

## LARC General Meeting Notes June 3, 2013

The following is a summary of comments made by President Patrick KI4CDY:

- Four candidates took and passed their license exams. Jimmy KG4QGB is now an Extra, and Geoffrey Carr is now a General. Jack Bentley and Seth Norman are both new Technicians.
- The Hurricane Expo was Saturday, June 1, at Lake Eva Hall, Haines City from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. This is a new venue for this event. All are encouraged to attend.
- A special Happy Birthday to Glen Cullen. (There was cake later in the evening to honor this event.)
- Several members are building kits. These will be demonstrated in future meetings, and there will be a kit building night toward the end of the year.
- There was a call for a show of hands for those who belong to ARES. This information will be used to update the clubs records in this regard.
- A committee consisting of Al Sheppard, Bob Foxworth, Bob Siegel, and Bill Johnson will present their proposal at the next board meeting regarding the clubs seeking 501c-3 status.
- The 2 at 2 rag-chew founded by Charlie Gribble will continue with others taking up the role as moderator in light of Charlie's retirement. In past weeks, Andrew KK4KIC, Bill KI4ZMV, Joe AK4OO, Rich N4ESS, Dan WZ1P, and Al W4ZSC have operated in his absence. (A permanent schedule is being framed.)
- The question was raised if the LARC 2 meter and Traders Net should only be held during the winter months. Also, Dan has been net controller for 4 years, and is looking for someone to either share or take over responsibility for the net.
- Bill Johnson was asked to share with the group his experience helping another club member solve a combination amplifier, tuner, and radio problem. With the help of Phil Grinker who pointed Bill to Carl Johnson, another club member with the same amplifier and radio, John Halley WD4GDC is up and running, and a very happy camper. This is a case where who you know and what you know are both important. It took a Bill, Phil, and Carl to get it done. Teamwork.
- There will be an Appreciation Dinner Saturday June 23<sup>rd</sup> during Field Day. Bring a dish to pass and a beverage. The club will supply the burgers and dogs, buns and condiments. Coffee and water will be available.
- There will be two raffles. The first will be held 7 PM Saturday, after dinner. You will need to be present to win. Items raffled off will be:
  - an autographed Heil; Radio Handbook,
  - two copies of "Wire Antenna Classics."
  - Two "More Wire Antenna Classics," "
  - a Repeater Directory,"
  - two Yaesu mouse pads,
  - DX hat,
  - two field day patches.
- The second Raffle will be 7PM, Monday, July 1<sup>st</sup>, at the July Meeting. You will not need to be present to win. Grand Prize is a beautiful handmade Quilt by Joan

Haynes. Tickets are \$1.00. See Patrick for tickets. The program at this meeting is a dinner to celebrate Field Day. It will be catered by Jimbo's BBQ, The menu will be BBQ chicken, pulled pork sandwich, hush puppies, beans, slaw, tea, coffee, and cake. Cost \$9.00 cash per person. Ernie is collecting for this event.

The second presenter was Fred K1DU speaking on field day. The main points of his presentation were:

Field day is just around the corner and this year, as in previous years, it will be a fun time.

First, the stations: there will be four this year. They are:

1. CW on 15, 40, and possibly 20 meters
2. CW and phone on 10 meters and 80 meters
3. Phone and possibly CW on 20 meters
4. Phone on 15 and 40 meters

If you would like to practice logging before the event, you can download the software we will be using. It will be good for only thirty entries, but that should be enough practice for you to get the hang of what is involved. Download your copy at <http://www.n3fjp.com/> You are encouraged to become familiar with it before field day.

If you are going to help with setup, plan to be there at the crack of dawn, Saturday, (6:00AM or so). Tear down will be Sunday, noonish. In between there will be lunch and supper on Saturday, and Breakfast on Sunday.

Be there, and plan on having a great time.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Johnson, KI4ZMV Secretary