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The LARC MEMBERSHIP MEETING is held on the first Monday of each month at The Fellowship Hall of the Westminster Presbyterian Church on S. Florida Ave between Riggins Street and Mosswood, Lakeland FL. at 7:00 PM. Talk in on 146.685 MHz. PL Tone 127.3 Hz.

THE PREZ SEZ
Pat Pirkle – WD4BEK



Another hurricane (Katrina) gone! Although we had minimum impact in our area, the Gulf States had devastating consequences. Pray that all the hams supporting the recovery have a good outcome to their efforts.

No meeting on Labor Day. Read Patrick O'Neil's following article for details. I will appoint a nominating committee at this meeting for the 2006 Officers and Board. A topic for discussion at the business meeting will be the Kathleen Heritage Fair scheduled for October 15. LARC has been invited to participate.

Joe (AD4IH) and I attended the TARCfest on August 27 and set up a tailgate to sell some of the donated equipment. Although the main items were not sold, we did move some of the "junk box" stuff. We still have the Yaesu 767GX, the Kenwood TS-50S, and the Astron PS-20 power supply on hand. Make an offer for this equipment before it goes out to E-Bay.

73 de Pat – WD4BEK

Join Us at the September Picnic

Since the first Monday in September is Labor Day, we usually will schedule a picnic during the following weekend. Please join us on Sunday, September 11, 2005 from 1 to 4PM at Lake Parker Park in Lakeland. We plan on having hamburgers and hot dogs provided by our club during this event. We do ask each member to bring a covered dish to help us with this picnic if possible.

This is primarily a social event for our members to celebrate the end of summer with our fellow hams. We encourage members to set up stations during the gathering if weather permits. There will be a brief business meeting at the end of the picnic. Please join us for a good time at the picnic!

You may contact Patrick O'Neil, KI4CDY, at patrickboneil@juno.com or (863) 206-6755 concerning this event.

(We usually try to get a pavilion at the second entrance into Lake Parker Park off Granada Street. One of our members will be available on the Lakeland repeater to assist with any direction concerns during the event.)

Patrick O'Neil - KI4CDY

Oops!

Sincere apologies to Walt Farley, K4QE for the callsign typos in last month's Backscatter. Not once, but twice, I moved Walt back to his 2-land roots by referring to him as K2QE. That call is assigned to Stewart Jones of Mechanicville, NY.

The Editor



HAPPY Birthday

September

KD4WDH	David B Bennear	Sep 11
KI4EFN	Kevin Smith	Sep 20
KF4JED	Ron Smith	Sep 20
KB9PGB	Jim Thompson	Sep 24
	Rubye Duncan	Sep 30

If your birthday was omitted, please contact the editor at ad4ih@arrl.net to correct your database profile.



SKIPPER, SK

Skipper, the former LARC Field Day Watch Dog for the CW group and frequent contributor to Backscatter, with short articles and letters to the editor, passed on to that big doghouse in the sky on August 11 at the ripe old doggy age of 16. Skipper especially liked vertical antennas because he claimed they gave him a leg up! He even wanted his own pair of headphones until AD4IH told him about a new invention called loud speakers. 73, Skipper!

Pebbledale Repeater on the Air

The West Central Florida Group, Inc. is very pleased to announce the addition of the NI4CE repeater at Pebbledale in Western Polk Co. 442.825 (+) PL 100.0 took to the air Sunday, August 14, 2005 at 12:36 PM. The Pebbledale site is equipped with a new Maggoire HiPro "True FM" repeater feeding an eight bay Telewave antenna mounted 865 feet AGL. The site is also serving as the master linking site for the entire NI4CE system connecting the existing Verna and St. Petersburg repeaters.

We invite you to take the new 442.825 repeater out for a spin. We believe you will be pleasantly surprised at the superb audio fidelity and coverage it provides. Please feel free to send a signal report to info@ni4ce.org.

