



LARA Newsletter

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Reminder - Club Dues are Past Due for Renewal!



Breakfast & Club Members Meetings - January, 2019

Breakfast

- 5 - Saturday @ 8AM Site A.
- 12 - Saturday @ 8AM Site A.
- 19 - Saturday @ 8AM Site B.
- 26 - Saturday @ 8AM Site A.

Business

- 19 - Saturday @ 8AM Site B.

Breakfast

- Saturdays @ 8AM Site A.

Key:

Site A. - Mill Street Diner, 727 S Mill Street, Lewisville, TX 75057

Site B. - Lewisville Central Fire Station Training Room
188 N. Valley Parkway

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Facebook: facebook.com/w5lvc/



Minutes for the Monthly Club and Officer's Meetings may be viewed on our website w5lvc.org.



The New Shirt Order Has Arrived!
Purchase On-Line Thru Our Website

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Have You Got a Story Idea?

Your entry may be emailed to arokg5vis@gmail.com NLT 09/09/18 by 5 PM. All entries shall contain the following information:

- Name:
- Call Sign:
- Date:
- Story Idea:
- Picture (optional):

Winter Field Day 2019



January 26th at 1:00 PM &
January 27th at 1:00 PM
Conner Pavilion at Lake Park

2017 - 2018 Officers & Support

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From The President's Shack

Well, 2019 is here and moving right along. Hope everyone had a very enjoyable holiday season. If things were as busy in your family as it was in ours, you are now ready for a good rest.

If you missed the Christmas Party, you missed a fun evening. A lot of great gifts made their way around the group with several making the limit of three steals. Thanks to Ron, KG5VIV, and his wife Sharon for coordinating and hosting the evening.

Last year we had an incentive program where members were encouraged to bring a guest to a meeting and/or event. The member was then entered in a drawing for a \$100.00 gift certificate from HRO at the Christmas Party. Congratulations to Roger Carver, AE5EZ for being the winner of the drawing.

The Santa Net conducted on Dec. 21 and 22 was marginally successful. Many thanks to those who participated; NCS – Mike, W5EVT; Dale, WA5WNI; Participants – Jim, WB8YWA; Frank, KG5ZNJ; Joe, N5PLY; Sean, KI5COU and last but certainly not least Santa (Ron KG5VIS). My apologies if I missed recognizing anyone. Developed the list from memory and that's probably not a good thing.

The club year started out with a great Information and Help Net on Wednesday, January 2. We had 16 check-ins including three non-member guests. Attendance continues to grow which is very encouraging. For those of you who were recently licensed, this net is a good opportunity for you to get on the air and develop your radio skills. One of the purposes of this net is like the title says – to HELP in any way possible. The folks who participate on the net are a small friendly bunch so, come join us.

The dues year for LARA runs concurrently with the calendar year; therefore, if you have not submitted your dues payment they are now due. Payment can be made through PayPal using either the link on the W5LVC.org web site on the Join tab or HamClubOnline click on Make a Payment. Checks can be mailed to LARA at P.O. Box 292282, Lewisville, TX 75029. Cash can be handed to the Treasurer, Clark Highsmith, K5LGX.

January will see us resume our monthly Officer and Membership meetings. Officer meetings are the Tuesday prior to the monthly membership meeting or January 15 at 5:30 PM at the Korner Café, 921 W. Main St. This is a dinner meeting and open to any member who would like to

attend. We try our best to hold the business portion of the meeting to one hour. The membership meetings will again be held at the Lewisville Central Fire Station, 188 N. Valley Pkwy at 8:00 AM the third Saturday of each month. This month's meeting will be January 19 and the presentation will be Antenna Tuning by Jim, WB8YWA.

Winter Field Day is being held on January 26 at 1:00 PM until January 27 at 1:00 PM at Conner Pavilion in Lake Park. Winter Field Day differs from Summer Field Day in that this is an opportunity for you to bring your radio and antenna to the park and operate. Several folks have committed to having rigs at the pavilion. If you are not equipped to operate portable come on out anyway and use someone else's equipment. This is a fine opportunity for Technicians to come out and experience the HF bands. Mike Reitz, W5EVT is coordinating the event and is in need of a few helpers. Please contact Mike if you are available to help.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the meeting on the 19th. Please come and bring a guest.

