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LARA Newsletter

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Reminder - Club Dues are Ready for Renewal!

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Breakfast & Club Members Meetings - December, 2018

Breakfast

- 1 - Saturday @ 8AM Site A.
- 8 - Saturday @ 8AM Site A.
- 15 - No Meeting / Holiday Break
- 22 - Saturday @ 8AM Site A.
- 29 - Saturday @ 8AM Site A.



Breakfast

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



Don't forget our LARA Clubs gala Christmas Party to be held Saturday, December 15th, from 7:00 PM until 9 PM.

Location: The Korner Cafe at 921 W. Main St., Lewisville, Texas. 75067

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Have You Got a Story Idea?

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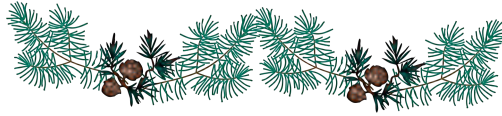
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Winter Field Day



This years Winter Field Day is shaping up with the potential to be a huge success. (See Page 8)

2017 - 2018 Officers & Support

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From The President's Shack

The holiday season is well upon us. It's hard to believe that 2018 will shortly come to an end. Rather than talk about upcoming events for the Association, I thought it only appropriate that I discuss many of the great things that have happened in and about LARA this year.

The year started out with a couple of administrative changes whereby our dues year started in January and now runs with the calendar year. There were a few glitches along the way but for the most part the transition worked well. At the same time we started using HamClubOnline for administrative functions thus eliminating quite a bit of manual record keeping. This is a great tool for the membership but, we are still working with getting more folks to use it.

We had two events in January. First was a Winter Swap Meet. Of course we picked one of the coldest days of the year and learned that maybe we don't want to do a swap meet during the winter months. We also participated in Winter Field Day the last weekend in the month. 11 members and 5 guests came out and got on the air. Notable happenings during the event – Ron KG5VIS made his first HF contacts and Jim WB8YWA had some adventures while trying to catch some ZZZZZ's over the midnight hours; ask him to tell you the story.

Our Wednesday evening Information and Help Net continues to be a huge success but, like anything else we can always use more participants. See Jim's WB8YWA article elsewhere in the newsletter. Thanks to Jim, Mike W5EVT and Dale WA5WNI for fulfilling the Net Control duties for the net throughout the year. Come join us on Wednesday's at 7:00 PM on the 145.170 (-.600 offset and PL tone 110.9) W5FKN repeater.

Breakfast on Saturday mornings continues to be held at 8:00 AM every Saturday except for the third when we have our monthly meetings. We currently gather at the Mill Street Diner at 727 S. Mill St. in Old Town Lewisville. On any given Saturday there anywhere from four to twenty people in attendance. Come on out for ham radio discussions or curing the ills of the world; it just depends on where the conversation goes.

LARA continues to support the City of Lewisville Emergency Management Department and Medical City Lewisville Emergency Manager by conducting monthly radio checks in their Emergency Operations Centers.

In February, Ron KG5VIS represented LARA at the Denton Makers Faire where the three Denton County amateur radio clubs joined forces to sing the praises of our great hobby.

April saw a new group of officers elected to lead the Association. Many thanks to the outgoing officers for their service and leadership in growing LARA. When the new officers took the reins in May we began holding monthly officer's meetings on the Tuesday prior to the monthly membership meeting. These meetings are open to all members so, come on out and have dinner with the officers and provide your input to the meetings. Also in May we began having presentations at the monthly membership meetings. Thanks to Mike W5EVT for coordinating scheduling the presenters and thanks also to those who were willing to prepare their material. We look forward to more great presentations beginning in January 2019. Seven members supported the annual Boy Scout Troop 123 pancake breakfast in April and we had a public information booth at the Lewisville Colorpalooza event.

In June LARA participated in the annual ARRL Field Day where we had two HF stations available to licensed operators and a GOTA (Get on the Air) station where non-licensed visitors could experience the excitement of talking to stations in faraway places. 13 members and nine guests participated in the two day event. Several of those guests have since become members. The City of Lewisville City Council recognized LARA by presenting us with a proclamation declaring the week of June 18-24 Amateur Radio Week in Lewisville.

LARA sponsored several VE testing sessions throughout the year. Thanks to Steve W5JK and his team of Volunteer Examiners for volunteering their time to conduct these sessions.

