



# LARA Newsletter

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## Breakfast & Club Members Meetings - July, 2018

### Breakfast

- 7 - Saturday @ 8AM Site A.
- 14 - Saturday @ 8AM Site A.

### Business

- 21 - Saturday @ 8AM Site B.

### Breakfast

- 28 - Saturday @ 8AM Site A.



## TESTING

VE Testing Session  
7/21/18 10:00 AM

Technician  
General  
Extra

Lewisville Central Fire Station  
Training Room

I will be the first to admit that when it's too cold I am the first to complain about it. It is also true that when it is too hot I also complain about it and wish it was cold again.

## Cool DX'ing Contest

Rules: The member of our club that contacts an operator that is resident in a location with the lowest outside temperature will win a swell certificate of achievement, suitable for framing.

Your entry may be emailed to arok5vis@gmail.com NLT 08/08/18 by 5 PM. All entries shall contain the following information:

- Contact Name:
- Call Sign:
- Location:
- Outside Temperature:
- Date:
- Entrant:

### 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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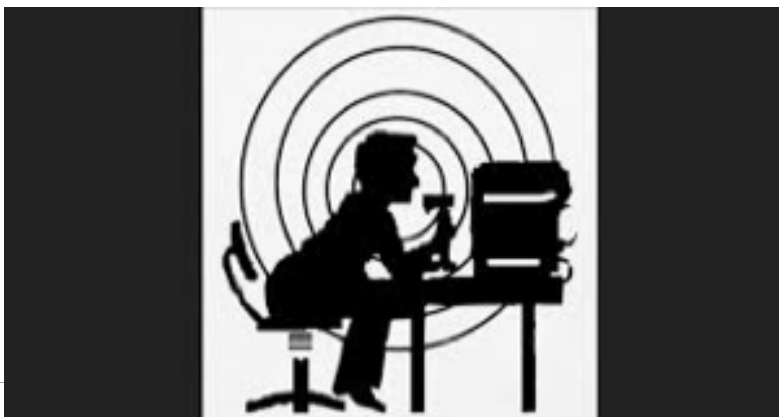
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## From The President's Shack

If you missed the June membership meeting on June 16 you missed a wonderful presentation by Jim WB8YWA on beginning soldering. Several folks brought projects that they needed help with and were well on their way to completion by the time they left the meeting. Thanks Jim for a great presentation.

2018 ARRL Field Day is now in our rear view mirror. Thanks to Dale WA5WNI, Mike W5EVT, Jim WB8YWA, Steve W5JK and Ron KG5VIS for their organizational efforts and for providing equipment so we could be on the air. Of the 325 contacts that were made the majority were CW thanks to Steve W5JK. Jim WB8YWA coordinated the GOTA (Get On The Air) Station and helped several of our Technician level members make their first HF contacts. In addition, a young lady who has been licensed for a short period of time paid us a visit and made her very first on-air contact at the GOTA station. Our purpose was to have a good time with fellow club members and to introduce visitors to LARA and our hobby. We had several non-members visit that we will probably be seeing at future meetings and events. If you weren't able to attend this year mark your calendar now for June 22 and 23, 2019 for next year's event.

The Swap Meet was held July 7 at L.L. Woods Park. Unfortunately, it was not well attended which was probably due to the temperature; although we were able to sit in the shade of some small trees until the sun was high in the sky. Thanks to those individuals that came out and set up their tables, etc. to sell items that were surplus to their needs. Hopefully the fall event will be cooler and better attended.

Ron KG5VIV, along with his wife Sharon, have stepped forward and volunteered to chair this year's Christmas party. Yes, I know Christmas is a few months off yet but there is a lot of planning and preparation that goes into a successful event. They could use a few additional members to assist with this event so let's see a few folks volunteer to help out. Please contact Ron at 210-410-2008 to offer your assistance.

Have you heard about The Hive? No, it's not a hive of bees or wasps but a Maker Space in the Lewisville Public Library. They have 3D printers, laser engraver, CNC milling machine, embroidery machines, and sewing machines. The XYL and I have made several items on the 3D printers and found it very easy and cheap for the material. All individuals who want to use any of the machinery need to a) have a valid library card, b) read the guidelines for use, and c) complete a short safety course over each machine. Use is not restricted to just Lewisville residents. As long as you are a resident of the state of Texas you can obtain a library card. Hours are: Tue. – Thurs. 11:00 AM – 8:00 PM, Fri. & Sat. 11:00 AM – 4:30 PM, Sun. & Mon. closed. Yes, the hours are different from the rest of the library in order to provided daily cleaning and maintenance time. There is no cost. You bring your materials, they have the machines. There is a requirement that you use the provided 3D printing filament and pay 10 cents per gram. If you have questions stop by and visit Kristen Dye, the Makerspace Librarian or call her at 972-219-3501 or email [kdye@cityoflewisville.com](mailto:kdye@cityoflewisville.com). Kristen is extremely knowledgeable and very helpful.

