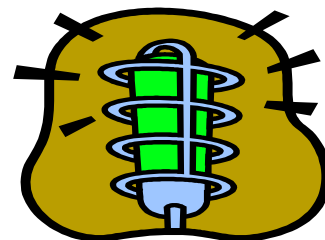




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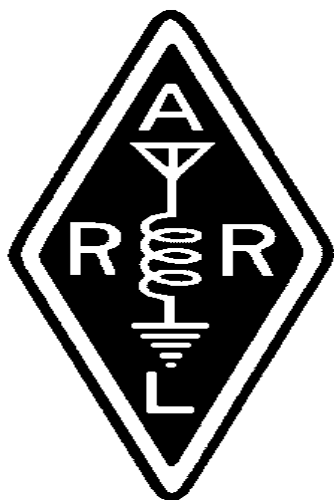
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SOCIAL EVENTS

PREZ SAYS



"See you at the meeting"

LARK SOCIAL NOTES

LARK Dinner before the Meeting (DBTM)



Secretary's Report
General Meeting

SECRETARY'S REPORT
LARK Board Meeting
Board Minutes

TREASURER REPORT

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January 05

OPENING CASH BALANCE	137.22	137.22
INSURANCE PAID	190	
DEPOSIT DUES	65	
DEPOSIT SUNSHINE	63	
DEPOSIT DUES	140	
DEPOSIT 50/50	62.5	
	600.22	
1000 CD	1230.81	
500 CD	593.77	
ENDING BALANCE JAN 31 05		2424.8

OPEN CASH BALANCE EMC	1446.94	
DEPOSITS DONATION	10	
DEPOSITS PLEDGE	500	
DEPOSITS PLEDGE	90	
ENDING BALANCE JAN 31 05		2046.94

SUNSHINE BALANCE	51.44	
DEPOSIT	63	
SUNSHINE BALANCE	114.44	

February 05

OPENING CASH BALANCE	600.22	
DALE AK8R FLOWERS	19.06	
DEPOSIT 50/50 BOTH HALFS	122	
DEPOSIT DUES	80	
	783.16	
1000 CD	1230.81	
500CD	593.77	
ENDING BALANCE FEB 28 05		2612.74

OPEN BALANCE EMC	2046.94	
ENDING BALANCE FEB 28 05		2046.94

SUNSHINE BALANCE	114.44	
DALE AK8R	19.06	
SUNSHINE BALANCE	95.38	

March 05

OPENING CASH BALANCE	783.16	
DEPOSIT 50/50	61	
DEPOSIT DUES	20	
DEPOSIT WHITE ELEPHANT	272	
	1136.16	
1000CD	1230.81	
500CD	593.77	
ENDING BALANCE MARCH 31 05		2960.74

OPENING BALANCE EMC	2046.94	
ENDING BALANCE	2046.94	

SUNSHINE BALANCE	95.38	
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April 05

OPENING CASH BALANCE	1136.16	
JAN LED	39.88	
MARCH LED	57.88	
APRIL LED	52.58	
PAUL APRIL MAY JUNE	75	
IRENE WHITE ELEPHANT DINNER	47.85	
DINNER JIM WEAVER	116.67	
STAPLES	26.71	
DEPOSIT 50/50	106	
DEPOSIT DUES	130	
	955.59	
1000 CD	1230.81	
INTREST ON 500 CD	3.53	
BLANCE 500 CD	597.3	
ENDING BALANCE APRIL 30 05		2783.7

OPEN BALANCE EMC	2046.94	
BRANDON KC8YHE	117.21	
ENDKING BALANCE APRIL 30 05		1929.73

SUNSHINE BALANCE 95.38

May 05

OPENING BALANCE	955.59	
LAUREN BANTA CARDS	8.46	
DEPOSIT 50/50	64.5	
DEPOSIT DUES	20	
DEPOSIT DUES	20	
DEPOSIT DUES	40	
	1091.63	
1000 CD	1230.81	
500 CD	597.3	
ENDING BALANCE MAY 31 05		2419.74

OPEN BALANCE EMC	1929.73	
ARRL MEMBERSHIP	71	
DEPOSIT ARRL MEMBERSHIP	75	
DEPOSIT DONATION	30	
DEPOSIT OPERATION CARE	609.54	
ENDING BALANCE MAY 31 05		2573.27