In September we held our first family dinner gathering. 14 members and their guests attended and a good time was had by all. Another family event is this coming Saturday, December 15 when we'll have our annual Christmas Party. It's not too late to RSVP. Bring a gift valued at \$20.00 or less for the White Elephant gift exchange.

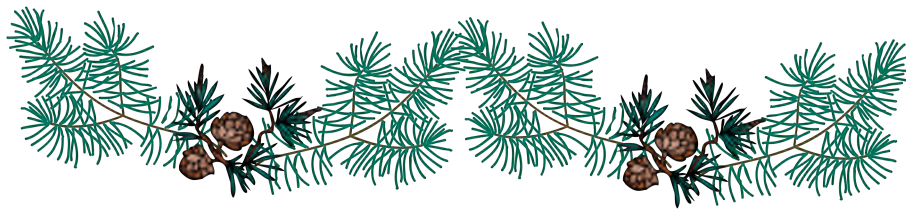
The annual Boy Scout Jamboree-on-the-Air was held on October 20. This was our third year for participating in the event and, by far, was our most successful. We have grown from 5 to 60 young people coming out to experience their first exposure to amateur radio. A huge thanks to Mike W5EVT for coordinating and planning this event. A lot of time was spent by Mike and his team visiting scout troops and district roundtables publicizing the event and it certainly paid off. A blind draw of the attendees was conducted and two scouts were awarded weather radios. 14 members and two guests spent the day working with these young folks to build their interest in our hobby.

To close out the club year a Technician Licensing class was conducted this past weekend. 19 students attended of which 14 passed the test and received new radios from LARA. One of the students also passed his General after passing his Technician test. Thanks to Dale WA5WNI for conducting the class and to Steve W5JK and his VE Team of David W5YS, Tracy AB5TE, Clark K5LGX and Rich WA5ED (on standby) for conducting the test session. 13 of those who passed the test took us up on our offer of a free one year membership in LARA. Thanks to Jim WB8YWA and Mike W5EVT for coming by to congratulate the new hams and welcome them to LARA.

As you can see LARA was very active in many events and activities in 2018 and there are a lot of opportunities for you to be active in the organization. Make a resolution to come out and get involved in 2019.

Fondest wishes for a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

73, Ron KF5OMH



Treasurer's Report

It is that time of year: Christmas cheer, family, presents, good tidings toward man and...club dues. This is my first year to handle dues, so I beg your patience during the learning process. Dues should be paid by the end of December in order to maintain your active club status. You may pay via Paypal either directly or through Hamclubonline.com or send a check or cash to our club mailing address (LARA, PO Box 292282, Lewisville, TX 75029-2282). I also plan to attend the club Christmas Party if you wish to pay me in person. Questions may be addressed to me at alacrity@bennoah.net.

The club account increased slightly during the month of January. The increase came mainly from an Amazon Smiles payment, sale of JOTA patches, and deposit refunds from the City of Lewisville for club activities. The main expense was for a Ham Radio Outlet gift certificate that will be awarded at the Club Christmas party through a drawing of tickets earned by club members who invited guests to club meetings during 2018. Anticipated future expenses include placing deposits with the City of Lewisville for 2019 events.

Clark Highsmith
K5LGX

LARA Treasurer's Report -- November 30, 2018

Checking Account

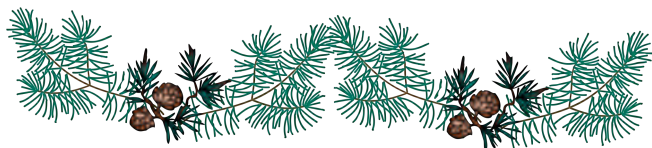
Beginning Balance		\$3,301.68
Income		
	Dues	\$25.00
	Donations	\$36.02
	Miscellaneous	\$165.00
	Total Income	\$226.02
Expenses		
	Fees	\$1.48
	Miscellaneous	\$100.00
	Total Expenses	\$101.48
Ending Balance		\$3,426.22
Petty Cash (Included in balance)		\$3.00

CLUB ASSETS

For Sale	\$0.00
Stock (Not for Sale)	\$1,952.98
Loaner Equipment	\$375.00
	\$2,327.98

LARA NET VALUE

\$5,754.20



A Plug for our Club's 'Information and Help Net'.

