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Spokane Hamfest Information

As you might have guessed a lot has been going on since the starting of discussions on a Hamfest in the Spokane area. Your President KA7SUZ was asked to approach a couple of the local Spokane Ham clubs with information regarding this event. The following was part of a presentation to these clubs;

"Good evening - guess everyone knows I am, KA7SUZ, President of the Kamiak Butte Amateur Repeater Association. Recently I was approached about having KBARA be the 'overseeing' group for a Hamfest this year. After discussing it with my board, we took a poll on our regular Wednesday evening net and got strong support of the idea. It seems important to draw a definite line between what is a 'local Amateur Radio Operator Supported Hamfest' and what is not so supported. Last year people got hurt and people are still angry. We need to regroup and put on a fun, club sponsored Hamfest 'Like the good-old-days'. If we don't, will this close a window of opportunity?

I have told your board that I have only two points that I insist on. 1) This Club Sponsored Hamfest in NOT to be considered or suspected of being an attempt to bash anyone. Warren Kelsey is doing his event, and we are doing ours. Negative remarks do not belong in any discussions pertaining to our Hamfest. We are simply saying, when necessary, that there is a privately run Hamfest in the Spring and one in August being put on by the area clubs and their members. PERIOD. 2) That the treasurer, or another member so designated, from each club with a monetary investment in our Hamfest be a member of a Finance Committee. This committee will oversee the management of the money, and collect the pre-registration money. They should meet periodically to monitor the movement of the funds. Within a week of the closing of the Hamfest, that

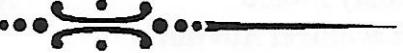
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group should have met, audited the prepared report and reassure their respective clubs. I know there are lots of question. Question without answers at this time because the project is still in the toddler stage, but it's growing fast! Because of all the other Hamfests, Swapfests, Field Day, Mothers and Fathers Day, Bloomsday and Lilac Festival, it looks as though we may have to decide for a date in July or August. Much will depend on a site as well. Indoor or outdoor. One day or two. Potluck/Banquet, neither. We need to pull together with friendship, teamwork and yes a little money. What we need at this time is an answer from you and your group. Will you help put on a Club Supported

Hamfest in Spokane this year? before you answer, I will take some questions and hear some discussion, then it will be up to you and your group. Thank you for your time."

Since that presentation there has been an overwhelming response to the idea of a Hamfest put on by the local Ham clubs. At a financial meeting held here in Spokane for the event was a variety of supporting clubs and individuals. Representatives from Spokane Radio Amateurs Club, Inland Empire VHF Club, The North West Tri-State ARO, The Kootenai Amateur Radio Society from Idaho, and of course KBARA were all present to ask questions and give ideas in support. A site has been selected and arranged for. The Flyer is in the works and people are already asking for them for trips to other events so that they can pass them out. All in all, the Inland Northwest is 'Buzzing' with excitement over this Hamfest. More information will follow as it becomes available.



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February 10, 1995

Hi Gals,

This was passed on to me from one of my dearest OM friends so I thought I would share it with you.

THE CARE AND FEEDING OF YOUR PET HAM BY LAURA SARGENT.

THE PET HAM IS ONE OF THE MOST INTELLIGENT OF PETS. OFTEN SEEING ALMOST HUMAN. BUT HE CAN ALSO BE ONE OF THE MOST DIFFICULT TO KEEP. ONLY A PERSON WITH A GREAT DEAL OF PATIENCE AND UNDERSTANDING SHOULD ATTEMPT TO KEEP A PET HAM.

THE FOLLOWING IS A SHORT GUIDE TO SOME OF THE MOST IMPORTANT THINGS THAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT CARING FOR YOUR PET HAM.

1. LIVING AREA: YOUR PET HAM SHOULD HAVE A PRIVATE AREA OF HIS OWN, AN ENTIRE ROOM, IF POSSIBLE. WHERE HE WILL NOT BE DISTURBED. HE

WILL SPEND MANY HAPPY HOURS ALONE THERE WITH HIS COLLECTION OF TREASURES. (BOXES, WIRES, BITS OF METAL, GLASS, PAPER, PLASTIC, ETC. THAT HE WILL BRING HOME REGULARLY). HE SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED TO CONFINE HIS ACTIVITIES TO THIS NEST ROOM IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE REST OF THE HOUSE FROM HIS NATURAL TENDENCIES TOWARD NOISE, CLUTTER AND MAKING HOLES IN THE WALLS...

