



Wyoming Hamfest 2007

May 25-27, 2007

Best Western
800 N Poplar
Casper, WY
307-266-6000
Call by May 11 for
\$62 Hamfest rate.

See page 5 for a
great list of activities
and attractions in
Casper for non-hams

Repeater call
in frequency
145.235—
100Hz tone

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Sponsored by the ARRL Wyoming Section

- Fri night reception
- Sat Banquet
- Swap tables
- Sat Testing Session
- Educational Seminars
- Vendors
- Sat QCWA Luncheon
- 3 Keynote Speakers
- Sun ARRL Forum

The dates for Wyoming Hamfest 2007 are almost upon us! We have had a couple changes in speakers since the first flyer went out. The grand prize for the Hamfest was listed as a IC 2720H and that has been updated to the newer IC 208H as seen below.

See inside for all details of what we have on tap for you this year.



Grand Prize—ICOM 280H

Don't forget to join us on Friday evening between 5pm and 8pm. Bob, N7LKH and Mary Margaret, KF7MC will be hosting a welcoming reception.

Registration will be available that evening

Swap table set up on Fri evening 5-8pm and Sat morning 6am.

On Saturday at 12:30 join us for the QCWA sponsored luncheon and keynote address by Brian, N5ZGT.
(Ticket required)

Pre-Register! All registrations postmarked by May 1, will be included in the drawing for the ICOM 2200H

Saturday Schedule of Events

7:00 am	Registration Opens	
8:00—10:00	Weather Spotter Class	Chris Jones, NWS
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Weather Spotter—Chris Jones

Learn about severe weather and how to identify cloud elements indicative of impending severe weather conditions. An exciting multimedia presentation helps students gain spotter skills that will help them identify weather conditions that lead to severe weather like tornadoes and flash floods. Using their new skills, students will have the option to become an integral part of the National Weather Service's warning program, providing critical decision-making observations that help meteorologists fulfill the NWS mission to protect lives and property.

Chris Jones is the Warning Coordination Meteorologist at the NWS office in Riverton, WY. He previously served at four NWS offices: Cheyenne, Casper, Paducah, KY, and Grand Junction, CO. This varied background has enabled Chris to forecast phenomena ranging from historic river flooding, to large wildfires, to winter storms. He received his B.A. in meteorology from the University of Northern Colorado in Greeley. Chris' other interests include spending time with his wife and two sons, volunteer public service, U.S. History, and golf.



IRLP—Stephen Slaton, KE7FGB

Stephen Slaton, KE7FGB was born and raised in Nevada, came to Wyoming at the end of the 1970's oil boom, and now calls Wyoming home. He has been involved with electronics as a hobby since high school and has worked with computers for over 20 years. He has an Associates Degree in Accounting with a one year Computer Science Certificate from Western Wyoming Community College in Rock Springs. Although a new ham licensee (October 2005), he is not new to two-way radio. Stephen has held a commercial broadcast license, as well as CB, and GMRS licenses. A staunch advocate of Open Source Software, he has setup IRLP node 3831 which is linked to the Sweetwater Amateur Radio Club owned repeater. This repeater sits atop Aspen Mountain just south of Rock Springs and operates on 146.940 MHz (PL 100). Both the repeater and Node 3831 are open for use by licensed amateurs. Feel free to use either when passing through Sweetwater County.

Official Observer & Intruder Watch Programs—Chuck Skolaut, K0BOG

Chuck is the ARRL Headquarters Representative for the 2007 WY Hamfest. He will be presenting the Sunday morning keynote address (see his bio on the keynote speaker page.)



Some high points about the OO program include: It has been sponsored by the league for over 50 years to help amateurs help other amateurs by alerting them of technical problems or improper operating practices before they come to the attention of the FCC by way of a mailed advisory card. OOs also send out Good Operating cards as a way of recognizing stations that have good signals or operating procedures.

The Intruder Watch consists of a small group of amateur stations nation wide that monitor the amateur bands for any interference or intrusions from sources other than amateurs. These reports are shared with the other IARU regions by way of the Region 2 coordinator.

Repeater Installation & Maintenance—Dave Reigert, K7YE

Dave will be explaining the basic repeater components and how they function together to increase mobile and portable range. He will also present functions and options of repeater controllers.