73, Ron KF5OMH

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer's Report

I would like to wish a Happy New Year to all the members and friends of LARA. Our club had a strong 2018 and 2019 is shaping up to be even better.

January 1st marks the date that annual club dues are, well, due. If you are a current club member who has not already paid, you may pay via PayPal through your HamClubOnline account or the *club website w5lvc.org.

Here is some insight on the Paypal link/no link question concerning the website. It has to do with which browser one is using. I went to the website using Microsoft Edge on my PC and there was no link. I went to Chrome on the PC and there is a link. I also checked Firefox and Safari on my Mac and there is a link on each. Please be advised that you need to use another browser if you cannot see the club dues payment feature on our website. Click on the "Join" tab and scroll down to "Pay Membership Dues".

Payment may also be paid by mail (P.O. Box 292282, Lewisville, TX 76209) or bring a check or cash to the January 19th meeting. Memberships not paid by the end of January will be moved to inactive status for the remainder of the year or until paid.

We had one large expense in December. This was for purchasing additional t-shirts. The shirts are essentially the same as we have had for some time now, yellow with the LARA logo on front and back. Shirts are available for all sizes from adult medium to 3XL and cost \$25 each. Our club assets declined slightly as we handed out a number of HTs to hams who passed their test after attending our December class.

Our first 2019 expense was placing deposits with the City of Lewisville to secure the park pavilion for our major events. Assuming that we take good care of the property, we should receive part of the deposit back at the end of the year.

See you at the January meeting!

Clark Highsmith, Treasurer
K5LGX





LARA Treasurer's Report – December 31, 2018

Checking Account

Beginning Balance			\$3,426.22
Income			
	Dues		\$410.00
		Total Income	\$410.00
Expenses			
	Fees		\$13.53
	Miscellaneous		\$231.00
		Total Expenses	\$244.53
Ending Balance			\$3,591.69
Petty Cash (Included in balance)			\$3.00

CLUB ASSETS

For Sale	\$0.00	
Stock (Not for Sale)	\$1,769.28	-\$183.70 for Hts
Loaner Equipment	\$375.00	
		\$2,144.28

LARA NET VALUE \$5,735.97



A Little Radio Shack Humor
By Ron Bath - KG5VIS

Jim Horton WB8YWA

You are used to seeing an amazing and informative technical report from our Technical Director Jim Horton - WB8YWA in this space. Jim's been a little busy. There is no report for this issue, so we are posting a picture of Jim instead.



Jim has been a little busy lately it seems. Let's see, besides his duties as our club's Technical Director, he performs civic duty and Boy Scout activities with his grandson Max, volunteers at CSA as a cashier and stock associate, helps in his church functions, performs Net Control for the club's Wednesday evening Help Net, repairs half the nations broken HAM radio gear for deserving friends, participates in an early morning HAM group function, is On-call to assist worthy grandchildren with their schoolwork, runs errands for the Mrs., provides guard duty for his garage workshop, maintains his RV motorhome, provides companionship and dispenses wisdom to fellows with names like Mike and Ron, monitors his backyard weather station, serves as lifeguard and poolboy for his back yard swimming pool, monitors QRZ.com and hundreds of HAM equipment sale sites on the internet as well as Hamfests from Lewisville to Orlando, acts as spotter and point man for antenna mast climbers, frequently eats breakfast with a bunch of amateur radio rowdies, and is known as the 24/7 Elmer to lost souls that sit for hours staring at broken radios or ones that they don't know how to operate and daydreams about his golden childhood days back in sunny Michigan. Oh yes, and Jim has been sighted early this month trying to hoist an antenna element that is larger than a standard Walmart parking lot up to the roof of his house.

Who is an Amateur Radio Operator?

How Should we Conduct our Hobby?

By Ron Bath

The other day I was thinking about where amateur radio operators came from. While I was in this frame of mind, I also thought about how I would like to treat, and be treated, by others within the realm of amateur radio. I recently ran across some great thoughts from some savvy "old timers" and how they expressed themselves.