SUNSHINE BALANCE	95.38	
CARDS	8.46	
ENDING BALANCE	86.92	

June 05

OPEN CASH BALANCE	1091.63	
DONATION TO THE CALCUT FAM	272	
DEPOSIT DUES	25	
DEPOSIT 50/50	49	
	893.63	
1000 CD	1230.81	

500 CD 597.3
ENDING BALANCE JUNE 30 05 2721.74

OPENING BALANCE EMC 2573.27
ENDING BALANCE 2573.27

SUNSHINE BALANCE 86.92

July 05
OPENING CASH BALANCE 893.63
CONTRIBUTION TO NEIL 100
LED PRINTING DEC 04 55.1
LED PRINTING FEB 05 43.4
LED PRINTING MAY 05 29.66
LED PRINTING JUNE 05 61.34
LED PRINTING JULY 37.38
FIELD DAY EXPENSES CHUCK 58.07
FIELD DAY EXPENSES CLAIRUS 178.43
POST OFFICE BOX RENEW 38
INSURANCE 183
PAUL TELEPHONE 75
DEPOSIT DUES 25
DEPOSIT 50/50 60
DEPOSIT SUNSHINE 34.5
153.75
1000 CD 1230.81
500 CD 597.3
ENDING BALANCE JULY 31 05 1981.86

OPENING BALANCE EMC 2573.27
YARD SALE DONATIONS 196.15
ENDING BALANCE JULY 31 05 2769.42



EDITORS COMMENTS



August, started off very warm, but has had a few real nice summer evenings to share with us! I've already had the opportunity to

attend a few of the more popular swaps, and enjoy socializing as well as supporting other clubs. You'll of course be doing some of the same things, right? It's also a real good time to write that article you've "been meaning to" for the LED. I look forward to seeing your upcoming work! Amateur Radio needs your support, and part of that support comes by way of supporting local radio clubs, like LARK. If you have a differing opinion, I'd love to debate the point with you, if you believe you have the stamina.

Articles

We still need YOUR articles for the newsletter. Swap items, favorite stories, magical operating moments, remembering your first rig, the time your transmitter set off all the fireworks, swap and for sale items, favorite recipes, whatever. Need a suggestion for a good article? Just call! Need help writing it down? We can assist you. In case you're so stuffed with all that great Field Day food you just can't seem to remember how to reach me:

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50/50 Plus Drawings

If you haven't attended a recent regular meeting, then you've missed out on fabulous prizes that are given away along with splitting the raffle pot. Ask a member who has attended for the low down. Better yet, why not show up at the next regular meeting? Sadly, most of the prizes are male oriented, largely because a guy is doing all the prize shopping. Have you noticed it's hard to get any help these days? Regardless, the 50/50

drawing is a great way to help support the Klub, and the extra prizes give everyone a chance to win!

SUNDAY EVENING NET ON 146.68

Let's not forget about the Sunday evening LARK net on 146.68 at 9PM. It's a great time to connect with other LARK members, share information, and just in general gather on the repeater. You would think that a club the size of ours could muster up more than a handful of checkins, now wouldn't you? Why not even volunteer to take on the Net Control responsibility for one or two Sundays to gain some experience? Don't need experience in running a net? How about just volunteering to help out? Don't have the net preamble? We've only printed it in this newsletter three times in the last 6 months. Just want to have something to whine about? Fine, waste your talents. Too bad, participating can be fun if you let it. Hate to conform to the "rules set forth by the man?" Consider that setting on the sidelines serves no one very well. My thanks to all of you who have made an effort to check in!

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

The technical committee has begun the design effort to deliver on the next phase of the repeater, remote receivers! Although the summer, along with some rather accelerated work schedules, has attempted to interfere with all of this, work is still moving forward. We also have a couple of new surprise additions to the repeater coming up soon.

I hear a lot of people talking about their expertise, and I see very few folks doing anything more than that. Talk is, very cheap, and ultimately easier than actually doing anything. Spare me the excuses, unless they're really unique.

PETER JENNINGS AB6WM SK

It's true. Peter Jennings was, among other things, an avid contester. His callsigns were AB6WM, VE3SUN, & C3ILJ. Peter passed away after a battle with lung cancer. He spent his last years as a non-smoking advocate.

(Gives you something to think about, eh?)

OTHER COMMENTS

Our PR campaigns are starting to bear fruit. Come to a meeting and see for yourself.

We're planning on a Saturday morning "coffee break", to allow those members who can't get to a weekday evening meeting to get together and chat. Plans are still pretty fluid, and I would appreciate your comments. We're even considering offering VE testing during these times as well.

