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The Editors Soapbox

Well it's that time of year again where a new Newsletter hits the streets or in this case the mail boxes. You will find in this issue the minutes from the Annual KBARA Meeting along with an August Spokane Hamfest Flyer and news about the owner of the KBARA system. You will find that this Newsletter is smaller than those in the past. Mostly due to the added Hamfest Flyer but there is also the lack of input from the KBARA membership. I realize that this is only a quarterly publication and it's only purpose is to keep its members informed as to what is going on with the repeaters and the club in general but I also see the potential to help new hams with questions that they might help along with general teaching aids and skills for all members about repeaters and all around Ham operations.

Maybe I'm in left field here but as I wonder the repeater frequencies in my area and others I see a total disregard for what used to be Repeater Etiquette. Those of you that have been on the air for some time know what I'm talking about. Please learn to be a good 'Elmer' and help those that may not know what they are doing on the air. After hearing dozens of people do things right on the air, it only takes one person to do it wrong to make us all look bad. We are in fact supposed to police our own and for many years we have done just that. Be kind! Be gentle! But get the point across to the people who don't know any better, that their actions on the air reflect all of Amateur Radio and could make us all look bad enough for the FCC to sell our frequency spectrum to others who would use it better. No doubt that by now you have heard that the Low-Earth-Orbit supporters have asked that certain frequency allocations be made for exclusive use for their service.

THEY WANT OUR 2-METER AND 70 CM BANDS! They have been inundated with mail from Hams all over the US and Canada along with some from other countries asking that this not happen as it is part of the back bone for local Public Service Communications. It may very well depend on your conduct over these repeaters. Please help to protect what so many have worked so hard to make usable for all of Amateur Radio.

=> N7VBW <= Glenn Moore

From The Presidents Desk

Greetings!

For me, it has always been a privilege being able to use the KBARA system. Thanks to Art, WB7AUK, and JoAnn, KA7SUZ we have five wide coverage repeaters available to us. I am honored to be part of their support group.

Not only do we have several new officers, but also two new regional representatives: Mary, KC7DXY, in Spokane, and Gordon, KJ7KJ, in Ione. They have graciously agreed to accept these new positions, so should you have any questions or comments about KBARA or the Evergreen Intertie, please feel free to contact them or any of the other officials.

A new net, the KBARA Northwest Youth Net had its debut on June 30, Sunday at 8PM. Our compliments to Ian, KJ5LX, who has done an excellent job of starting this informal get-together. The net is open to licensed radio amateurs 21 years or younger.

Lastly, the KBARA system and the Evergreen Intertie offer numerous enjoyable and informative nets to their users. I hope you will take advantage of these:

Monday thru Friday:	Weather Net 5:45 AM, 4:45 PM
Monday:	YL Net 8PM
Wednesday:	KBARA Net 7PM
	Evergreen Intertie Info & Tech
	Net 8PM
Thursday:	Computer/Packet Net 8PM
Friday:	Youth Net 8PM
Saturday:	Swap Net 9AM-11AM
Sunday:	KBARA Northwest Youth Net
	8PM
	Astronomy Net 10PM

73 to all and hope to see you at the Spokane Hamfest August 3-4.
Betsy N7WRQ

Special News Bulletin

As some of you may have heard on the net the last couple of weeks, the owner of the system, Art Gemmrig, WB7AUK has undergone heart by-pass surgery. As you read this he is back on his feet but limited as to what he is able to do and for how long. There are those of you out there that have gone through this same thing and know what I'm talking about but for those of you that haven't like myself, it's a very scary thing. If you like you can send Cards or Letters to Art via the KBARA address I'm sure he would appreciate anything that came in the mail. (that isn't a bill)
Thank You... => N7VBW <=

A Special Request

A young man by the name of Craig Shirlgold is the victim of an inoperable brain tumor. He wishes to receive 1,000,000 cards before August 15, 1996 and to get into the Guiness Book of World Records. Cards can be sent to the following address;

Craig Shirlgold
c/o Childrens Wish Foundation
32 Perimeter Center E.
Atlanta, GA. 30346

Please help to make a young mans wish come true by putting a stamp on a card and mailing it to him with your best hopes. Ian LaVigne KJ5LX

KBARA Annual Meeting Minutes

June 8, 1996

The meeting was called to order by JoAnn KA7SUZ at 5:10 pm. We waited for more people to show.