2. EXPENSES: RAISING YOUR PET HAM CAN TURN INTO AN EXPENSIVE HOBBY. BUT, UNLIKE MOST PETS, THE PET HAM CAN BE TRAINED TO WORK OUTSIDE THE HOME FOR SHORT PERIODS AND SO BRING IN ENOUGH MONEY TO COVER PART OR ALL OF HIS EXPENSES...

3. FEEDING: THE WELL BEHAVED PET HAM WILL BE ABLE TO EAT WITH THE FAMILY ON OCCASION. BUT HE USUALLY FEELS MORE COMFORTABLE AND SECURE IF HE CAN TAKE MANY OF HIS MEALS IN THE PRIVACY OF HIS NEST ROOM. IT WILL BE YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO SEE THAT YOUR PET HAM IS KEPT WELL SUPPLIED WITH FOOD AND DRINKS DURING THE LONG PERIODS OF TIME THAT HE WILL SPEND ALONE IN THE NEST ROOM...

4. HOUSEKEEPING: PET HAMS CAN USUALLY BE TRAINED TO USE THE FAMILY BATHROOM FACILITIES...

5. OBEDIENCE TRAINING: MOST PET HAMS CAN BE TRAINED TO RESPOND TO A FEW SIMPLE COMMANDS... THE EASIEST FOR HIM BEING SIT AND SPEAK. ONCE YOUR PET HAM HAS LEARNED THESE COMMANDS, HE WILL SOMETIMES PRACTICE THEM ON HIS OWN FOR HOURS AT A TIME...

6. HEALTH CARE: THE PET HAM IS ESPECIALLY SUBJECT TO MINOR IRRITATIONS OF THE LOWER BACK AND SORE THROAT FROM TOO MUCH SITTING AND SPEAKING. THE SPECIAL CW BREED TENDS TO HAVE A TIRED WRIST RATHER THAN SORE THROAT, AND THE RITTY VERSIONS MAY SUFFER FROM TIRED AND HURTING EYES DEPENDING ON HIS AGE AND MONITOR...

7. TRAVELLING: YOUR PET HAM WILL GLADLY TRAVEL WITH YOU IN THE FAMILY CAR IF HE IS ALLOWED TO BRING SOME OF THE COLLECTION FROM HIS NEST ROOM. HIS FAVORITE TRIPS WILL BE TO PLACES WHERE HE CAN ASSOCIATE WITH OTHER PET HAMS FROM OTHER FAMILIES...

8. BREEDING: IF YOU PLAN TO BREED YOUR PET HAM, YOU SHOULD DO SO AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE AFTER YOU GET HIM.... AS THE PET HAM MATURES HE BECOMES MORE AND MORE RELUCTANT TO ENGAGE IN ANY ACTIVITIES NOT CONNECTED WITH HIS NEST ROOM COLLECTION...

FROM A PUBLICATION CALLED SCUTTLEBUT WHICH IS PUBLISHED BY +THE WATERWAY RADIO+ RADIO AND CRUISING CLUB.

THE AUTHOR IS NOT A HAM HERSELF, BUT KEEPS ONE AT HER HOME...

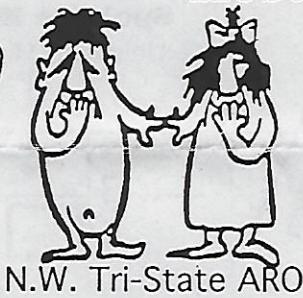
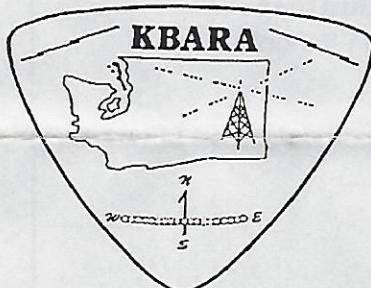
Hope you enjoyed it. 33 Phyllis



The Original Spokane Hamfest

August 5 - 6, 1995
University High School
10212 E. 9th Avenue
Spokane, Washington

Hosted by



N.W. Tri-State ARO



Door Prizes — Raffles — Bazaar
Dealers — Seminars — Demos
VE Testing

Endorsed by
Kootenai Amateur Radio Society
W7DP (Walla Walla Valley)
Lewis & Clark ARC
Clearwater Valley ARC
Camas Prairie ARC

Admission

Pre-registered — \$4
At the door — \$5

Off-street parking for cars & RVs.

