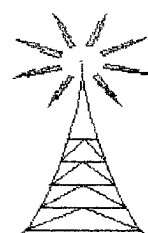


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FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Jerry France, K7LY

Not really! I didn't receive an article from our president this month, but hey, at least this month we have a president!

Jerry, I would like to welcome you aboard. I look forward to working with you. I forgive you for not getting your article to me this month. Why not? I was late to the meeting to hand out the newsletter last month, right? Maybe next month we will get it all straight! Lots of changes tend to bring lots of confusion.

Jeanne, KD7ANO



FROM OUR V.P.

Victor Lopez, KC7QEK

WOW!!!

What an exciting **ANOTHER DAM BIKE RACE**, especially at the finish line. The River Medical people certainly had their hands full with the falling bike racers.

THANK YOU, to the volunteers that participated, it was a long, long day. Approximately eleven hours, for a total of 176 hours, in which 16 radio operators participated. Also, I wish to **THANK**, Jim Sterling, WB7NOE, for taking our club trailer to Parker, and bringing it back to Havasu. Without the trailer this event wouldn't have been possible.

There were many bike riders that came to us on the finish line, thanking us for being at the race. It was good to be acknowledged by all the persons involved.

Victor, KC7QEK

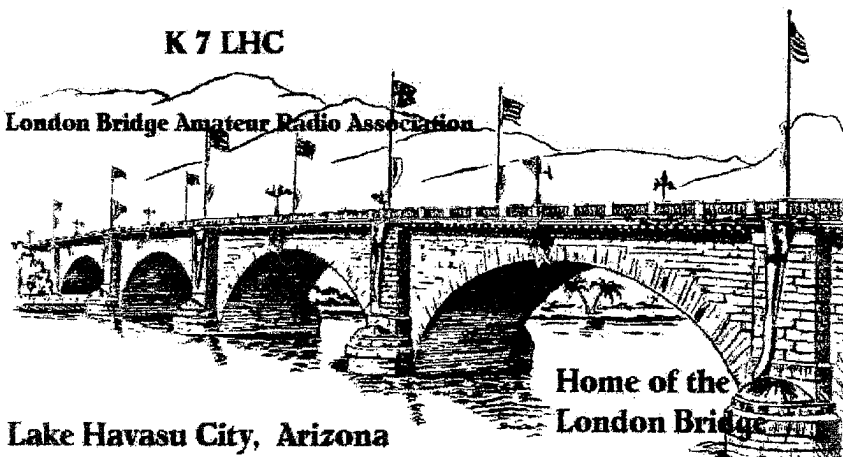
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

21 May **LBARA Board Meeting**
23 May **LBARA General Meeting**

BIRTHDAYS IN MAY

03 May	Chet Schmidt	N6NJV
04 May	Alvin Curtiss	W9DQN
09 May	Warren Shannon	KC7GDI
12 May	Ed Hagenbuch	W6KJV
17 May	John Trainor	KC7ATO
18 May	Dorothy Carter	KC7VGM
20 May	Jim Thill	WD6EGS

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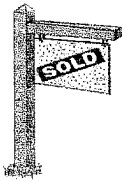
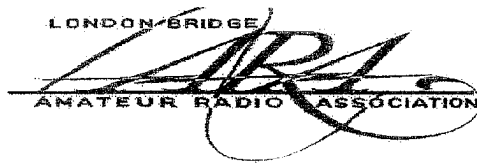
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all....May you have
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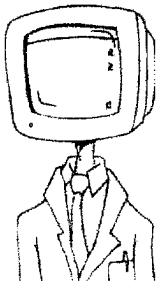
TRADER'S CORNER



WA7NHZ'S ham radio station is for sale. It consists of mostly Kenwood equipment that is all in beautiful shape. The station was in operation on the HF bands until late March 2002, working stateside, New Zealand & Australian stations on a nearly daily basis. It consists of two Kenwood transceivers, each capable of split operation and a Kenwood Linear amplifier, rated at 2 KW input, PEP. The antenna system is a KLM 34-A, 4-element tri-band beam, 10, 15 & 20 meters on a 55-foot US Tower with power crank up and power tilt-over. The tower telescopes down to 21 feet and then may be tilted to service, or remove or add antennas. Contact Chuck Scofield, W7HCO at cscofiel@ctaz.com, or 453-6566 9 AM-8 PM.