Thanks to Dave Anderson-KG4YZY, NI4CE Technical Coordinator and System Architect, Richard Sharp-KQ4KX and Ed Allen-WA4ISB and NI4CE Trustee for their outstanding efforts on this project. And a special thanks to everyone who provided the funding needed to make this improvement to the NI4CE system a reality.

Very 73,

Paul Toth-NA4AR

President

West Central Florida Group, Inc

Salvation Army Seeks HAM Radio Volunteers

Salvation Army Team Emergency Radio Network is seeking amateur HAM radio operators to provide emergency communications support for the Salvation Army operations in local, regional, and international disaster and emergency situations.



No experience is required. SATERN provides periodic training, through both local and regional seminars, in disaster preparedness and emergency communications procedures. They also conduct periodic desktop and field drills to test their systems, equipment and operators.

Information: Visit www.saturn.net

SATERN High Frequency Radio Nets

LOCATION	DAY	ST TIME	D.S. TIME	FREQUENCY
National	M - Sa.	1500Z	1400Z	14265 KHz SSB
East. U.S.	M - Sa.	1500Z	1400Z	14265 KHz SSB
Cent. U.S.	Sa	1630Z	1530Z	7265 KHz SSB
Kansas	Tu	0230Z	0130Z	3920 KHz SSB
SW Reg. net	Su	0400Z	0400Z	3977.7 KHz SSB
NE Terr. net	Sa	1600Z	1500Z	7265 KHz SSB
Missouri	Tu, Th	0100Z	0000Z	3963 KHz SSB
Alaska	Daily.	0400Z	0300Z	5330.5 KHz SSB

Taking Ham Radio to the Masses

Posted: 05/08
From: News Today



Chennai (India) Apr 19:

In the wake of the tsunami waves, there was many a thing that received its due prominence and was brought to the fore. One of those who got revived during this crisis was amateur radio popularly known as ham radio.

A whole panel of experts upheld the significance a ham radio has in the society today, at a seminar, held here, yesterday.

Seppo Sisatto, one of them, and an expert in this field from Finland, said that use of amateur radio knew no boundaries and comes as a great help in

times of crises as it was an effective tool for search and rescue operations.

He spoke about the service of the same during the recent tsunami attack in Andaman when he said that the ham radio personnel soon got hold of the situation, soon after the earthquake triggered the tsunami that struck the island.

R K Arora, Department of Information Technology, Government of India, said that the system should be introduced to rural India also at relatively lower costs to cater to the public needs. However, the number of such units in the country was too small compared to the world scenario, he said. Therefore he called for efforts to increase the same for public use.

Ajeer Vidya, Department of Information Technology, Government of India, in his address, stressed the importance of finding out the shortcomings and troubleshooting the imperfections presently prevalent in the system so as to voice a stronger request for more funds to the government.

N. Vittal, former Chief Vigilance Commissioner, Government of India, released a souvenir on the occasion and also awarded medals and certificates to members who had worked appreciably, when the time called for it. Officials from State and Centre and licensed ham radio operators others were present on the occasion.

ARRL Debuts Electronic Public Service E-letter

Newington, CT August 16, 2005 -- Amateur Radio operators and others interested in public service or emergency communication can receive the debut issue of ARRL's new, national-level Amateur Radio Emergency Services (ARES) E-Letter tomorrow. Sponsored and edited by the ARRL, the national association for Amateur Radio, the



monthly electronic issues will bring the thousands of ARES emergency communicators and others involved public services a wealth of after-action reports, technical tips, news, and views faster than is possible with QST, the regular ARRL magazine. According to Rosalie White, K1STO, Manager of the ARRL's Field and Educational Services, "Timeliness, utility and inspiration are the goals of this new national-level monthly devoted entirely to Amateur Radio emergency communication."