Friday

August 4, 1995
6pm — 9pm
Commercial Setup

Saturday

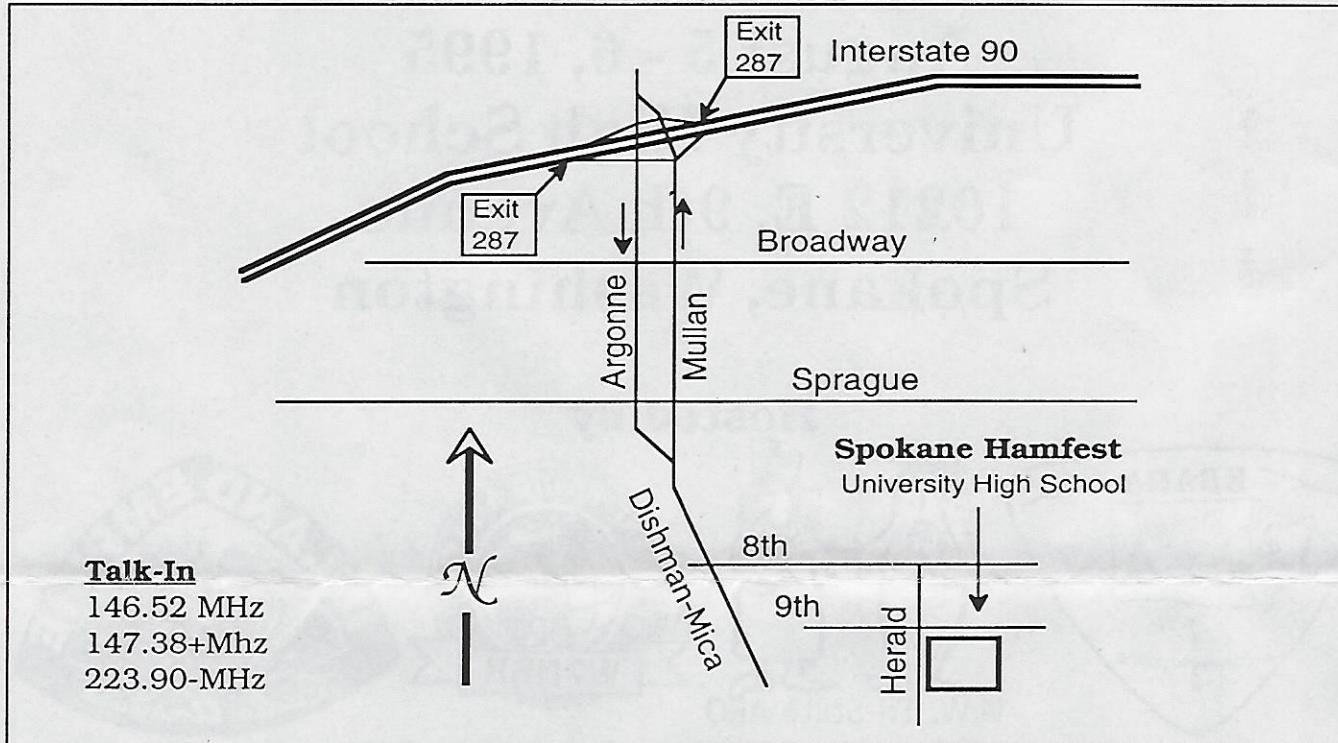
August 5, 1995
9am — 5pm

Sunday

August 6, 1995
8am — Noon

Spokane Hamfest

Hosted by
Amateur Radio Clubs of the Spokane Area
August 5 - 6, 1995
Info: (509) 928-1808 or (509) 448-8445
(509) 921-6912 Fax



Spokane Hamfest Registration

Name _____ Call _____
Street _____
City, State, Zip _____

Please make checks payable & mail to:

