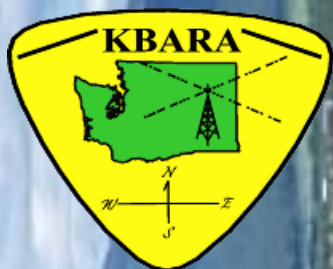


Winter 2026



Quarterly Journal of the Kamiak Butte Amateur Repeater Association

KBARA Gazette

Winter Field Day—January 24-25, 2026

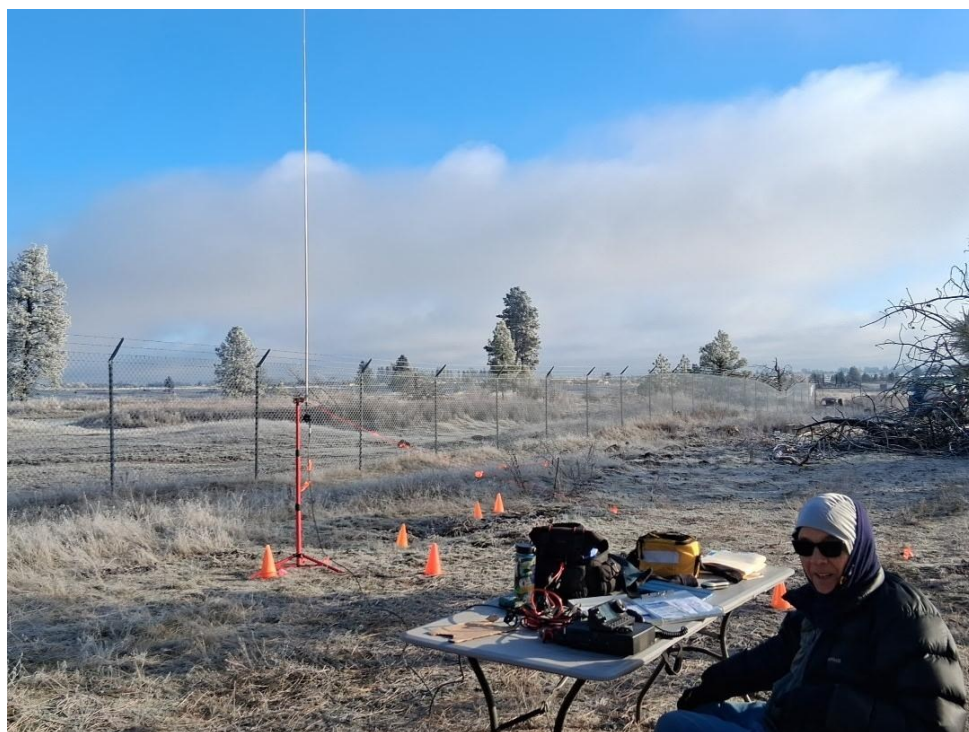
This event was hosted by our Vice President, JJ, W7JJR.



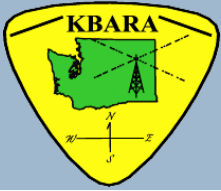
Rick KK7ELZ—JJ W7JJR



Rick KK7ELZ



Joe, WH6FZY



Winter Field Day 2026, continued...

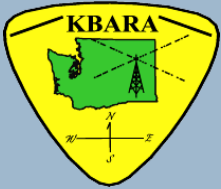


Jim, KM7H



Antenna Setup

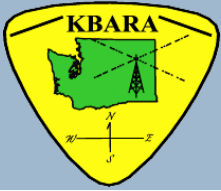




24th Annual Christmas No-host Luncheon

Camaraderie, just plain “rag chewing”, laughter, over-eating...yes, you guessed it, our annual Ham Radio holiday luncheon, held on December 20, 2025 at the Longhorn Barbecue Restaurant has come & gone. Attended by the local clubs as usual, some 35 folks braved the weather & virus bugs to catch up with long-time & new friends & chow down on Spokane’s best BBQ ribs. It was the 24th annual holiday gathering.