By Jim Horton WB8YWA

For those that check in most Wednesdays, a big thank you. For those that have not or did not know about our net this is for you. The purpose of this net is many;

- Gives you a chance to get on the air and check out your station.
- A place you can ask "how to" questions to some hams that have been around for many years with lots of ham knowledge but still have lots of questions themselves.
- Keep up with what is going on in ham radio around Lewisville and sometimes the world.
- Get to know other members and nonmembers in our area.
- And there is a lot more.

The net meets each Wednesday at 7 PM on the W5FKN repeater. 145.17, -600 & 110.9 Tone. Scope of net but not set in stone is;

- To offer a service to promote on the air club activity and provide help with your ham radio station and practices.
- After preamble we go through Net Logger checks-ins (more on Net Logger below) and see what is new with each one and how they are doing.
- Then we ask for any direct check in's. As these check in we allow them to make a transmission as above.
- Then ask if anyone has a question or needs help with their station or practices. We try to answer each and every one with the help of the net. If not, contact web control after NET.
- We then have a ham radio topic that we go over and discuss.
- After the questions we go through and list all of our activities coming up and discuss if any questions.
- Then we close the net.

Little history, this net started shortly after our club did and the first log is dated January 14th, 2016. We had 6 check in's plus myself as net control. We now are getting around 15 checks in's, but as of the day before yesterday we have around 50 members. Yesterday that grew to I believe 63. 16 new folks pass their 1st test and receive a new hand held along with membership. 13 sign up to be members. Big thank you to Dale WA5WNI & Steve W5JK and his VE team.

Little information on Net Logger. You find this on the internet and is a free service. It helps the net control and the person logging for the net control station if you join in. So if you have access to a computer at your station load up the site and join us. Here is the URL <https://www.netlogger.org/>. When you bring up the first screen you will find a tab that is name 'select net'. If the logger has opened the program and started the "Information and Help Net". You will see it listed with all the other nets going on. Select our net by clicking on it and then go

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to bottom of the page and select "Monitor Net". This will take you back to main page and you will see all the check in's we have posted.

Last but not least, this net is open if you want to be Net Control. Get with myself or Ron KF5OMH and we can get you some items that makes it almost easy as pie.

We also Link the 444.050 repeater in Denton which gives us Echo Link connections. Hope to catch you on the net soon and as KG5KAJ Jeff, you become a steady check in as he has over the life of the net.

Winter Field Day

Saturday, January 19, 2019 & Sunday, January 20, 2019

Event Chairman Dale Chatham WA5WNI has reported the following:

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

Remember, this is your club and the more participation we can get, the better.

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.

The trailer should be heated (depending on whether I can find a generator or not). I believe the pavilion will be heated as well.

Jim Horton WB8YWA will be operating 160 meters at night as well as 6 meters during the day. I will have a 20M - 6M hexbeam and probably a few dipoles.

Please let me know when you can be available to pitch in. This promises to be a fun activity. Your participation is requested.

I am also looking for committee members. So far, it's:

Jim Horton WB8WYA
Ron Ford KF5OMH
Dale Chatham WA5WNI
Roger L Carver AE5EZ

The WFD folks finally updated their web pages. It appears that their multipliers are as follow: voice: 1 everything else: 2 Satellite: 2, < 5 watts: 4, < 100 watts: 2 < 1000 watts: 1. This is on a per contact basis.

Additionally, there seems to be another multiplier for total contacts. I'm not sure how these are applied, but it could be that this multiplier multiplies the previous multiplier.

Take the total number of modes operated on each band, one band at a time. Add them up and that is the multiplier.

For instance:

80M SSB + CW = 2

40M SSB + RTTY + CW = 3

15M SSB = 1.

Total multiplier applied to all contacts = 6.

This would seem to be one that we want to maximumize the different modes. As far as I can tell, 1 CW contact and 600 SSB contacts is still a multiplier of 2 applied across all bands.

“Getting to Know You”

Santa “On the Air”



Again this year we have engaged the jolly old elf to be on the air taking wish lists from young and old, on December 20 and 21, 6:00 – 8:00 PM utilizing the 145.170 repeater.

You are invited to have your children and grandchildren gather at your radio shack for this fun event. Children young and old may speak to Santa at the North Pole and make their Christmas wishes known.