See you at the next meeting, right? (Even if you're not a member now, you can become one!) Need a ride to the meeting? We'll send someone to get you! Need someone to buy you dinner before the meeting? We can probably take care of that, too. Afraid the room will be too cold for you? Bring your blanky. Dress is casual, so don't worry about digging out your Tux or Formal. We have plenty of seats in some row for you. Do you have another unique excuse for not attending the meeting? Why not share it with others, in a lovely article for the newsletter? Remember, if you're not part of the solution, you're simply a part of the problem. Social engagements are really not that difficult, despite your past experiences.

FOR SALE

I still have these two items for sale:

- 1.) HF Triband Beam 20m, 15m, 10m, similar to TH3 \$100
- 2.) Rohn Tower Ginpole \$100 (Have tower? - Need Ginpole!)

Thanks.

Neil K8IT
k8it@cac.net

FOR SALE

I have a Thunderbird 3 element trapped 10/15/20 meter beam for sale. It has about 50 + feet of 5U ? (forgot) :-) feed cable with a multiloop balun coil at the antenna. Also included is a rotor and control box.

During a storm a few years back the wind broke my wooden mast and the beam came down. It bent the 1 1/2 aluminum boom but did NOT break it. It can be straightened and fixed. None of the elements were damaged. I reinstalled the driven element only on a shortened mast. and the rest is laying on top of my chicken house.

I think I even have the original installation papers somewhere. The tower can be easily lowered and the driven element removed with the cables. I am 88 years old now. My days of antenna building are over. Should make a nice antenna for someone. Price is negotiable.

Thank you 73 Doug W8OXQ

GREG AA5GO RETIRES FROM VE COORDINATOR POST

In July of 1999, I stepped up to the plate and offered to start up some VE testing for our area. At that time there were not a whole lot of close by opportunities to test. There are few of the operators around the area that I have not administered at least 1 test to. I guess that I had run a VE team down in Texas for about 6 years also. It has been a lot of fun over the years. I used to get as big of a kick out of seeing someone pass as they got themselves from passing.

There are now many more places to test around the area than before, Steve does ARRL's sessions at the hospital right here in Howell, so the demand is not as it was. For those hams that are also in the Masons, I think that they will understand how much time I'm going to have to put into that the next couple of years as I will be holding the top 2 offices over the next 2 years. I also would like to thank all the VE's that have assisted me, without your help and support it would have made the job a real nightmare. It has been an experience that I will not forget and I hope that Jim Kvochick who is taking my place has as much fun with it as I have over the years. Good luck to him and all the coming applicants.

73 good luck, and let's get them books cracked! Greg McDiarmid AA5GO

CANADA DROPS MORSE REQUIREMENT AS SOLE ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENT FOR HF ACCESS

Industry Canada (IC) has adopted elements of the Radio Amateurs of Canada (RAC) "Proposal on Morse Code and Related Matters" and has essentially removed the requirement for Amateur Radio applicants in that country to obtain a "Morse Qualification" for access to bands below 30 MHz.

"Morse code will no longer be the sole additional requirement by which Canadian radio amateurs will gain access to the HF bands, but it will remain as one valid criterion," Industry Canada said in its Notice announcing the regulatory change. Industry Canada said it will continue to include Morse code as a consideration in granting access to the HF bands. "However, this is only one criterion and the measure of HF operator abilities should not be limited to this one facet of operator skills," IC added.

Effective immediately, amateurs certified with the Basic Qualification prior to April 2, 2002, and amateurs certified with both Basic and Advanced Qualifications may operate on the HF amateur bands. Licensees holding only the Basic Qualification who were certified after April 1, 2002, and who achieved a passing grade of at least 80 percent also are allowed to operate on HF.

Amateurs certified with the Basic Qualification after April 1, 2002, who did not achieve a score of at least an 80 on the examination will either have to attain the Morse Qualification, write the Advanced test or rewrite the Basic examination and obtain at least an 80 percent grade to obtain HF privileges.

This last requirement is related to a decision to increase the passing grade for the Basic examination to ensure that candidates have been tested in all areas of the syllabus. Details of the Industry Canada decision are in the Canada Gazette Notice <http://strategis.ic.gc.ca/epic/internet/insmt-gst.nsf/en/sf08435e.html> and on the Latest News page of the RAC Web site <http://www.rac.ca/>.

FCC Amateur Service rules in §97.107(b) grant Canadian control operators "the operating terms and conditions of the amateur service license issued by the Government of Canada" but, in any case, not to exceed the control operator privileges of an FCC-licensed Amateur Extra class operator. §97.107 does not apply to US citizens who may hold Canadian amateur licenses, however.

