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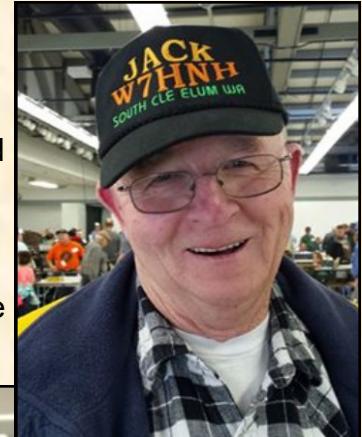
Kamiak Butte Amateur Repeater Association

Spring 2016 Issue

2016 Mike & Key Swap Meet

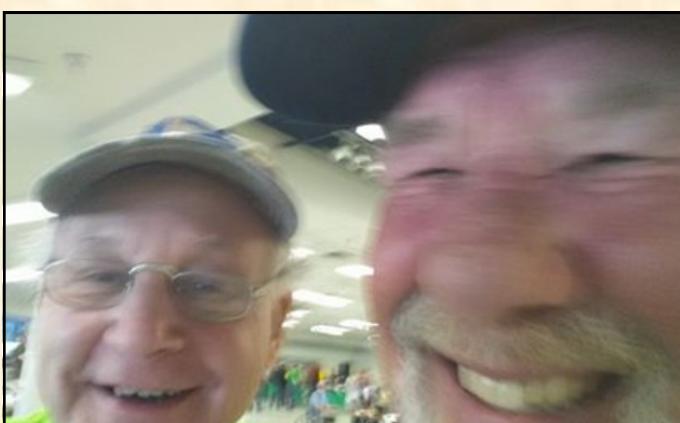
By John Myers, KD7AAT

Once again a fun time was had by all that made it to Puyallup. Another year and another 1015 miles (one way) from Nipomo, Ca. I made the trip to help out with the KBARA table selling raffle tickets for the upcoming Spokane ham fest, passing out system information, signing up new memberships and renewals to the club. Duff, WA7BFN, Glen, K1RR, John, W7OE, Scott, KA7FVV and myself took turns either doing "business" or walking around the meet looking for cheap boat anchors. After meeting for breakfast in the morning we all headed to the fair grounds and got the table setup. We were looking forward to unrolling the fancy new KBARA club banner that Glen is working on but timing in getting it made didn't work out. Many of our radio friends came by the table to have an "eye ball" and renew memberships or even start a new one. As always the candy basket was a big hit thanks to Betsy N7WRQ who always gets everything ready for the event. When all was said and done we rolled up everything and headed to our regular buffet for lunch/dinner (I think they call that linner) and tried not to talk about radio but hey what else is there. hi hi.... Next year we'll



do it again and I'll be there for sure. Hope to see you there.

Pictures: Always nice to see our friend Jack from Cle Elum, the large crowds that attend and then there is John and John. Photo credit John, W7OE.





A few words from our President

KBARA Members,

I would like to address some sad news since our last newsletter. We have had two members of our KBARA family become silent keys. Charlene Davis, KC7RQF and Bob Pfeister, KF7WOR. Charlene and her husband Walt, W7ALT have been part of KBARA for many years. Bob had joined KBARA in the last couple years as a repeater owner with the help of Glen, K1RR as the owner of the Elk Butte repeater. Glen plans on leaving Bob's call on the repeater in honor of him. Please see the excellent memorial articles written by fellow hams who new them later in this newsletter.

I hope spring is finding all in our KBARA and amateur radio family well and ready for the upcoming summer time activities. I want to thank everyone who renewed their membership and donated to the repeater fund. Your support and contributions keep our repeaters, IRLP and Echolink on the air and make KBARA a great club.

Before we get to upcoming future activities I will cover one past event. As in years past we manned a table at the Mike & Key Hamfest in Puyallup on March 5th. Manning the table was Duff, WA7BFN, Glen, K1RR, John, W7OE, John, KD7AAT who made the 1,000 mile trip from Nipomo, CA, and myself. Like years past a good time was had by all and I found a radio I was looking for.

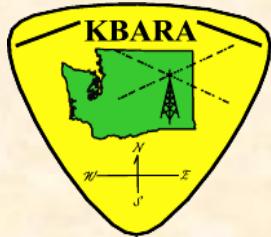
Field Day is coming up June 25th and 26th. Please see John, KD7AAT article in the Winter 2016 newsletter. Also see the ARRL website for more information. <http://www.arrl.org/field-day>

Annual Hamout and Meeting is July 29th to 31st. We are a week late this year due to conflicting schedules at Rotary Park. Depending on my work schedule come this summer I have tentative plans to arrive mid-afternoon on the 29th.

