

# W7TCK News

Capital City Amateur Radio Club

July 2007



## From The President...

Tod Glen, N7WD

### Field Day 2007

June 23 through 24, from noon to

noon, the CCARC participated in this year's Field Day. Quite a number of member camped out at Hellgate for fun in the sun and a little ham radio. Turn out was great, and club members were joined by boy scouts and scoutmaster Mark. The scouts jumped right into, and ran the GOTA station, quite a number of the contacts made over the weekend.

A number of rigs and quite a few antennas were deployed, as well as the EOC – making for a great field test of a wide variety of operating gear. Dave WA7YFF worked hard to connect the campsite to the Internet via wireless, however not all went as planned. Still, it was another good field test and we look for more test in the future.

The highlight for Saturday (after on

air time) was a pot luck and barbecue that served some 30 odd people. We hope to make this a permanent part of field day to both feed hungry hams and encourage visitors to chow down and learn about ham radio.

My thanks go out to all who attended and supported field day this year, and I hope that those who weren't able to attend will have the opportunity to join us next year.

73, Tod N7WD



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## From The Editor

John McDougall, K7JM

Field day 2007 is now history. We had a great group meet once again at Hellgate campground at Canyon Ferry Lake. We had a lot of Fellowship, Food, and Fun! Stations were operating SSB (Voice), CW (Morse code), and PSK31 (digital computer). We had a GOTA (Get On The Air) station that Boy Scouts kept going for many hours. The Harmonics (children of Hams) all had a great time. In a word, Field Day this year was a "Success." If you have an opportunity in the future to attend a Club event, and if you want to have fun with Ham Radio, make it a priority. You won't regret it.

Speaking of opportunities, the Glacier-Waterton Hamfest is right around the corner. This year, it is July 20, 21, and 22 at its usual spot at Glacier Meadow RV Park across the river from Glacier National Park. What a beautiful spot; what a fun time! I hope to see you there. Many hams go up Thursday evening so they don't miss any of the fun activities. We will have to see what mighty fine "Junque" I come back with this year. For more information, ask a fellow club member or check out their website at <http://www.gwhamfest.org/>.

Come and join us on July 2 for our monthly meeting.

God bless you all, and hope to see you at the meeting or at the Hamfest.

John, K7JM – Editor



## Field Day Results

Dave White, WA7YFF

I had a great time at the Hellgate Campground at this years Field Day event. This year's big news is the participation of a troop of East Helena Boy Scouts. I didn't get a chance to make one contact this year because they were nearly always on the mic. They behaved themselves very well and were very enthusiastic participants. They, and everyone else, made many more contacts than what is reflected in the report. Unfortunately, some contacts didn't count or I couldn't read the writing. I must do a better job next year getting the logging software up and running sooner.

The high speed Internet access experiment didn't do well. I had some equipment difficulties that time didn't allow me to figure out, despite Tod and Don's help.

Special thanks goes out to Don W7MRI for toting the MCU out there on short notice and to Sam KD7VWE for toting it back. The MCU is currently located at Don's place so he can fix a power problem. Neither the commercial power side nor the solar cell side would charge the batteries. Apparently, there is a broken wire somewhere in the floor. A hastily installed jumper wire worked around the problem for the duration of the event. Again, with thanks to Don W7MRI. And a very special thanks to Tod N7WD, our dedicated president. He spend much time and effort seeing that things got done. The Saturday evening meal was especially noticed and appreciated by all! Thank you, Tod!

73, Dave White, WA7YFF

## For Sale

**F**OR SALE - Yaesu 101B with microphone and internal power supply. \$200.00. Call Pat Hartnett at 495-9905 or 457-5743 (cell).



<i>Number of Participants:</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>Points</i>
Total CW QSOs:	54	108
Total Digital QSOs:	3	6
Total Phone QSOs:	49	49
Total QSO Points:		163
Max Power Used:	100	
Power Multiplier:	X 2	200
Claimed QSO Score:		326
Bonus Points:		
Youth Participation Bonus		100
Web Submission Bonus		50
Total Bonus Points Claimed:		150
Total Claimed Score:	476	



Boy Scouts manning the GOTA station

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<i>QSO Breakdown by Band and Mode</i>		
<i>Band</i>	<i>CW</i>	<i>Digital</i>
80		
40	9	
20	35	3
15	10	
Totals	54	3

### Participant List

- 1 Rich, N7GC
- 2 John, K7JM
- 3 Ci, WU7R
- 4 Forrest, AC7DE
- 5 Lynn, KE7EON
- 6 Dick, W7RJM
- 7 Ralph, WG7Q
- 8 Tod, N7WD
- 9 Dave, WA7YFF
- 10 Boy Scouts, N7WD



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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.**

**July 2007 Meeting**  
**Monday, July 2**  
**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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