## LARA Meeting Minutes, June 16, 2018

President, Ron Ford, KF5OMH, called the meeting to order at 8:00 am.

Pledge of Allegiance to U.S.A.

Officers in Attendance:

President: Ron Ford, KF5OMH

Vice President: Mike Reitz, W5EVT

Treasurer: Clark Highsmith, K5LGX

Secretary: Ron Swain, KG5VIV

Technical Officer, Jim Horton, WB8YWA

Operations Officer: Dale Chatham, WA5WNI

Public Information Officer: Ron Bath, KG5VIS

VEC Officer: Steve Kline, W5JK

Attendance:

Members:

- Richard Alverson, WA5ED
- Dan Bates, KG5OIY
- Scott Boutwell, KG5RJR
- Roger Carver, AE5EZ
- John Courtney, none
- Dale Finley, KB5NFT
- Walter Logan, AG5CF
- Joe Magnusson, N5PLY
- Lonnie Pringle, KG5KNT
- Jay Sanford, KE5BCP
- Marty Wells, KM5OI
- Larry Wilson, WW5LS

Guests:

- Frank James, KG5VNJ, got ham license 2 weeks before meeting.

Meeting Minutes for Last Meeting

Minutes from the [May meeting](#) were presented in the News Letter. No corrections called for.

Motions to approve May meeting minutes as presented.

Motion by: Dale Chatham, WA5WNI

Seconded by: Jim Horton, WB8YWA

Approved by members

Ron Ford explained the [March and April](#) meeting minutes were written with notes and information from the meetings slide presentations due to the former Secretary being sick.

Minutes from the [March meeting](#) were presented in the News Letter. No corrections called for.

Motions to approve March meeting minutes as presented.

Motion by: Dale Chatham, WA5WNI

Seconded by: Scott Boutwell, KG5RJR

Approved by members

Minutes from the [April meeting](#) were presented in the News Letter. No corrections called for.

March and April minutes were put together from notes and slides due to past Secretary being sick.

Motion by: Roger Carver, AE5EZ

Seconded by: Scott Boutwell, KG5RJR

Approved by members

Treasurer's Report

Clark Highsmith, K5LGX, presented the Treasurer's Financial Report as of June 14, 2018.

Due to the checking account being connected to a former membership account at DATU the S&L is to charge us \$25.00 monthly. Clark will investigate and change banks once one is found that has a low or no fee.

### Checking Account

Checking Beginning Balance:

\$3,353.75

### Income

Equipment Sales	\$260.00		
		Total Income	\$260.00
<u>Expenses</u>			
	Fees:		\$96.00
		Total Expenses	\$96.00
	Checking Ending Balance:		\$3,517.75
<u>Savings Account</u>			
	Savings Beginning Balance:		\$38.02
	Withdrawals Account fee:		\$25.00
	Savings Ending Balance:		\$13.02
Club Assets:			
	For Sale	\$670.00	
	Stock (not for Sale)	\$1,235.00	
	Loaner Equipment	\$1,395.00	
			\$,3,300.00
LARA NET VALUE			\$6,830.77

A question from Jim Horton raised about the Association's for sale assets that he and Carl will address later after the meeting and corrections made if necessary.

Motion to approve Treasurer's Report as presented.

Motion by: Steve Kline, W5JK

Seconded by: Dan Bates, KG5OIY

Approved by members.

Vice President Report

Mike Reitz, W5EVT presented the report

JOTA - Mike requested the club keep in mind the JOTA date in October 20<sup>th</sup>. He will meet with the standing committee and said if anyone wants to be a part of that meeting please let him know and he will get word to you about a date, time, and place.

