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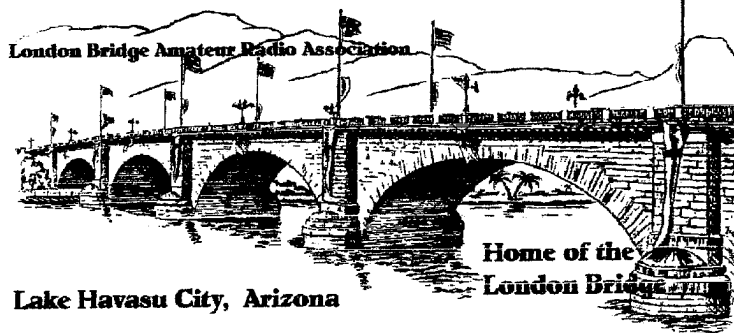
Jerry France, K7LY

Getting bored with ham radio? Looking for something new? How about DX'ing, contesting, working new grids via vhf, home brewing (now there's a lost art, trying your luck with the many new data modes, satellites (did you know you can do this with your dual-band handheld?), and on and on. Over the next few months I'm going to share with you a number of ham radio activities I do to keep the excitement going and to build up my radio skills. I would like to encourage each of you to do the same thing. Share your interests with us.

Have you ever tuned to 14.336 and wondered what that was all about? Well, you've just stumbled upon the County Hunter's Net. Here you'll find hams both fixed-station and mobile attempting to make a contact with every county in the United States...all 3,077 of them. It's a real challenge, but lots of fun. You'll meet some really great guys and gals. Give it a try. Oh yeah, I'm almost there...2,970 counties confirmed over the past two years just working at it part time. For more information, simply point your browser to <http://marac.org> or give me a call.

73
Jerry
K7LY

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FROM OUR V.P.
Victor Lopez, KC7QEK

No word from Vic as of Print time, but, hey, look, our President Jerry France, K7LY, got an article to me this month. Way to go Jerry!!!!

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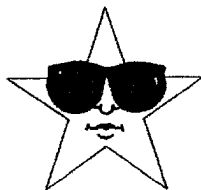
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 19 November **LBARA Board Meeting**
- 21 November **LBARA General Meeting**
- 08 December **LBARA Christmas Dinner**

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.

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



THE LBARA STATIC

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TRADER'S CORNER



Suggestions or Comments?

Do you have any buys, sells, or trades????
List them here in the *Static* at no charge.
Contact the editor, Jeanne Jenkins at:
kd7ano@hotmail.com or (760) 326-6206

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@unedspeed.com.

Philly Youngsters Meet Astronaut Peggy Whitson via Ham Radio

(Borrowed online from ARRL Web page)

NEWINGTON, CT, Oct. 25, 2002—US Astronaut Peggy Whitson, KC5ZTD, told students in Philadelphia that she thinks it's possible there's life on other planets somewhere in the universe. Using NAISS aboard the International Space Station October 22, Whitson answered several questions from youngsters attending Spruce Hill Christian School. The contact was arranged via the Amateur Radio on the International Space Station (ARISS) Project.

"Actually, I think with the thousands and thousands of universes that we can see," Whitson said, "and knowing that there are even thousands and thousands more that we can't, I think that on all those planets somewhere there probably is going to be life somewhere else—maybe not exactly like ours, but I imagine there's going to be some kind of life."

Whitson said one of the most "fun" things she does aboard the ISS is look out the window. "Seeing the earth from this vantage point of over 200 miles above the earth is really impressive. It's really a beautiful place that we live on, and I think we take it for granted sometimes, when we live there." She said she also enjoys exercise—a necessity for long-term space flight. "We obviously aren't exposed the effects of gravity, so we have to work very hard to maintain our physical fitness," she said.

Life in micro gravity leads to demineralization of bones, Whitson explained. When the Expedition 5 crew returns to Earth next month, she said, it will take months before their bones return to normal. She said, however, that the crew likely would recover much more quickly from the other after-effects of several months in space, such as the dizziness or lightheadedness that some returning astronauts have reported.

Whitson said she was inspired at a young age to become an astronaut and, although the training program was difficult, she never wanted to give up. "There's lots of times when training is really really hard, but, I'll tell you what, if you're pursuing your dream, it's always worth it."

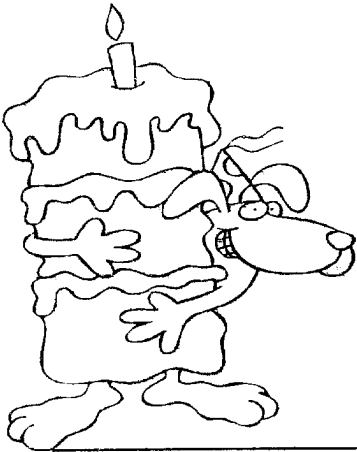
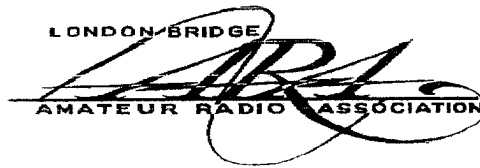
The ARISS QSO got off to an uncertain start when Whitson and ground control operator Nancy Rocheleau, WH6PN, in Hawaii, apparently got on different frequencies. "She was trying to find where we were, and we were trying to find where she was," Rocheleau commented after the somewhat-shortened contact. Initially, Rocheleau was able to copy NAISS, but Whitson did not hear WH6PN.

