

LARA Newsletter

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Breakfast & Club Members Meetings - April, 2018

Breakfast

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

Business

21 - Saturday @ 8AM Site B.

Breakfast

28 - Saturday @ 8AM Site A.

Key:

Site A. - Main St. Cafe, 321 E. Main St., Lewisville, TX

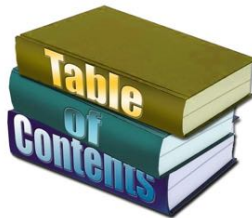
Site B. - Lewisville Central Fire Station Training Room
188 N. Valley Parkway

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Attention Boy Scout Councilors and Volunteers

Special Training and Certification on Prevention of Child Abuse... bullying... abuse... neglect, etc.



Editor: Ron Bath



Featured Club Sales Offering of the Month



Kenwood 930s 160-10 Meter including 30-17-12 bands Has built in power supply and is 100 watts output. \$350
Special Offer to LARA Club Members for \$300.00 \$50 OFF

For my two cents, our featured Kenwood Radio is only one of the great offerings featured on "LARA-bay" our websites on-line "For Sale" & "Wanted" equipment posting site.

At the present, LARA-bay might just be the best kept secret of our website w5lvc.org.

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Visit L.A.R.A. Website: w5lvc.org

Treasurer's Corner

By: Ron KF50WH

Attention Boy Scout Merit Badge Counselors and any other scouting volunteer -

The Boy Scouts of America's updated youth protection training doesn't just talk about the dangers of child predators - it shows how they work to gain access to their victims.

In early February, the BSA introduced newly updated youth protection training that is required for all volunteers before October 1, 2018. Even if you took the previous training prior to the February rollout, it will need to be taken again.

The updated mandatory training, includes three modules and a test that take a little over an hour to complete. The *Mandatory and Recommended* training modules draw on research from experts and survivors in the field of child abuse and maltreatment to identify the contributing factors and threats across the spectrum of child abuse, including: bullying, neglect, exposure to violence, physical and emotional abuse, and child sexual abuse. Once completed, volunteers will not have to retake the training for two years.

To complete the training follow this link: <https://www.scouting.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/How-to-Guide-for-Taking-Youth-Protection-Training-3-1-18.pdf>.

Attention ARES Members

Within the past few weeks the ARES membership database has been converted over to HamClubOnline. While I was helping enter the required training data, I noticed that several of our members have expired or missing qualifications requirements. To check the status of your training sign into HamClubOnline.com and select DC ARES as the club. The required items are listed under SKILLS. If any of the ACQUIRE fields are blank that indicates you have not submitted completion certificates for that particular item. If the date in the EXPIRE field is red, this training has expired and must be renewed. There are links to the required online training at <http://www.denton-ares.org/training.html>. Once you have completed any of these training elements please forward a copy of your completion certificate to Gerald at WB5NZV@arrl.net and your record will be updated.

As a reminder, if you are associated with an ARES organization in another county the training requirements may be different than the Denton County organization and records are not cross-populated from one county to another.

Finally, if you hold a blue ARES identification card and no longer wish to maintain your membership, the card must be returned. If you will hand the card to me I will see that it gets returned to the proper authority.

LARA Treasurer's Report - March 2018

Checking Account

Beginning Balance \$2,850.36

Income

Dues \$150.00

Donations \$0.00

ARRL \$0.00

Stickers \$0.00

Shirts \$0.00

Total Income \$150.00

Expenses

Fees \$3.39

Repeater \$0.00

Miscellaneous \$62.19

Total Expenses \$65.58

Ending Balance \$2,934.78

Savings Account

Beginning Balance \$38.02

Deposits \$0.00

Withdrawals \$0.00

Ending Balance \$38.02

CLUB ASSETS

For Sale \$920.00

Stock (Not for Sale) \$1,235.00

Loaner Equipment \$ 1,780.00

\$3,935.00

LARA NET VALUE \$6,907.80

Information and Tips – Why I think being involved in the Clubs Field Days and JOTA Events are an important part of our Ham Radio Hobby.

By Jim Horton WB8YWA

Our Club supports two Field Day Events and one JOTA Event each year. They are the ARRL sponsored Summer Field Day and the newly introduced Winter Field Day. The Summer Field we have been holding at the Lewisville EOC and the Winter Field Day and JOTA Event at Lake Park.

The main purpose of Field Day exercise is to train and prepare hams to have equipment ready and be able to perform if needed in an emergency. With that said it also provides a whole lot more, like fun and fellowship to name two. JOTA event is a way to have Scouts introduce to Ham Radio by communicating with other JOTA Ham Radio Stations around the world. As with Field Day it test your equipment and skills of setting up your station away from your daily station at home or in the car.