Talk about “getting to know you”, this will be a great opportunity to do just that.

So, get your lists ready, and sort out who’s been naughty or nice and let’s talk on the air and figure it out.

Merry Christmas,



Santa



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.

Can't wait to see what our club secretary Ron Swain, and his wife have in store for us at our Christmas Party this year. These two have been hard at work planning for our Christmas party event.

LARA Christmas Party

Date: December 15th

Time: 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Location: Korner Cafe

Address: 921 W Main St, Lewisville, TX 75067

Santa "On the Air"

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Technician Testing Breaks All Records

Our Technician Class and Examination team of Dale Chatham and Steve Kline have really excelled in their efforts, resulting in the great success of our recent class. Report and photos on pages 12 - 16.

Quiz... Question: How many hats does Ron Ford actually wear at the present?

Answer: Too many to count, but we know this. Our club president Ron Ford has taken on the responsibility of temporarily fulfilling the role and position of PIO because no one has stepped up to help. Ron presently serves on the Fire Department Reserve, volunteers his time at Medical City Lewisville Hospital, and is an active member of 5 amateur radio clubs.

PIO (Public Information Officer) - The search continues for a new PIO. Having had the privilege of serving as PIO this past year, I can share with you that the position requires little time investment and pays big dividends in getting to know our amateur radio club members better, and to meet the public in a pleasant and positive manner. If you would consider serving in this capacity as PIO, please contact Ron Ford at rfavcon@verizon.net for consideration.

Third and Last Appeal - Your Response is Requested

Note: There are 25 blank faces on our website at w5lvc.org on the members page. In the event that a photo of each member is not either present or submitted by December 15th, 2018 an avatar will be placed above each name and call sign to represent the intentionally omitted photograph.

Picture I.D. for Website - We want to have your photograph listed on our website members page. Please view this page and if you do not have your picture there please consider adding it. You may email a .jpg photo file as an email attachment to aro.kg5vis@gmail.com. If you prefer, we will take your picture at any club meeting for you. Just make your request known to Ron Bath - KG5VIS.



To Our Military Veterans and Thier Families:

We have several military veterans in our club and are grateful for thier service and committment to our country. Some among us have sons and daughters as well as other loved ones that also serve.

Let us please be thankful and remember those that serve during our Christmas Holidays. A card, letter or gift package would mean a lot to those on deployment and away from home and loved ones during this time of celebration.

Please accept our abundant respect and a special word of thanks to those that serve and protect our country.

May God bless you all, and may God bless the USA.

AMATEUR RADIO TESTING:

The Lewisville Amateur Radio Association held a Technician study class conducted on December 8-9. Following completion of study class December 9th, a W5YI-VEC testing session was conducted at 2:00 pm at the Lewisville Central fire station, Main Street.

Testing was administered to twenty-three (23) applicants including two (2) walk-ins. Sixteen (16) applicants upgraded, seven (7) failed to upgrade. Total number of applicants includes retake of any elements. A total of thirty (30) test elements were administered. Seventeen (17) elements were passed, thirteen (13) elements were failed.

From the study class nineteen (19) students took the test, fourteen (14) passed receiving their Technician or General class license for a 74% pass rate. Congratulations to Dale Chatham, study class instructor, well done Dale!

Additionally, two (2) tests were administered to walk-ins, Francis (Frank) P. James and William A. Long. Frank successfully upgraded from Technician to General class license and William successfully upgraded from General to Extra Class. Congratulations Frank and William, hope to QSO with you soon.

Following students successfully passed and will be granted new Technician Class licenses:

- Sean D. Compton
- Angelica I. Egan
- Javier Gonzalez
- Elizabeth A. Gordon
- Isaiah N. Gordon
- Heather Hoopes
- Jonathan D. Hoopes Jr.
- Avery H. Rainey
- Tyler S. Rainey
- Richard A. Schwartz
- Courtney M. Segars
- Michael J. Segars
- Ronnie G. Wynne

Following student successfully passed Technician (element 2) and General (element 3) and will be granted a new General Class license:

- Kevin J. Ennis

New Technicians don't forget you have HF privileges not only on 10 meter RTTY, Data, SSB but also CW (only) on 15, 40, and 80 meters. You can work the world on CW with a wire antenna and 50 watts or less on these bands. Have fun and make new ham friends. I look forward to QSO'ing with all new licensees.

