

W7TCK News

Capital City Amateur Radio Club

November 2006



PRES SAYS...

DAVE WHITE, WA7YFF

Well, at least there is a few more weeks before fall sets in on . . . Oh, is it November already?

Our antenna projects are supposed to be done by now. We're supposed to finish up pulling cables in the house and put the final solder connections together. But when did we start doing what we're supposed to do?

Fall is the season of change, and so our club quickly approaches some changes. We have the officer nominations this month with elections in December, along with the Ham of the Year designation. We will also vote on constitutional changes on the agenda for this month. And sadly, we will deal with the departure of a mainstay, Bob Solomon K7HLN.

Not that he's leaving the area, but Bob has tendered his resignation as ARES Emergency Coordinator for Lewis and Clark County. As of this writing, Assistant ARES Coordinator Rich Weddle N7GC has agreed to fill the position until the State Coordinator, James (Jim) Fuller N7VR, can appoint a replacement.

Bob will sorely be missed. He has spent countless hours attending meetings, organizing information, and talking on the

telephone. He has kept abreast of the ARES news from the ARRL web site and other state contacts. He knows everyone who's anyone in emergency services in the county and the state.

With Bob at the helm, we always knew that we had someone in the position who could do the job properly and professionally. We knew that CCARC/ARES would be represented in the best possible way. He has set a high standard and will be a very hard act to follow.

Bob, we thank you for all your years of excellent service to Ham Radio and to our community. Please except our best wishes for blessings of

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good health, happiness, and success for years to come.

73,

Dave White, WA7YFF



FROM THE EDITOR

JOHN MCDUGALL, K7JM



Welcome to November. Hunting time! Time to make sure your outdoor Ham equipment is "up to snuff." October has been a slow Ham Radio month at the K7JM QTH. I did manage to do some sheet rock work for my and my XYL's shops. One step closer to making my Ham Shack a reality. :) I also attended the Bozeman hamfest. It was, as usual, a great time. There are always several seminars at the hamfest that are very interesting and informative. One such seminar was simply "Installing Coax Connectors" by Ken Kopp, K0PP. It was so informative and practical. I have been putting coax connectors on coax for close to 30 years and he showed me some great tips that I could have used many many times over the years.

I did not, however, see any new or used gadget I needed to spend money on. There were a log of parts I would like but didn't want to buy, and if you were there, and waited until the end of the Hamfest, you would



A part of the Editor's Hamfest treasures

know that most of the stuff in those piles were **given away** at the end. So, I made my trek home with a couple of boxes FULL of odds and ends pieces of junque. How great is that for a true addict of Ham Radio Junk?

Come to the November meeting as important changes are proposed for our constitution and we will be voting on it. Also, elections are coming up in December with some nominations being made in November. Come and be involved in your Radio Club. I am sure great things are in store for us in the next year.

73 and God bless you all,

John K7JM - Editor



FOR SALE

I am having to sell my beam, rotator and roof tower. The beam is a Cushcraft a3-S with 40 meter add on kit. The rotator is a Hygain Ham 5 with regular analog dial on the controller. The roof tower is Glenn Martin. In 03 I paid about 1450.00 for everything. I would really like to sell it as a package. I am asking 650.00 for the works including coax and rotator cable. I would need assistance in taking it down from the party purchasing it. Everything is as new and has been well taken care of.

My work phone is 495-7372 and my home phone is 443-8192

73, Vaughn, N1XV

LONG DELAYED ECHOES PODCAST

JOHN MCDUGALL, K7JM

Do you listen to Podcasts or Netcasts? What is such an animal, and how do you listen to it?

From Wikipedia, the free Internet encyclopedia: "A podcast is a multimedia file distributed over the Internet using syndication feeds, for playback on mobile devices and personal computers. The term, as originally coined by Ben Hammersley in an article in the Guardian on February 12, 2004 [1], was meant as a portmanteau of "broadcasting" and "iPod".[2] Like 'radio', it can mean both the content and the method of delivery; the latter may also be termed podcasting. The host or author of a podcast is often called a podcaster.

"Though podcasters' web sites may also offer direct download or streaming of their content, a podcast is distinguished from other digital audio formats by its ability to be downloaded automatically using software capable of reading feed formats such as RSS or Atom."

Simply put, a podcast (or netcast) is an MP3 audio file (or video) that is downloaded from the Internet either manually or automatically through a subscriber service that you can play on your computer, MP3 player, or burn on a CD and played in a CD player or DVD player.