RECYCLE

Thank you to all who have helped by saving their cans for the Club. Drop cans off at 829 Rolling Hills Plz, or call John Welsh, WD9ISE, at 453-4961.



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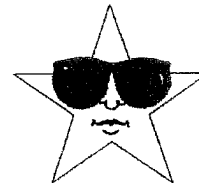
Leona Shaver, KD7FKT

I would like to thank T.J., Bill Johnson, the Trainor's, Shannon's, Vancil's, Hamm's, Sgro's, Perry's, Key's, Day's, Welsh's, and Victor for the baked goods and items donated for our Garage & Bake Sale.

We had fun, food and a very successful sale. Thank you all again.

Leona, KD7FKT

If YOU don't help, WHO will?
VOLUNTEER
Feel good about YOURSELF!!



ANNUAL CLUB FOX HUNT & PICNIC

The annual fox hunt and club picnic were on Sunday, April 7th.

The foxhunt ended early when the foxes (T.J. and Betty Ann) battery went dead at their station. The hunters were Jeanne Jenkins, Glenn Day, and Ed and Georgia Gillespie. Jeanne and Glenn were only a few blocks away from the foxes, with Ed and Georgia not far behind. We are hoping to do it again soon!

The Picnic was a great success. It was nice to see everybody there, and fun was had by all. The food was great, with many delicious dishes to choose from.

Thank you to all who helped, and those who brought dishes.

Jeanne, KD7ANO, and Leona, KD7FKT

TALK ABOUT CRAZY POLITICS!

This was passed on to me by Glenn Day, N6TFE, and I thought I'd pass it on!

Can you imagine working for a company that has a little more than 500 employees and has the following statistics:

- *29 have been accused of spousal abuse
 - *7 have been arrested for fraud
 - *19 have been accused of writing bad checks
 - *117 have directly or indirectly bankrupted at least 2 businesses
 - *3 have done time for assault
- *71 cannot get a credit card due to bad credit
- *14 have been arrested on drug-related charges
- *8 have been arrested for shoplifting
- *21 are currently defendants in lawsuits
- *84 have been arrested for drunk driving in the last year

Can you guess which organization this is? Give up yet?

It's the 535 members of the United States Congress - the same group of Idiots that crank out hundreds of new laws each year designed to keep the rest of us in line.

NEW E-MAIL ADDRESSES

Jim Thill, WD6EGS

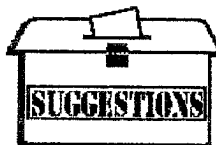
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Do you have suggestions or comments about the Newsletter or the Club? If you have a suggestion to improve the club or the newsletter or just something you might want to see or have done send them to the President of LBARA, Jerry France, at the club P.O. Box, or to grf@uneedspeed.com.

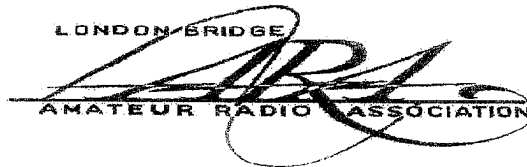
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WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBERS

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new Board Members. At last months GM, by unanimous vote, Jerry France, K7LY, was elected President, Eve Resler, KA7LKZ, was elected Treasurer, and Anita Hansen, KG7LA, was elected Secretary. Good Luck! Jeanne, KD7ANO



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The Day the Sprinklers Sent CQ

By Steve Altig, N7IF

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What an afternoon. Sending CQ with the sprinklers doesn't get a ham very far. It only gets strange looks from the neighbors, and the occasional curious earthworm. But, you need a little background.

