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Serving the Community
Touching the World

The monthly newsletter of N7LGN



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.

Meeting Notes

The first meeting of 2019 went very well. We had twenty-three members and prospective members attend.

Rich Dees gave us some very good information on ARRL, ARES, and CERT. We also received some very good information on the work Valley Wide REACT is doing. They are a very active organization. We strongly encourage all of our members to join and support ARRL/ARES and Valley Wide REACT. If you join or renew your ARRL membership through the club, we will receive \$2.00 for each renewing member, and \$15.00 for each new member who signs up through us.

Mike WB7RWS was not able to do the DIY J-pole demonstration because of knee surgery. He will do that at our February meeting. Instead, Matt W7LGN demonstrated how to turn your handheld radios into repeaters.

If we want to be an active club, then we need to have activities to do. If we are going to have activities to do, then we need some folks to coordinate them. If you would like to step up and head the committee, be on the committee, or spearhead even one activity, contact Matt W7LGN, mosinmatt@gmail.com, or Rich W7BOI rjdees@yahoo.com.

Equipment

We would like to express our sincerest thanks to the city of Boise for their very generous and continued donations of equipment. We would also like to thank new member Chuck Crooks who has equipment he is donating. Some of our members also have lines on additional equipment that may be donated.

Network

We need volunteers! You should have seen all the hands go up at last night's meeting of the folks who would like to volunteer to be Net Controller — not! I know. Volunteer is a dirty word sometimes, but if we are going to keep the net going, then we need some folks to step up and volunteer to be Net Controller. Rich W7BOI has been gracious enough to handle the job so far, but like all of us, he needs a break once in a while. Rich promises that it's easy. If we get enough folks stepping up, then we wouldn't have to do it very often. Rich said he would be happy to provide the training. We will post the script on our website.

The network meets every Thursday evening at 1900. If you have mic fright and 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

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.

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Website

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

News & Events

N7LGN is now an American Legion K9TAL, ARRL/ARES affiliated club.

We will be hosting CERT training on February 26 & 28 from 1800-2100 and on March 2 from 0800-1600. Check the website for additional training opportunities.

Construction of our radio room has started. A new solid core door has been purchased and is being framed in. Plans for the room layout have been made. When the new door is complete, work on the electrical and bench installation will begin.

Membership

We would like to give a hardy welcome to our newest members Chuck Crooks KD7QJU, Roger Kraus KK6TQY, and Ted Robison W7THR.

All American Legion Family members (Legion, SAL, and Auxiliary) are eligible for a voting membership. You need not be a member of Post 113 to join or vote. If you are not a Legion Family member, you are still eligible to join, but may not vote. You do not need to hold an FCC license. All interested re welcome. Dues are \$10.00 for adults, and \$5.00 for youth under 18.

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: Membership Chairman: Thom Juul WA7JUL wa7jul@gmail.com
