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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 N7LGN.

Meeting Notes

We would like to welcome our newest member, Bob KF7VKK. Bob holds an Extra Class license and has been active in ham for many years. He will be an extremely valuable asset to the club.

The fox hunt on June 15th went well. The “fox” was the team of Rich W7BOI and Matt W7LGN. First place was taken by the team of Steve W7BJX and Mike W7OSG. In second place was the team of Mike W7RWJ and Thom WA7JUL. Everyone had a lot of fun. We’re all looking forward to our next hunt on September 7.

Mike W7RWJ reported that the field day held on June 22 went well and that the bands were very busy.

If you would like to renew your ARRL membership, or join ARRL, we ask that you please do this through N7LGN. We receive a \$2.00 donation for each club renewal, and a \$15.00 donation for anyone joining ARRL through the N7LGN club. Application forms will be available on the Downloadables page on <https://n7lgn.org/>

The American Legion will be holding it’s convention in July. Therefore, many of our VEs and club members will be attending. We need three people to step up and become VEs to cover the July testing session on July 11. Contact Rich, W7BOI at rjdees@aol.com if you are interested or would like more information.

If you would like to become a Volunteer Examiner (VE), you can apply to the ARRL for certification. You do not need to be an ARRL member, but you must hold at least a General Class License.

During the last testing session, six applicants passed their tests, and there was one upgrade.

IDQSO Party: We do not have enough members yet to be able to host the IDQSO party next March. We decided that we would pass on it for this year, and consider hosting it in 2021.

Matt W7LGN researched having embroidered club patches made. He found that it would be too expensive. Thom WA7JUL will check on the cost of having patches printed.

CERT Training is in progress and will finish on Saturday June 29. Attendance is great. Thanks go out to all who attend.

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.

Equipment

Work on the radio room in the Veterans Memorial Building is almost complete. We have HF, VHF, and UHF radios, and a G5RV HF antenna that will be installed in the Veterans Memorial Building attic. We will be holding an antenna party on July 6 beginning at 0800 to do the installation. All are welcome to attend.

We passed the hat to purchase a dual band J-pole antenna. \$73.00 was collected, so club funds will not be needed. The money collected will cover the cost of the antenna, and also any additional hardware needed for the HF antenna installation. Rich W7BOI and Thom WA7JUL will purchase the J-pole antenna and hardware from RJM. Any remaining funds will go into the club coffer.

Network

It looks like the antenna issues on the 147.940 repeater have been resolved. If we can get a NCS the network will be back on the air starting on June 27, 2019 at 1900. If it turns out that there are still issues, John KG7AR stated that there is a secondary repeater we can use.

We need more people to be involved as a Net Control Station (NCS). It is very simple to do and takes virtually no time at all. If you have a license, can read, and press the PTT on your radio, then you qualify. You don't need fancy equipment. Some have hosted with their handheld radios. You just need to be able to reach the 147.940 repeater on Schafer Butte. If you would like to give it a try, contact Rich W7BOI at rjdees@aol.com. He will provide you with instructions and the script. It really is very easy. Don't worry. If you screw up, no biggie. We're here to have fun. We don't judge.

Upcoming Events

We are inquiring about having a booth at the Meridian Market on Saturday mornings. More to follow

July 6: We will be holding an antenna party at 0800 at the Veterans Memorial Building. We will be installing the HF, VHF/UHF antennas. We could use help, so if you're free, please come and join us. Coffee and doughnuts will be provided.

July 24: Our next general membership meeting will start at 1900 at the Veterans Memorial Building. All are welcome to attend. If you do not have a ham license, we can help you get one. Come check us out. Great people, and lots of fun.

September 7: We will be teaming up with Boy Scout Troop 1 at the block party in Kleiner Park. In addition to manning the booth with the Scouts, Legion Post 113, and SAL Sqdn 113, we will be hosting a Fox hunt at the booth at 1000-1200. Everyone is invited to participate.

September 7: RJM will be holding a swap meet from 1000-1600 in their parking lot on Overland Road.

September 28: Disaster Preparedness Day will be hosted by Legion Post 113 from 1000-1600.

November: We will be hosting Santagram booths for the children. One will be at MSTI, and one at another location to be determined. Details to follow. Actual dates will be announced.

American Legion Post 113

We are always looking for stories, articles, and tips and tricks for the website. If you have something you would like to contribute, please send them to: WA7JUL@gmail.com

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