



LARA Newsletter

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Breakfast & Club Members Meetings - August 17th, 2019

Breakfast

- 3 - Saturday @ 8AM Site A.
- 10- Saturday @ 8AM Site A.
- 17 - Saturday @ 8AM Site B.
- 24 - Saturday @ 8AM Site A.
- 31 - Saturday @ 8AM Site A.

Business

- 17 - Saturday @ 8AM Site B.

Breakfast

Saturdays @ 8AM Site A.

Key:

Site A. - Korner Cafe
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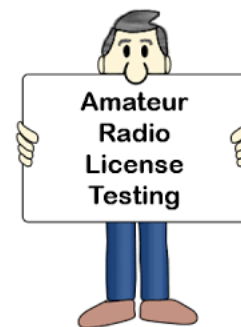


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Testing this Saturday, August 17th 2019

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From the President's Shack

Well, summer has finally set in and we are staring at triple digit temperatures. Just a reminder about staying hydrated. If you're going to be out in the heat make sure you drink plenty of water the day prior to the exposure. Waiting until you're out in the heat to try and hydrate does not work well. It might help to quench your thirst but won't do a lot as far as hydrating your body.

Thanks to Ken, KD2KW and Ken, AC5EZ for their presentation on Bonding and Grounding at our July meeting. If you missed the meeting you missed a great presentation.

Just a reminder – if you are interested in CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) training

The next CERT class (20hr class):

Part 1 - August 16th (Fri) 6pm-10pm

Part 2 - August 17th (Sat) 8pm-5pm

Part 3 - August 24th (Sat) 8pm-5pm

LARA members, who do not live in Lewisville, can take the class. Contact the Lewisville Office of Emergency Management at 972-219-5089.

The next event that is coming up on September 28 is the Western Days Special Event Station. This is going to be a bit different than most special event stations in that we will pass control to different operators each hour from 1000 to 1500. We still have two 30-minute slots open for the HF operation. If you would like to volunteer for a slot please contact me. If you would like to volunteer and don't have an HF rig you are more than welcome to come to my QTH and use mine.

We're still looking for some additional operators to function as Net Control and Alternate Net Control (logger) for the Wednesday evening Information and Help Net. Neither one of these tasks is difficult and they offer you the opportunity to broaden your experience in our hobby. There is a script to help guide you through the Net Control function and some detailed instructions for the Netlogger use. Contact Jim, WB8YWA or me if you would like to volunteer or have questions before committing.

Congratulations to Mike, KI5DLF for completing the ARRL PR-101 training class for club public information officers. Mike saw this training offered on the ARRL web site and jumped on it. Job well done Mike and thanks for your extra efforts.

Taking a look ahead – Saturday, October 19 is our Scouting Jamboree-on-the-air event. Mark your calendar for the date. It takes more than a few folks to make this event a success. Last year we had more youngsters attend our event than any other site in the area.

The August meeting is Saturday, August 17. Tod, WE5TR will present information on digital modes FT-4 AND FT-8. Don't miss out on this informative presentation.

73, Ron KF5OMH

Free Event Logging Software

Free Hiram Percy Maxim 150th Birthday Event Logging Software Now Available

Scott Davis, N3FJP, perhaps best known for the ARRL Field Day software that bears his call sign, has developed a free logging program for ARRL's [Happy 150! Hiram Percy Maxim Birthday Celebration](#) on-the-air event that gets under way on August 31 and runs for 9 days. Davis calls his software [Hiram Percy Maxim Contest Log 1.0](#). Maxim, 1AW, who cofounded ARRL, was born on September 2, 1869.

"I've never created a program for a non-recurring event before, because the coding time required is too large," Davis said in a post to the *N3FJP* software user group. "I've made this exception because this is a really nice, simple rule set with the very popular field day-style exchange that has the added bonus in schedule flexibility of running for 9 days. The Hiram Percy Maxim celebration sure looks like a well-designed event that will be a lot of fun for us all."