That is it for this issue. Talk with you on the radio.

73,

Scott, KA7FVV, President KBARA and newsletter editor



Charlene Davis, KC7RQF, SK

by John, W7OE

Charlene Davis, KC7RQF, passed away in February of this year. I got to first know her and her husband Walt (W7ALT) in 1996 when they both got on the KBARA system. Charlene was quite the character. She called herself the "Really Quiet Female" for the suffix of her call but she was anything but quiet. In fact, I timed her for 17 minutes of talk before unkeying. As a consequence I put a 17 minute time-out timer on the Walla Walla Repeater as a way of poking fun at her--which she enjoyed. She attended many of the KBARA Campouts and she give out the "Chrystal Pigs" which were small glass pig ornaments which signified ham radio. She also had clever stories associated with these pigs as well. Another thing that she did was organize dancing skits and pranks at the campouts. These were always enjoyed by most--if not all--the attendees.

Charlene also helped organize the Pendleton, OR Hamfest which I attended. I remember fondly the trick she pulled on me at that event. She called me up front over the PA system for a "surprise". She told me to close my eyes (which I did) and she put a noose around my neck which elicited the laughter of everyone watching. She also got me to ties her shoes which she had secretly photographed. I still have a framed copy of that picture. Charlene also served as Net Control for the KBARA Morning Net. She set the record with 77 check-ins; no one else has even come close.

Charlene and Walt purchased the Walla Walla Repeater from Rich (AA7P) around the year 2000. They owned it for about 5 years until they sold it to Ken--KD7DDQ. I made several trips to the site to help them with various problems that occur with repeaters from time to time.

I was fortunate enough to have made two trips to their ranch near Meachum, OR--which she called "The Chipmunk Ranch". She developed several trails on this 10 acre parcel with points of interest along the trails. The guided tours were very interesting. On one visit several deer wandered on the property and approached Charlene for food.

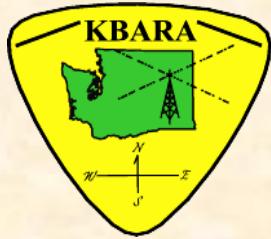
It was interesting to watch her hand feed the deer. Their ranch was a great retreat from "civilization".

Charlene also ran other Nets not associated with KBARA. One was on 75 meters and another was on the Sprout Springs repeater. I heard through the grapevine that she was a very colorful Net Control.

Charlene was a great asset to Amateur Radio and was well like by her fellow hams. She will be missed--and I can confidently state there will never be anyone like her again!

Editors note: Please see the KBARA Facebook page where John has posted many pictures of Charlene.





Bob Pfiester, KF7WOR, SK

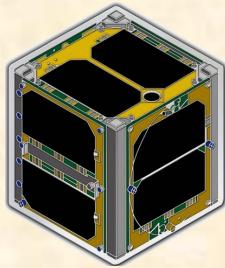
by Glen, K1RR

A Short Time with a Great Man...

Talk about a nicest man you have ever met. The first time I am in Elk River, Bob meets us outside, introduces to his wife, Norma. There was another ham radio guy hanging out, and we chatted for a while. We went over to have breakfast at the local General Store. Bob doesn't get around too good, but sure wanted to make sure we were taken care of. He wanted to help out. His knees were terrible, and he couldn't stand for more than a few minutes. He would bring his own chair to the top of the mountain, and we would haul it inside the repeater building so he could learn and watch and help us out. This guy's heart was made of gold, and full of enthusiasm. We had many great times up at the repeater site, making jokes, laughing, and having a good time. He would always show us around Elk River, explain to us all the things he done in a very long and fulfilling life. He was in law enforcement, logging, flew airplanes, you name it. It was always a pleasure and fun hanging out with Bob. My favorite time with him was traveling up and down Elk Butte, and talking on a simplex frequency with him. He would always let his son in law, Larry drive and would just chat away with me on the radio.

I had only met up with Bob in person a handful of times, but chatted on the phone or the radio quite a bit. I think he knew that his last big hoorah would be installing the repeater at the top of Elk Butte. I am proud that I took the time to get the equipment rounded up and figured out, and with the help of many people getting the machine on the air. I still don't have the heart to remove his call sign from the repeater; instead just added my call to it. I know he is still proud that we keep it up in operation for his locals to use. The only thing I regret about a short friendship with Bob Pfiester is that I didn't have the chance to meet him sooner. He will truly be missed. So, until we see each other again ... Rest in Peace OM. KF7WOR de K1RR dit dit.