Setting up a station for field day which takes a lot of planning is to me with my background in Project Management enjoyable. This is the time to design your team, to have help to operate, set up the antennas, and provide some of the equipment. To share in the fun. Here is a list of things to think about and get ready:

- What Band do I want to operate on?
- Then what do I use for an antenna and how can I get it installed fast and easy.
- What do I need to make up the station;
 - Radio
 - Mic / Headset
 - External Speaker
 - Antenna Tuner?
 - Coax – Coax Switch
 - Computer- Interface to Radio
 - Paper / Pencils

With the above list, you then ready this equipment and items to mobilize the morning of the start of Field Day.

Couple of hours before start, you meet on site and setup your station. Test it and sit back ready for it to start.

When it starts I love to have others operate my station, others that may have never operated a HF Radio. I love to show off the antenna and the installation. To mentor to new hams and to just sit back and enjoy the company of fellow ham radio operators.

To those that may be new or just never had to opportunity to be on HF it can be a very rewarding time.

So here are the dates for 2018/19 events so you can now start planning, either to provide a full station, to organize a team or just help someone else. June 23 & 24th for the ARRL Field Day, JOTA will be on October 19, 20 & 21 (this is for Cub, Girl and Boy Scouts) and then Winter Field Day will be held on January 26 & 27, 2019. See you in the Field.

Call Sign License Plate Procedure

By Ron Bath, KG5VIS

I recently obtained my call letter KG5VIS license plates for my van. Since then, I have been asked what the procedure was for obtaining them. Through this article it is hoped that you will learn how easy and affordable they are to acquire.

Information:

Texas - Can have the same plate on multiple vehicles. Must have transmitting equipment in vehicle. Title need not be in vehicle.

Fee: Free

Procedure:

1. Go to website: www.txdmv.gov
2. Fill out form VTR-53 on-line
3. Print out form
4. Take form and FCC license with your call sign on it provided by FCC at time of issuance, and visit local tax office where you obtain license tags, etc.
5. Present the two forms, plus photo I.D., and tell them you wish to have a license plate with your call sign on it.

Note: You may order plates for second vehicle if you desire, but any vehicle with the call sign license plate on it must have a HAM radio installed in it.

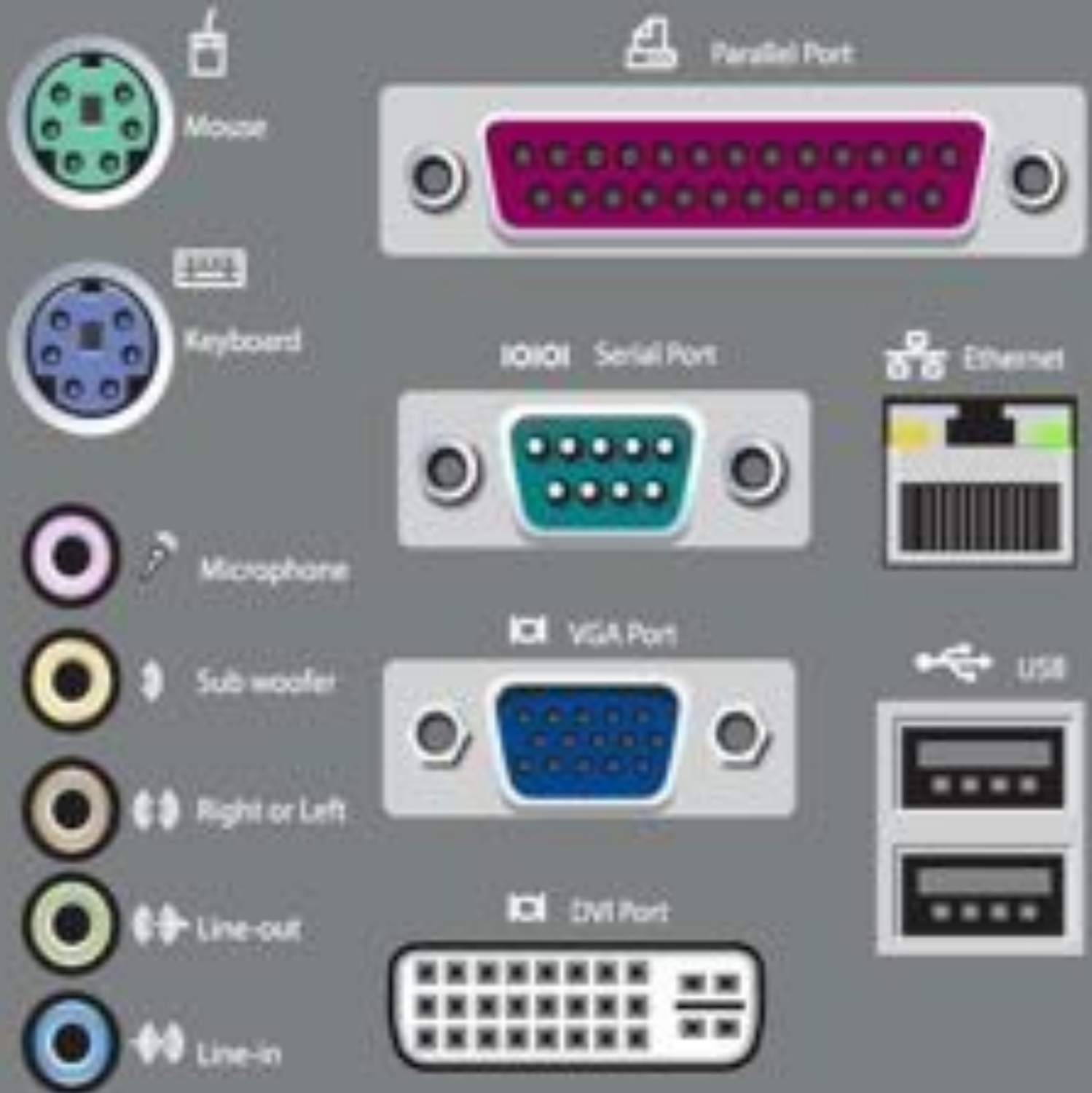
The plate(s) are free, but there may be a slight registration fee of \$5.00 and change due at time of ordering your call sign plates.