The minutes from last years Annual Meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurers Report was unavailable due to the absence of the Treasurer however the bank statement was available and it was discussed.

Technical Report was given by Art WB7AUK and is as follows:

147.28 lost the 35 amp power supply and a new one was purchased and taken to the hill top. The Old power supply is on its way to Art so that it can be re-built and used at another location.

146.74 Needs a Technician for repairs. Just what is wrong there is not known as yet.

147.02 has lost the Packet radio or something in the packet system. The hill is not accessible as yet. Still has snow. There is an antenna problem that is known and will cost about \$100.00 to put another one on the hill.

147.38 Due to the kindness of the owner, one of the 220 antennas was moved to eliminate interference with another system. The move has created problems with the KBARA system and the antenna will be moved back to its original place and the interference problem will be dealt with through other means.

147.36 A problem with the Autopatch system is being worked on. The 220 back-bone that the Autopatch system works with is not working at all at this time. Also the fee from \$600.00 has been dropped to \$100.00 after a five month battle. It was pointed out that the legislature had already set the fee but someone locally decided to over-ride it and charge the higher amount.

Hamfest

It seems that a lot of people want the Hamfest but few are willing to help with the event. There has been someone that has stepped forward to help with seminars. The fliers have been printed with one error. The

KBARA treasurer and the KBARA address still appear on the flier as a mailing address.. The IE VHF Club is this years Host club. Garry Casey will be calling a meeting shortly to get the ball rolling with money in hand..

Hamfest Food

The question was raised about the Food Services at the Hamfest. Last year KBARA did it and made pretty good money. The out-lay was about \$600.00 to \$800.00 and the profit was very nice. Grills and Fans for cooking and for the rooms have already been arranged. Cash should be kept on hand for extra goods as needed like pop or buns or that sort of thing.

Net Info

A Youth Net was discussed for the KBARA system and all present agreed that it would be a good idea. The subject of the Evergreen Intertie already having such a net was also brought up. It seems that the Owner of the system has strong feelings about the Evergreen Intertie and what they have to say about what we do with our system. He would be more than happy to see a Youth net HERE along with the possible Weather Net on this side since we have our own National Weather Service Office.

A Motion was put to the group asking that a poll be taken of the listeners of the net on Wednesday night to see if there would be enough interest in a KBARA Youth Net and/or a KBARA Weather Net. The motion was seconded and carried.

Elections

The nominations Committee put forth their nominations for officers of KBARA. Ballots were passed out and the votes were tallied. Due to a tie in the office of Vice-President a tie breaking vote was taken again by secret ballot. The officers are;

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There was no further business for the meeting and it was closed at 6:05 pm..

SPECIAL NOTICE FROM THE SECRETARY

Membership Rosters are available upon request from the Secretary. Please make your requests by Net or by Mail to KBARA c/o Secretary or E-Mail to <n7vbw@iea.com>

KBARA AUTOPATCH INFO

To Access the Autopatch

1. Identify Your Station
2. Key your mic and push the * and 123 to bring up the patch
3. Wait for a dial tone
4. Dial the number (or Speed Dial Number)
5. When finished with the call, key your mic, push # and 123 to turn the patch off
6. Identify your station and that you are 'Clear of the Patch'



Hamfest Calendar

July 19-21	Northwest DX Convention, Portland, OR
July 19-21	Glacier/Waterton, Three Forks Cmpgrd, MT
August 2-4	WIMU, Park City, Utah
August 3-4	Spokane Hamfest, Spokane, WA
August 10	Radio Club of Tacoma, Tacoma, WA
Sept. 27-29	Walla Walla Hamfest, Walla Walla, WA