24th Annual Christmas No-host Luncheon



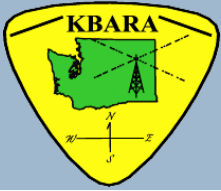
Anthony, N7AWP—Gary, K7AKE



Tim, Geoff, Erin and Jim

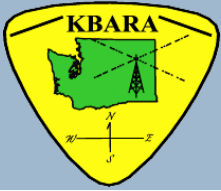


Current Net Controllers and Past President



24th Annual Christmas No-host Luncheon





24th Annual Christmas No-host Luncheon



Editors Note: There is no Technical Update this time. Jim advises there is nothing to update and everything is running as expected.



**Kamiak Butte Amateur Repeater Association
KB7ARA
PO Box 30801
Spokane WA 99223-3013**



KBARA is a support group for several club and privately owned linked Amateur Radio repeaters. The system covers an area from NE Washington to NE Oregon, and from western Montana to central Washington. The KBARA system is also part of the Evergreen Intertie, an interconnected group of repeaters located in western Washington and Oregon. The primary purpose of the KBARA repeaters is to provide a means for emergency communications within the above areas, and secondarily for routine radio traffic. It makes possible a single system of mobile communications coverage, extending the limited range provided by any single repeater operation. The KBARA FM repeaters operate in the VHF bands and are linked by UHF radios, IRLP, EchoLink KB7ARA-R, and AllStar node 53587. The repeaters' frequencies, call signs and locations are as follows:

147.380 MHz N7WRQ on Mica Peak near Spokane, WA, owned by Betsy N7WRQ & Jim N7WRR
147.360 MHz N7WRR on Stensgar (Stranger) Mt. near Chewelah, WA, owned by Jim N7WRR & Betsy N7WRQ
147.320 MHz (103.5 Hz tone) KA7FVV on West Twin near Moscow ID, owned by Scott KA7FVV & KBARA
147.280 MHz KB7ARA on Pikes Peak in the Blue Mountains near Walla Walla, WA, owned by KBARA
147.020 MHz KB7ARA on Lookout Pass on the Idaho-Montana border, owned by KBARA
223.900 MHz KB7ARA hub repeater on Stensgar (Stranger) Mt. near Chewelah, WA, owned by KBARA
444.350 MHz N1NG (192.8 tone) on Mica Peak near Spokane, WA, owned by Mike N1NG
IRLP Node #3638 in Spokane WA owned by Glen, K1RR

All licensed Amateur Radio operators are welcome to use this open repeater system.

To support KBARA, please send your contributions to: **KBARA, P.O. Box 30801, Spokane, WA 99223-3013**

Name _____ Call Sign _____

Address _____

City/State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ Amount Paid _____

Email Address _____ ARRL Member? _____

Dues are \$15.00 per year for individuals and \$20.00 for a family (all must be living at the same address), but any amount will be greatly appreciated. Dues are due January of each year. If they are paid between September 1 - December 31, they will be applied through the entire following year. Also, any contribution to the Repeater Fund will be gladly accepted. For more info, please visit our website at www.kbara.org. See us on Facebook.



Upcoming Hamfests and Events

Courtesy of N7CFO.com

2026

February 21. Salem Hamfair. Rickreall, OR. T <http://www.w7sra.com/> . [Flyer in PDF](#). *This is an ARRL Sanctioned Event.*

March 7. Mike & Key Swapmeet. <https://mikeandkey.org/flea.php> *This is an ARRL Sanctioned Event.*

April 11. N7YRC Tailgate Swapmeet, Union Gap, WA. [Flyer in PDF](#). [Map in PDF](#).

May 9. Stanwood Camano ARC swapmeet. Stanwood, WA. <https://www.scarcwa.org/>

June 5-7. SEA-PAC Hamfest and ARRL Northwestern Division Convention. Seaside Convention Center, Seaside, Oregon. *This is an ARRL Sanctioned Event.* www.seapac.org/ . [November issue of SeaPac Waves](#).

June 12-14. Wenatchee Apple City ARC Hamfest, Dryden, WA. <https://www.applecityarc.com/>

June 13. Port Ludlow ARC Tail Gate Swapmeet. <https://www.n7pl.org/>

June. Inland Empire VHF Radio Amateurs Annual Swapmeet, Spokane, WA.

June. Southern Oregon Amateur Radio Club Summer Swap Meet. <https://www.soarc.org/>.

