

Feb. 2011 – Presidents/Facilitators Corner:

President's Note:

What if...

What if there was a storm?

What if there was a call for radio communicators?

What if ...

What if through our efforts we were ready?

Could we then sing out in harmony and help one another.

As Phil Collins sings:

"Tell everybody I'm on my way

New friends and new places to see

With blue skies ahead, yes I'm on my way

And there's nowhere else I'd rather be"

We should seek to help one another and to be prepared.

On my way now should be our call to one another.

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What's Happening?

The Club held a breakfast/meeting Saturday January 29th at the Golden Spike Restaurant in Corinne.

Several things were discussed. The planned activities and proposed projects were presented and volunteers were requested to be the chairperson of each. The Club Constitution & By-Laws are going to be revised and presented to the Club for a vote at the April Club meeting. Club elections will be postponed until the Constitution & By-Laws have been revised and approved by the Club by vote.

One of the main changes proposed is to allow any Club Member in good standing to run for and be President or Treasurer. Currently the President and Treasurer are required to be *ATK* employees. This requirement was due to the *ATK* Recreational Club and their being our Clubs primary source of funding. Since *ATK* no longer funds our Club it

was proposed that the only requirement be an *ATK* employee liaison to the Recreational Club Council. A committee was appointed to make the revisions to the Constitution & By-Laws and report to the Club at the April Club Meeting. It was also proposed that because of the help that Lynn Walker, N7TOP, has given our Club with the Fielding-Riverside Repeater, he be given a Honorary Membership to our Club as thanks for all his help. A letter of thanks and an invitation to join us at the Club Party will also be sent to Lynn.





CLUB MEMBERSHIP –

The end of the calendar year is just around the corner. It's time to show your Club support by joining or renewing your GSARC Membership. The Club needs your financial support so please join.

To join or renew your Membership please fill out the membership form on the Club Web site and send or give it to one of the Club Presidency. Please join before the Club Party so that everyone can enjoy the dinner and not have to worry about collecting dues.

Remember to pay your Club Dues before February 19th to qualify for the drawing during the Dinner Party. We hope to see you all there!

If you should want to run for one of the Club Presidency positions please notify one of the current Presidency Members and fill out the "Application for GSARC Leadership Position" form.

Brigham City Repeater Update:

Due to the weather there is still no change. We continue to struggle with a few problems such as the audio of the '29 going soft and quiet for a while then back to normal. It is as if someone had turned the volume down for a while and then back to normal.

We also continue to struggle with the Police/Sheriff Dispatch bleeding over from the 800 MHz Repeater System. Also there is the light background music from the FM Radio Station Repeater. Both Repeater Systems are located in the same building as our 145.290 Repeater. We have not been able to get with Lynn Walker, N7TOP, and set up a time when he can come up and see if he can help isolate and help fix the problems.

Fielding-Riverside Repeater Update:

The Repeater is still up and running!

The original 2-Meter Repeater Radio is still out for repair. We continue to use the Radio that Lynn Walker, N7TOP, installed when he and others made a trip to the site. There have been a few reports of bad audio coming from the repeater and that is now under investigation.

There has been no reported interference with the other repeater near Provo with the same frequency. Our PL Tone and the mountain between us must block our signal from getting to their repeater and their signals from getting to ours.

Because of more layoffs and changes at ATK we are not able to mail, Snail Mail, the newsletter any longer. Due to the Postage cost of mailing the newsletters it has been determined and will be necessary to publish the newsletter on the Club web site only. We hope that this will not be a problem for our members.

Also the ATK Recreational Council has notified our Club and others that they, ATK, will no longer be funding Clubs. We are

still looking at other options including applying for and becoming a non-profit organization through the State and IRS.

GSARC Activities:

February 2011

Club Meeting/Party –
Location: Bejing Buffet, Brigham City
(700 South Main, just North of the D.I.)
Date: Saturday 19-Feb-2011
Time: 1300 to 1500 hrs

March 2011

Club Meeting – TBA

April 2011

Club Meeting – TBA

May 2011

Club Meeting – TBA

June 2011

ADA Tour de Cure: Saturday June 11th
Club Meeting – Setup for Field Day – TBA
Field Day: Saturday & Sunday June 25th & 26th

July 2011

Club Meeting – TBA

August 2011

Club Meeting – TBA
County Fair Parade Communication Assistance

September 2011

Club Meeting – TBA
Peach Days Parade Communications Assistance

October 2011

Club Meeting – TBA
BSA JOTA Communication Assistance

Club info

Golden Spike ARC

Club Info Net

Wednesday night: 2000 hrs. (8:00 PM)
Carried over the 145.430, 145.290, 147.220 and
448.300 MHz repeaters

Net Coordinator: Wayne Jenson, AB7TS
Net Assistant Sandra Farnsworth, KE7EHJ

**Box Elder County Emergency
Training Net**

Sunday night: 1930 hrs. (7:30 PM)
Carried over the 145.430, 145.290, 147.220 and
448.300 MHz repeaters