Once things got under way for real, the contact lasted a little more than seven minutes, and Whitson faded out while in the midst of answering a "bonus" question she had prepared in case there was time. All students got to ask the prepared questions, however, and teacher Vicki Taylor was pleased with how things eventually worked out.

"It was very exciting," she said, "and we all learned a lot, I think."

Rocheleau later complimented the students on how well they'd handled themselves. "You were very well prepared," she said. Remote audio between the school and the ISS via WH6PN in Hawaii was handled through a WorldCom teleconferencing circuit.

Whitson, who is related to the wife of the school's principal, Seth Cohen, asked ARISS to arrange the Spruce Hill contact as a "crew pick." ARISS is an international project with US participation by NASA, ARRL and AMSAT.



BIRTHDAYS IN NOVEMBER

25 October	Myrna Taft	N7MBB
13 November	Jim Riseley	WB6LEH
15 November	Ed Gillespie	AB7EM
17 November	Ted Taft	WA7WBM
27 November	George Egger	K9ERP



Amateurs on the Scene at Tornado-Stricken Town

(Borrowed from ARRL website)

NEWINGTON, CT, Sept. 4, 2002—An Amateur Radio Emergency Service team is on the scene in the northwestern Wisconsin community of Ladysmith, which was devastated by a tornado on Labor Day. ARRL Wisconsin Section Manager Don Michalski, W9IXG, reports that the first wave of ARES volunteers arrived in the Rusk County town of nearly 4000 inhabitants at 10 PM Monday, within hours of the tornado.

Reports indicated that the tornado arrived with little or no warning. "We were lucky that this hit on a holiday, when the business district was closed," Michalski remarked. The Ladysmith tornado was one of four that touched down in the Badger State on Labor Day, but it was, by far, the most damaging. Gov. Scott McCallum has declared a state of emergency in Rusk County. Gov. McCallum toured Ladysmith on Sept. 3.

Jim Staatz, KG9RA, reports that members of the Eau Claire Amateur Radio Club and the Tri County Repeater Association have been providing communication support for the American Red Cross and The Salvation Army. In addition, Paul Brooten, KB9TYC, of the Tri County Repeater Association reports that the Barron County American Red Cross Amateur Radio Club and the NORWESCO ARES/RACES team from Washburn County also have been involved in assisting the relief organizations.

The Salvation Army reports that its emergency disaster relief personnel immediately went into action following the tornado that also left hundreds without shelter and thousands without electricity. "Two Salvation Army canteens have been roving the area offering aid, including meals and crisis counseling, to residents and relief workers," a Salvation Army news release stated. The Salvation Army said it also was providing residents with vouchers to replace prescriptions, clothing and other necessary items lost in the tornado.

Information from Wisconsin Emergency Management forwarded by Mack Brophy, N9NTB, indicates that the severe weather moved across Wisconsin also spawned two tornadoes in Marathon County—one in Brokaw, near Wausau, and one near Athens—as well as in the Fond du Lac County town of Brandon. Several other communities reported wind damage.

Wisconsin Emergency Management reports that the tornado that hit Ladysmith cut a swath some 14 to 16 blocks long and 2 to 4 blocks wide. Destroying numerous businesses and homes. There were no reports of fatalities. Approximately 60 people were injured. Most were treated and released. Search and rescue operations continued throughout Monday night. Crews have been working to restore power, and all roads are open at this time.

The Wisconsin Emergency Management Mobile Command Center also was at the scene.

Announcement

The monthly edition of the *Static* will now be printed and mailed to all members on the first day of every month. Due to this change, there is no issue solely for the month of October. All articles need to be in no later than the 20th day of the month. Thank you.

Jeanne Jenkins, KD7ANO, Editor

Editors Note

Jeanne Jenkins, KD7ANO

After reading the above article, I found myself wondering if we as a club are prepared to do the same, help others in a time of emergency. Could we put our differences aside and work together to help? Do we have the training, knowledge and equipment that would be needed???



ATTENTION MEMBERS!

IT'S MEMBERSHIP DUES TIME AGAIN!

EARLY REMITTANCE WOULD BE APPRECIATED

PLEASE PAY YOUR 2003 MEMBERSHIP DUES STARTING AT NEXT MONTHS MEETING ON NOVEMBER 21ST OR SEND THIS STATEMENT WITH YOUR DUES AS NOTED BELOW: **LBARA 2003 MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE PAYABLE ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1ST AND ARE DELINQUENT AFTER FEBRUARY 1ST.**

Membership Renewal for:

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Thank you for your Support

The London Bridge Amateur Radio Association, Inc.

Invites all it's Members and their guests to their

ANNUAL Christmas Party

DECEMBER 8, 2002



When: Sunday, December 8, 2002

Where: VFW Hall
266 London Bridge Rd.
Lake Havasu City

Time: 5pm to 6pm Cocktail Hour (No Host Bar)
6pm Sit Down Dinner

(Cocktail Waitress Available. Non-Smoking Dinner Area.)

Meal: Choice of: **Prime Rib** or **Chicken Cordon Bleu** (Circle One Per Person)

Entertainment:

Cost: \$5.00 Per Person

Reservation Deadline: Friday, November 29, 2002



For Reservations mail this form with a check in the amount of \$ _____ for _____ (# of people) or bring it to a luncheon or to the November 21, 2002 General Membership Meeting.

Name of Member _____ Name of Guest(s) _____

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