W5YI-VEC testing session was administered thru the following VEs (volunteer examiners):

- VE - Clark Highsmith - K5LGX
- VE - David Jackson - W5YS
- VE - Tracey Edwards - AB5TE
- VE - Rich Alverson - W5RPA
- CVE - Steve Kline - W5JK

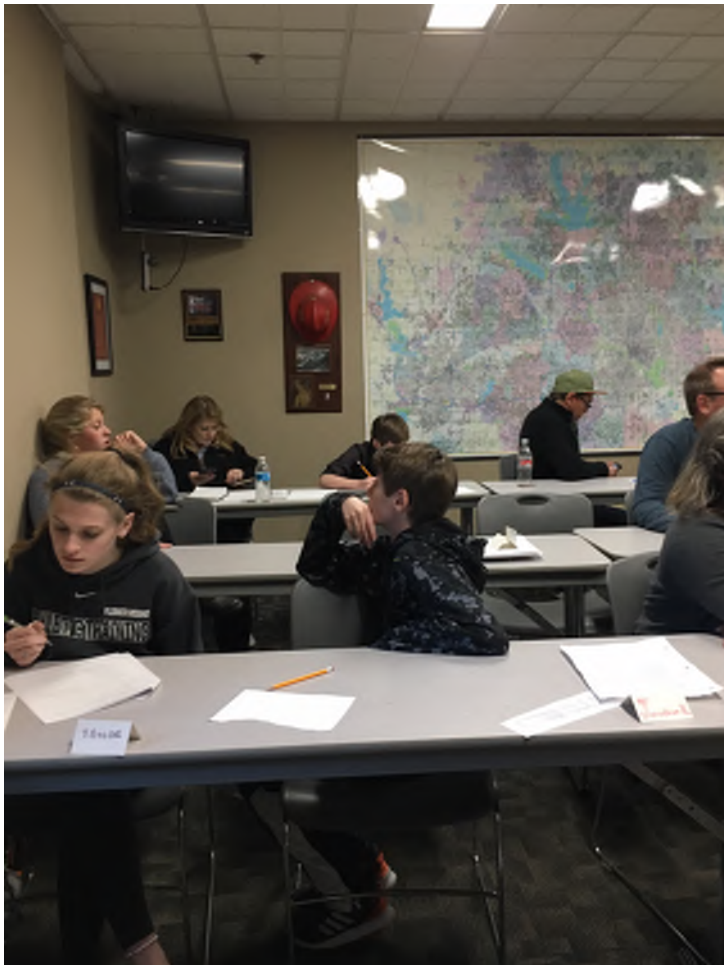
Thank you VEs, you did an awesome job. This was largest group we've administered, challenging indeed, lot of good feedback and take-aways for next session. Will improve the process.

Everyone have a blessed Christmas!

73

Steve - W5JK

CVE~34215



WHY Y'ALL
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How Knowing a Tiny Bit of CW Once Helped Me in a Bad Situation.

By Frank James - KG5ZNJ

Thirty plus years ago, a tiny bit of CW knowledge helped me out of a very bad situation.

Back when I was a teenager in high school, I worked nights and weekends at a medical supply facility part time. I worked the shifts that the daytime personnel didn't want to be on call for: namely the graveyard shift, manning the facility after hours awaiting emergency orders from area hospitals.

I worked in this facility from an isolated office, where the emergency phone system was located, and other than a lone security guard who was posted in the main lobby of the building, it was generally empty. It was a long and boring job, mostly waiting for calls. There were many shifts where there were no calls at all, so I did a lot of reading mostly (this was well before the days of the Internet). I read a lot of the Stephen King novels of the era.

One afternoon after coming in for the beginning of a 15 hour shift, I received a routine order for something that was wanted Monday morning. The item in question was a rare order, and was kept frozen. They wanted it delivered on a non-priority basis so that it would have time to thaw for use the following day.

Without much thought I headed downstairs to the most remote part of the building, deep into the basement, and entered a small walk in freezer that was used for very cold temperature storage (items below 35 Celsius).

