

## Letter From The Editor:

Hello from the Q5R9 to all you amateur ham operators out there. Welcome to a brand new issue of the Flathead Valley Amateur Radio news. We at the publishing office are going to try to produce a better news letter to all of you. We should all remember to try to help out. If you have any news or information, no matter how small, please contact AA7UW Jeff Christiana, KB7IPH Mark Skeels, AA7TN Ed Mahlum. Our last meeting was a good one, with 26 members and 3 new members. A big welcome to Dick Lindeman from Kila and C.J. and Tammy Wheeler from Kalispell.

Dick Lindeman has just passed his tech+ at the November exams held at the justice center and will soon be on the air. CONGRATULATIONS.

At our last club meeting we discussed many ways to improve the club, and in this newsletter you will see a list of suggestions for activities. If you have any additions to this please bring it up either to us or to the club. It was nice to see so many faces again. I personally have gotten at least 12 people involved in our hobby this year. Let's reach out and try to get more involvement. Believe me it takes a lot of effort, but once they see all the neat things you can do with ham radio, they can't wait to check it out. Well, I hope to see you all at the next meeting and a few more new faces would be appreciated.

Thank you and keep the letters coming. Jeff AA7UW.

Notes on the October 22, 1993 Flathead Valley Amateur Radio Club Meeting.

### I. What do we want to do with our club.

- A. Further Electronic Knowledge
- B. Keep Amateur Radio Frequencies
- C. Community Service
- D. Classes for Growth
- E. Emergency Planning and Practice
- F. Knowledge
- G. Amateur Fellowship
- H. Elmers
- I. Volunteers
- J. Cohesion
- K. Local Radio Activity
- L. More Net Involvement
- M. Fun Activities
- N. Work with others and contribute

### II. Club Responsibilities

- A. Foster Growth
- B. Repeater Site - Forest Service
- C. Emergency Aid - Disasters

- D. Support Community
- E. Cooperation

### III. Newsletter importance.

From Radio Fun Magazine -

Clubs can still teach radio theory and Morse Code. Members can still provide communication for civic affairs, parades, road races, disaster or emergency services, Halloween patrols, traffic assistance, message handling, Civil Defense work...

Many club officers fail to recognize that when a member needs some technical assistance and fails to get it, that can create a downward spiral. With no one to provide the younger generation with training, fewer technically competent members will be groomed for the future.

Promote membership - send a newsletter to all local hams. Promote attendance and announce it in local newspapers or on local radio stations. Have a concession at the meetings selling coffee and donuts. Use the money for field day.

Find public speakers - National Guard, telephone company, power companies, local radio and TV stations, FAA, small electronics factories, MARS activities, training.

TVI committee to assist.

Setup a code competition program. Those interested can copy the CW practice run from W1AW on a specified night. The papers can then be checked. Copy the official CW proficiency runs from W1AW.

Encourage net participation.

Setup a construction project.

Encourage members to participate in ARRL contests.

Foxhunts.

Annual club auction.

Field Day.

Club Banquet.

November Volunteer Exam Results:

Donald Ross - Technician  
Timothy Sims - Technician  
Dick Lindman - Technician Plus

Next Ham Exams are an unknown stay tuned to the local nets and club meetings for future information.

Bulletins: Both the ARRL and W5YI-VEC organizations will be charging the maximum amount (\$5.75) during 1994 volunteer exams. W5YI-VEC will reflect \$3.25 of the \$5.75 fee to its VE teams when 10 or more applicants are examined; \$2.50 per examinee when the test session contains nine or less applicants.

Code Practice on the 62 repeater. Jerry Ziliak, KB6MT, has for many years taught code using the high speed method. That is, his theory is to learn the characters at a constant high speed, and then bring your speed up by decreasing the interval between characters. This method has many satisfied students and is being offered since November 28. Anyone wishing to use the repeater, for an emergency or whatever reason, can drop the tape with "\*6". The tape can be restarted from that position.

Schedule is Wednesdays at 7:00 PM (5 & 7 WPM), 7:45 PM (9 - 13 WPM) and Sundays at 1:00 PM (5 & 7 WPM) 1:45 PM (15 - 21 WPM).

November 2nd, 1993 San Diego a Radio Call for assistance by a ham on a public safety frequency got the FCC's attention. A ham who used a sheriff's department frequency when he could not summon help for a seriously injured friend on regular ham frequencies had to forfeit his modified radio. The FCC engineer said ham radio operators may use amateur frequencies but may not access out of band spectrum even when safety of life and protection of property situations arise.

Mark Skeels promises our club may have a special presentation at our upcoming meeting.

Mike Tuszyński promises an upcoming report on the use of the 76 repeater in this fall's search and rescue operations. We have at least four club members who are involved in the search and rescue and the 76 repeater has been needed when sheriff's radios could not make the communication link. Stay tuned for more...