The Happy 150! event will begin at 0000 UTC on August 31 and continue until 2359 UTC on September 8. It is open to all radio amateurs. The goal is straightforward: Contact as many participating stations as possible. W1AW and *all* ARRL members will append "/150" to their call signs during this event (DX operators who are ARRL members may operate as *<call sign>/150*, if permitted by their country of license.) Participating stations will exchange a signal report and [ARRL/RAC Section](#). DX stations will send a signal report and "DX." All Amateur Radio bands except 60, 30, 17, and 12 meters are available. Permitted modes are CW, any voice mode, and digital.

Davis said *Hiram Percy Maxim Contest Log 1.0* is full featured and "very easy and intuitive to use."

"If the Hiram Percy Maxim celebration is received as strongly as it appears, my hope is that ARRL will decide to make this an annual event," Davis allowed. "After all, birthdays come once a year, and we now have the infrastructure to continue."

Reprinted from ARRL Letter for August with permission.

Posted By: Ron Ford - KF5OMH

A Few Tidbits

In last month's President's column, there was a piece concerning a Brazilian Scout Radio group collecting various ham radio memorabilia. A few members submitted QSL cards, patches, stickers, etc. and a package was mailed off to Adenoir, PY2SKY. It took several weeks but the package finally found its way to the town outside of Sao Paulo. Below is a post that Adenoir put up on Facebook. Although the post is focused on me, he sent a separate email thanking all of those that provided input to the package – Clark, K5LGX; David, W5YS; John, KF5I; Judy, W5SKJ and Mike, W5EVT.

Adenoir Rubens

August 6 at 5:17 PM ·

☆ I don't even know how to start...

Well.

Today I would like to thank a very special person.

My friend RONALD FORD - KF5OMH from LEWISVILLE, TEXAS, USA.

RONALD FORD is President of LEWISVILLE AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION (L.A.R.A.) - W5LVC.

As a follow-up to the Scouting World Jamboree where 45,000 Scouts from 152 countries attended at Summit Bechtel WV, a site has been put up with 3000+ pictures and 57 videos. If you would like to view this material click [HERE](#).



Treasurer's Report for July, 2019

By: Clark Highsmith K5LGX

Hello members and friends of LARA. The hot days of August are upon us. The big financial event of July was the purchase of our new/used Yaesu radio. The radio will be a welcome addition for Field Day and other club events. The surge in interest concerning our Western Days special event station is very encouraging. We are going to do a first class job thanks to your help.

The club assets have been increased to account for the value of the radio. We had several new members join. I had to send out refunds (reflected in Misc. expenses) since we prorate the membership after June 1st. If you or any friends wish to join before the end of the year, the cost is now \$12.50 for an individual membership and \$15 for a family. The regular rate for the full-year 2020 dues will then be due on in January.

Clark Highsmith, K5LGX

LARA Treasurer's Report — July 31, 2019		
Checking Account		
Beginning Balance		\$3,369.06
Income		
Dues	\$65.00	
Donations	\$0.00	
ARRL memberships	\$2.00	
Events	\$0.00	
T-shirts	\$0.00	
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	
Total Income	\$67.00	
Expenses		
Fees	\$0.00	
Events	\$35.00 FD Signs	
ARRL Memberships	\$0.00	
Miscellaneous	\$657.50 FT-950 Radio	
Total Expenses	\$692.50	
Ending Balance		\$2,743.56
Petty Cash (Included in balance)		\$0.00
CLUB ASSETS		
For Sale	\$0.00	
Stock (Not for Sale)	\$2,519.28 Increase for new radio	
Loaner Equipment	\$375.00	
		\$2,894.28
LARA NET VALUE		\$5,637.84



Tod Farrell - WE5TR

Tod will be presenting a talk and presentation of FT4, and FT8 digital modes at our August 17th, 2019 club meeting.

