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FROM OUR V.P.

Victor Lopez, KC7QEK

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I waited and put the newsletter out a few days late this month, but Jerry still never sent in his article.

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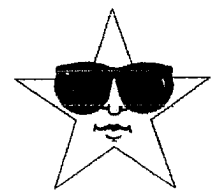
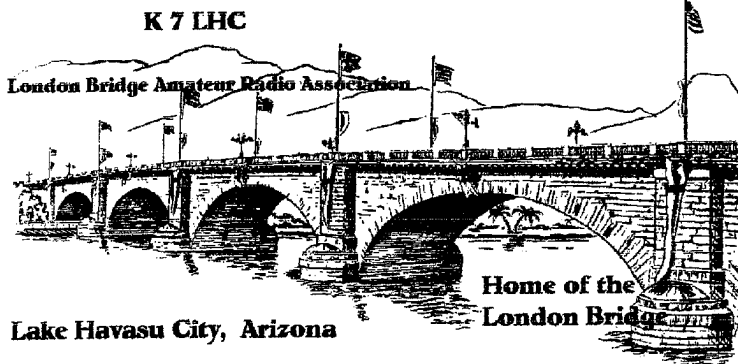
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 08 December **LBARA Christmas Dinner**
- 17 December **LBARA Board Meeting**
- 19 December **LBARA General Meeting and Elections for New Board Members**

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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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@unedspeed.com.

ESA Astronaut Wraps Up Successful ARISS School Contacts

(Borrowed online from ARRL Web page)

European Space Agency (ESA) astronaut Frank DeWinne, ON1DWN, took advantage of his short tour of duty aboard the International Space Station to speak to two schools on Earth via Amateur Radio. DeWinne was part of a three-man Soyuz taxi crew that included crew commander Sergei Zalyotin and cosmonaut Yuri Lonchakov, both of Russia. The ham radio contacts via NA1SS were arranged as part of the Amateur Radio on the International Space Station (ARISS) Program.

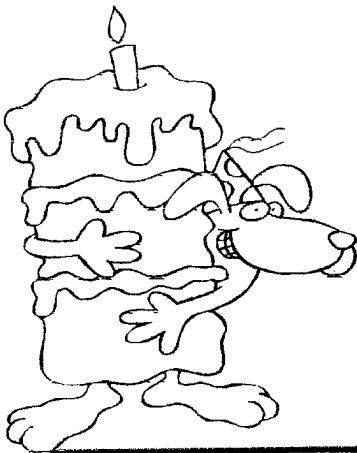
On November 3, DeWinne spoke with students at the Royal Technical School for Petty Officers of the Belgian Army, located in his hometown of Sint Truiden. The school's Amateur Radio club installed a satellite station for the scheduled contact with DeWinne, a slight colonel in the Belgian Air Force.

ARISS Vice Chairman Gaston Bertels, ON4WF, said 20 selected students lined up in the radio room for the contact with NA1SS. Valery Korzun, RZ3FK, first answered the call and gave the mike to DeWinne. During the 10-minute contact, DeWinne answered 17 questions.

On November 5, ON1DWN again took the controls of NA1SS to speak with high school students and their teachers gathered for a space camp at the Euro Space Center Amateur Radio club station, ON4ESC, in the mountainous Belgian Ardennes. "They had won the space oriented-competition launched by the Euro Space Foundation, chaired by Belgian astronaut Dirk Frimout, ON1AFD," Bertels said of the students. Of the group, 20 students were picked to ask their questions of DeWinne. "The radio contact was perfect, and all 20 questions were precisely and appropriately answered by the astronaut," Bertels reported.

For his part, DeWinne called the QSO "really good fun" and said he enjoyed it a lot. DeWinne said that given the decision between looking out the window at his home country below and talking to the scientists and engineers of tomorrow, "the choice was quickly made."

ARISS is an international program with support and participation from ARRL, NASA and AMSAT.



BIRTHDAYS IN DECEMBER

09 December	Sharon Sgro	KC7UTM
10 December	Harold Hamm	W7HNB
14 December	Jim High	KB6JCQ
20 December	Walter Shipley	KC7CDI
30 December	Anita Hansen	KG7LA
31 December	Mike Burson	KB7YKY



KD7ANO Resigns as *Static* Editor

I regretfully feel the need to inform the LBARA board and membership alike of my resignation. I have asked certain members to have their monthly articles to me by a certain date, to no avail. I have also requested that the membership send me any articles or documentation they would like to see put in the newsletter, yet I have never received anything.

I am one person. I am young. I have my own responsibilities, which I have been neglecting since I embarked on this endeavor. I do not feel I have the time to properly publish this newsletter.

There are quite a few people in this organization, who complain about the way things are done or are going to be done in this organization, yet they never volunteer to help the organization. Even when I have not been a member of this organization, I have volunteered my time. I feel that one of the persons who complains yet sits back and does nothing for this organization, should take a stand and take over the publishing of this newsletter.

Lastly, but definitely not least, I have listened to the behavior of several members of this organization for five years now, both as a member myself, and as a non-member. I have a seven-year-old daughter and a five-year-old son who bicker less amongst themselves than the majority of the senior citizens in this organization. I do not wish to be a party to this immaturity. Have any of you ever heard the saying, "Can't we all just get along?"

I sincerely hope that whoever takes over the publishing of the *Static* in the future does not have the misfortune of not being able to fulfill their responsibilities as Editor because of those who cannot fulfill their responsibilities by getting articles in.

I apologize for the *Static* not being out on the first this month, and I hope that when elections are held this month, each one of you bears in mind how responsible the people you are voting for have been or will be in the future.

Sincerely but Regretfully,

Jeanne R. Jenkins, KD7ANO

P.S. I would like to thank the few of you who have helped with this newsletter, and I hope you understand that my resignation is not because of you.



MOB RULES

(Letter to the Editor)

Having been to the November board meeting I find it hard to understand why Gerry France, K7LY (President) and Alan Irey, N7QLL (Sgt. @ Arms) told the board that we didn't need the BYLAWS and they would run this year's election without BYLAWS, and their way. This way, they can put on the ballot whom they want. If you wanted to get on the ballot, they would tell you (as they did me) they have all the offices filled.

The BYLAWS were written by much smarter members than myself, who put a lot of time and thought into writing them. Without BYLAWS it turns into MOB rules. Is this what you want (?).

*Glenn Day, N6TFE
Past President, 1997
Active Club Member*

EDITORIAL RESPONSE

(To Letter to the Editor)

After reading your letter, Glenn, I felt it very necessary to print it in the *Static*, as it pertains to every member of this club, and not just a select few.

I always thought the membership of any given club or organization made major decisions regarding its club or organization. I also thought that the members of its board were elected and placed there for one purpose, **to ensure that what the majority of the membership wants is carried out** (not the minority).

I believe that I currently am the youngest member of this club, and I have heard several of the membership talk about the need and want to get more youth involved in the club. Well my response is, if what you say happened at the meeting did, this is not the way to go about it. If any of the membership feel that they alone, or with a select few, have the right to make decisions that are going to effect the future of this organization, I do not want to be a part of it. I am a member of this club currently, and I can tell you that I **will** be putting write-ins on my ballot this year. **Nobody is going to tell me that I can only vote for certain people to be on the board of this organization!** I sincerely hope that any one who feels the same, takes a stand against this outrage and writes in their choice on their ballot.

I have heard about certain people who have nominated themselves for positions on the board, and I believe them to be just as controversial as others who would like to be on the ballot, maybe even more so. I can tell you that if certain members of this organization are elected to run it, I will be resigning.

Jeanne Jenkins
Past Secretary/Current Editor