I would like to share them with you.

The amateur radio operators could be a doctor, engineer, high school student, sailor, teacher, lawyer, politician, housewife or even an astronaut. The Radio Amateur is:

CONSIDERATE - never knowingly operates in such a way as to lessen the pleasure of others.

LOYAL - offers loyalty, encouragement and support to other amateurs and local clubs.

PROGRESSIVE - with knowledge abreast of science, a well built and efficient station and operation above reproach.

FRIENDLY - slow and patient operating when requested; friendly advice and counsel to beginner; cooperation and consideration in the interest of others.

BALANCED - radio is an avocation, never interfering with duties owed to family, job, school or community

PATRIOTIC - station and skill always ready for service to country and community

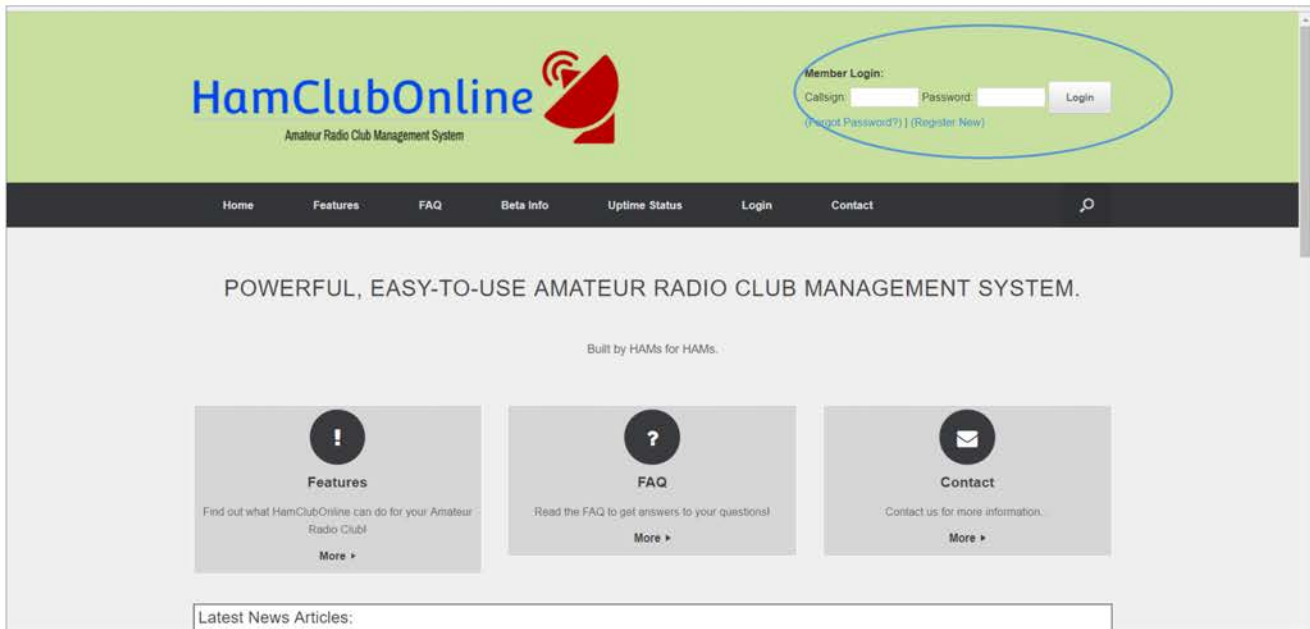
Well, as for myself, I plan to try my best to remember these qualities as goals for the new year and sincerely hope that they become a habit to share with my brothers and sisters "on-the-air".

Ron
KG5VIS

HamClubOnline

LARA has been using the HamClubOnline Management System for amateur radio clubs for a year now. This system provides one place to find out just about anything involving the association. We encourage all members to establish their account and utilize the system. Following is a "How To" description. If you have problems and/or questions contact Clark, K5LGX or Ron, KF5OMH who both have Administrator privileges in the system.