July 11-12. Salmoncon, the annual gathering of low power (QRP) ham radio operators. Valley Camp, North Bend, WA. <https://www.pnwqrp.org/salmoncon>

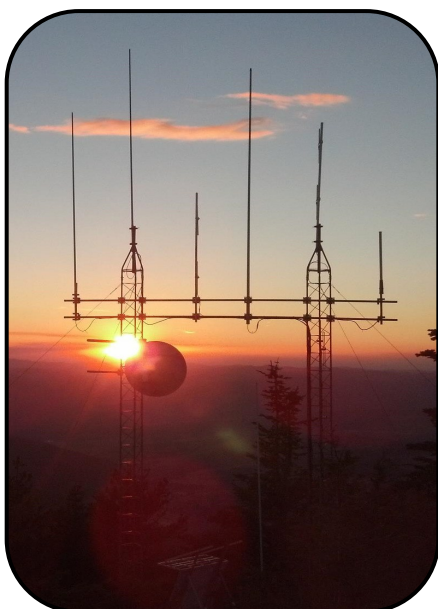
July. Glacier Waterton Hamfest. East Glacier, Montana. <https://www.gwhamfest.org/>

July 25. Chehalis Valley ARC Swapmeet. Lewis County Fairgrounds 1909 S. Gold Street, Centralia, WA [Flyer in PDF](#)



KBARA Repeaters and Echolink/IRLP Nodes

Frequency	CTCSS Tone	Location	Call sign	RF Link
Repeaters				
223.90 MHz	None	Stensgar Mtn	KB7ARA	Hub
147.38 MHz	100.00	Mica Peak	N7WRQ	KB7ARA—223.90
147.36 MHz	None	Stensgar Mtn	N7WRR	Hard wired Hub
147.02 MHz	None	Lookout Pass	KB7ARA	N7WRQ—147.38
147.28 MHz	None	Pikes Peak	KB7ARA	KB7ARA—223.90
147.32 MHz	103.5	West Twin, Moscow	KA7FVV	IRLP
444.350 MHz	192.8	Mica Peak	N1NG	Stand Alone
Links				
Echolink KB7ARA-R	N/A	Spokane, WA	KB7ARA-R	KB7ARA - 223.90
IRLP Node 3638	None	Spokane, WA	K1RR	KB7ARA—223.90



KBARA Membership / Support Information: The KBARA repeater system consists of several club & privately owned linked Amateur Radio repeaters. It covers an area from northeastern Washington to northeastern Oregon, and from western Montana to central Washington. The KBARA system is also part of the Evergreen Intertie, an interconnected group of repeaters located in western Washington and Oregon. The primary purpose of the KBARA repeaters is to provide a means for emergency communications within the above areas, and secondarily for routine radio traffic. It makes possible a single system of mobile communications coverage, extending the limited range provided by any single repeater operation. The KBARA FM repeaters operate in the VHF bands and are linked by UHF radios. All licensed Amateur Radio operators are welcome to use this open repeater system. Your support would also be greatly appreciated. Please visit this site for more information:

<http://www.kbara.org> for more information about the club and repeaters.

KBARA Officials

Directors

Jim Ashleman, N7WRR
Scott Harvey, KA7FVV
Glen Ahlborn K1RR

Officers

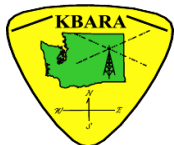
President: Jim Gladden, KK7EW
Vice President: James Rowe, W7JJR
Secretary: Tim Timm, N6JXN
Treasurer: Betsy Ashleman, N7WRQ

Testing is held the 3rd Wednesday of every month. Brought to you by Glen, K1RR. If you have any questions please contact Glen at glen@k1rr.com or 509.216.0666.

Contact Glen for updates on testing.



To support KBARA, please send your contributions to:



KBARA
PO Box 30801
Spokane WA 99223-3013

Annual support is \$15 per calendar year for a single membership and \$20 for a family membership. Dues are due in January of each year and if paid between September 1 and December 31, they will be applied through the entire following year. Also, any contribution will be gladly accepted to the Repeater Fund. This can also be done via PayPal on our webpage at www.kbara.org.

KAMIAK BUTTE AMATEUR REPEATER ASSOCIATION

PO Box 30801

Spokane WA 99223-3013