After a discussion with my wife, with retirement just a few years away, and a pending move to the country we reached the conclusion that it would be a good idea for me to rejoin the ranks of Amateur Radio Operators. I had held a General class license (WA6ISW) back in the '60s, but it had expired while I was in the Army, and then family and career became time priorities.

So, I bought a copy of Ham University(c) and began to study the code and technical elements, hoping to get my Novice license and later upgrade to General. The more I studied, the more I began to think I would try to take all the elements qualifying me for a General instead of working up to it.

The big day, March 1, 1997, arrived. There was a big crowd taking various Amateur Radio tests on this day, my day, an entire Scout troop, a group from a school, and an assortment of others, of which I was one.

"We are going to begin with the code tests, and after they begin, no one can leave the room," said the Volunteer Examiner in charge. "Who is taking the 20 wpm test?" she asked. The fellow in the seat next to me raised his hand. After some more instruction, the test began. I listened to the 20 wpm code test, copied about 1/3, and began to worry. When the 13 wpm test began I breathed a sigh of relief when words flowed from my pencil to the paper.

"Anyone want to go for one minute of solid copy," asked the Volunteer Examiner. I raised my hand. He took my paper and began to go over it in detail. "Looks good," he said and gave my paper to the other VE s at the table. "One minute solid copy," he said. They looked up at me and looked back at the paper. After a few minutes, they were also nodding

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and saying things to each other like, "Start here", "Looks good" and "No problem." Then they looked at me and said, "You passed." What a relief. Element 1b passed, now, on to the technical elements.

Element 2. PASSED. Element 3A. PASSED. Element 3B. I was waiting and sweating. PASSED. What a feeling. Walking out with my CSCE showing completion of all required elements for a brand new General class license felt great. Now, to get equipment, antennas, and all of the other necessary "stuff" to get back on the air. My license came from the FCC a few days later and I was now KC7UXA.

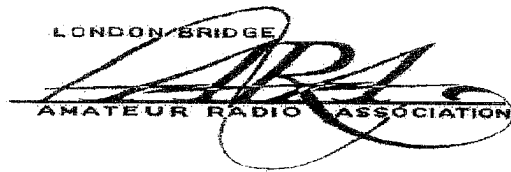
How things have changed! It's a long way from a Heathkit DX-40 to a modern solid-state transceiver. Scary stuff! My biggest problem though, was how to deal with the Homeowners Association restrictions on antennas. I convinced myself that a random wire antenna, nailed to the eaves of my house, was the way to go.

Everything was connected. Power supply, transceiver, antenna tuner and key, all ready to go. I was ready. Power on, tune the antenna and try an 80-meter CQ. Out to my shack comes my wife. "There is something wrong with the plumbing," she cries. "Come quick. The pipes are banging and crashing."

I went into the house and listened but heard nothing. She insisted they had been making horrible noises. I stood in the doorway of the house and had her key down a few times and she was right, as usual. Sounded like someone was pounding on the pipes. This was disaster. All of my work and study, (not to mention money), and now, this!

After some thinking and discussion with other hams, it turns out the RF from the transceiver was activating the solenoids in the sprinkler system for our yard. I asked my wife to go watch the sprinklers while I transmitted. What a sight for my neighbors to see. Water spurting out to the rhythm

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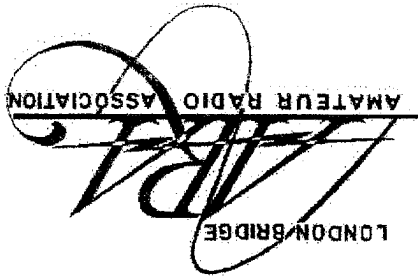
of "CQ, CQ, CQ!"

In the end it all worked out and now I am back on the air and have worked 13 states in the weeks since everything came together. Oh yes, I do get the occasional, "Hi, Hi" when I tell other hams that my antenna is a random wire nailed to the eaves of

my house, 12 feet off the ground. But the best part is IT WORKS.

Since this story was originally written in April 1997, the writer has upgraded to Extra with the call sign AB7VZ, and now has new vanity call N7IF.

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