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Breakfast & Club Members Meetings - January, 2019

Breakfast

6 - Saturday @ 8AM Site A.
 13 - Saturday @ 8AM Site A.
 20 - Saturday @ 8AM Site B.
 27 - Saturday @ 8AM Site A.

Business

20 - Saturday @ 8AM Site B.

Breakfast

Saturdays @ 8AM Site A.

Key:

Site A. - IHOP at I-35 and Main St.
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Site B. - Lewisville Central Fire Station Training Room
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Minutes for the Monthly Club and Officer's Meetings may be viewed on our website w5lvc.org.



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Go Box Presentation
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Special QSA Certificate Award Winner - Ron Ford - KFSOMH
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From the President's Shack

Thanks to Jim, WB8YWA, for his presentation at the March meeting. He demonstrated the proper unpacking, set-up, and re-packing of the Go Box we received from DCARA. The Go Box has now been utilized at Winter Field Day and the City of Lewisville Full Scale Exercise. The latter event is as close to an actual deployment that we will probably be involved in. We were able to identify a list of small items that need to be included in the Go Box. All-in-all, the equipment performed as advertised.

Speaking of the Lewisville Full Scale Exercise, two members who are also members of Denton County ARES supported the communications requirements for the exercise. Gerald, WB5NZV, was Net Control at the city Emergency Operations Center and I served as the Communications Officer at the Medical City Lewisville Emergency Operations Center. This was the first time the city has had a full scale exercise of this nature. The scenario was based around the annual Western Days event when an active shooter opened fire killing/injuring persons attending the event in Wayne Ferguson Plaza adjacent to City Hall. As with most of these exercises, several opportunities for improvement were identified.

Don't forget that the countdown is on for the Scouting World Jamboree to be held at Bechtel Summit WV this summer, and we're not really that far away. Send an email to na1wj@groups.io requesting to join the mail list so you'll receive information as to when the scouts will be on the air along with mode and frequency information. Also, Dale KB5NFT, and others will be operating from the Philmont Scout Ranch during the Jamboree period. Not only will they be making contact with the World Jamboree site but will also be looking for other contacts for the scouts out there.

The ballots are out for the Election of Officers for the 2019-20 association year. All voting members should have received an email with a link to vote their ballot. All you have to do is click on the link, make your selections, and hit SUBMIT. Heartfelt thanks to Perry, NE5ET for conducting the nomination/election process. Unfortunately, it was more work for him than necessary because individuals were nominated who did not wish to serve. Thanks to the six individuals who are willing to take the leadership positions for the next year.

So, with a new club year in front of us, is there something new or different that you would like to get involved in over the next year? If so, make your proposal to one of the officers or, better yet, come to an Officers Meeting on the Tuesday prior to the monthly Membership Meeting. Meetings are held at the Korner Café at 5:30 PM.

Just a reminder that the SWAP Meet is coming up on Saturday April 27, 10:00-14:00 at the Rev. Alvin E. Turner Sr. Park, 700 Hembry St. in Old Town Lewisville. If you are in need of some equipment you just might find it there. If you have things you want to sell, bring them out. If neither, just come out and chat for a while.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the meeting on the 20th. The presentation will be Scouting Jamboree and contacting during the event by Dale KB5NFT. Please come and bring a guest.

73, Ron KF5OMH



Hello members and friends of LARA. As we are well into 2019 our financial situation remains sound. We had no major expenses for the month and realized modest income from ARRL dues and the sale of stickers and a t-shirt. Anticipated expenses in the coming weeks include website hosting and our mailbox renewal.

At the last meeting we discussed how renewing (or initiating) an ARRL membership through LARA provides a monetary benefit to the club. To do this, you need to fill out an Affiliated Club membership form. You may get a copy from me or download one from www.arrl.org by searching for "Affiliated Club Membership." Yes, filling out a paper form is less convenient, but the cost is the same and the club gets to keep \$2 for a renewal or \$15 for a new membership.

