

# SPURIOUS EMISSIONS

## Hermiston Amateur Radio Club KC7KUG

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### President's Message, April 2003

Well I need to apologize for missing last month's newsletter. It seems Phil and I, both got too busy to find the time to crank it out. Phil was busy moving into a house in town, and I don't know what my excuse is.

We have been working on the web page lately, making some required changes and doing some minor fine-tuning. In an attempt to reduce required maintenance (that didn't seem to be getting done), I converted all the mailboxes to alias' to keep from filling the boxes with mail that never got read and purged. There is no need for the boxes because they all forwarded mail to the users' regular e-mail addresses.

We converted the 'discussion' area to a mail list server. If you are not familiar with list servers, they work pretty much like a repeater does. You send your message to the server and it forwards your message to everyone that is subscribed to the list. When you send it a new message, the subject of your message starts a new thread. You can join the discussion on a particular thread by replying to a message with the desired subject/thread. And, of course, others can reply to your message, and the discussion goes on. Sound like fun? There is info about it at [www.kc7kug.org](http://www.kc7kug.org) on the 'Discussion' page, and here it is again.

To subscribe to the list, send a message with the word 'subscribe' in the Subject field:

To: "talkback-request@kc7kug.org"  
Subject: "subscribe"

To post a message on the list, just send an e-mail:

To: "talkback@kc7kug.org"

To UNsubscribe to the list, send a message with the word 'unsubscribe' in the Subject field:

To: "talkback-request@kc7kug.org"  
Subject: "unsubscribe"

You're pretty much on your own as to what to talk about, For Sale, Wanted, upcoming events, announcements and ??? To start off, you might introduce yourself to let everyone know you've joined the list. And as usual, the

standard disclaimers apply. Enjoy!

Doug/KC7IMR

### Regular Monthly Breakfast & Meeting

Once again it is time for our monthly breakfast held in the Hermiston Eagles Lodge at 0800 hrs local time on Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup>. We have had some good turnouts for some good food so bring your family and friends, as all are welcome. Breakfast is the Sunday before the regular meeting.

The regular monthly business meeting is Monday evening, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 1930 hrs local time, in the Hermiston Fire Department Station #3. Come to the meeting with suggestions of topics you would like to discuss or items of interest you would like to share with the rest of us. Club meetings are the second Monday of the month.

### Upcoming Activities

Summer is approaching rapidly and it is time to plan for picnics, parades and of course Field Day. There are several parades and other activities that need amateur radio operators to help with, picnics that need amateur radio operators and their families to participate in (eating all that delicious food) and field day, a time to sharpen our skills with field operations (emergency power, antenna installations in the wide open spaces and a chance to make many contacts with other stations doing the same. The new Field Day rules are out for 2003 so lets get ready.

### Interested in ON the AIR Events?

I finally have the station up and running again and while working on the newsletter today I decided to turn on the hf rig and see what I could hear. 40 meters was rather quiet but while tuning around I ran across a couple of stations talking and discovered the Montana QSO party making their mark on the frequency. It's been a long time since I have worked anything but traffic nets and I haven't made many contacts at the new location so I thought I would give it a try. I signed my call and N7CMJ responded immediately. Good signals were exchanged in both directions (cool, I must have gotten everything

put back together right!) as we enjoyed a short QSO. Les was located in Kalispell, MT and talked about his station and of course his weather. Today was very much like ours; Snow in the surrounding areas, some sun, some blue sky and some clouds.

It was nice to get on the low bands again and make a new friend. Every weekend there are many on the air special events and contests. The following link will show many events nation wide that you might be interested in. This link can be used monthly to find these special events. Let me know if you are interested in special events or contest as we can find many other links with similar listings.

Try this one: <http://www.arrl.org/contests/spev.html>

## HARC NET:

Hermiston Amateur Radio Club nets are on Monday evenings at 1930 hrs local time on the 147.020(+) and 147.160 repeaters. For greater coverage in Umatilla and Morrow Counties, these two repeaters are linked together before the net. Hope to hear you on one of the nets.

## Upgrades and Testing

**You're never too old to upgrade:** Lanora Lawson, K9JFN, had wanted to upgrade to General class but never managed to get her code speed above 11 WPM. With the code requirement reduced to 5 WPM through restructuring in 2000, Lawson--now in a nursing home in Carrier Mills, Illinois--became eligible for what we might call a "grandmother" upgrade to General class because she had been licensed as a Technician back when the only difference between Tech and General was the Morse exam. Thanks to a local volunteer examiner team, Lawson was able to apply for the upgrade without any further testing. The FCC granted her new General ticket on her 90th birthday, February 25, 2003.



Lanora Lawson, K9JFN, receives her General upgrade CSCE from VE team member Charles Bybee, AA9TD.

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**Locally** if you are interested in upgrading or testing contact N7ERT, Jody Cross, for more information. The following link will also be very helpful.

<http://www.orednet.org/~jcross/vesched.htm> .

Good Luck!

## ARES / RACES

If you are interested in ARES / RACES contact N7ZHG, Gary Cooper for more information. Gary can usually be found on the 146.78 (-) or 145.49 (-) tone 67 repeater.

<http://ares.csepp.net>

## Baghdad ham club station dismantled prior to bombing:

*The Daily DX* relays information from Diya Sayah, Y11DZ--one of the primary operators at the Baghdad Radio Club Y11BGD station in Baghdad. Sayah reported just prior to the outbreak of hostilities in Iraq that he had dismantled the Y11BGD station equipment and stored it in a safe place--if there can be such a location in the besieged capital city at this point. *The Daily DX* Editor Bernie McClenny, W3UR, says he doubts there will be any activity in the near future from Y11BGD "much less any other YI stations." The Y11BGD club station went on the air in the 1970s. The Iraqi Association for Radio Amateurs (IARA) remains an International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) member-society. Its president is Adnan M. Aswad, Y11DX.

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## Sale - Trade - Wanted

If you have something for sale, to trade or looking for a piece of equipment we can put it on here for everyone to see. We have had good luck in the past finding and selling things. It even works with other clubs and their members in nearby areas. Send your request to the club PO Box or to the club e-mail. You will find both in the newsletter heading.

Hope to see you all at the breakfast and meeting.

73 Phil