The organization I worked for had come under fire as of late for their standards and practices, so a new administrator had implemented several new procedures that were implemented rather quickly without much thought, one of which included adding padlocks to all the freezer units. They retrofitted the padlocks in by drilling holes through the latching mechanisms of the walk in fridges and freezers so that the padlock would jam up the door mechanism, as to make them not able to open unless the padlocks were removed.

I removed the padlock with my newly issued keyring, and entered the freezer, and shut the door behind me as this was standard procedure and had been ingrained into my habits via training. In the more normal walk in fridges (2 celsius), it wasn't unusual to spend an hour inside taking inventory, so it was simply muscle memory to close the door.

I retrieved the product that needed to be delivered, and when I attempted to push in the door plunger to open the freezer from the inside, it basically dead ended without anything happening.

I tried again several times, and to my rising horror, I realized that drilling a hole into this particular freezer had mechanically ruined the inside plunger mechanism by knocking out a section of the plunger cylinder so that there was no longer contact to the mechanical release of the latch (from the inside).

I learned later than the entire staff was aware of this problem, but nobody had bothered to tell the three of us who worked the night shifts. Everyone just assumed the word got out (again, this was before email). Nobody could even be bothered to put a sign on the door.

I took stock of the situation. I found myself deep in the basement of our facility, essentially in a steel vault, and looking around I realized that there was essentially no way out. I considered that maybe I could disable the freezer from within, but the compressor unit was located outside of this freezer, much like an AC Unit attached to a house. The only thing on the inside was a series of high speed fans, that were well protected by a heavy gauge steel box with metal bars. There was nothing I could break or disable.

I tried time and time again to push the steel release plunger as hard as I could, but all that managed to do was burn my hand (yes, cold can burn you if it's cold enough). I attempted kicking it, and the door as well, but it was useless. The freezer was built incredibly strong, with the hinges on the outside to boot (not that I had any tools).

Dressed for summer in a light t-shirt and shorts, with a temperature far below freezing, and a very strong airflow (windchill), it dawned on me that nobody would even be down here until the daytime shift when all the staff would come in, and that would likely mean another 14-15 hours from that time at best.

I don't know to this day really how long it takes someone to succumb to hypothermia in a situation like this, but feeling the cold start to already affect me, my situation was pretty dire, and I found it harder and harder to keep myself calm.

The security guard on duty that night was Stan. An older retired gentleman, aged about 75 years old at the time, who I considered friend. I'd often go over to his post up front and we'd chat when times were not busy (which was often). I realized that sooner or later, he'd probably do some rounds and maybe would notice I wasn't where I should be. At some point he'd go looking for me maybe, and if he happened to start checking rooms, he might notice the padlock outside on the floor and put 2 and 2 together.

Stan was a pretty diligent guy and he always actually did his rounds (unlike most of the other guards), so I figured maybe a few hours, and he might find me... It was my only chance.

I then started moving things on shelves, and realized that behind some items, against the wall, there was a clear plastic enclosure, and within was a big red button – I grew hopeful – maybe it was an emergency shut-off... I considered pressing it... so if it was a shut-off, the compressor would turn off (presumably), and at least some of the internal temperature would rise... it would still be like being inside a big cooler, but it would likely buy me more time than I had.

I opened the door of the case, and pressed the big red button. Immediately, I heard a muffled ring, like an old fire alarm bell sounding. As soon as I released it, it stopped.

It sounded like it was a bell in this department/area... likely Stan wouldn't hear it, but if he was making rounds, he might walk close enough to hear it and investigate.

I then remembered something.

Back when I was a kid, I was in Cub Scouts (7-8 years old), and one time some old hams visited and taught us about radio and morse code. They didn't bring any radios in that day (of course they probably only had 100lb Heathkits), but they had us practice Morse code on paper – drawing the dots and dashes. They had one group code messages, and the other group decode them. Of course it was old memories... But I did clearly remember one thing, and only one thing: How to send an SOS signal (Repeat : ... ---).

Having literally nothing left at all, I started furiously pressing the red button with that pattern, putting everything I had into it.

In less than 10 minutes, the door blew open and I bolted out like a savage, and I nearly ran over Stan in my fury – I had to grab him so that he wouldn't fall, and both of us full of adrenaline, we just had a very big laugh of relief.

Anyways, it turned out the alarm bell was also wired to a bell near his post. The bell scared the heck of out him as it was unexpected, but this ageing facility wasn't well run, and alarms going off happened with some regularity, so it's not something that would have made him take things too seriously.

