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Serving the Community

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Sparks & Arcs

The purpose of the club is:

To promote interest in and the advancement of amateur radio, and electronics in general.

To promote a good relationship between American Legion members who are licensed radio amateurs and the public through public service activities.

To help interested person obtain an FCC Amateur Radio License and current Licensees to upgrade their licenses.

The monthly newsletter for the Post 113 Amateur Radio Club

Meeting Notes

Because of the holidays no general membership meeting will be held in December. Regular meetings will resume on the fourth Wednesday of each month beginning on January 23, 2019. The meetings will begin at 1900 at the Veterans Memorial Building, 22 W. Broadway, Meridian.

Dues are \$10.00 for adults, and \$5.00 for youth under 18. If you have not yet paid your dues, we would ask that you bring it with you to the meeting. For those who have not yet paid their dues, you are on the membership roster, but in Provisional status. If you are affiliated with the Legion Family (Legion, SAL, or Auxiliary) please bring your Legion membership number with you so we can enter it into the data base.

Equipment

The city of Boise has donated equipment to our club. So far they have donated handheld radios, antennas, base station equipment, power supplies, battery chargers, and the list goes on. There is still more to come. We are currently in the process of inventorying the equipment, finding out what is serviceable and what is not, as well as charging batters for the handheld radios. The process of programming the handhelds is in progress.

Network

The network is up and running. We meet every Thursday evening at 1900. So far it has been a wonderful success with many members and non-members checking in. If you don't want to talk on the radio, listen in to see how it operates. If you think you would like to learn how to host the net, contact Rich Dees W7BOI at rjdees@aol.com The repeater is used by the Idaho Society of Radio Amateurs (israboise.org) and owned by Larry Smith W7ZRQ. Repeater call sign is K7BSE. Receive on 146.940, transmit on 146.340, PL is 100Hz.

New Website

If you have not checked out our new club website, click her: <https://n7lgn.org>. You will find interesting information about the club — links, Tips & Tricks, Swap Meet, downloadable forms, interesting articles and much more. If you would like to contribute to the website send your original article to Thom at wa7jul@gmail.com. Please keep in mind that copyrighted material will not be posted. If you know of a copyrighted article you would like posted, send us the link.

To participate in activities involving or for amateur radio.

To be prepared to respond in cases of declared emergencies or disasters and to offer amateur radio communications where necessary.

News

There was a rumor going around that if you own a Baofeng radio, you could no longer use it. That rumor is not true. Because of the added capabilities of some of the Baofeng radios, retailers can no longer sell the UV-5R and BF-F8HP models. However, if you own one, you may still use it. Just stick to the 2m and 70cm bands and you will be legal. As of this writing, radios are still available on Amazon.com. If you would like to buy an inexpensive radio, act fast. Once they're gone, they're gone.

Membership

We currently have 28 voting, no-voting, and provisional members in the data base. All American Legion Family members (Legion, SAL, and Auxiliary) are eligible. You need not be a member of Post 113 to join. You do not need to hold an FCC license to be a member. This is a great activity for youth. If you know of someone who might be interested, bring them along. We'd love to meet them. You do not need to be a Legion Family member to belong to the club. Folks not affiliated may join as non-voting members.

If you are interested in joining the club, we would love to have you. It's easy. Go to the club website <https://n7lgn.org/> and fill out the application under the MEMBERSHIP drop down menu. For more information about our club and membership, contact:

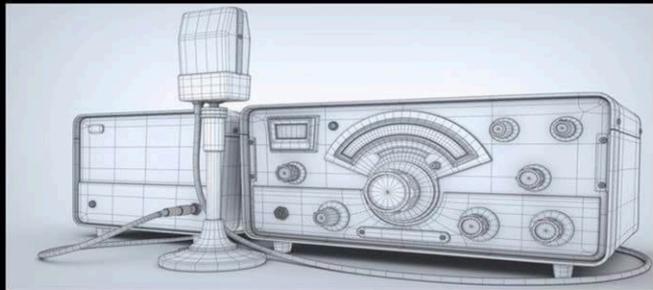
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