

January 2012

Golden Spike Amateur Radio Club

Volume 26 Issue 1

January 2012 – Presidents/VP Corner:

Presidents Note:

I hope everyone had a "Very Merry Christmas" and a "Happy New Year!"

The past year has been busy for our Club. We have rewritten our constitution and bylaws to make it so any active Club member can hold a position in the presidency. This is a change that gives many people that aren't employees of ATK the chance to take part in the direction the Club is going. I know there are many that would like to do things differently and I have no problem with that. If you want something changed or want the Club to go in a different direction step up and become the president or vice-president. Taking charge of the Club is a very good way to show your willingness to support the Club and it's membership. Those who whish to be considered for one of the presidency positions should get involved now and put your name in the poll by filling out the application and getting in the running.

I would like to thank Byron Okada and Dave Cook for all the hard work they did on our behalf during their time in the presidency.

73's Bob Haynie KC7JOK

What's Been Happening?

There was no Club Meeting held in December because of the Holiday Season.

Items of Club business:

It is time to show your support to our Club and renew your membership.

The January Club meeting will be held in Tremonton. Next month, February, is the annual Club Party and the election of the new presidency.

The Great Utah Shake Out

At 10:15 a.m. Tuesday April 17th 2012, thousands of Utah volunteers will "Drop, Cover and Hold On" in the Great Utah Shake Out, the largest earthquake drill in Utah history!

To volunteer and be part of the drill go to the following web site and sign up: <u>http://shakeout.org/utah/</u>

You can also view lists of those who have volunteered and are going to participate in the drill.

ATK (Blue Springs Hills) Repeater Update:

Not much has been going on at the '43 site. The Repeater Trustee, Rob Daines KK7DO, has been in the hospital and hasn't been able to go to the site. Rob did state that it would be good to have a repeater tune up and clean up party at sometime. Any repair or clean up work will now have to wait until Spring when the road is clear and solid.

Get well soon Rob!

Brigham City Repeater Update:

December 19th the programming cable and software for the new Kenwood TKR-750 Repeater Radio was received. Programming of the radio is under way.

Fielding-Riverside Repeater Update:

Hello all, I can tell you that it is cold at the F-R Repeater site. The cowpies are frozen SOLID. I ran over one today and it felt like I had hit a rock.

The repeater went silent yesterday while AA7TR and NE7P were engauged in a conversation, just like it did the last time while KD7OUP was conducting his Sunday ERC net.

I found that the fuse, in the power wire to the Transmitter, was bad. When I removed the fuse it came out in two pieces. It appears that it was open

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because it overheated and melted the solder instead of shorting it out as would be the normal situation.

While AA7TR and myself were testing the repeater I noticed that the Red power wire was getting warm and the butt connecter in the red lead had a black spot on it. It did not appear that it had shorted but was because it overheated. I also noted some heat deformation to the red wire, between the fuse holder and the butt connecter

I replaced the fuse and the butt connecter and retuned the repeater to service.

I have attached a photo of the bad fuse and the yellow butt connecter.



I hope that this will take care of the problem. We will see what happens in the future.

Merry Christmas everyone

73 de W7PAH

Because of layoffs and changes at ATK we are no longer able to mail, Snail Mail, the newsletter. Due to the cost of printing and postage 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 <u>ATK Recreational Council has</u> <u>notified our Club and others that they, ATK,</u> <u>will no longer be funding Clubs.</u> We are now looking at other options including applying for and becoming a non-profit organization through the State and IRS.

GSARC Activities:

January 2012

Club Meeting – Thursday January 26th Location: North Park Elementary Address: 50 East 700 North, Tremonton Time: 1800 to 2000 Hours (6:00 to 8:00 PM)

February 2012

Club Meeting – Saturday Location: Bear River City Civic Center Highway 13 Time: 1800 – 2000 hrs (6:00 – 8:00 PM)

March 2012

Club Meeting – Thursday Location: TBA Address: TBA Time: TBA

April 2012

The Great Utah Shake Out Tuesday April 17th Location: Where ever you are at the time Time: 1015 Hrs (10:15 AM)

Club Meeting – Thursday Location: TBA Address: TBA Time: TBA

May 2012

Club Meeting – Thursday Location: TBA Address: TBA Time: TBA

June 2012

Tour de Cure – Saturday June 9th

Club Meeting – Friday June 22nd, Antenna Setup Location: TBA Address: TBA Time: TBA

Field Day Activities – 24 Hour Contesting Saturday & Sunday June 23rd & 24th Location: TBA Address: TBA Time: TBA Dinner: Saturday @ 1700 Hrs (5:00 PM)