See you at the meeting on the 20th!

Clark Highsmith, K5LGX
LARA Treasurer



TREASURER'S REPORT

Checking Account

Beginning Balance \$3,693.04

Income

Dues	\$0.00
Donations	\$0.00
ARRL memberships	\$59.00
Stickers	\$6.00
T-shirts	\$25.00
Miscellaneous	\$13.67
	Paypal Fee Ac
Total Income	\$103.67

Expenses

Fees	\$0.00
Web site	\$0.00
ARRL Memberships	\$57.00
Miscellaneous	\$0.00
Total Expenses	\$57.00

Ending Balance \$3,739.71

Petty Cash (Included in balance) \$40.00

CLUB ASSETS

For Sale	\$0.00
Stock (Not for Sale)	\$1,869.28
Loaner Equipment	\$375.00
	\$2,244.28

LARA NET VALUE \$5,983.99

Our Technical Director



There is a need for CW and here is my case for it.

By Jim Horton WB8YWA

In 2001 the FCC dropped the 13 and 20 WPM requirements to obtain your General and Extra class license, they standardized to the 5 WPM for all tests. Then again, on February 23, 2007 the FCC dropped the requirement to send and receive the 5 WPM. Morse Code (CW) was dropped from the ham radio licensing. If you ask a ham radio operator what he or she feels about these CW requirement you will get a mixed bag of "We should not have never removed it", to "I wouldn't be a ham if it was still required". The ham who had to take the CW test to obtain his license pretty much states it still should be and for good reason, he or she worked hard spending time to obtain this skill. I am one who had to pass the 5 WPM and then the 13 WPM back in the 70's. I am glad I learned code, even though I do not use it as much as I should, but still can copy about 8 to 10 WPM (slow to many CW operators) but enough to grab that Special Event Station or DX contact.

Now within our club membership we only have a few that know any code at all, or use it. We are blessed to have one that I call a real CW operator who demonstrates it during our Field Day outings. So with so little of us into CW, why am I spending time on this subject? Well here it is, why I feel we all should know some Morse code; remember the main reason for Ham Radio to exist is to be prepared in case of emergency. This is why there is ham radio at all. We are to be the communications that is needed in these times. Below are a few points that states why I feel you should know some CW to support this need.

- It is very easy to construct a CW Transmitter under emergency conditions or any time.
- AM/FM or SSB are harder to copy during weak signals. CW much easier.

Now let us look at everyday life and your family during emergency. If you know simple CW skills you can flash a light and send CW, you can turn on and off your transmitter by shorting two mic wires and send CW. It has been used by prisoners of war to blink their eyes to send out CW. Even if you are not having an emergency but come on to someone else that is, just knowing slow CW could save them or your life. It is even important to pass it on to your family members.

I bet you all know how to send and receive this simple message ... ------..., the standard of the world for HELP HELP, SOS.

So know that I got some attention here are a few ways to get into CW.

- Start by learning and sending out each letter and numbers from 0 to 9.
- There are computer programs to help you learn to receive these letters and numbers.
- LARK Club has a neat program that teaches you CW via a WEB connection called ZOOM and a group that helps you learn.
- Start by copying slow speed ARRL.
- Find another ham and get on the air with each other.

Remember it might save yours or someone else's life. For sure it will open a new world of ham radio for you. And by no means is CW dead, just take some time and go down on the lower frequency and listen. They are having a lot of fun down there, you could too.