1. Enter URL--hamclubonline.com
2. On home page (shown below) upper right corner enter your call sign and click "Forgot Password"



NOTE: If you are a member of another club who is using this system and you have already established a password disregard this information and click on LARA to select our club's data. (See example below)

A Timely Report by Ron Ford, President


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HamClubOnline 
Amateur Radio Club Management System

You are currently on the roster of the following HamClubOnline clubs:

- [LARA - Administrator](#) (Membership expires: 2020-01-02)
- [PASA - Member](#)
- [DCARA - Member](#) (Membership expires: 2019-08-02)
- [DCARES - Administrator](#) (Membership expires: 2019-12-31)
- [LAARK - Member](#) (Membership expires: 2019-07-01)
- [K2BSA - Member](#)

(Click the club name to enter the club menu.)

HamClubOnline Options:

- [Apply for Membership with a HamClubOnline Club](#)
- [Add My Club to HamClubOnline](#)

Options:

- [Edit My Account](#)
- [Change My Password](#)
- [View My History](#)
- [Help Center](#)
- [Contact Support](#)
- [Logout](#)

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3. When the following page displays enter your email address and click "Reset".
4. A temporary password will be sent to your email address.
5. When you receive the password go back to the home page above, enter your call sign and temporary password, and click "Login".

HamClubOnline - Password Reset

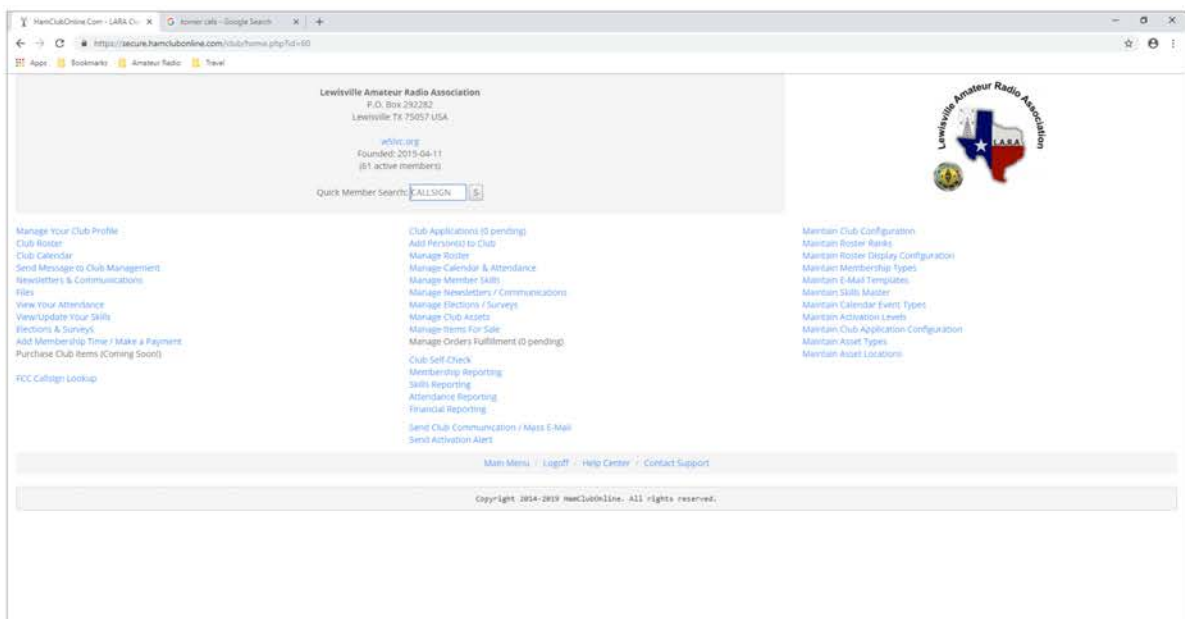
Call sign or e-mail address:

This utility will reset the password by sending an e-mail with a new password to your account e-mail address on file.
If your e-mail address has changed and you do not have your original password, please contact support for more assistance.

You agree by making this request, that you are requesting HamClubOnline to communicate with you via e-mail to reset your account password and that HamClubOnline may disregard any previous requests for no e-mail communication.

All password reset activity is logged.

