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**Calendar of Events for
February & March**

16 Feb	Avi 250 Off Road Race
19 Feb	LBARA Board Meeting
21 Feb	LBARA General Meeting
February ?	March of Dimes Walk-a-thon
February ?	Desert Bar Trip
February ?	Parker Bike Race
March ?	St Patrick's Parade
March ?	Annual Garage Sale
March ?	Annual Fox Hunt
March ?	Annual Club Picnic

**From Our President !!
N6TFE Glenn Day**

PRESIDENT'S WAVELENGTH

We start off February with new Officers and new Board of Directors to replace the ones that resigned. Our next board meeting is February the 19th. and the Stated General meeting is the 21st.. If you don't attend you may be appointed to chair a committee.

We will miss Clayton KC7VGE, that has filled this position for many years, good job Clayton, you will be missed by everyone. Your retirement check will be in the mail.

QRP: In life what sometimes appears to be the end is really a new beginning.

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January 21, 2002
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Board Members

After much soul-searching and anguish I am writing this letter to formally announce my intention to resign a Director, LBARA.

The results of the past board meetings have indicated to me that the mandate of my office cannot be met with the current animosities within the organization.

I have tried to carry out my responsibility as a board member given the facts as presented to me and the guidelines of our By Laws. However, board actions have been taken but not followed in at least two instances. There is an apparent power struggle between two factions in our club leadership which has severely undermined

the purpose and intent of a volunteer organization. The agenda of either of these two groups does not fall with in my interpretation of what is best for our club.

There has been much misrepresentation and distortion of facts which has resulted in divisiveness of our club membership. We have lost sight of the goal of our organization and I feel our club has cast an embarrassing blemish on the great fraternity of amateur radio.

I take my obligations seriously and feel badly that I accepted but didn't fulfill my term as Director. My prayer is that your struggle with trying to salvage the club be met with success.

Sincerely,
 WA7WBM Ted Taft

January 23,
 2002

As Secretary of this club I want to say how sorry I am that this club is so divided and deeply regret the hurt feelings at the Jan. 17th General Meeting.

There have been a lot of rumors and misconceptions of what really happened. I would like to give you the true story.

A letter was received from a club member to the board about an incident that happened at the December General Meeting.

The board, at a special executive meeting Jan, 3rd reviewed the charge and the witnesses of the incident and decided it needed further attention, by a vote of 5/1. They asked the acting secretary, Zola, to send a letter to both Wilma and the member for a hearing in 30 days to determine the validity of the charge. Wilma was put on administrative leave and Glenn was asked to have someone appointed to the office of treasure until this was settled. This would have been done and over with in 30 days.

The letters were passed on to the President, Glenn Day, to be mailed to both parties. He for what ever reason, refused to send the letters and the board again at the Jan, 15th executive meeting voted 7/1 to have the letters sent so we could resolve this problem. Glenn Day, even when directed by the board, refused to ask Wilma to vacate her office even temporarily. This was discussed in an executive meeting and we were bound by the by-laws not to discuss it. Wilma and Glenn both knew this but decided to bring it to the General Mem-

bership meeting which created the yell, screamer that we had at the meeting. People, not knowing the facts, assumed Wilma was being persecuted.

If this would have been handled in the correct way and if after the hearing, Wilma felt that she did not get treated fairly—THEN she should bring it to the General Membership. If over 50% you agreed with her, then it would have been up to the membership to fire the board and start again. I assure you that most if not all of the board would have stepped down voluntarily.

As an elective officer of LBARA, I am disappointed that you did not have enough faith in your officers that you elected only a month ago, to handle this problem which would have avoided this great division in the club.

I hope that you can find a way to get past this but I do not need the stress and aggravation that this has created. This is a volunteer position after all. Therefore I resign my job as secretary of LBARA, effective immediately.

Glenn tells me that there lots of people that say they will not work on a project if I am there. Please be assured that I will not volunteer for any projects at least for the year 2002 so feel free to volunteer your own services.

Sharon Sgro KC7UTM



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Dec 14, 2001

TO: Officers and Directors of
LBARA

From: Bob Triggs, KC7UTK

Subject: Extreme violation of proto-
col as defined in LBARA By-laws
Article 3 Sub 4 Page 3.