Biography

I've lived a life entangled with technology. Home hobbies often are tinkering, coding, or building to automate the house. However, it wasn't until August 2017 that my son (WG1GEM) convinced me to get my ticket. The Amateur Extra followed in the same year.

I spend time on the local repeaters while driving and late in the evening.

My son and I experiment some with various HOA friendly antennae which I use for digital modes and SSB. Some day CW.

I'm glad for all the local hams who are patient enough to talk me through the basics and beyond.

I personally love to help people understand technology and see the light come on as they get it. Trying to apply the teaching skill to youth and ham radio.

In my presentation I will be showing one of the low dipoles that the neighbors cannot see.

Tod Farrell - WE5TR

Article and Photograph Submitted by Roger Carver - AE5EZ



Salvation Army Emergency Disaster Service 2 meter net

The Salvation Army Emergency Disaster Service 2 meter net

When Tue, August 20, 7pm – 8pm

Where 146.920 MHz (-) PL 110.9 (map)

Description: The Purpose of the net is to establish a pool of trained radio operators for emergency communications that will benefit the communities Salvation Army's disaster response. Ron Ford KF5OMH is the Net-logger. Please join us as we develop a community service who's motto is "HOPE IS ON THE WAY."

On-air special event

The on-air special event is gathering speed. At the DCARA meeting Monday evening I made a pitch about the whole Western Days event. Laird Lind, President of LAARK and LARA member asked if we would be interested in having some LAARK folks participate so, Tuesday morning he put out an email to their contesting group and several of them stepped right up and darn near filled all the 20m voice slots. A couple of them are also interested in doing CW and FT8. When I turned in last evening there was one unfilled half hour slot. When I got up at zero dark thirty found an email from Steve Lott our ARRL NTX Section Manager; he and a friend want to work voice and CW. So, all the 20m slots are now filled and we're looking at expanding to 40m and/or 80m voice.

A couple of interesting things –

- 1 We'll have both the ARRL NTX Section Manager and Assistant Section Manager working the event.
- 2 Tod WE5TR is conducting a Tech. class for five teenagers at Coppell Middle School this week. They are all interested in working the event so Tod will host them at his QTH for an **hour slot**.
- 3 At this point we'll have operators in Ben Franklin, TX (SW of Paris), Corinth, Denton, The Colony, Oak Point, Lewisville, Flower Mound, Coppell, Trophy Club, and Throckmorton.
- 4 Participants from four different area clubs. Of course, many of us belong to more than one.

73, Ron KF5OMH

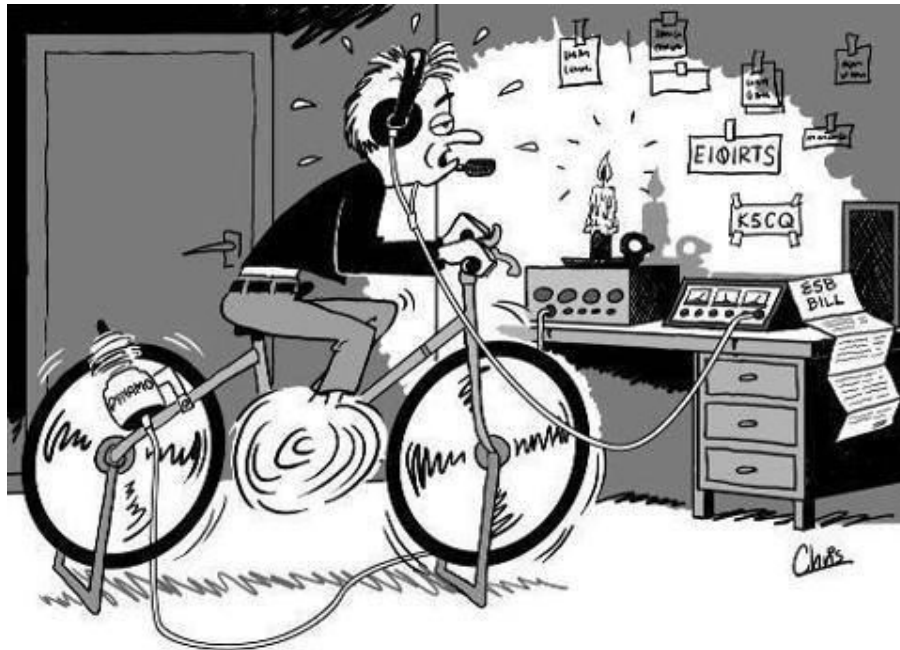
Testing this Saturday, August 17th 2019 at the Fire Station Following our meeting.