6. You'll then arrive at a page where you'll assign a permanent password.
7. Once you assign and verify your permanent password you'll be taken to the page below.



Members will only see the left column:

- Manage You Club Profile
- Club Roster
- Club Calendar
- Send Message to Club Management
- Newsletters and Communications
- Files
- View your attendance
- View/Update Your Skills
- Elections and Surveys
- Add Membership Time / Make a Payment
- FCC Call Sign Lookup

Officers will see the left and center columns The Management functions allow officers to update and utilize the functions in this column.

- Club Application Pending
- Add Person(s) to Club
- Manage Roster (officers will see the full Roster using this selection – Members will only see the basic info under the Member Functions) Click on each of them to see the difference.
- Manage Calendar & Attendance
- Manage Member Skills
- Manage Newsletters / Communications
- Manage Elections / Surveys
- Manage Club Assets
- Manage Items for Sale
- Club Self-Check
- Membership Reporting
- Skills Reporting
- Attendance Reporting
- Financial Reporting
- Send Club Communication/Mass E-mail
- Send Activation Alert (not in use by LARA at this time)

The right column are administrative level functions that set the controls for the various elements in the database. Currently two individuals are set up as administrators.

Winter Field Day

Saturday, January 26, 2019 & Sunday, January 27, 2019

1:00 PM to 1:00 PM - 24 Hours

News Flash!

Vice President Mike Reitz is the New Winter Field Day Event Chairman

Our Winter Field Day event will soon be here and plans are taking shape as we begin to get organized.

Field Day is an exciting annual club event and the more participation we get, the more fun and amateur radio experiences we will have. .

This is an opportunity to hone skills used in emergency HF communications. For new General Class hams, it's a chance to work with others to learn the ropes of the low bands. For aspiring General Class hams, it's an opportunity to operate outside your license with a General/Extra control operator.

Jim Horton WB8YWA will be operating 160 meters at night as well as HF Band during Saturday and Sunday during the day.

Please lcontact Mike Reitz if you can be available to join us. This promises to be a fun activity. Your participation is requested and greatly appreciated.

We are also looking for committee members. So far we have:

Mike Reitz - W5EVT
Jim Horton - WB8WYA
Ron Ford - KF5OMH
Roger L Carver-AE5EZ

Parking - following signs and same as JOTA at Conner Pavilion in Lewisville Park Lake, 600 Sandy Beach Rd.

Notice: No access thru the day park at Connor pavilion.

No parking at rear gated entrance to the park

Follow Signage on the road road.

You are encouraged to bring Food!





It is my opinion that our club's Wednesday evening Information and Help Net is both helpful and informative.

The Help Net also serves us well as a very enjoyable social medium as we share each others weekly experiences and successes in practicing amateur radio. It also is an effective operational tool in demonstrating the health of our broadcast equipment and operator practice of proper protocol on the airwaves.

Our Technical Director, Jim Horton - WB8YWA, authored a fine article on our Information and Help Net in the December, 2018 edition of our newsletter. It needs to be noted that Jim has faithfully and effectively performed the role of "Net Control" for several years now. We owe him our thanks for his service.

Speaking for myself, I have learned a lot about all things amateur radio, as well as getting to know better the men and women that call in each week. It has been very enjoyable.

I wish it to be recognized that our Information and Help Net is not an on-the-air complaint department and should not ever become one. In the event that any participating member feels that they have a legitimate complaint on any issue, they should not voice their grievance on-the-air during our Information and Help Net, but instead contact a club officer off-the-air for consideration and possible remedial action.

There is a listing of club officers and their corresponding phone numbers featured on page 2 of every newsletter. Contact by phone is preferable over addressing an issue via text message. A simple phone conversation may prove to be more effective since it can prevent a ping pong scenario that goes on too long and may present a climate of misinterpretation and misunderstanding without receiving the consideration and resolution it deserves.

Our President Ron Ford and Vice President Mike Reitz make excellent contacts for several reasons. One is that Ron Ford is a long time club member with great over-all knowledge of club members and procedures, and is known for effectively delegating tasks. Mike Reitz exhibits a "can do" attitude that is a force to be reckoned with, and he knows how to motivate people and get things done. Once contacted, they can examine the merit of any complaint or recommendation and see that it gets routed to the appropriate fellow officer or club member for disposition.