Net Coordinator: Boyd Giles, KC0VLO
Net Assistant: Deloss Everton, W7TEU

Linked Repeaters:

145.430 - (pl .123) MHz (Blue Springs Hills)
145.290 - (pl .123) MHz (Brigham City)
448.300 - (pl .123) MHz (Blue Springs Hills)
147.220 - (pl .123) MHz (Fielding-Riverside)

Officers:

President: Byron Okada, KE7IRH
Facilitator: Dave Cook, KD7OUP
Treasurer: Byron Okada, KE7IRH

Newsletter Editor: Bob Haynie, KC7JOK

Repeater Trustees:

'43 Rob Daines, KK7DO
'29 Boyd Young, N7WFM
'22 Wayne Jenson, AB7TS

Club Web Site:

<http://www.ubetarc.org/> (as of: 06-Nov-06)
Web Maintained by: Dave Cook, KD7OUP
The Web site will be updated as Dave gets time though the Site Name
(URL) may remain the same for quite some time.

If you have an article, comment, picture or information you would like to post in the newsletter please send it to:

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Brigham City, Utah 84302
- or -
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Box Elder County ARES *Amateur Radio Emergency Service*

February 2011:

I don't know how many times I have encouraged each of you to be or get ready in case there in an Emergency or Disaster where we might be called to assist with communications. Disasters and Emergencies happen every day. Recently, February 11th and 12th, there were 5 reported earthquakes in the Lehi and Nephi areas just South of Salt Lake. To me this is a big warning and a wake-up call. These quakes were reported on the U of U web site, <http://www.seis.utah.edu/>, and on the TV News.

A few things you should be aware of when reporting to an EOC or Command Center during a Disaster or Emergency, you many need to fill out paperwork for the Served Agency so they know who is working for them so have a copy of your Amateur Radio License with you and any other training certificates you might have that can show you have specific training. I keep copies of all the training classes I have taken with my Grab-n-Go Kit.

Setup, Initial Operations and Shutdown

Responding After The Activation

If you already have your assignment, confirm that it is being activated by monitoring and checking into the local activation net. If you do not have a standing assignment, you should check into an activation net and request an assignment. It might be a "resource" logistics net if one is active, or the general "tactical" command activation net. (Since local procedures vary wide, you should get to know your group's specific plans and procedures well in advance.)

After you have gathered your equipment and are ready to respond, you may need to do several things, depending on local plans and the nature of the emergency. You may be asked to check in to a specific net to let them know you are en route, and then periodically to report your progress, particularly if travel is hazardous.

In some cases, you may be asked to proceed to a "staging" or "volunteer intake" area to wait for an assignment. This could take some time, especially if the situation is very confused. Often, the development of the response to the emergency is unclear and it will take some time to develop a cohesive and uniform response plan for that incident. You should expect the situation to be fluid as each incident is unique and to respond accordingly. Be prepared to wait patiently for a determination to be made and an assignment to be given.

In other cases, such as the immediate aftermath of a tornado or earthquake, you may be forced to make expedient arrangements as you go. Travel may be difficult or impossible, so you may need to do what you can, where you can. Nets may be established on an ad-hoc basis using whatever means are available.

Who is in charge?

At each station, the EC or other emcomm manager should appoint one member of the emcomm group to take a leadership role as "station manager," with full responsibility for all operations at that site. This person serves as a point person for contact, information and decisions for the team, with the incident commander and with other groups aiding in the response. This helps avoid confusion and arguments.

When you accept a position as an emcomm volunteer, you do so knowing that you will often need to follow the directions of another person. Cooperation and good teamwork are key elements that result in an efficient and effective emcomm operation. As the situation arise, you may have to step into a role of a leader to keep the operation moving forward. Those are key principles behind the success of the Incident Command System (ICS). ICS is a structured and scalable means of absorbing and organizing people from diverse agencies into a cohesive team of responders. [Expect to work with others. Expect that there are times you are the follower. Expect that other times, you may be the leader.]

Arriving at the Site

If you are assigned to a facility operated by the served agency, such as a shelter, introduce yourself to the person in charge as an "emergency communicator" assigned to serve that location. They will be busy, so get right to the point:

- Identify yourself and explain that you have been assigned to set up a communication station for that location, and by whom.
- Inform them that you would like to set up your equipment and get on the air.
- Ask if another communicator has already arrived.
- Ask if they have a preference for the station's location.
- If you are the first communicator to arrive, be prepared to suggest an appropriate location, one that can serve as both an operating and message desk, has feedline access to a suitable antenna location, access to power and telephone, and is just isolated enough from the command center to avoid disturbing each other.
- Ask if there are any hazards or considerations in the immediate area that you should be aware of, or cause you to relocate later.

If no building or other suitable shelter is available, you may need to set up your own tent, or work from your car. Choose a location that provides shelter from wind, precipitation and other hazards, and is close enough to the served agency's operations to be convenient, but not in their way.