There are many Amateur Radio netcasts, several of which I download and play as I travel around the state for my job. One such netcast, and probably my favorite is from Jeff at KE9V.NET. His netcast is titled "Long Delayed Echoes" and his topics generally include historical aspects

of Ham Radio. In his own words, "Long Delayed Echoes is an audio program for ham radio enthusiasts. You can subscribe to this feed using iTunes, Yahoo Podcasts or from the XML all listed below [on his web site]. Recent and archived editions of this program can be found here [on his web site]".

Jeff's latest series of netcasts is a very interesting extended series relating to the history of Amateur Radio during World War II. The netcasts can be downloaded or subscribed to at <http://ke9v.net/category/podcast/>. I'm sure you will enjoy Jeff's current series which began with netcast #25 or with any of his netcasts all of which are very well done. Connect to this site and download the series starting with #25 and then send Jeff a message of how you enjoyed the program. The site currently has several past netcasts, but Jeff's says that there are plans to put all of his past netcasts on the site eventually.



USS Arizona burns after the attack on Pearl Harbor 1941



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BOB SOLOMON RECOGNITION DAY

AUTHOR 3, CALL

The Lewis and Clark County Commission has proclaimed (see below) October 17, 2006, Bob Solomon Day in recognition of Bob's 10 years of service as disaster and emergency radio communications liaison between the County and the Capital City Amateur Radio Club. We add our thanks and congratulations to you, Bob, for a job well done!



Bob - K7HLN receiving his well deserved award for his many years of volunteer service.



Lewis and Clark County Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Capital City Amateur Radio Club has provided extraordinary emergency communications to Lewis and Clark County Disaster and Emergency Services and the Sheriff's Office during disasters and exercises, and

WHEREAS, Bob Solomon has been the Capital City Amateur Radio Club Point of Contact for Disaster and Emergency Services for the past 10 years. He has responded to wildfires, floods, and disaster exercises to provide effective emergency communications, and

WHEREAS, Bob has served diligently for 10 years on the Lewis and Clark County Local Emergency Planning Committee and also served three years on the Citizen Corps Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Lewis and Clark County Commissioners officially recognizes the years of service and devotion to emergency services provided by Bob Solomon as the Capital City Amateur Radio Club Point of Contact. His service to the county as an unpaid volunteer has been exemplary, and his contributions to emergency communications has made Lewis and Clark County much better prepared to respond to disasters and emergencies.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Lewis and Clark County Commissioners does hereby proclaim October 17, 2006 as "**Bob Solomon Day.**"

Dated this 17th day of October, 2006.

CCARC AMENDMENTS

CCARC Proposes to Amend Constitution and Bylaws

(Revised Notice, October 13, 2006)

At its June 2006 meeting the CCARC decided to propose a series of wide-ranging amendments to its Constitution and Bylaws. Many of these proposed changes are editorial or organizational in nature. However, a number of the proposals would make significant changes to provisions of the Constitution and Bylaws concerning: 1) the duties and removal of officers, 2) what constitutes a quorum for conducting Club business, 3) the rights of the various classes of Club membership, 4) the proration of dues for new members, 5) the allocation of dues, 6) the consequences of non-payment of dues, 7) Club accounts, and 8) standing committees.

Copies of the proposed changes may be seen on the CCARC website or may be obtained from Rich Weddle N7GC (443-3056 or www.w7tck.org). The proposals will be discussed and voted on at the November 6 meeting. Members unable to attend the November meeting may vote on the proposal *in absentia* by one of the following methods: 1) Complete and mail the ballot below to Rich Weddle, 520 Stuart St., Helena, MT 59601. [To be counted the ballot must be received on or before November 6.]; 2) vote by radio on the Club's repeater (147.820) when polled at approximately 1930 hours during the November meeting; or 3) vote telephonically by calling, Dave's (WA7YFF's) cell phone, 594-0124, at approximately 1930 hours during the November meeting.

(Only current members will be eligible to vote on the proposed changes; so if you haven't already done so, be sure to pay your 2006 dues before the November meeting.)

If you have any questions about the proposed changes please call Rich at 443-3056.

Ballot

- **For the proposed amendments to the CCARC Constitution and Bylaws**
- **Against the proposed amendments to the CCARC Constitution and Bylaws**

Name

Call Sign

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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.

W7MRI Repeater: 147.82 (-offset)
Net every Tuesday at 7:30 pm local time on the 147.82 (-offset) repeater.

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MEETING MONDAY,
NOVEMBER 6
Salvation Army Church
1905 Henderson**

7:00 PM



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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!

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