As a volunteer to LARA, I edit and publish the club's newsletter each month. I also volunteered to design and facilitate the hosting of our club's website w5lvc.org. I provide information and pictorial updates to the website in my volunteer role as webmaster.

I answer to our President and Vice President.

It is my pleasure to serve our club in my areas of responsibility, and I sincerely hope that you may understand and respect my opinion stated in this editorial.

Ron Bath, Editor
KG5VIS



Club News - If you've received good news to share with us in the event you've received your new license, gotten married or won the lottery, etc., please share it with our club members. Email your Good News to aro.kg5vis@gmail.com.

Club Leadership Vacancies

Operations Director - Officer: Anyone wishing to fill this position may send their self nomination to President Ron Ford

PIO (Public Information Officer) - Appointed Position: Anyone wishing to fill this position may volunteer by contacting President Ron Ford

Santa "On-the-Air"

December 21 and 22 from 6:00 – 8:00 PM we held our second anual Santa "On-the-Air" event. Due to our change in venue we had fewer participants this year than last. Total contacts were 23.

14 - Thursday 3 newly licensed HAMS, 7 adults and 4 children
9 - Friday 5 adults, 4 children

Billie - KG5ZAP was our "frequent flyer" award winner with his placing 3 calls to Santa during our event. Santa had a good time speaking with this young man along with the operators and children that shared the evening with us.

Youth Education Coordinator

One of our goals over the past year has been to involve more youth in our great hobby. Perry Abernethy, NE5ET, has volunteered to fill the newly created position of Youth Education Coordinator. Perry has previous experience along these lines when he was active in amateur radio in New Mexico before relocating to North Texas. He will be focusing on introducing amateur radio into the schools in our area. If you have an interest in this effort and would like to participate in the challenge please contact Perry. Contact information for Perry is (505)-221-3993, desertyachter@gmail.com.

Christmas Party Report

Our annual Christmas party was a lot of fun for all this year. Our club secretary Ron Swain, KG5VIV and his wife Sharon, coordinated and hosted the event. Their planning and fine spirits made our fellowship festive and a very wonderful time enjoyed by all of us. We owe the Swains a great big thank you!

\$100.00 Gift Certificate Winner

Congratulations are in order for Roger Carver, AE5EZ for winning our "Bring a Guest to Our Meeting" contest. A drawing was performed at our Christmas party and Rogers' was the winning ticket. He brought several honored guests to our business meetings this year.

Meeting Minutes

Please note that there are no meeting minutes for December, 2018 posted on our website at w5lvc.org. Reason being was that there was no meeting held in December. Our faithful club Secretary, Ron Swain - KG5VIV, is to be commended on his vigilance and accuracy in recording meeting minutes and consistantly reporting them in a timely manner.

Special Recognition



Steve Kline - W5JK was awarded a JOTA Certificate of Appreciation by Mike Reitz, Vice President and Event Chair.

Certificate of Appreciation

This certificate is presented to

Steve Kline
W5JK

In recognition of his valuable contributions to the
Lewisville Amateur Radio Association
in support of the

61st Boy Scout Jamboree on the Air

October 20, 2018

Michael Reitz, Vice President / Event Chair

JOTA had 60 youth participating this year

The following sixteen amateur radio operators provided equipment, manpower and womanpower to help us staff and achieve a very successful Boy Scout / Girl Scout Jamboree on the air this year, and were awarded Certificates of Appreciation:

Ron Ford, Ron Bath, Jim Horton, Steve Kline, Clark Highsmith, Ben Highsmith, Dale Chatham, Perry Abernathy, Dale Finley, Dale Hiatt, Tracy Edwards, David Jackson, Ron Swain, Mark Culross, Jerry Garrett, Gerald Marchant

Congratulations go to our club's Vice President Mike Reitz - W5EVT who was the Event Chair for JOTA this year. He was instrumental in securing our use of the venue and official call Sign K2BSA .

Congratulations

New Members

Congratulations to our ten new members joining the club.