HUNDREDS FILE COMMENTS ON FCC MORSE PROPOSAL

Hundreds already have filed comments via the FCC's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) on the Commission's recent proposal to eliminate the Morse code requirement for all license classes. Dozens more--most brief, some detailed--are showing up daily. A formal 60-day comment period starts once the FCC's Notice of Proposed Rule Making and Order (NPRM&O) in WT Docket 05-235 appears in the Federal Register, but the FCC will accept comments filed now. Issued in response to 18 petitions for rule making--including one from the ARRL--the FCC's July 19 NPRM&O dealt only with the Morse requirement and turned away all other proposed rule changes. A random sampling of the more than 360 comments filed as of August 2 suggested the tide is running firmly in favor of the FCC's stance. Some even praised the Commission.

"The FCC has finally come through," commented Doug Durrett, KC7DJI, a Technician class licensee. "Hats off and thumbs up to the 05-235 proposal. Get it done ASAP."

Others, such as Jesse T. Franklin, K9GO, were just as adamant that Morse code should remain a licensing requirement for those desiring HF access. "Morse code has been the foundation of the Amateur Radio Service since the very beginning," he asserted. "I feel doing away with the Morse code testing would only weaken the service."

Many pro-Morse postings raised the specter of impending chaos on the ham bands if the requirement goes away, with some suggesting that eliminating Morse testing would be "the beginning of the end for Amateur Radio." As one commenter put it, dropping Element 1 would mean "continuing down the slippery slope of 'dumbing down' the Amateur Radio Service." Another contended that passing a Morse code examination contributes to better on-the-air discipline. Still others called Morse an "important tradition," a "universal language," a "vital tool" useful in emergencies and--in the words of Jan Smoller, KC2CT-- "the one sacred bastion left to preserve the history and continuance of the Amateur Radio Service." William R. Ogden, W2WO, suggested that Morse code creates a sense of community among radio amateurs.

A relative handful of commenters appear to favor keeping the 5 WPM Morse examination for Amateur Extra applicants only. Others asked the FCC to revisit the notion of creating a new entry-level license class--something else the ARRL and others sought--as well as the recommendation to stop making question pools public.

Several licensees who'd gone through the old three-tiered system of Morse examination elements indicated they'd like to see the requirement disappear. "I support the removal of the Morse code requirement, even though I had to pass the 5, 13 and 20 WPM," wrote Brent Crier, N9BC, whose comments were fairly typical of that group. "CW is not going to go away like some think. If new operators want to use that mode they will learn it."

Robert A. Johnson, K3MQ, was among those characterizing Morse code as obsolete, even though he says he operates CW. "Requiring amateurs to learn a system which is antiquated meets no public service need," he remarked. "I personally use and enjoy Morse code but feel it should be an option for those interested--not a requirement." Advanced class operator Marvin B. Smith, WA5PSA, said it's "time for Morse code to stand or fall of its own accord as a mode."

Many, like Thomas J. Miller, W2HVK, said eliminating the Morse requirement would breathe new life into the Amateur Service. "The US could certainly use more trained radio operators considering the post 9/11 world we live in," he said. "Additional roadblocks (like CW) to upgrading to HF make no sense today."

Based on a random sample of 135 comments filed by August 2, approximately 60 percent favored the elimination of the Morse code requirement for all license classes, while approximately 30 percent asked the FCC to retain the requirement. Another 10 percent endorsed keeping the Morse code as a requirement to obtain an Amateur Extra class license. The ARRL random sampling was not scientific. By week's end, the number of comments filed had nearly doubled, with comments supporting removal of the Morse requirement continuing to predominate.

The comment period extends for many more weeks; an official comment deadline has not yet been established. The FCC then will consider all comments in developing a Report and Order (R&O) that spells out whatever new rules the FCC finally adopts and set an effective date. That's not expected to happen before year's end at the earliest.

A copy of the NPRM&O is on the FCC Web site <http://gullfoss2.fcc.gov/prod/ecfs/retrieve.cgi?native_or_pdf=pdf&id_document=6518023930> To file on-line comments in this proceeding, WT Docket 05-235, or to view others' comments, visit the FCC Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) site <<http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/ecfs/>> and click on "Submit a Filing" or "Search for Filed Comments."

In either case, type "05-235" in the "Proceeding" field. Be sure to include the hyphen--but not the quotation marks. Directions for filing comments, which can be in the form of an attached document, are on the ECFS site. Click on "Getting Started" to learn more.

SEE YOU AT THE NEXT MEETING!
SORRY FOR THE NEWSLETTER DELAY!