- o Bring Picture I.D.
- o Certified copy of your current License
- o \$14.00 Cash

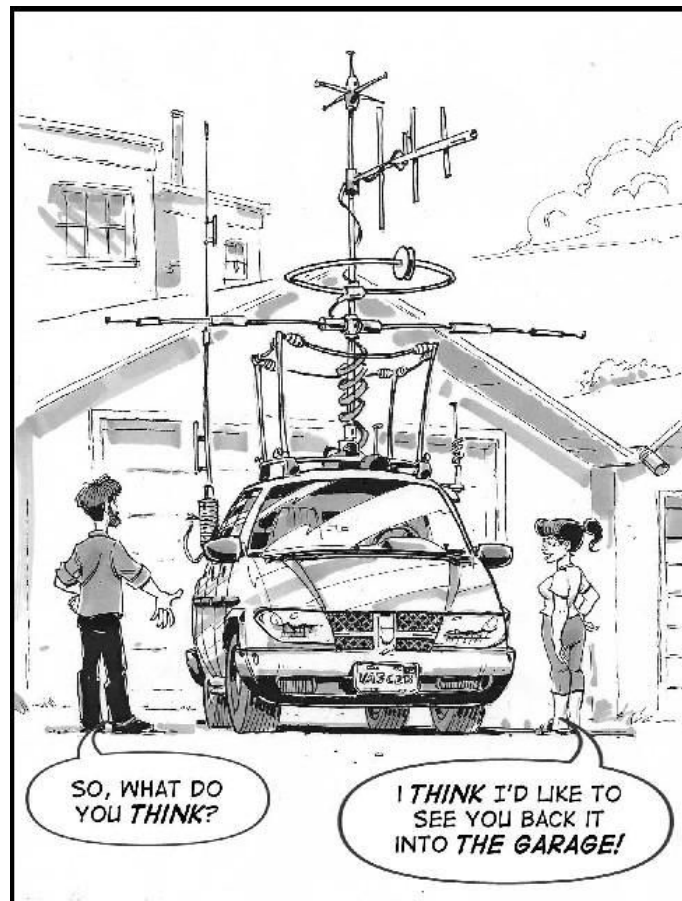
Testing will be administered to all, club member or not, for Tech, General & Extra Class FCC Examinations
Report to Steve Kline after meeting with documentantion and Fee... Good luck!



Ham Humour



"Sorry OM, I can only work QRP at the moment!"



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Any Suggestions?



Farewell



Ron Bath - KG5VIS

I regret to inform all my friends and colleagues at L.A.R.A. of my leaving the position of editor of our monthly newsletter.

It has been my privilege and honor to serve you and our amateur radio club as editor of our newsletter for the past year and a half.

Through your many articles and photographs I have been able to get to know you all better and interface with most of our members.

I would like to thank our officers and contributors for your many timely and faithful reports, articles submitted and photographs shared.

My wife, Ellen, is presently in Chemotherapy treatment for stage 3 Breast Cancer and faces many months ahead of continued treatment, radiation and major surgery. My time and attention is required to concentrate on providing care for this girl I married over 51 years ago, my highschool sweetheart.

Additionally, I recently underwent surgery on the veins in both legs and face a slow recovery.

I appeal to all of you to keep your articles, reports and photographs coming and routed to your new co-editors of our newsletter:

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