We proudly present:

Elisabeth Gordon
Heather Hoopes
Isaiah Gordon
Jonathan Hoopes
Jonathan Hoopes, Jr.
Kevin Ennis
Ron Wynne
Sean Compton
Taylor Hoopes

“Getting to Know You”

Please provide your information you would like to share with our club members, so all can get to know you better. Please provide a picture of yourself to be included with your biography, or contact Ron Bath to take a free photograph for publication.

Articles may be submitted by email to aro.KG5VIS@gmail.com.

Ron Bath, Editor
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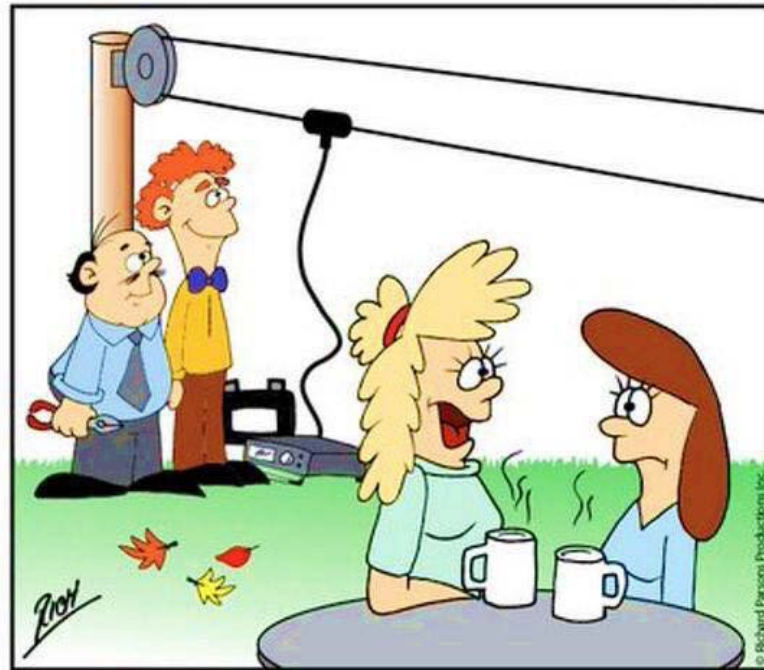


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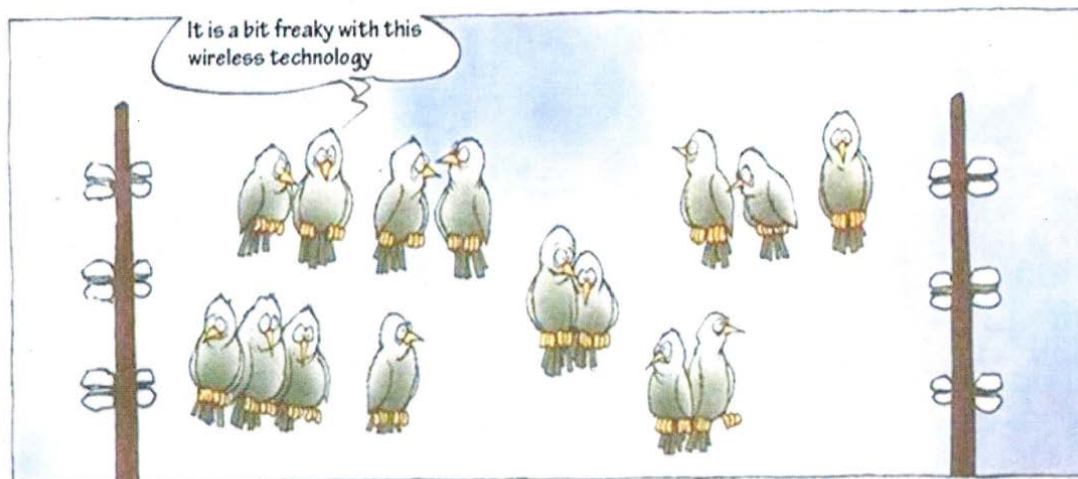


SUCH A HAM

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Stan & Cliff have been working all day on installing my clothesline, Mary.



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