Go Box Presentation

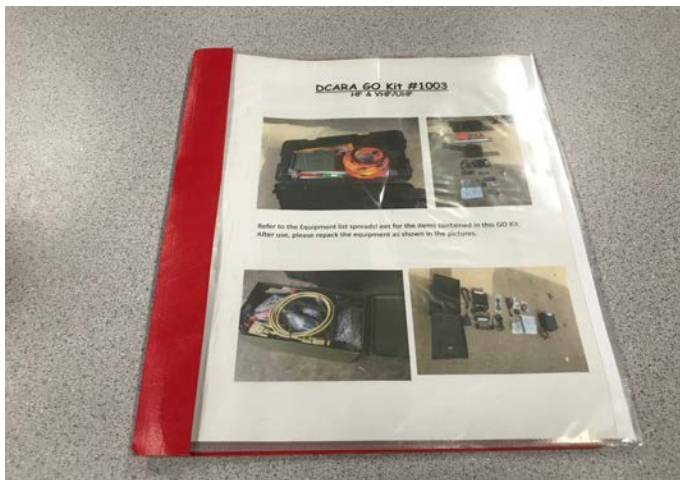
Presentation by: Jim Horton WB8WYA
Technical Director

March 16th, 2019



(L-R) Jim Horton - WB8WYA, Ron Ford - KF5OMH

During our Monthly club meeting on March 16th we were brought up to date on the equipment and benefits related to our new “Go Box”. This radio equipment was donated to us by DCARA for our use in emergency deployment. Our Technical Director Jim Horton demonstrated the proper unpacking, set-up, and re-packing of the Go Box.



Special Recognition

Our president Ron Ford - KFSOMH has been awarded a unique QSL certificate from Ice Station WØJH. This is the 3rd year Ron has worked this event. Congratulations to Ron for his efforts to promote amateur radio in such a distinguished and positive manner.

The following is Ron's email notification:

From: WØJH Confirmation <w0jhconfirmation@radioham.org>
Date: 03/06/2019 20:17 (GMT-06:00)
To: rfavcon@verizon.net
Subject: Ice Station WØJH Special Event

Dear Amateur Radio Operator,

TNX for being part of our recent "Ice Station WØJH" Special Event from frozen Lake Elmo at Lake Elmo MN! Attached is the QSL certificate you requested for our February 16-18, 2019 event.

The event was organized and operated by the Stillwater Amateur Radio Association (SARA). Operating for ~18 hours; we logged ~650 contacts and have received ~225 QSL certificate requests.

Most requests included accurate and necessary contact details (e.g., date, time, frequency, etc.). We've seen requests where contact times and other info did not match our logs. Since our loggers/operators rarely make mistakes and our logging computers are always correct, our data is official! hi hi :-)

TNX again for your contact with our WØJH Special Event Station; we hope you can join us again!

73,
Dave Glas (WØOXB)
Special Events Chair & Past President
Stillwater Amateur Radio Association (SARA)
www.radioham.org

“Ice Station WØJH” Special Event

Lake Elmo / Lake Elmo, Minnesota

February 16 - 18, 2019



Members of the Stillwater, Minnesota Amateur Radio Association (SARA) operated a portable station on a frozen lake in east-central Minnesota (~10 miles east of St. Paul). Having strong Scandinavian heritage, Minnesotans have been known to do crazy things to break the monotony of the long winters. (Some say hams do crazy things too!) This was our sixth consecutive year for this craziness!



Some of our Ops (L to R): KDØIPI, KEØQQN, KEØQQM, AAØU, KØGW, KØAIF, NØDRX, WØGAF, WØOXB

Using the club’s call, WØJH, two-person teams (operator & logger) operated from Lake Elmo, MN (Washington County; Grid Square EN34nx). Our primary station was an 8’x8’ portable shelter on 2’ of ice. It was hooked to a 160-6m center-fed Zepp antenna (253’ long, 45’ high) that ran north and south in trees along the shore. It was fed by 100’ of 450Ω ladderline and a 4:1 balun with coax to the shelter. A Kenwood TS-590 ran 100W thru a MFJ-986 antenna tuner.

