

Bitterroot Musers

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To the Bitterroot Amateur Radio Club members,

The Bitterroot Musers would like to thank you for the crucial support you've provided to our race, the Darby Dog Derby, for the past 5 years. This was the 12th year for our race. In the first seven years, we had minimal to no communication on the course. We only had to hope the teams were traversing the course safely.

Each year Ted Dunlap and the radio operators put in a lot of effort to give us smooth radio communications. Each year, they have learned from the experience and tried to improve upon the system. This year, the ideal repeater placement gave us the best communications yet! The major issue left hindering the system is the radio battery life. Many of the batteries did not provide long use before needing to be changed.

The system your group has developed is a very valuable tool for the members of our valley. It can be used for many applications including events and emergencies. The practice at our event has led to knowledge, experience and system improvement. We would love to see your emergency response radio system continue to improve, not only for our race, but for the good of the community.

Thank you for your hardwork and support,

Brandi Williamson
The Bitterroot Musers