At the December 13, 2001 General meeting after processing membership renewals, I placed the checks and cash in an envelope and handed them to Don, KD7BLU to turn over to the Treasure. A short time later I was accosted by Wilma, KC7LXL who slammed the envelope on the table and stated, and I quote, "I want you to take the money out of your pocket that you've stolen from the club". I told Wilma, KC7LXL

that the money was in the envelope to which she replied "No it's not, you've stolen it and I want the \$40.00 that's missing". I was really taken back by this accusation and started looking around the table thinking maybe I overlooked some cash and had mixed it up with other papers on the table. Finding nothing, I opened the enveloped she had thrown on the table and all the cash was there. I got upset and we exchanged a few insults and I finally told her to go up front and leave me alone. She wanted to continue to argue and tell me how I should have placed the money in the envelope. I didn't want to hear any more so I once again told her to get up front, sit down and leave me alone..

There were several witnesses

present during this confrontation who will come forward to verify this incident.

I realize Wilma, KC7LXL and I have had serious differences in the past and I don't care for her any more than she likes me but to accuse me of being a thief is way out of line and is a character assassination that I find very offensive and will not tolerate. I therefore request the Board to take action to have her removed from Office and banned from the LBARA.

My complaint is just one of many in the past that could justify this action if they had been addressed properly at the time.

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Triggs, KC7UTK

December 22, 2001

To whom it may concern:

I was sitting with a guest at the December 13, 2001, LBARA General Membership meeting when I heard a noisy outbreak. I looked over and saw the outbreak was between Wilma Guerin and Bob Triggs. Wilma was standing in front of Triggs and I heard her accuse him of stealing money from the club. She told him to dig into his pocket and get it our. Both the guest and I heard and

saw this. I tried to cover it up by starting the conversation between me and the guest again. Another outbreak started with Wilma accusing Bob of stealing the money and Bob replying that he had not. Wilma called Bob a liar. The envelope in question was thrown on the table at which time the guest and I could not ignore the situation. We saw Bob pull some money out of the envelope and he stated something to the effect of; it's right here. Wilma again confronted him

saying the envelope was not done right. I again attempted to divert the guest's attention away from this by explaining that this was not normal operation at a meeting.

To me, this looked and sounded like character assassination and was very disruptive and totally uncalled for. This type of action should not have taken place at a meeting and in front of guests. Sincerely,
Dick Jernigan W7DXJ

December 22, 2001

To Whom It May Concern:

At the Thursday night meeting of LBARA I was sitting beside Bob Triggs, when Wilma came up to Bob and said to Bob "take the money and checks out of your pocket and something about Bob Stealing from the Club. She stated that the money was not all there and handed them to Bob, At that time, Bob checked everything she gave him and found the full amount to be there.

Also, I have know Bob for many years, and HE WOULD NOT STEAL ANYTHING FROM ANYBODY!

Bill Grubbs, KC7UTO

December 26, 2001

Reference to Club Meeting of 12-13-2001

I was sitting next to the table where Robert Triggs was seated and taking membership dues. Wilma approached the table after the money and checks had been given to her by Don Swayze. She demanded a list of members immediately that had paid their dues. Robert Triggs told her to go sit down and he would give her a list of those who paid cash and that she could get the names off the checks of the others.

A short time later I observed Wilma stomping back to the table where Robert Triggs

was an straight out tell him she was \$40.00 short and for him to pay for it. Robert took the envelope with the money and checks in it and found the \$40.00 in cash between the checks that she claimed was missing. Robert told her that if she had looked through all the checks, she would have found the money. Wilma then curtly replied that he should learn how to sort money the right way. I then left the area.

Clayton Swensen, KC7VGE



Statement from Caroline Keith KD7MPW transcribed by Susan Keith KD7MPX: December 30, 2001

Wilma came from the front of the room to the back where Bob was sitting. I was standing by the cookie table. Bruce and mom were sitting at the table. I heard Wilma accuse Bob of stealing forty dollars in cash from the club. Wilma then criticized Bob for his "childish" behavior in the club. Bob told Wilma to look in the envelope and Wilma said, "Grow up, Triggs!"