Dave has been licensed since 1993. He holds an extra class license as well as several commercial certifications in electronics and radio. Dave is currently employed by a large Motorola Service Shop as a senior technician. He has built and worked on many of the 2 meter and 70 centimeter repeaters in central and other parts of Wyoming.



Log Book of the World—Dwayne Allen, WY7FD

ARRL's Logbook of the World (LoTW) system is a repository of log records submitted by users from around the world. When both participants in a QSO submit matching QSO records to LoTW, the result is a QSL that can be used for ARRL award credit. It is a free service. Dwayne will walk you through the steps to get set up as a new user on Log Book of the World. He will also explain the advantages of using this resource.



Dwayne Allen, WY7FD holds an extra class license. First licensed as KB7JVO in February 1990, Dwayne has held many positions in the ham community including EC of Crook County, WY and Secretary, Vice-President and President of the Red River Radio Amateurs in Fargo, ND. Allen is presently the ARRL Section Manager for WY. Dwayne is a Field Day fanatic, and also enjoys contesting, digital modes and volunteer services. He works for AMCOL International as a controls system engineer. He and his wife, LeeAnne, WY7DTW live near Devils Tower, WY.

Keynote Speakers

Andrea Hartlage, KG4IUM was licensed in 2000 at the age of 11. She enjoys involving youth in ham radio and has coordinated several efforts to do just that—such as the Youth Lounge at the Dayton Hamvention. She is a member of the A1 Operator's Club, and enjoys CW, contesting, balloon hunting, and APRS. Andrea started a ham radio club at her middle school and was a founding mentor of an ARRL Big Project School.

She was awarded the ARRL Hiram Percy Maxim Memorial Award in 2003 and the Amateur Radio Newline Young Ham of the Year Award in 2004. She was fortunate enough to be able to attend Space Camp in Huntsville, Alabama during the summers of her sophomore and junior years.

Andrea is a 2006 graduate of Grayson High School, considering an engineering degree at Georgia Institute of Technology and the ARRL Georgia Assistant Section Manager and Arrl.org Youth Contributing Editor.



Brian Milesosky, N5ZGT lives in Albuquerque, New Mexico, where he was licensed at the age of 12. He credits his grandfather, Ed W5RMY (SK), Jeremy Miller KB5OMD and longtime Elmer Jay Miller WA5WHN for getting him interested in the hobby. Brian enjoys transmitter hunting, chewing the rag and assisting with ARES/RACES activities. He is active on all bands from 80 meters to 70 centimeters, as well as 10 GHz wide-band FM. His favorite modes include CW, QRP CW, SSB, FM, satellite communications, packet, APRS, and other digital modes. He is also interested in transmitter hunting and ARES/RACES.

Brian was honored in 1997 by being named *Newline* Young Ham of the Year, and was the winner of the 1999 Hiram Percy Maxim Award. He is a life member of the American Radio Relay League (ARRL), and is currently serving as the Rocky Mountain Division Vice-Director.

Chuck Skolaut, KØBOG is a member of the recently renamed Membership and Volunteer Programs (MVP) department at league headquarters. He coordinates the Official Observer program as part of the Amateur Auxiliary to the FCC. He also oversees the ARRL Monitoring System/Intruder Watch. Chuck has attended a number of conventions and enjoys meeting members and telling them about his work and explaining the benefits of league membership.

Chuck was first licensed in 1960 as a one year "crystal controlled Novice". He has enjoyed the hobby ever since and shared this with his family, first his oldest daughter became licensed in the fifth grade and later his wife and younger daughter joined the amateur ranks making them an all ham family. Chuck operates 2 meters locally and HF, maintaining a sked with his brother in Kansas regularly from Newington.

Before joining the league in July, 2002, he had been in television broadcasting as a Master Control operator, later adding Assistant Chief duties and holds a Commercial First Class (now General) license with Radar Endorsement. His amateur radio interests led him into the broadcasting field.