Meeting Programs:

July: Introduction to Arden. - Lee Norup, K5WXR

August: Antenna built for HOA and like areas. - Roger Carver, AE5EZ

September: Repeater operations. - Andrew Koenig, KE5GDB, (DCARA member)

October: JOTA event

November:

December: Christmas party

January: Introduction SKY Warn Dale Chatham,

February: Introduction to DXing. Steve Kline, W5JK

Technical Report

The Technical Report was presented by Jim Horton, WB8YWA

145.170 W5FKN repeater is working and performing as it should our thanks to DCARA

Two Comet CX33 Triband antennas were sold at HamCom

One Comet CA Super 22 antenna being held for future use.

Motions to approve Technical Report as presented.

Motion by: Mike Reitz, W5EVT

Seconded by: Roger Carver, AE5EZ

Approved by members

Operations Report

The Operations Report was presented by Dale Chatham, WA5WNI.

Amateur Radio in the schools - Still working on this issue. Thinking about building out his trailer for show.

Field Day - Dale has brochures made up for the event and if you want some to pass out let him know.

Antennas are ready for the field day. Field day is 1pm to 1pm Saturday and Sunday.

ISS - Dale is looking for help for to build various equipment for this. Let him know of your interested.

Motion to approve Operations Report as presented.

Motion by: Mike Reitz, W5EVT

Seconded by: Ron Swain, KG5VIV

Approved by members.

#### Pubic Information Report

The Public Information Report was presented by Ron Bath, KG5VIS.

Web site is update with latest information.

New Letter has been published. Ron is interested in any feedback and new stories. Jim Horton, said he is thankful for putting the new letter on the web site.

#### VEC Report

Steve Kline, W5JK, presented the VEC Report at the meeting.

We set the testing times the last meeting.

Testing will be after the Association meetings on the last month of the quarter.

#### Old Business

*Amateur Radio Week Proclamation:* Dale Chatham received the city proclamation from the city of Lewisville for the Association.

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#### New Business

*Christmas Party* - Ron Ford, brought up he is still looking for a person to head the Christmas party committee for this year.

#### Announcements

We have a new emergency coordinator in Skywarn. Guy Storey (DCARA member) has stepped down. Michael Porter (DCARA member) is the new coordinator. He will do a fine job.

Training Net on June 21, 2018 Thursday at 7:30 pm. On Freq 146.920 repeater.

Swap meet has been moved to 1000 Harbor way. July 7<sup>th</sup> 10am to 1pm.

If you are Lewisville resident today is voting day.

Breakfast Location:

Mill Street Diner, 727 S. Mill

#### Presentation

Our presentation was brought to us by Jim Horton, WB8YWA

Introduction to Soldering

#### Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting by Ron Bath, KG5VIS

Motion by: Ron Bath, KG5VIS

Seconded by: Dale Chatham, WA5WNI

Approved by members

*Ron Swain*

Minutes are submitted:

Ron Swain, KG5VIV, Secretary

July 16, 2018



## LARA Officers Meeting Minutes 6/12/18

Meeting called to order by Ron Ford, KF5OMH, President 6/12/18 5:28 PM

Quorum was established.

Present: Ron Ford, KF5OMH, Mike Reitz, W5EVT, Ron Swain, KG5VIV, Clark Highsmith, K5LGX, Jim Horton, WB8YWA, Dale Chatham, WA5WNI, Steve Kline, W5JK, Ron Bath, KG5VIS

Meeting minutes from previous meeting were accepted on a motion from Dale Chatham, WA5WNI and second by Jim Horton, WB8YWA.

Treasurer Report: Will be presented by Clark Highsmith at the general meeting. Clark brought up how long are we going to consider a visitor a visitor for purposes of the membership contesting. It was agreed only once. Clark stated that DATCU is going to start charging us \$25 monthly fees for our checking account. After discussion Clark has decided to look around for a new bank. We are looking for a zero charge if possible.

Vice President Report: Mike spoke about the JOTA event and planning setting a meeting for the getting ready. Dale has ideas about the event. The site has been secured. We have a couple new presentations for August and September meetings. Roger Carver, KE5EZ will present antenna building for use in HOAs and sub build areas. Andrew Koenig, KE5GDB from DCARA will present repeater operations.

### Operations Report:

*City Contract:* We have a new city contract that was sent us for signatures when working at Summer Field day at the Fire Station.

*ISS Station:* Dale Chatham, nothing new on *ISS station* setting up.

*Amateur Radio Schools:* Nothing new on Amateur Radio in Schools.

*Winter Field Day:* Dale said he had not started on *Winter Field Day*. Mike said he could secure the park pavilion for Winter Field day. He also believed that we should have most all of our outdoor setup there are the park.