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Bob Haynie KC7JOK 119 South 600 West Brigham City, Utah 84302 - or bhaynie72@hotmail.com

Club Information: Golden Spike Amateur Radio Club Info NET:

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

<u>NET Coordinator:</u> 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

<u>NET Coordinator:</u> Boyd Giles, KC0VLO NET Assistant: Deloss Everton, W7TEU

Linked Repeaters:

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

Officers:

President: Bob Haynie, KC7JOK Vice President: Doug Harford, K7DKH Treasurer: Byron Okada, KE7IRH Secretary: Peggy Harford, K7PGE

Newsletter Editor: Bob Haynie, KC7JOK

Repeater Trustees:

 '43 Site: Rob Daines, KK7DO
'29 Site: Jeff Stork, KD7BCJ Boyd Young, N7WFM (assistant)
'22 Site: Wayne Jenson, AB7TS

Club Web Site:

http://www.ubetarc.org/ (as of: 06-Nov-2006) 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.

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Amateur Radio Emergency Service

January 2012:

Starting in the early morning hours of December 1st Emergency Officials were very busy along the Wasatch Front from Ogden to Bountiful. <u>Extremely high winds</u> caused extensive damage to many stores, buildings, homes, overturned 18-wheelers and power outages. Power was out in many areas for over 48 hours. Without power means no heat to most homes and schools. Schools were closed Friday December 2nd in the hardest hit areas because of no power and heat. Brigham and Perry had high winds but not nearly as high as was reported in other places. People were frantic to get portable heaters and generators. Many people remember the high winds that we had here in Brigham 12 years ago that caused big trees to be blown down and damaged to many homes similar to what happened today. I listened to my radio and scanned the frequencies to see what I could hear and get some information. On our weekly Net I heard that others were also listening.

Over the past several weeks I have been involved in helping set up a few more emergency communication stations. Deloss Everton W7TEU and Steve Keene NE7P are also helping.

On the weekly Nets we have been discussing how best to be prepared in the event the power should go out. Some items of discussion have been a way to use a generator to supply power to your home to keep vital electronic items like your heater and fridge running. What about a heat source should the natural gas supply lines be damaged or cut? I have personal backup heating sources. I don't have a fireplace but I do have portable heaters should I need then. I think that Winter is the worst time of the year for a disaster or emergency where we might be displaced from our homes or be without electricity or heat. During the Summer a person can find shade or dress in lighter cloths. Winter on the other hand is tougher. A person has to dress to keep the cold out. Some people have trailers or motor homes that could provide shelter from the cold. Now think about some of the other facilities we each take for granted like our bathrooms. What will you do in an emergency? I have a portable shower stall that can set up and used for as a restroom with the portable toilet I have. What other emergency preparation items can you think of? Food preparation? Communications of course are very important that is why we have our Amateur Radios.

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What would you like to learn more about? I would like some suggestions on topics.

73's Bob Haynie KC7JOK Box Elder County ARES EC bhaynie72@hotmail.com



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)

Requirements: GSARC Member in good standing and as stated in the current Club Constitution & By-Laws

Vice-President (12 month term in office)

Requirements: GSARC Member in good standing and as stated in the current Club Constitution & By-Laws

Treasurer (12 month term in office)

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Requirements: GSARC Member in good standing, an *ATK* Employee and as stated in the current Club Constitution & By-Laws

Secretary (*12 month term in office*) Requirements: GSARC Member in good standing and as stated in the current Club Constitution & By-Laws

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

2012 G.S.A.R.C. Yearly/Elections/Dues Funds Raiser & Party will be held:Date:Saturday – February 25, 2012Starting Time:6:00 PMEnding Time:8:00 PMLocation:Bear River Civic Center, Bear River CityMenu:Maddox Take-Out MealA-Turkey Steak or B-Country Fried Steak

PLEASE – RSVP – ASAP with your Dues and Dinner Payment so we know how much to order No later than 10-Feb-12. We have to notify Maddox 2 weeks ahead of time

The GRAND PRIZE this year is a YAESU FT-60R Dual Band and Accessories



To be eligible for the **GRAND PRIZE** your **Year 2012 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:

Bob HaynieKC7JOK(2011 President)119 South 600 West, Brigham City, Utah84302

Doug Harford K7DKH (2011 Vice-President) 834 East 500 North, Brigham City, Utah 84302

Byron Okada KE7IRH (2011 Treasure) Out of State on Business

Please return the form below with your dues payment:

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