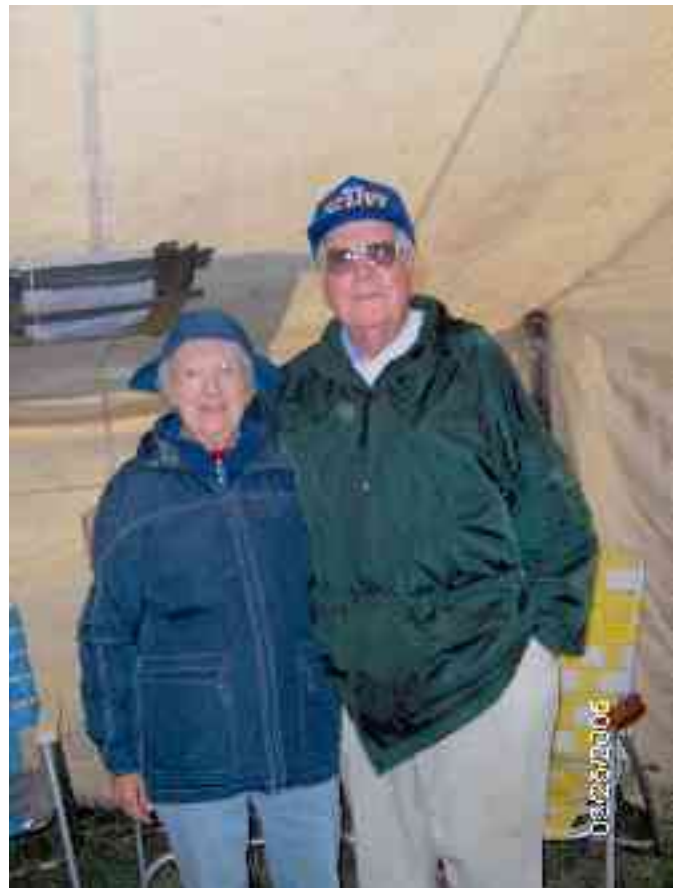
Governor's Cup at Bird's Eye Crossing



The MCU at Governor's Cup



Governor's Cup operations inside the MCU



Our thanks to the Saturday BBQ organizers at Field Day



Hot BBQ ready at Field Day



The CW station at Field Day with John and Ci



Chris making sure our Vertical is Vertical



John and Rich operating SSB at Field Day



MMMM MMMM, What a spread



Field Day fun around the camp fire

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CCARC Regular meetings are at 7:00 pm on the first non-holiday Monday of each month at the Salvation Army Church 1905 Henderson.

VE exams are offered monthly, just prior to the regular CCARC meeting, but on an appointment only basis. If no appointments are made, VE exams will not be scheduled for that month. Those wishing to take an exam should contact John Geach, KS7R, 442-7107 at least two days prior to the CCARC meeting to schedule an exam.

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Biscuits and Gravy

Come to Hardee's on Saturday. Every Saturday morning between 9:30 and 11:00, as many as twenty hams show up for "EYEBALL" QSOs.

COME JOIN THE FUN!



Our own Bill McGuire N7MSI in Iraq.
We Salute You



First Class Mail