Amateur Satellite Update

by Scott, KA7FVV

FM Satellites continue to perform well.

SO-50 and AO-85. As always please see my website for frequencies. As for ISS, when the SSTV even is wrapped up as noted below APRS should be back on as usual on 145.825. If you don't hear the packet always check 145.800/144.490 tx for voice activity. There are two more hams on board with the last crew that were launched. When spacecraft are coming and going the radio is off.

SSTV Event from the International Space Station

April 11th through 15th was the rescheduled SSTV event to commemorate 15 years of amateur radio aboard the International Space Station. I have been watching the posts on Facebook not only on the KBARA page by John, KD7AAT and Jeff, KG7HZT but from around the word on the AMSAT North America and Ham SSTV pages as well. Check out those FB pages for more images. You will even find an image commemorating the 55th anniversary of the first manned space flight by Yuri Gagarin. This was celebrated around the world as Yuri's Night on April 12th. This is an annual event. See <https://yurisnight.net>.



SSTV Satellite built by students to be launched from ISS

STMSat-1 is a SSTV satellite built by elementary school children at the St Thomas More Cathedral School in Arlington, VA. It was sent to ISS aboard a Cygnus resupply flight in December. It was to be launched from ISS in early March but due to scheduling issues it has been delayed until at least mid-May according to the Stmsat-1 Facebook and Twitter pages. Check out the pages and the interview done by CBS News. When launched it will broadcast SSTV images of the earth in Robot 36 mode on 437.800 MHz. More info also at <https://amsat-uk.org/tag/stmsat-1/> and stmsat-1.org.



38th Annual HamOut and Meeting

July 29 through 31, 2016

147.400 simplex
talk-in frequency

This will be our third year in a row holding our annual meeting at Rotary Park in Oldtown, ID. Thanks once again to Daryl, KF7LWI, our park host.

The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, July 30th at 1300 hours with a potluck lunch to follow.



Located across the river from Newport is a nice park with a paved parking area that includes seven power hookups for trailers/RV's (no water hookups), great grassy area for tents next to an air conditioned building.

Directions: From Spokane take Highway 2 to Newport. Go through Newport and cross the river and take your first right then an immediate right into the park.



Upcoming Hamfests and Events

Courtesy of N7CFO.com

April 22. Idaho State Convention. Boise, ID. *This is an ARRL sanctioned event.*

<http://voiceofidaho.org/> Contact: Larry Bickham , WA7ZZS. (208)453-1666, wa7zzs@arrl.net

May 1. Maple Ridge Swap Meet. Pitt Meadows, BC.

http://rac.eton.ca/events/detail.php?event_ID=1774

May 14. Stanwood Camano Amateur Radio Club Hamfest, Stanwood Middle School, Stanwood, WA. *This is an ARRL sanctioned event.* Contact: Fred Laun, w7pig@arrl.net

<http://www.scarcwa.org/> [Flyer in PDF](#). (690K)

May 14. Matanuska Amateur Radio Association Hamfest. Wasilla, AK. *This is an ARRL sanctioned event.* <http://www.kl7jfu.com/> Contact Shiela Olson, KL3TP (907)-746-1013, kl7jfu@gci.net

May 20-22. Washington State Search And Rescue Conference. Longview, WA.

<http://www.wasarcon.org/>

May 20-22. River Radio Campout 2016. Pateros WA. Free "dry" camping along the Methow River at Pateros. Always the weekend prior to Memorial Day Weekend. Contact Roger W7CH w7ch@arrl.net (509)687-3919. <http://lakechelanradioclub.webs.com/> [Flyer in PDF](#). (195K)

June 3-5. Sea-Pac Hamfest and ARRL Northwestern Division Conference. Seaside Convention Center, Seaside, Oregon. *This is an ARRL sanctioned event.* SEAPAC@seapac.org .

www.seapac.org/ . [Mailer in PDF](#). (919K)

June 10-12. 48th Annual Apple City ARC Hamfest. Apple City ARC. Dryden Gun Club. Dryden, WA. *This is an ARRL sanctioned event.* <http://www.qsl.net/w7td/> .