Bob looked in the envelope and found the cash in the envelope and showed it to Wilma. Wilma then looked in the envelope and saw the money. Wilma told him that the money was not put in the envelope correctly because it was between the checks. Wilma complained again about Bob being childish and again said, "Grow up, Triggs!"

After exchanging a few more heated words, Wilma walked away saying again, "Grow up, Triggs!"

I walked over to Bob and asked Bob what was wrong and Bob said, "Wilma just accused me of stealing forty dollars from the club." I said, "I know, I heard."

Caroline Keith KD7MPW
 Susan Keith KD7MPX

February 3, 2002

I was a loyal member and considered the radio club my family. Recent events involving close friends of mine Whom I have known for years, have opened my eyes as to how our legal system works in our club. I am ashamed to be involved in club activities with this kind of attitudes.

I have stepped down from Monday night net due to decisions being made that don't follow the clubs bi-laws and of the treatment of the club members, to my fill in operator KD7MPW Caroline. I was shocked by the way she was singled out and no one to check in except for a few members. This shows me the lack of intelligence stability that our club has. Name calling, being involved in people's private lives, twisting words—this is not what our club was built on.

What happened to working together, friends, helping friends, involved in the community and helping. With the current attitudes show and the large flock of buzzards flying overhead all the time. I am disgraced to be part of a radio club that earlier I was proud to be a member of.

Clayton KC7VGE

Bruce R Hunt (N6BRH)
 January 1, 2002
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 To Whom It May Concern:

On the evening of December 20, 2001, Vern Keith contacted me by phone and asked if I had witnessed a verbal exchange at the last club meeting on December 13, 2001 between Bob Triggs and Wilma Guerin. I indicated to Vern that I was present during that exchange. Vern then asked if I would document that exchange to the best of my recollection. The following is my attempt at documenting the events surrounding and the aforementioned verbal exchange.

I arrived at the Yacht Club for the December 13, 2001 LBARA meeting at approximately 6:45 PM.

Bob Triggs was at a small table in the back of the room between the door and the refreshment table, handing out LBARA membership cards for people that had previously paid their dues and was also accepting payment (cash and checks) for people renewing that night.

I took a seat towards the back of the room at a table with John Hunter (which turned out to be the table that was to be used for refreshments).

The meeting was called to order and several items of business were handled, and then ballots were handed out for the annual election of officers.

After individuals members completed the ballots, they were collected by various people and put in a box for counting.

At this point in time, John Hunter left the table where we were seated and went to join the group to tally the ballots for the election.

At about this time, Wilma Guerin walked from the dais where she was seated to the table that Bob Triggs was seated. In a rather loud and confrontational tone, Wilma asked Bob where the money was that he had "stolen" from the club. She then ordered Bob to empty his pockets onto the table to show that he didn't have the stolen money secreted there.

Bob denied stealing anything from the club, but Wilma was insistent. Wilma threw down an envelope onto the

table. Bob took the envelope, which apparently contained the cash and checks from the member renewals. Wilma said that there was money missing from the envelope. Bob looked in the envelope and discovered the "missing" money was not missing but in fact merely between several checks. This still wasn't sufficient for Wilma as she insisted that any mistaken was still his. Bob finally told Wilma to return to the front of the room and to leave him alone.

Wilma seemed reluctant to let the matter rest, so Bob Triggs packed up his things and left the meeting.

I have a number of opinions on this situation but to be as brief as possible, there is simply no reason for Wilma to confront anyone on any subject at a meeting in front of the membership. The best thing Bob could have done was to do as he did and walk out. The entire issue should have been taken up at a board meeting.

If the Board of Directors has additional questions, I would be glad to answer them.

Sincerely,
 Bruce R Hunt



January 23, 2002

Letter of apology, explanation and resignation

We wish to apologize to the General membership for the regrettable events which occurred at the January 17th General Meeting. The Board met in executive session to investigate a complaint filed against one of the Board members. The Board found the complaint to be serious enough to warrant further investigation. A subsequent investigation revealed several witnesses who substantiated the allegations.