This year we added a station; an Icom IC-7300 was operated in the club’s 6’x12’ enclosed trailer. Operating on shore, a few hundred feet from the lake we ran 100W into a 90’ end-fed sloper via an AH-4 auto-tuner. Laptops were used for all logging. Most operation was on SSB; 20, 40 and 75m. Heat for both stations was from portable propane heaters.

We operated 3 days, ~6 hours per day. We (YOU) generated huge pile-ups; with 677 contacts logged in the U.S., Canada and several DX countries.



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Confirming QSO with: **KF5OMH**

Date: 2/16/2019 UTC: 20:13

Band: 20m Mode: SSB

RST: 59

Tnx Ron for the contact and helping us chase away winter. Band was indeed up & down.

Submitted for Ron Ford - KF5OMH

By Ron Bath, Editor - KG5VIS



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Officer Elections

Perry Abernethy, NE5ET, has been hard at work in his position of Election Chairperson for our 2019 LARA officers election. He has sent out the election ballots and is eagerly awaiting your voting choices for these important club office positions. **In the event that you have not voted yet, please do so today!** Please feel free to contact Perry with any election business. Contact

Announcements
Upcoming Events

- LARA** Information and Help Net – each Wednesday @ 1900 on the 145.17 repeater
- ARES** Training Net – 3rd Thurs. @1930 on 146.92 repeater
- Lewisville Emergency Preparedness Exercise – March 22
- Belton HamExpo – Apr. 5 & 6
- Medal of Honor Escort – Apr. 10, 1400 - 1900
- Texas State Parks on the Air – Apr. 13, 0800 – Apr. 14, 1200
- ARRL Rookie Roundup (SSB) – Apr. 14, 1300 – 1900
- IARU - World Amateur Radio Day –
<http://www.iaru.org/world-amateur-radio-day.html>
- LARA** SWAP Meet – Apr. 27, 1000 – 1400, REV. ALVIN TURNER SR. PARK, 700 Hembry and Birch, Old Town LV
- Mentorfest -- April 27, Hella Shrine Center, 2121 Rowlett Rd., Garland
- HAMCOM – June 7 & 8, Plano Event Center
- LARA** Summer Field Day – June 22, 1300 thru June 23, 1300
- LARA** JOTA – Oct. 19, 1000 – 1700

VACANCY

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

New Club Members

We would like to reconize and welcome the following new Club Members to L.A.R.A

AG5SN - KEVIN ENNIS
KI5AHI - MICHELLE SANFORD
KI5BZZ - JONATHAN HOOPEES
KI5COU - SEAN COMPTON
KI5COY- ISAIAH GORDON
KI5COZ - HEATHER HOOPEES
KI5CPA - JONATHAN HOOPEES, JR
KI5CPF - RON WYNNE
KI5CPL - ELISABETH GORDON
KI5DLF - MIKE WESTON
KI5DME - JIM DAVIS
NO LIC - TAYLOR HOOPEES
NO LIC - WARNER HOOPEES

To New L.A.R.A. Members,

Your call sign and name have been posted on our official website w5lvc.org.

The Club Members page may be viewed by clicking on this link <https://w5lvc.org/club-members>.

With respect for the wishes of some club members, personal photographs are not being posted at their request. An Avatar image is assigned and posted as a placeholder pending permission to post a photograph and receipt of a .jpg image of the member represented.

Club members that haven't provided photographs for I.D. will be represented by an Avatar until such time as an actual photograph is made available.

You may submit a .jpg file photograph of yourself to replace the avatar by emailing as an attachment to aro.kg5vis@gmail.com. You may elect to have a new photograph taken, at no cost to you, upon request made via email to aro.kg5vis@gmail.com.

Congratulations and welcome to our organization.

Regards,

Ron Bath - KG5VIS

Webmaster (w5lvc.org)



Ham Humour



So I bought a new transceiver
and she asked...



“Are you going to sell any of
your old ones?”



"Yes I really am running just 5 watts QRP...although I
suppose I do have an above average antenna system..."

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