



Montana Section News

June, 2006 Chair's Message

Doug Galarus

Our newsletter editor suggested that I keep this month's chair's message to a finite length, so here goes ... The Gallatin Ham Radio Club has been kind enough to allow us to hold our summer picnic in conjunction with their annual Field Day event. This will be a chance to enjoy good summer time food, and to also see some pretty cool RF activities. So, not only come by for the food, but be sure to attend the activities earlier in the day! See Column 2 for further information. And, be sure to sign up for the picnic at the IEEE Montana Section web site (<http://www.ewh.ieee.org/r6/montana/>) so I know how many burgers and dogs to buy!

Are you a Senior Member? If not, you might want to see if you are eligible. The criteria for Senior status are listed on the web site <http://www.ieee.org/organizations/rab/md/smrequirements.html>. Additional information on applying for Senior status can be found at http://www.ieee.org/organizations/rab/md/smguide.html#applicant_guide.

If you think you meet the requirements, all you need to do is submit an electronic application that you can obtain from the Section's Senior Member Nominating Committee Chair or from <http://www.ieee.org/smform>. Applications must have three references from current Fellows or Senior Members. If you need assistance with the references, the Senior Member Nominating Committee can provide them if you provide it with a current resume that lists the essential information stated in the requirements for Senior status. Contact Don Pierre (Don@ieee.org) or Bill Jameson (b.jameson@ieee.org) for further assistance.

Humor of the Month A trucker came into a truck stop cafe and placed his order. He said, "I want three flat tires, a pair of headlights and a pair of running boards."

The brand new blonde waitress, not wanting to appear stupid, went to the kitchen and said to the cook, "This guy out there just ordered three flat tires, a pair of headlights and a pair of running boards. What does he think this place is an auto parts store?"

"No," the cook said. "Three flat tires mean three pancakes, a pair of headlights is two eggs sunny side up, and running boards are 2 slices of crisp bacon."

"Oh, OK!" said the blonde. She thought about it for a moment and then spooned up a bowl of beans and gave it to the customer.

The trucker asked, "What are the beans for Blondie? She replied, "I thought while you were waiting for the flat tires, headlights and running boards, you might as well gas up!"

Section Meeting / Summer Picnic

Saturday, June 24, 2006, 5:30 PM

(Field Day Activities start at Noon Saturday and continue through 3PM Sunday – see directions and further details below)

Gallatin Ham Radio Club Field Day

What is Field Day? "It's an on air contest intended to give operators a chance to practice radio skills in abnormal situations and learn to meet the challenges of emergency preparedness. It's also a chance for the general public to come see us work and become interested in the capabilities of Amateur Radio. You don't have to know a thing about ham radio to join in the fun! If you're interested in Amateur Radio or emergency communications, then come join us and learn more!"

Field Day activities will include:

- operating one or two HF stations on SSB (voice) from a variety of antennas and portable power sources
- operating a station in CW mode (morse code)
- and a direction finding contest or foxhunt (finding a hidden RF transmitter).

HAMS will be available to explain each of these activities and answer questions.

Directions:

Turn South off Amsterdam Road to Linney Road, then take a LEFT at the intersection of Veltkamp (looks like a private road, but it's not) and go about 1/4 mile to W7NAV's driveway (on the right) - Look for the BEAM up in the field! See <http://www.gallatinhamradio.com/newsletter/fieldday/fieldday06.htm> & <http://www.gallatinhamradio.com/fieldday.htm> for maps and further details. **NOTE: Field Day Events Occur from Noon Saturday to 3pm Sunday.**

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