



“From the Shack”

July 2021 Newsletter



New section manager elected

A new Section Manager has been elected for the Utah Section. Pat Malan, N7PAT will begin a 2-year term effective July 1st. Pat resides in South Jordan and has been



involved with the Utah Amateur Radio community for many years. Please extend your congratulations to Pat as he begins his new role.

THANK YOU MEL

The Taylorsville Amateur Radio Club extends our heartfelt thanks to outgoing Utah Section Manager Mel Parkes, NM7P who has served the Utah Section for the past 22 years. Mel's leadership has helped all of us enjoy and use the resources of ham radio to benefit our communities.

The Utah VHF Society and Repeaters

A lot has changed since 1968 in that the number of repeaters in Utah is far higher than it was. One positive result was that there are few portions of the state that where repeater coverage is not possible and that many of the repeaters in these rural locations are linked together to increase their coverage and utility when it comes to facilitating communications across large portions of the state. These days, many of the clubs in the more rural portions of the state are both strong and active and are well able to both install and maintain their own repeaters, but there are still some many repeater projects where the financial help and possibly the technical resources of the members of these other clubs and the Utah VHF Society may be brought to bear!



One ongoing need for all repeater systems is that of maintenance: Utah mountaintop winters can

take a heavy toll on equipment such as antennas while the occasional lightning strike may require that much of the repeater's equipment be replaced. In these instances, the Utah VHF Society has been called on to help in defraying some of these costs and/or providing technical assistance to get the affected system(s) back on the air as soon as possible! As you can imagine, some of these repairs/replacements can be very costly and may be too much for some of the smaller clubs or groups to bear while at the same time leaving a "hole" in the coverage of some portion of the state!

In the future, emerging technology will require - more than ever - that close attention be paid to the management of our precious amateur spectrum resources and because of this, there must be organizations like the Utah VHF Society to make sure that these new systems are thoughtfully accommodated and integrated into our amateur bands.

We encourage you to view the Utah VHF Society website utahvhfs.org and see what this great organization does for you. We also encourage you to join and support the group to help them keep the repeaters up and running.

The Utah VHF Society holds an annual "Swap meet" in the month of February. It has been held at the Davis County Fair Grounds for the past several years. We owe a lot to the many who have served us, often with little recognition, in keeping the repeaters we depend on "up and running".

Please support this great organization by becoming a member and participate in there activities.

I said it last month and I am
going to say it again---

You are the "Key" to a more
successful radio club



Building a successful organization takes more than a few leaders. It takes cooperation between each member of the group. It takes being willing to step up and do more. It takes more than checking in each week.

When the decision was made some 13 years ago to form an organization of ham radio operators, it began with just 4 people. There were grassroots efforts being made by a volunteer "Emergency Manager". Her name is

Lisa Schwartz. When I approached Lisa about using ham radio operators in conjunction with CERT efforts in the city, she responded with a resounding "YES".

Working with Lisa was a great experience and the work to build a ham radio organization moved along slowly until we gained more members.

After a period of time, Lisa became a part-time city employee and was largely responsible for obtaining “grants” to help the city purchase radio equipment and other preparedness items.

When Lisa moved on to a new opportunity, the city hired Ben Gustafson to fill the position and he brought his experience as a fire dispatcher working with emergency calls with him. Ben helped to develop stronger CERT and HAMnet bonds and was very proactive in his efforts.

When Ben accepted a position with the Red Cross, the position was left unfilled for a few

months with Donny Gasu ultimately being hired to be the Emergency Manager.

Donny had to learn much of the basics, protocols and workings of his job and has filled the position until now. So now, we find ourselves at another crossroads and we as an organization need to show the city what we are made of. **YOU need to do your part. Please step up and show us what you are made of. Volunteer to help.**

We are looking for Newsletter topics!

Writing a newsletter takes a lot of input from you the members of the club. I have looked back at newsletters from years past and tried to pick articles to present to you again. I have also looked at other club newsletters from our local area as well as around the country.



If you have ham radio related subjects and topics you would like us to address, let us know. Send an email to k7btu@arrl.net with your ideas.

CALENDAR ITEMS

- Our August “Fox Hunt” will be held on the 14th, beginning at 0900 hours local and running until 1200 hours local. Frequency information is on the event calendar and our website.

We will conduct this fox hunt in person at the Gary C. Swensen Valley Regional Park. Meet at the parking lot on the north side of the ball diamonds at 9 a.m.



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kalanimack@gmail.com

OK, we have tried asking, we have tried begging, now we are going to try BRIBERY! DON'T MAKE US PULL OUT THE BIG GUNS!

We are going to begin offering you a chance to win some prizes, just by calling the net. How does that sound? Each time you call the net, your name will be entered into the drawing. The drawings will be done at the end of each quarter. {We are even going to reward those who have participated the first quarter of the 2021 year.} 1st and 2nd quarter winners were announced on the net, July 12th. We will announce the 3rd quarter winner the first week of October, 2021, and the 4th quarter in January of 2022. It will be good stuff and worth your effort to help.

We really need your participation. Let us know when you can be “net control” by email at tville.hamnet@gmail.com Dates are open from now, through the rest of the year.

73

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