Normally, he would have called his supervisor, and maybe that supervisor would have driven in, and they would have started calling the facilities people (who were not on call). In some ways, having a bell just ringing would only make it less likely Stan would naturally notice that I was gone.

What made all the difference in the world was that decades before, Stan had been a sailor in the Merchant Marine, and he had some working knowledge of Morse code. He knew exactly, within a second or two, that this was an SOS signal. He also noted it had a very human irregular repetitiveness quality (not machine made), and that it was frantic.

He knew right away it had to involve me (the only other person in the facility), and that something bad had happened. A bell ringing steady wouldn't have conveyed that message, but an SOS did. He thought things over as he made it to my area, and when he didn't see me, he knew I had likely gotten badly injured, or had maybe gotten trapped in a freezer... or SOMETHING.

In any event, in less than 10 minutes, he had me out – he started by checking all the freezers first.

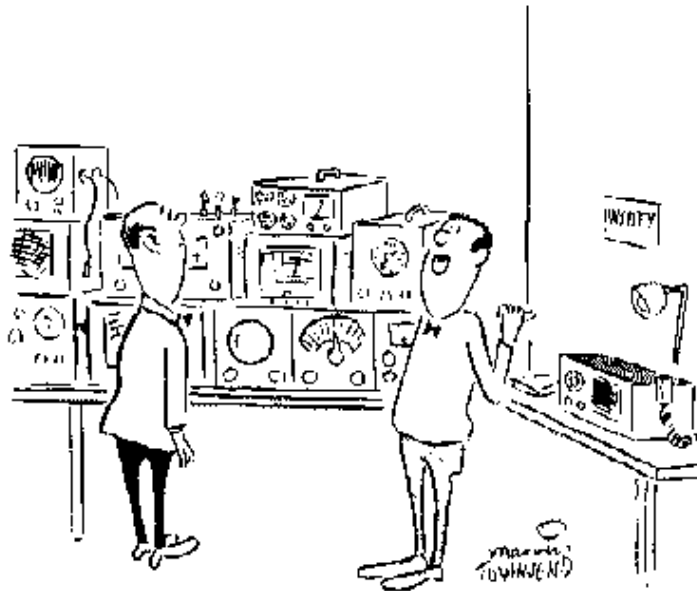
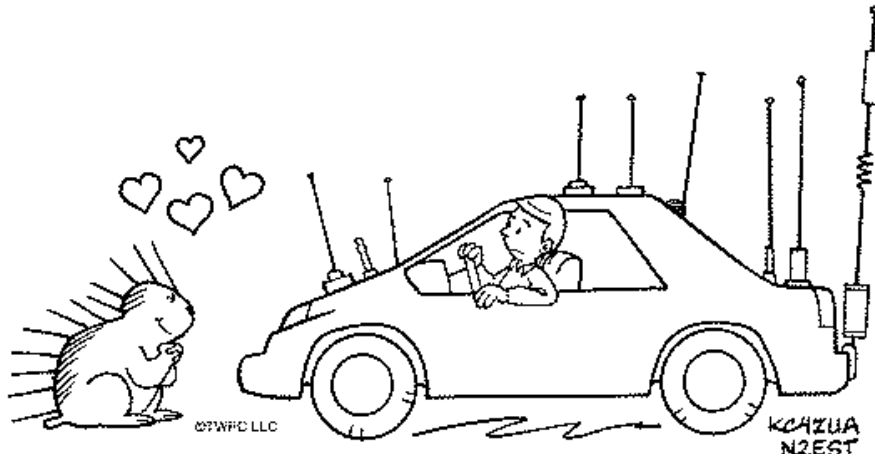
I hope that every child everywhere knows what SOS means and how to produce it with morse code.

I really think they should teach it in schools – every single citizen should know SOS, and they should know how to produce it. Even if it's tapping a pipe, banging a wall, honking a car horn, blowing a whistle, flashing a light switch or flash light, you never know when it could be the only option you have left in a bad situation.

I won't go so far to say it saved my life, but I will say that it got me out of a bad situation much quicker as it very effectively communicated to the one person who could help me, that I was in serious trouble.



Ham Humour



"My transceiver is over here.
That's just my testing equipment."



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