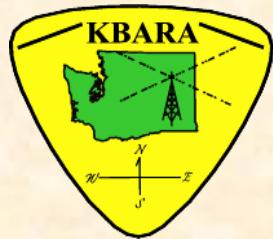
June 11. KARS Hamfest. Kootenai Amateur Radio Society. Post Falls, ID. Always the 2nd Sat in June. *This is an ARRL sanctioned event.* For information contact Bonnie, KG6QQM, 208-683-2939 or KG6QQM@ARRL.net or John, n7ju@arrl.net

June 11. Port Ludlow ARC Annual TailGate'r. Port Ludlow, WA. *This is an ARRL sanctioned event.* <http://www.n7pl.org/>

July 8-10. 7th Annual KUH Pigroast. Springdale, WA. Contact Ray, (509)258-7078 cdknray@wildblue.net [Flyer in PDF](#). (226K)

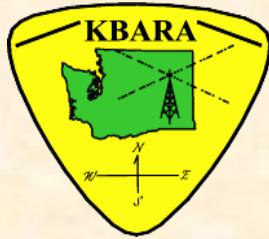
July 9-10. Salmoncon. Pacific Northwest QRP Group annual weekend outing. North Bend, WA at Valley Camp. <http://valleycamp.org/> Contact Wayne McFee nb6m@att.net .

July 15, 16 & 17. Glacier Waterton International Peace Park Hamfest. (Always the third weekend in July) Glacier Meadows Campground, 13 miles west of East Glacier on MT Hwy 2. <http://www.gwhamfest.org/>



2016 KBARA Members

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We wish to thank the following contributors for their very generous donations to our Repeater Fund this year.

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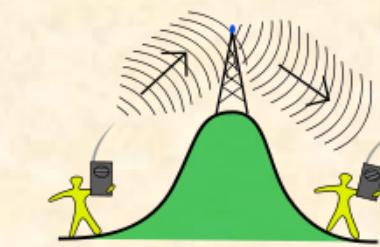
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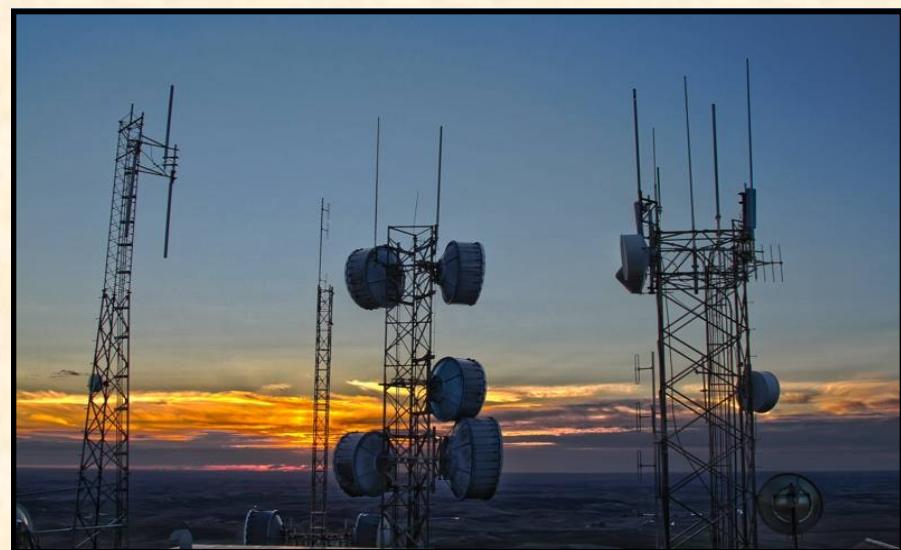
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KBARA Repeaters and Echolink/IRLP Nodes

Frequency	CTCSS Tone	Location	Callsign	RF Link
Repeaters				
146.74 Mhz	None	Kamiak Butte	W7HFI	AK2O—223.90
223.90 Mhz	None	Stensgar Mtn	AK2O	Hub
147.38 Mhz	None	Mica Peak	W7OE	AK2O—223.90
147.36 Mhz	None	Stensgar Mtn	K1RR	Hard wired Hub
147.02 Mhz	None	Lookout Pass	K7HPT	W7OE—147.38
147.28 Mhz	None	Pikes Peak	KD7DDQ	AK2O—223.90
53.75 Mhz	100.0 hz	Kamiak Butte	N7ZUF	Linked
145.19 Mhz	None	Elk Butte	KF7WOR	AK2O—223.90
Links				
Echolink KB7ARA-R	N/A	Spokane, WA	K1RR	AK2O - 223.90
IRLP Node 3636	None	East Tiger Mt	KB7ARA	145.33 & Ref 9075
IRLP Node 3638	None	Spokane, WA	K1RR	AK2O—223.90 & Ref 9075
147.400 Simplex IRLP Node 3282	100.0 hz	NW Spokane, WA	K1RR	IRLP Only



KBARA Membership / Support Information: The KBARA repeater system consists of several 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> and visit <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/evergreenintertie>



To support KBARA, please send your contributions to:



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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.

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