Technical Report: *Antennas Sales:* Jim, Antenna sales at HamCom both of the antennas sold. We have had a club member that wants to work (personally) on giving the club a repeater and the 220 only antenna could possibly be used for that. Jim suggests he keep that antenna in inventory until we see what happens with the repeater.

PIO Report: Ron Bath is working on newsletter, Ron Ford took on project of writing letters to prospective members due to Ron Bath being involved in home repairs.

VEC Report: *Testing Schedule:* Amateur Radio Licensing testing will be offered the last Saturday Meeting of the quarter after the club meeting. (At approximately 10 am).

Old Business:

*March & April member meeting minutes:* Ron Ford has written club meeting minutes for March and April due to Tim Monk being ill and the need to get the new club officer slate leagally on the record to make changes for the bank accounts etc. He will ask for approval at the club meeting on Saturday.

*PIO Booth for FD Open House:* The Lewisville Fire Department, Chief Richards has offered the club space for the fire department's open house October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Mike Reitz made a motion that we not do any radio operations on site but to put a PIO booth. Jim Horton, seconded the motion. Approved.

*By-Laws / SOP review and/ or revision:* Ron Ford presented the changes to the By-Laws / SOP from the reviews. He stated the changes to the SOPs do not have to go before the membership that the officers can approve the changes. We only need to have a majority vote of the quorum at the club meeting of officers to approve SOP. The By-Laws change approval will be tabled until next officer meeting and then on to Club meeting. This to give officers more time to review them.

*Grid Square Invitations:* Dale stated that the grid square data is not ready. Jim Horton requested name, address, call sign and grid square. Dale will get the data to Jim.

*Visitor Letters:* PIO letters talked about above.

New Business:

*Christmas Party:* Ron Ford stated we still need a party chairman and asked for volunteers and said he will open it to the general meeting on Saturday.

*Life Membership:* A motion was made to withdraw the Life Membership of Len Shipp, KC5MPX after a review was made of the Club By-Laws (which the proper number of votes were not rendered) Motion made by Dale Chatham and second by Ron Swain. A hand count was taken and approved. A letter will be drafted and sent to Mr. Shipp to make him aware of the decision.

*Christmas Parade vs Santa On the Air:* Mike Reitz ask what we want to do about setting up for Santa On The Air. Mike will look into issue. Possible sites are Lowes or Home Depot.

Review Club Meeting Slides: Ron Ford requested everyone to review the slides and send him any corrections.

July officers Meeting - July 17. Club meeting - July 21

Mike Reitz made motion to adjourn and was seconded by Jim Horton.  
Meeting adjourned.



# Treasurer's Report

June was a busy month financially for one reason: We needed to open a new bank account to avoid an imposed \$25-a-month fee. After research and visits with several bankers I settled on Point Bank. The benefits are that they do not have a minimum balance or charge a monthly fee. In addition, they have a branch in Lewisville on Main St. Our balance jumped mainly due to the sale of two antennas. The club assets have been updated by myself and Jim Horton to reflect the current paper value of our equipment.

Clark Highsmith  
K5LGX

## LARA Treasurer's Report – June 30, 2018

### Checking Account

Beginning Balance		\$3,353.75
Income		
	Dues	\$25.00
	Closed Savings	\$13.02
	ARRL	\$0.00
	Stickers	\$0.00
	Shirts	\$0.00
	Equip. Sales	\$260.00
	Total Income	\$298.02
Expenses		
	Fees	\$121.20
	ARRL	\$0.00
	JOTA	\$0.00
	Miscellaneous	\$30.00
	Total Expenses	\$151.20
Ending Balance		\$3,500.57

### Savings Account

Beginning Balance		\$38.02
Deposits		\$0.00
Withdrawals		-\$38.02
Ending Balance		\$0.00

### CLUB ASSETS

For Sale	\$0.00
Stock (Not for Sale)	\$789.95
Loaner Equipment	\$1,395.00
	\$2,184.95

### **LARA NET VALUE**

\$5,685.52

# Special Recognition

The following new members have joined LARA, and are to be both congratulated and welcomed to our amateur radio association:

Bob Linker	W5SQA
David Jackson	N3PQ
Judy Jackson	W5SKJ
Frank James.	KG5ZNJ
Kader (Ken) Khandoker	KD21XM

## Congratulations on a Job Well Done

### Field Day

Dale Chatham - WA5WNI, Technical Director - Congratulations on acting as Chairman for our club's Summer Field Day Event. The leadership, organization and printed media provided by Dale contributed greatly to a successful Field Day and a job well done.