Local Attractions

Movie Theaters:

The Rialto - 100 E 2nd St

Fox - 150 W 2nd St

The American - 19 S Center St

Eastridge Mall - 601 Southeast WY Blvd, just off I-25

Listings available via google

<http://www.google.com/movies?hl=en&near=Casper+WY&dq=Casper+WY+movie+&sort=1&sa=X&oi=showtimes&ct=title&cd=1>

Suggestions for better places to eat:

Poor Boys Steak House - 739 N. Center - family steak house

La Cocina, 1040 N Center - GOOD Mexican

Sanford's Grub Pub - 241 S. Center - very popular for lunch

Platte River Restaurant - 321 E St - on the frontage road to I-25.

Wonder Bar, 256 S Center St - good food, good brews

Botticelli Ristorante Italliano - 129 W 2nd St - very good

303, 303 S Wolcott St www.303grill.com - ritzy, "4 star"

Sidelines Sports Bar - 1121 Wilkins Circle - lots of folks go here

Jonhny J's diner - 4710 E 2nd St - a 50's style diner. Where most of the car guys will be at (from the car show)



Coffee House

We've LOTS of 'kiosk' places that'll sell 'foo-foo coffee' by drive through - they're all over

For sit down:

Metro Coffee Company - 241 S. David - great coffee, Wi-Fi hotspot

Perkins, 4710 E 2nd St - where CARC does their "Pie n Coffee"

Library

Natrona county public, 307 E 2nd St - has a 'technology center', PCs with I-net. Very busy.

Park

City Park - between Center and Wollcot, and 7th and 8th. One block area, porta potties

Washington Park - the 'big park' in town. Picnic areas, playgrounds, bandshell, etc

Between S. McKinley and S. Johnson stes, runs from 7th to 12th.

Quilting and Hobby

Hobby Lobby Creative Center, 2911 E. 2nd - mostly crafts and the like.

Quilts-N-Things, 2113 E 12th St - never been there, but heard of it.

And, of course, there's the Old Town Family Fun & Amusement Park, 123 West E - part of the Parkway Plaza. Arcade, ice cream shop, GREAT miniature golf course - right on the river. <http://www.parkwayplaza.net/oldtown/>

Events in Casper

Central WY Kennel Club Dog Show—Central WY Fairgrounds Industrial Building May 25 & 26. Starts at 6:30am both days.

Martial Arts & Kickboxing—Central WY Fairgrounds Industrial Building, May 26th, 6:30 pm.

Black Holes—Casper Planetarium, May 26th 7pm

Ladies Oriental Shrine of North America, Casper Events Center, May 25th & 26th

Oil Capitol Auto Club's "Cruisin' with the Oldies" billed as the "Largest Automotive Event in Wyoming"

<http://www.ocac.cc/MemorialWeekend/MW2007/2007Index.htm>

Special thanks to Tate, KC7ZRU for helping in providing this information.

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Sunday Morning

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9:00—10:00	ARRL Forum	ARRL Representatives
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10:00	State Meeting	
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Registration Form
Fill in this form completely.

Name _____
Call Sign _____
Address _____
City, State _____
Zip _____

Hamfest registration (this includes admission to the Friday reception, swap table and vendor area all weekend, all presentations and a chance at all door prizes and the grand prize.

.....\$10.00 per adult....# _____ @ \$10.00 = _____
.....\$5.00 per teen 15-18 and under.# _____ @ \$5.00 = _____

Saturday QCWA Luncheon & Keynote address

Lunch consists of Deli Buffet with assorted meats, cheeses & breads, garden salad, coleslaw potato salad, condiments & assorted dressings, plus coffee, tea or milk.

.....\$11.00 per person.....# _____ @ \$11.00 = _____

Saturday Banquet & Keynote address

Banquet consists of roast suckling pig, teriyaki London broil, macadamia trout, marinated chicken skewers, rice pilaf, vegetables du jour, tropical fruit tray, rolls and butter and a cash bar.

.....\$18.00 per person.....# _____ @ \$18.00 = _____

Swap tables. Set up for the swap tables is Friday from 5-8pm or Saturday morning from 6-7am.

.....\$5.00 per table.....# _____ @ \$5.00 = _____

Total.....\$ _____

Return form with your check or money order payable to WY Hamfest to:

WY Hamfest
C/O CMARC Carol Jaussaud, K7KD
PO Box 2732
Cody, WY 82414

Hamfest registration at the door is \$12.00 for adults, \$7.00 teenagers, 14 and under free..



Pre-Registration Prize—IC 2200H