Ham radio operators have a long history of performing emergency services to their local communities. Providing this service is a key reason for their existence and written into the FCC's Part 97. But following the events of 9-11, hams have had an increased responsibility in being ready to meet communications needs across the entire nation and their home states as well. Recent alliances formed between hams and the Department of Homeland Security, Citizens Corps, Civil Air Patrol, and other national organizations has shown the need to coordinate emergency response on a much larger and more complex scale than ever before. The critical roles ham radio played in the shuttle crash recovery and Asian tsunamis were conducted over hundreds of miles.

"Emergency response has become a much more complex issue, and the communications needed are more complex too. This new publication will aid hams in continuing to stay abreast of current concepts while maintaining Amateur Radio's core strength of being able to function when all other systems fail or become overloaded." White continued.

The editor of the debut issue is Rick Palm, K1CE, a former ARRL staff member who has worked with the ARRL Field Organization and ARES.

The premier issue will be released on August 17th from ARRL headquarters in Newington,

CT. All those desiring to receive the debut ARES e-letter may go to:

<http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/ares-el/about.html> to receive a free subscription.

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FLORIDA HAMFESTS

September/October 2005

10-11 Sep 2005	PCARS Melbourne Hamfest Platinum Coast Amateur Radio Society http://www.pcars.org Talk-In: 146.850 -600 no tone during the day	Melbourne
24 Sep 2005	Suncoast Amateur Radio Club http://www.qsl.net/sarc Talk-In: 146.64 no tone	New Port Richey
24 Sep 2005	Bahia Shrine Tailgate Amateur Radio Unit of Bahia Shrine Center http://www.bahia Shrine.org/~radio/tailgate.htm Talk-In: 147.39+ (PL 103.5)	Orlando
8 Oct 2005	Cy Harris W4MAQ Memorial Free Flea Motorola & Broward ARCs http://www.geocities.com/bce n/freeflea.html Talk-In: 146.790	Plantation

Check the ARRL Web Site www.arrl.org for more information.



HUMOR

A "Short" Course

"Electricity originates inside clouds. There, it forms into lightning, which is attracted to the Earth by golfers. After entering the ground, the electricity hardens into coal, which, when dug up by power companies and burned in big ovens called 'generators,' turns back into electricity...where it is transformed by TV sets into commercials for beer, which passes through the consumers and back into the ground, thus completing what is known as a 'circuit.'"

Submitted by Jim Murray, KC5QWG

Four Hams

This is a story about four hams named **Everybody**, **Somebody**, **Anybody** and **Nobody**.

There was an important job to be done and **Everybody** was sure that **Somebody** would do it. **Anybody** could have done it, but **Nobody** did it. **Somebody** got angry about that, because it was **Everybody's** job. **Everybody** thought **Anybody** could do it, but **Nobody** realized that **Everybody** wouldn't do it. It ended up that **Everybody** blamed **Somebody** when **Nobody** did what **Anybody** could have.

A true friend is someone who knows the song in your heart and can sing it back to you when you have forgotten the words. . . .

LARC 2-Meter Net

We have had some great nets in the past few weeks with good participation. As Editor of the newsletter I would like to offer my thanks to the Net Control volunteers that have been doing such a great job. Some of the ops are old-timers and some have are relatively new to the hobby. But for the callsigns, I would not be able to tell the difference! Good job. To volunteer, contact the

net manager, Kevin, KI4EFN. See you on 146.685 MHz at 7:30 PM on Thursdays...

THANKS!

Thanks to the contributors to this month's issue:

Jim Murray, KC5QWG
Gill Murray, KC5TEN
Patrick O'Neil, KI4CDY
Pat Pirkle, WD4BEK
Jack Falkenhof, K4BYF

New LARC Vice President



Ernie Haynes, KG4YNI

Ron Smith, KF4JED and Lenore Smith, KF4TKY had to step down for their positions as Vice President/Program and Hospitality/Sympathy respectively due to personal commitments. **Ernie, KG4YNI**, graciously stepped forward as a volunteer to serve out the remaining term of Ron's positions. The Hospitality/Sympathy tasks will be performed by Joe Pirkle, AD4IH, on a time-available basis. (There were no volunteers to do the job.)

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