KBARA
6812 E. Third
Spokane, WA 99212

_____ Pre-registrations @ \$4 each \$ _____
Children under 12 free

_____ Saturday Nite Steak Feed @ \$5 each \$ _____
Swap tables @ \$5 each \$ _____

No admission for testing only. Total \$ _____
Cutoff for early registration is July 20, 1995

From the files of the ARRL Automated Mail Server,
(info@arrl.org):
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A SAD STORY

I am writing in response to your request for additional information for block #3 of the accident reporting form. I put "poor planning" as the cause for my accident. Your letter said I should explain more fully, and I trust the following will be sufficient.

I am an amateur radio operator and on the day of the accident I was working alone at the top of my 80 foot tower. When I had completed my work I discovered I had, over the course of several trips to the top of the tower, brought up about 300 pounds of tools and hardware. Rather than carry the now un-needed tools and materials down by hand, I decided to lower the items down from the top of the tower in a small barrel by using a pulley which was fortunately attached to the top of the tower.

Securing the rope at ground level, I went to the top of the tower and loaded the tools and the materials into the barrel. I went back down to the ground and untied the rope, holding it tightly to insure a slow decent of the 300 pounds. You will note in block #11 of the accident reporting form that I weigh only 155 pounds.

Surprised at being jerked off the ground so suddenly, I lost my presence of mind and forgot to let go of the rope. Needless to say, I proceeded at a rather rapid rate of speed up the side of the tower. In the vicinity of the 40 foot level, I met the barrel coming down. This explains my fractured skull and broken collarbone.

Slowed only slightly, I continued my rapid ascent, not stopping until the fingers on my right hand were two knuckles deep into the pulley.

Fortunately, by this time, I had regained my presence of mind and was able to hold onto the rope inspite of the pain. At approximately the same time, however, the barrel of tools hit the ground and the bottom fell out of the barrel. Devoid of the weight, the barrel was approximately 20 pounds. I refer you again to my weight in block #11. As you can imagine, I began a rapid decent down the tower. In the vicinity of the 40 foot level, I met the barrel on its way up. This accounts for the fractured ankles and the lacerations on my legs and lower body.

The encounter slowed me enough to lessen my

injuries when I fell onto the pile of tools and fortunately only 3 vertebrae were cracked. I'm sorry to report, however, that as I lay there on the tools, in pain, unable to stand, and watching the empty barrel 80 feet above me, I again lost my presence of mind. I let go of the rope.

The Editors Soap Box

Well here we are again with another addition of the KBARA Gazette with lots of info on Hamfests and things of interest. I have watched with interest, the developments of the Spokane Hamfest and I am enjoying the overwhelming response to the event being supported and endorsed by so many groups. It feels great to be a part of this event. As most of you already know, it takes quite a bit of time and effort to put one of these things on. Volunteers are always needed for all sorts of things so if you would like to be a part of this years 'Original Spokane Hamfest' then please contact your President JoAnn KA7SUZ or any of the members of the Finance committee.

ELECTRONIC FILING UPDATE

We have an update on the status of electronic filing of license applications. According to ARRL VEC Administrator Bart Jhanke, KB9NM tells us that Newsline #909 has an incomplete quote regarding the ARRL VEC's handling of electronic Form 610 application filing.

Bart says that the complete information is that, regardless of whether a VE team enters application data and mails or electronically mails that data to the ARRL VEC, he must still receive the actual hardcopy Form 610 applications and hardcopies of other pertinent test session documents, and must screen them, before he can forward the successful applicant data electronically to the FCC. Bart emphasizes that the ARRL cannot simply bounce data received from a VE team to the FCC without screening the exam documents first.

KB1NM also says that electronic filing is now very alive and well for two of the 18 VEC's. Five more VEC's will be coming on board in the near future.

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Calendar of Upcoming Events

March 19	Milton Freewater OR
Swapfest	
April 22	Lewiston-Clarkston Hamfest
May 20-21	Yakima Hamfest
June 3- 4	Wenatchee Hamfest
July 14-15-16	Waterton-Glacier
Hamfest	
August 5-6	Original Spokane Hamfest
September 23-24	Walla Walla Hamfest