Being a Good Guest

In many cases, you will be occupying a space that is normally used by someone else for another purpose. Respect and protect their belongings and equipment in every way possible. For instance, if you are in a school and will be using a teacher's desk, find a way to remove all the items from its surface to a safe place for the duration of operations. A cardboard box, sealed and placed under the desk usually works well. Do not use their office supplies or equipment, or enter desk drawers or other storage areas without specific permission from a representative of the building's owners. Some served agencies will seal all filing cabinets, drawers, and doors to certain rooms with tamper-evident tape upon arrival to protect the host's property and records.

When installing antennas, equipment, and cables, take care not to damage anything. For instance, avoid using "duct" tape to fasten cables to walls, since its removal will usually damage the surface. If any damage is caused, make note of it in your log and report it to the appropriate person as soon as possible.

73's
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GSARC

Golden Spike Amateur Radio Club

Application for GSARC Leadership Position.

Position of Interest: _____ Date of Application: _____

Name: _____ Call Sign: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

Phone Number: _____ Cell: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

President *(12 month term in office)*
GSARC Member in good standing and an ATK Employee

Facilitator *(12 month term in office)*
GSARC Member in good standing

Treasurer *(12 month term in office)*
GSARC Member in good standing and an ATK Employee

Newsletter Editor *(12 month term)*
GSARC Member in good standing

Return this completed application to any of the current GSARC Presidency.

President:***Requirements/Responsibilities –***

Any GSARC Member in good standing and an ATK Employee. The President will be the Club liaison with the ATK Recreation Council. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Club unless otherwise delegated, and ensure they are conducted according to the rules and bylaws adopted. He/She shall enforce due observance of the Club Constitution and By-Laws; decide all questions of order; sign all official documents adopted by the Club (or delegate as necessary), approve/disapprove all financial expenditures of ATK provided Club funds and perform all other duties pertaining to the office of President. To provide accountability and interface capability to the sponsoring agency, namely ATK, the President must be an active ATK Employee to be elected for a period of 12 months unless re-elected. The President will prepare and present the annual budget, Club membership, and report expenditures to the ATK Recreational Council. The President will provide input to be published in the monthly newsletter unless otherwise delegated by written invitation and ensure publication.

Facilitator:***Requirements/Responsibilities –***

Any GSARC Member in good standing. The Facilitator shall assume all the duties of the President in His/Her absence. In addition, He/She shall conduct all GSARC meetings, organize Club activities, plan and recommend contests for operating benefits, and advance Club interest and activity as approved by the Club. He/She shall maintain close liaison with the Club President, and local area Emergency Coordinator(s) to further Club participation in the Amateur Radio Public Service Corps. He/She, along with the President, shall approve/disapprove all financial expenditures of Club funds. The Facilitator must be an active Club member to be elected for a period of one year unless re-elected. The Facilitator will assist the President in preparing the Club annual budget and membership drive.

Treasure:***Requirements/Responsibilities –***

Any GSARC Member in good standing and an ATK Employee. Manage the GSARC finances. Report on finances and membership. Ensure ATK provided funds are accounted for properly.

Newsletter Editor:***Requirements/Responsibilities –***

Any GSARC Member in good standing. Create the monthly newsletter and ask for input from members as needed.

Note:

Those that don't feel they can fulfill the leadership requirements or those that don't fulfill their leadership requirements can be asked by other members of the Presidency or a vote of the Club during any meeting to resign and return all Club owned property in their care.

2011 G.S.A.R.C. Yearly/Elections/Dues Funds Raiser & Party will be held:

Date: Saturday – February 19, 2011 Starting Time: 1:00 PM Ending Time: 3:00 PM

Location: Beijing Buffet, Brigham City (North of the DI)

We need an attendance count so **PLEASE – RSVP – ASAP (and no later than 12-Feb-11)**

The **GRAND PRIZE** this year is a **YAESU FT-7900R Dual Band Mobile Radio**



To be eligible for the **GRAND PRIZE** your **Year 2011 Dues** must be paid prior to the drawing.
One chance to WIN the GRAND PRIZE per Dues Paid Member.

You **DO NOT** have to be present at the Party to win the GRAND PRIZE.

The winner, if not present, will be notified within 48 hours of the drawing.

Please mail or give your dues and the form below to one of the G.S.A.R.C. Presidency:

Byron Okada (2010 President/Treasurer)

(ATK M/S UT40-J65 Ext. 3454)

8115 North 11600 West, Tremonton, Utah 84337)

Dave Cook KD7OUP (2010 Facilitator)

2675 South 725 West, Perry, Utah 84303

Please return the form below with your dues payment:

G.S.A.R.C. Dues for the Year 2011 \$ 15.00 Date Paid: _____

Name: _____ Call Sign: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Are you an ARRL Member: YES NO If yes what month do you need to Re-New: _____

Will you attend the February Party? _____ (# Attending)

ATK Employee: YES NO ATK/Thiokol Retired (Please Circle One)

Note: Please write additional family member information (Name & Call Sign) on the back of this form.

***** **PLEASE PRINT** *****

This form will be used to update Club Membership Records.