These findings were discussed in executive session and could not be shared with the general membership per our By-Laws. The Board acting in the best interest of the LBARA notified the alleged offender in writing of the Board's findings and was given thirty days in

which to respond to the allegations.

The President did not agree with the Board and took it upon himself to disregard the direction of the Board and made it known that he thought the matter should be brought before the General Membership for a vote. He then apparently began sharing information with General club members and began formulating strategy to neutralize and undermine the efforts of the Board.

Since the President failed to support the decision of the Board. We the below signed Board members have no choice but to submit our resignations from the Board.

Sincerely,

KC7HGY Vernon Keith
K7RUS Russ Nyblom
KC7UTM Sharon Sgro
KD7BLU Don Swayze
KB7YKY Mike Burson

January 29, 2002

To the LBARA Membership.

When our family joined this radio club, we expected to gain some technical knowledge, meet some new friends and have fun. Vernon and I felt it would be a positive experience for our daughter. Unfortunately, the experience has become a nightmare. We cannot explain away the immature behavior she has seen, beginning with Wilma at the Christmas party asking Caroline if "your parents are having marital problems" and ending with a group of "vultures" who felt that a private family travesty should be made "club business". Those of you who were involved should be embarrassed by your childish, unchristian behavior.

As a result, we

are terminating our membership in this club.

While Glenn would like to blame Vernon because the club finally took a stand against Wilma's abhorrent behavior, anyone with even a small amount of sense knows that the Board is made up of separate individuals who make independent decisions. It's obvious that Glenn's dissatisfaction is not that the "Board was led by Vernon", but that the Board refused to follow Glenn. Speaking as a parent, I am grateful that our daughter was shown by the resigning Board members, officers and supporters that while standing up for what is right is not always pleasant, it still has to be done.

Susan Keith KD7MPW

February 11, 2002 **Open Letter**

Most know me by KC7UTK or Bob. I have been doing the Club News Letter and Membership for some. (May will be 5 Years) Early last year I had made a decision to do the News Letter and membership until May of 2002. (This was going to be put in the March News Letter.) Now as some know I have waded through more dung than I care to.

After reading this News Letter I will leave it up to the entire Membership if you want me to continue until May. At that time I would hope some one would step forward and talk to me about doing the News

Letter.

In the beginning I submitted a letter of complaint to the Board for action to be taken. I learned that the Board had an Executive Meeting and decided there was enough information to warrant an investigation. I was informed that there was an Executive Board to be held February 14, 2002. I was to bring statements or information that I had to this meeting. Well, at the January meeting it seems that all the information that was suppose to stay within the board room leaked out by a couple of Board Members.

At the January General Meeting there were two letters read.

The first was read by KC7LXL that she is resigning from office and club. The second was read by N6TFE who at this time quit the club and turned over all Club materials to the Board. KC7LXL had left and then returned with all of her club materials and turned them over to the Board.

Now I have learned that at the following Thursday Luncheon N6TFE, reappointed his self as our President. Further more at this luncheon I learned that 6 out of 9 of our elected Board members resigned from office.

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Change of Address

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Club Members

As of 17 January 2002

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Welcome to Our Club

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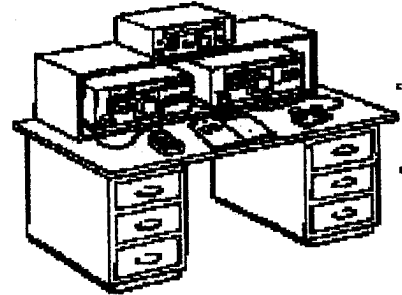
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New Member's

For Sale:

Traders Corner



Birthday's In February & March

01 Feb	Ray Souther	W7APN
07 Feb	Doug Spreng	W7MCF
12 Feb	Betty Robinson	KC7QEJ
13 Feb	Vern McGlynn	W3DLY
16 Feb	Sharon Ayers	KC7ATE
19 Feb	Roger Laird	KB7VTU
23 Feb	Charles Drew	KD6ORL
28 Feb	Margaret Velez	KC7REQ
28 Feb	Vernon Keith	KC7HGY
03 Mar	Ed Keys	N7VVB
05 Mar	George Burke	KD7ABR
05 Mar	Gerry Clark	KD7FKX
13 Mar	Wilma Guerin	KC7LXL
17 Mar	John Hunter	KK7CX
21 Mar	Lois Woodell	KB7UST
23 Mar	Dick Jernigan	W7DXJ
24 Mar	Dick Postal	KC7GYR
25 Mar	Howard Derby	N0PIL
28 Mar	Joe Crosato	KD7BIQ

Happy Birthday and many more..

