

LARC General Meeting Notes
2013-4-1

Highlights of Patrick's Presentation

- ❑ A reminder that 2013 dues are due.
- ❑ Patrick passed around the plaque commemorating Bob's Scott's gift to the club. It will be attached to the Kenwood 440 he so generously donated, just before he became an SK.
- ❑ There will be a picnic at Lake Parker April 20th. Burgers and hots will be supplied, bring something to drink, and either a side or desert. Activities will include a fox-hunt and some HF work utilizing the donated Kenwood 440.
- ❑ The March for Babies will be held on April 27th. This is always a fun event, for a good cause. It is also a good excuse to get some exercise by providing radio support for this event. Contact Patrick for more details and check your email for announcements.
- ❑ Hurricane Expo will be held Jun 1, Lake Eva hall in Haines City.
- ❑ June 3rd the club will sponsor a Bring a Friend Night. Each of us is asked to bring a friend. The evening's program will be organized around what ham radio is all about. The main presenter will be Fred.
- ❑ Field Day is coming up. It will be June 22 and 23 this year. Check the blog for details. As of today there are only 79 days to go.
- ❑ To raise money for field day, Joan Haynes will create a special Fourth of July Red White and Blue quilt to be auctioned off at a dollar a chance starting next month. If you know anything about the value of quilts, or the kind of workmanship that goes into them, you wont want to miss out on this great opportunity. Good luck!
- ❑ Finally, July 1, Jimbo's will cater another barbecue for the club. Venue and food will be the same as Christmas. Please pay \$9.00 per person in advance to either Ernie or Patrick.

Highlights of Vice President Ernie's Presentation

Ernie shared a few enthusiastic words about his experience on the SS American Victory, and suggested that some of us might want to visit her. She is now a museum ship, located in Tampa, behind the Aquarium. You can get more information about tours and even a short cruse on this WWII vessel at <http://www.americanvictory.org/>

Guest Speaker Chet Caruth AB4XK

Chet gave a very believable, but completely fallacious account of a new antenna design that involved mechanical rotation of both antenna and coaxial cable. This was all in good fun, and in honor of April fools day.

Guest Speaker Phil Dentler K4BHE

Phil shared with the group his thoughts on boat anchor restoration, product repair, technology in general. At the end of his presentation he donated several boxes of electronic related miscellaneous items to the club.

License activity

This was a particularly busy evening for the VE's. Eight licenses were earned. Five were new Generals. Joel KK4KNS, Randy KK4QAU, Ron KK4OGM, Peggy N4PEG, and Travis W4WIL. Three were new Techs. Harry KK4QAW, Bill KK4QAT, and David KK4QAV

Respectfully submitted,

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