

# LOTOJA Tips and Reminders

## **What is the role of Amateur Radio Operators in LOTOJA.**

Amateur Radio operators provide several essential services for the race.

1. Provide communications for the entire event and race route.
2. Provide “Neutral Wheel” support for the cyclists
3. Provide communications and support at Feed Zones
4. Become the “eyes & ears” of the race, assisting event organizers, race officials, and public safety officers in maintaining a safe event.
5. Locate and connect riders with their support vehicles.
6. Call for medical assistance when needed.
7. Test and sharpen communications skills

## **Before Friday**

- Program your radio. Correct frequencies and tones
- If you have an APRS tracker, correctly set your callsign LVxx (xx-Vehicle number)
- Confirm your room reservations in Jackson
- Have all your handouts (Assignment list, frequency list, frequency map, Race Bible, cars and bikes schedule, Car signage, tape, pens, notepad, course maps)
- Volunteer Waiver signed and turned in.

## **Friday Evening**

- Wheels, and mechanic kits for Vehicles 1 - 10 can be picked up between 7:00 pm and 7:30 pm at the wheel tent.
- Wheels, and mechanic kits for Vehicles 11 - 28 should pick them up starting at 7:30 pm. at the wheel tent.
- We are anticipating 30+ mechanic kits. So all vehicles should get one.
- Good nights rest.

## **Saturday Morning**

- Wear your LOTOJA T-Shirt.
- Have your orange vest (if available) ready to go
- Mobiles must be at the start at least 1 hour before your pack leaves. earlier if you want to join the fun
- Find Khalil WA7SHW at the start line or on the 146.720 repeater if you do not know where to line up.
- Don't forget to grab your lunch if you ordered one.

## **Feed Zones**

- Feed zones need to be in place 1 hour before cars start arriving.
- Remember the numbering system. If you are looking for support for rider 1234 they should be in zone "4".
- Feed zones should have a supplied large white board and marker! You will use this to write the race number of a cyclist for who's support vehicle we are trying to locate.

## **Along the route**

- Vehicles 1 - 12 following yellow bib numbers should follow the packs and pass if their pack passes. If your packs spreads out LOTOJA would like you to stay closer to the front of the pack.
- For Vehicles 13 down, follow your packs into Strawberry canyon, then when they all spread out, you will focus on spacing as the best you can. Use simplex to check with the cars before and after you on spacing. Ken Buist and Khalil Godfrey will work with you on the spacing. They are the rovers.
- Neutral support should not follow riders in Wyoming, but should leap frog around as necessary, in a safe manner. After crossing the finish line, Neutral support vehicles may be sent back to a stationary position to support the race.
- Neutral support should record time, cyclist #, and mile marker of any infraction they observe. This information can be dropped off at the finish line or relayed via radio to a race official.
- Neutral support should not stop and use the restroom at feed zones. stop somewhere else along the route.
- Try to pick up water bottles and clothing along the route after the official drop zone.
- Make sure you drop off any thing given to you or that you pick up at the tire tent in Jackson. If you are not going all the way you need to pass it forward to someone who is.

## **Traffic is handled in this order.**

- a. Emergency traffic (i.e. need medical assistance)
- b. Safety communications (i.e. locating support vehicle, reporting of support vehicles who are hazards)
- c. Race communications (i.e. Asking race official for clarification, reporting cyclists who have dropped out)
- d. Other communications

## **Sweep**

- As you pass the milliseconds timing crews, corner marshalls, feedzones, geneva summit, geneva corner, flaggers throughout the race, please stop and let them know you are the last vehicle.

- This applies only to sweep vehicles.
- Make sure you drop off any thing given to you or that you pick up at the tire tent in Jackson. If you are not going all the way you need to pass it forward to someone who is.

### **Jackson route**

- Follow riders onto South Park Loop Rd. (Riders personal support should not follow onto South Park Rd. only ham neutral support)
- Continue to follow South Park Loop Rd. turning right at Boyle's Hill Rd. continuing back to Highway 89 (you will come out by the Maverick).
- Do not follow riders down Tribal Trail Rd, ( it is a bike path only)
- Safely and quickly get thorough Jackson to where the bike path connects back onto Highway 22.

### **Finish Line**

- Check-in tires, wheels as soon as possible
- Turn in lost and found items at the wheel tent also.
- You are not released from the race till you get the OK from net control
- Once released turn in mechanic kits orange vest and first aid kits

### **Sunday**

- 10:30 to 11:45 a.m. — Awards Ceremony at J.H. High School
- Enjoy Jackson Hole!!!!
- Make sure we do not leave any singles behind!