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Now in my book, that means one self appointed President, and one Director. Does this mean that a blind eye has been turned to the issue at hand!

Let's do the math. Eight elected Board Members quit or resigned from office. So that leaves one elected officer. Does this mean that Oscar KC7VGH is our Club's only legal board officer?

At our last General Membership John KC7ATO shouted about ARS numbers. John should have done more homework. The numbers ARS 10-2310/2319 were revised some years ago. (Public Records) (And our Corporation papers filed with the State of AZ are incomplete by two years. (Also Public Records)

I believe at this time you have heard enough from this Editor. The members of this club should open their eyes to what is going on and make changes. Do not let someone tell you this is the way it is going to be done. Come together and work with it. I Bob Triggs KC7UTK must say that this is my last News Letter that I will be doing for the Club. It is now up to a **Volunteer** to step forward and take over the Club's News's Letter. This is my last one. I will become a silence member of the club with no involvement with any club functions as will most of the members.

Bob Triggs KC7UTK



LBARA COFFEE KLATCH

is held through out the year between 0700 and 0900 hrs. Check FQ 146.610 or 146.960 for location and time daily..

Schedule of LBARA Meetings

Board Meetings	General Meetings
Feb 19th	Feb 21st
Mar 19th	Mar 21st
Apr 16th	Apr 18th



The LBARA Repeater (K7LHC) / R2

This is our second repeater and it is presently located in our Emergency Communications Trailer. This repeater does not have as wide a coverage as our main repeater but can be used through out the city. No autopatch on this repeater. 146.640 (-600) PL 156.7

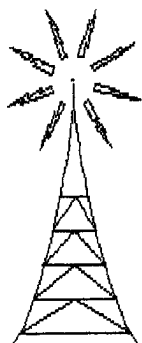


LBARA MEETINGS

The LBARA meets monthly with exception of June, July and August, at the Lake Havasu Yacht Club 631 London Bridge Rd. The meeting begins at 1900hrs. Meeting nights are on Thursday and GENERALLY the third Thursday of the month. Please check the calendar of Events on front page of the the Static or listen to the Monday night net for exact dates. Visitors are always welcome to regular club meetings. The next club meeting will be the **21th of Feb. 2002** See you there.

The LBARA Net

meets each Monday night at 1900hrs on the LBARA 146.610. Net control is rotated among volunteers, currently _____ is net control. visitors and guests are welcome to check into the net and say hello to fellow amateurs.



The LBARA Repeater (K7LHC) / R1

ON 146.610 (-600) (PL 162.2) is an open repeater sponsored by the Club. Autopatch is open and no code in necessary to access, Just * up and # down. Also we probably should note about the 911. Direct dialing (no codes necessary, just dial 911 for an emergency). Dial #411 for weather & #422 for time & temperature. Of course # down turns off the autopatch. To temporarily turn off the PL *77. Of course you need to press your PTT transmit button in order for these functions to work. **Don't forget to ID Before and After.**



The Board of Directors

meets on the Tuesday before LBARA Club night. Except the months of June, July and August. Exact time and place of meetings is designated by the board. Club Members are welcome to attend board meetings. Check Monday night net for changes. Next Board Meeting will be the **Feb 19th. 7:PM** at the Mohave County Library. See You There.

Suggestions or Comments ???

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 at the club P.O. Box or



LBARA Luncheon's

are held each Thursday through out the year. Lunch starts between 1100hrs and 1130hrs. Currently the lunch is being held at the Eagles. Visitors and anyone interested in learning more about Amateur Radio are welcome and encourage to attend. Check Monday Night net (146.610) for changes in locations.

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