#### Special recognition and thanks:

Members KF5OMH Ron, W5EVT Mike, KG5VIV Ron, WA5WNI Dale, KG5VIS Ron, W5JK Steve and WB8YWA Jim for all the work in planning, setting up, providing food and making it a success. Special Thanks go to K5LGX Clark in helping run the GOTA station with his son KG5NIN Benjamin.



Foreground: L-R Jim Horton, Jennifer Jackson, David Jackson  
Background: L-R Hayden Horton, Mike Reitz and Steve Kline

Photos by Ron Bath, KG5VIS - See Front Page

## ARES Update

Denton County Emergency Coordinator Michael Porter, KF5LDJ, has announced the following changes to the training requirements for Denton County ARES members.

[IS-200.b ICS for Single Resources and Initial Action Incidents](#) and [IS-800.B National Response Framework, An Introduction](#)

have been added to the list of required training. These courses should be completed as soon as possible. Send copies of the completion certificates to Gerald Marchant, WB5NZV, at [wb5nzv@arrl.net](mailto:wb5nzv@arrl.net).

In addition, the IS-100 and IS-700 course content was revised in June so everyone should complete these two courses again. The following links will take you to current version of the courses.

[IS-100.C: Introduction to the Incident Command System](#)

[IS-700.B: An Introduction to the National Incident Management System](#)

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Mark your calendar for September 29 & 30 for a two day AUXCOMM training class. This training is delivered by the Texas Department of Public Safety and is being added to the list of required training for Denton County ARES. **The four on line training courses discussed above must be completed prior to taking this class.** Please note that this is full day classroom training and is not available on line. Information as to times and location will be provided at a later date.

The ARES Training Net has been rescheduled to the third Thursday of each month at 1930 on the 146.920 repeater. You do not need to be an ARES member to participate in this net.

Submitted by: Ron Ford - KF5OMH

## FD Summary Sheet

Start Date : 2018-06-23

CallSign Used : W5LVC

Operator(s) : W5JK, WA5WNI and WB8YWA

Operator Category : MULTI-OP

Assisted Category : NON-ASSISTED

Band : ALL

Power : LOW

Mode : MIXED

Default Exchange : 2A NTX

Gridsquare : EM13LB

Name : LARA

Address : EOC - Fire Station

City/State/Zip : Lewisville TX `75057

Country : USA

ARRL Section : NTX

Club/Team : LARA

Software : N1MM Logger+ 1.0.7206.0

Band	Mode	QSOs	Pts	Pt/Q	
3.5	CW	16	32	2.0	W5JK Steve
7	CW	75	150	2.0	W5JK Steve
7	LSB	25	25	1.0	WA5WNI Dale
14	CW	114	228	2.0	W5JK Steve
14	USB	59	59	1.0	WA5WNI Dale
21	USB	12	11	0.9	WA5WNI Dale
28	USB	11	11	1.0	WA5WNI Dale
50	USB	13	13	1.0	WB8YWA Jim
Total	Both	325	529	1.6	

Score : 1,058

Rigs : W5JK Ten-Tec Orion, WA5WNI Kenwood TS-990 and WB8YWA ICOM 756Proll for GOTA Station (W5EVT) and Six Meters.

Antennas : Hustler 5BTV mounted base @ 16' roof level and 40 & 20 meter Inverted Vee's apex at 40. 2 Antennas shared for 3 stations.

Soapbox : We had nine (9) non club members visit us. Five (5) made contacts on the GOTA Station including club members KG5VIV Ron, KG5ZNJ Frank and KG5NIN Benjamin. Non club members KG5WYR Jennifer and non-ham Hayden Horton also made contacts on the GOTA station. KG5UAZ Chris who was a non-ham last year on our GOTA station brought his daughter, Maddie, who we could not convince to talk on the radio.

Special thanks goes out to members KF5OMH Ron, W5EVT Mike, KG5VIV Ron, WA5WNI Dale, KG5VIS Ron, W5JK Steve and WB8YWA Jim for all the work in planning, setting up, providing food and making it a success. K5LGX Clark in helping run the GOTA station with his son KG5NIN Benjamin. KD5LBK Bryan, K5DRZ Harry and N3PQ David (KG5WYR Jennifer's father) were also present.

I have observed all competition rules as well as all regulations established for amateur radio in my country. My report is correct and true to the best of my knowledge. I agree to be bound by the decisions of the Contest Committee.







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