### "The /Tower/Coax/Beacon/Chatter"

Looking for a name, suggestions accepted

A Newsletter for the Devils Tower Amateur Radio Club February 2023, Premier Edition, Betty Breen, WY7MOM, Editor

At our last meeting, we were fortunate to have a one-on-one with Chip Margelli, K7JA, via video. He talked about Winter Field Day and how to promote and participate.

... We had three participants that braved the cold and the snow. They were able to keep warm with all that wood that was prepared, just for such an occasion.

WELL . . .

Here is the report: from our President:

YE OLD OUTHOUSE "Facility"



Hello DTARC.

Winter Field Day is done. We started setting up around 10:00 on Saturday morning. The temperature was a balmy 5 degrees. By 14:00 on Saturday, the temperature was -1. It never went above 0 for the rest of the time we were there. The heater, after some fine adjustments from our Vice-President did a great job of warming the center. I will say that we had to feed that wood eating beast constantly. We used just under half of our wood supply. We also had breakfast cooked on the kitchen wood stove. I think we need to make plans to finish the wiring along the south wall and power to the outdoor facilities. Although we only made 261 contacts, we did manage to work all corners of the US. There were even a few DX stations including Denmark, Spain, France, and Hawaii, all from our fishing pole verticals and a dipole on 40. Needless to say, we had fun.

Dwayne, WY7FD

# WELCOME New Tech/New Member

Bill Vance, KK7KDP, has joined our group. VE's Dwayne and Katie Allen along with Jerry Boone traveled down into the canyon in a snow storm for his testing and as a reward, Bill passed and also passed some cake!

Next meeting will be in Sundance at the Public Health facility, next to the library, on **Saturday, February 25 at noon**. Bring your lunch and we will hope the weather and roads cooperate.

### Minutes of the January 14, 2023, DTARC Meeting

The January meeting was opened by President Dwayne Allen at 12:15 PM. There were 9 members and one guest present: Dwayne, Katie, Betty, Jerry Boone, Pat, Terry, Al, Cynda, and Jerry Hawley. Our guest was Bill Vance.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Treasurer, Jerry Boone. He reported the balance in the club account and noted an expense coming due for the annual corporate registration fee to the Wyoming Secretary of State's Office. A motion was made and seconded to approve the report. All present voted in favor.

Old Business: There was a brief discussion about the tower on Warren Peak that was donated to the club. DTARC will begin dismantling the tower sometime in the Spring.

New Business: The following proposed change to the Constitution was written by Dwayne and presented by Treasurer Jerry Boone:

"An audit will be scheduled during the first month after each bi-annual election. The Treasurer shall schedule this audit of the club's finances and equipment holdings. This audit will be done at the beginning of a new term even if the Treasurer retains his/her position. This audit panel shall consist of the Sitting Treasurer, the outgoing Treasurer (unless relected), the Sitting President, the outgoing President (unless re-elected), both Sitting Members-at-Large and the sitting Vice-President. The outcome of this audit shall be released in the Treasurer's report at the next scheduled meeting."

A motion to approve this addition to the Constitution was made and seconded. All members voted in favor.

Dwayne suggested that the next club project could be an oatmeal box receiver. Instead of everyone building their own, he suggested that the club members would work together to build one or two of the receivers as a shared project.

Dwayne suggested that the Club arrange for a project with the local schools to make an amateur radio contact with the Space Station (ARISS). Since there is a great deal of planning and preparation necessary, an ARISS contact would not be possible until 2024 at the earliest.

Betty spoke about the possibility of having a club newsletter. It would consist of topics from the President, project pictures, an introduction, updates, and future plans. She is looking for suggestions of a name for the newsletter.

Dwayne announced that the new election of Officers will occur on Field Day, the last full weekend of June. Terry will serve as the Chairman of a nominating committee to present a slate of candidates for election.

Chip Margelli K7JA made a very interesting internet video presentation about Winter Field Day. Following that, Dwayne announced that Winter Field Day would be held at Sunny Divide and that all were welcome to join the fun.

Dwayne is going to send letters to the licensed hams in the County to invite them to join us and become more involved in amateur radio.

Our next meeting was scheduled for Saturday February  $25^{\rm th}$  at noon. The location will depend on the weather.

The motion to adjourn was made at 1:15 pm and all voted in favor.

Patricia Boone Secretary

## Photos of our workshop, building an FM Radio, learning the technics of soldering and following instruction, especially with help from Dwayne. Most important, IT WORKED!!







Message from Section Manager, Garth Crowe, WY7GC

"Join us in working all sections this year during Volunteer's on the Air. If you are interested in operating W1AW the week of May 31 and November 8th contact K7WY.Lee@outlook.com Or WY7GC@arrl.net.

See you on the air!

Extra points if catch me on the air.

73 Garth SM Wyoming"

ARRL's VOLUNTEERS ON THE AIR is a year-long operating event to support and recognize the contributions of the ARRL volunteers, which, by the way, include the Section Managers as well as the Directors, Vice Directors, Officers, and various coordinators. The VE's are also acknowledged and DTARC has several people who are qualified to "do the testing".

ARRL's Logbook of the World (LotW) will accumulate points and keep tract of your contacts.

For more information, contact vota@arrl.org.

#### **DTARC Board Members:**

Dwayne Allen, WY7FD, President
Wade Dennis, KD7KNZ, Vice President
Jerry Boone, WY7JB, Treasurer
Pat Boone, KF7RJT, Secretary
Ken Bollinger, KF7PTK, Member at large
Al Wessel, NOVMD, Member at large

This is our first of attempt at producing a newsletter for our club. Feedback is important and welcomed. We will be looking for contributions, pictures, etc. Email me at <a href="mailto:newsletter@wy7dt.com">newsletter@wy7dt.com</a>. Feel free to communicate.