Here's hoping this is helpful and 73's

Ron Bath
KG5VIS

Computer Tips

What Are All Those Connections on a Computer for?





**Saturday, April 14, 2018
10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Old Town Lewisville**

L.A.R.A. will be ever present at Colorpalooza again this year spreading good will and our message about the importance of amateur radio service to our community and nation. Oh, and maybe a word or two about what a fun hobby it is as we share it with a great bunch of folks of common interest.

ColorPalooza will feature a wide variety of exhibits and interactive events with a “spring feel” for the whole family. Festival admission will be free, although some activities might carry a nominal charge. Visitors will get to show off their artistic abilities, watch skilled artists create one-of-a kind sculptures and paintings, marvel at colorful sidewalk chalk art, and learn how to better care for the Earth and make their homes more environmentally friendly. There will be an emphasis on interactive events for children, including inflatable play structures and creative arts and crafts stations.

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World Amateur Radio Day

Every April 18, radio amateurs worldwide take to the airwaves in celebration of World Amateur Radio Day. It was on that day in 1925 that the International Amateur Radio Union was formed in Paris.

Amateur Radio experimenters were the first to discover that the short wave spectrum — far from being a wasteland — could support worldwide propagation. In the rush to use these shorter wavelengths, Amateur Radio was “in grave danger of being pushed aside,” the IARU’s history has noted. Amateur Radio pioneers met in Paris in 1925 and created the IARU to support Amateur Radio worldwide.

Just two years later, at the International Radiotelegraph Conference, Amateur Radio gained the allocations still recognized today — 160, 80, 40, 20, and 10 meters. Since its founding, the IARU has worked tirelessly to defend and expand the frequency allocations for Amateur Radio. Thanks to the support of enlightened administrations in every part of the globe, radio amateurs are now able to experiment and communicate in frequency bands strategically located throughout the radio spectrum. From the 25 countries that formed the IARU in 1925, the IARU has grown to include 160 member-societies in three regions. IARU Region 1 includes Europe, Africa, the Middle East, and Northern Asia. Region 2 covers the Americas, and Region 3 is comprised of Australia, New Zealand, the Pacific island nations, and most of Asia. The International Telecommunication Union (ITU) has recognized the IARU as representing the interests of Amateur Radio.

Today, Amateur Radio is more popular than ever, with over 3,000,000 licensed operators!

World Amateur Radio Day is the day when IARU Member-Societies can show our capabilities to the public and enjoy global friendship with other Amateurs worldwide.

We have provided a poster for World Amateur Radio Day. Any club may download it and use it to promote WARD in their area. The poster comes in two sizes: 61cm x 91cm and a small (A4) flyer.

Groups should promote their WARD activity on social media by using the hash tag #WorldAmateurRadioDay on Twitter and Facebook. IARU will list all WARD activities on this page. To have your WARD activity listed, send an email to ARRL Public Relations Manager Sean Kutzko, KX9X.

April 18 is the day for all of Amateur Radio to celebrate and tell the world about the science we can help teach, the community service we can provide and the fun we have.

We hope you will join in the fun and education that is World Amateur Radio Day!

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