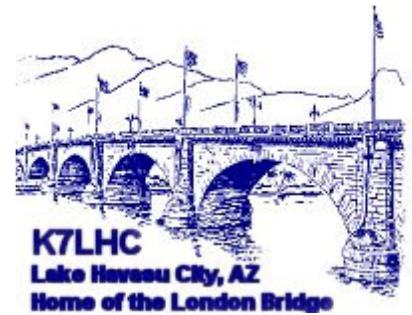


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NOVEMBER, 2005

London Bridge Days Parade for 2005

On Saturday October 29, London Bridge Amateur Radio Association helped Lake Havasu City with the Annual London Bridge Days Parade. The parade entrants started arriving at and lining up 7:00 AM. The actual parade kicked off at 10:00 AM and finished about 12:30. The parade route runs from McCulloch at Acoma and ends at Capri. I'd like to thank the following amateurs that helped out this year:

THE TEAM



(Back row, left to right)

John Hunter- KK7CX, Lyle Ross- W6TPT, Jim Gould-KF7X, Lee St.Clair- W7AX, Lyle Sibbald-K7YQ, Bruce Hunt-N6BRH, Reiner Schick-KD5MBA

(Front row, left to right)

Bill Carrao-W1BIL, Jim Thill-WD6EGS, Bob Gilbertson-K6BBB

(Not pictured)

Victor Lopez- KC7QEK, Russ Nyblom- K7RUSG, Gary Fisher- K9WZB

IMPORTANT IMPORTANT

NOVEMBER MEETING NIGHT CHANGE

DO TO CIRCUMSTANCES BEYOND THE CLUB'S CONTROL, THE NOVEMBER MEETING WILL BE RESCHEDULED TO TUESDAY, 11/15 AT 7:00 PM AT THE SAME LOCATION: MOHAVE COUNTY LIBRARY

LBARA MEETING SCHEDULE

MONTH	BOARD	REGULAR
NOVEMBER	11/15	11/15
DECEMBER	12/13	12/15
JANUARY	1/10	1/12
FEBRUARY	2/14	2/17
MARCH	3/14	3/16

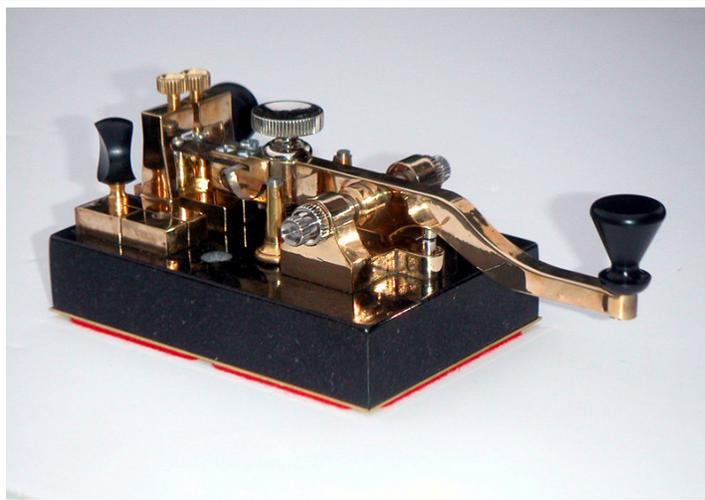
LBARA CHRISTMAS PARTY

It's that time of year again.....time for our annual Christmas Party. Although there are some details yet to be ironed out, the Party will be held on December 11th at Juicy Noodles Restaurant. The details will be made available at the November meeting.

ATTENTION ALL CWers

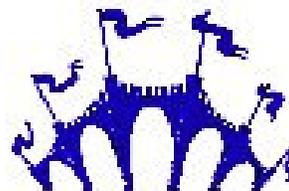
This is just is just the thing for use on **Straight Key Night!** The feel is second to none and is beautiful. The cost is a bit steep, but you have a hand-built key with your very own serial number. \$1,395 and it is yours!

Seriously, go to www.straightbrass.com and see for yourself.



Monday Night Net (7 PM)

System	Location	Freq	Offset	PL
MCARS	Bullhead City	145.27	-	131.8
	Kingman	146.76	-	131.8
	Kingman	448.25	-	131.8
	Lake Havasu	146.61	-	131.8
	Willow Beach	147.12	-	131.8
CRRRA	Lake Havasu City	146.96	-	162.2
	Lake Havasu City	224.24	-	156.7
	Lake Havasu City	146.64	-	156.7
	Lake Havasu City	449.95	-	141.3
BARN	Lake Havasu City	447.54	-	136.5
	Las Vegas, NV	449.95		136.5
	Onyx(Palm Springs)	449.34	-	136.5
	Orange County, CA	447.54	-	100



SAILING TO THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

Here is your chance to follow along as our "captain of the seas" makes one of his famous sailing voyages. Reiner Schick (KD5MBA) will take to the seas again on a voyage from Baltimore, MD to the British Virgin Islands beginning this week.

This voyage will be approximately 1500 miles and should take about 10 to 11 days to complete. He will be one of a crew of four. The name of the boat is the "Lurking About" and is a 40' Island Packet sailing vessel.

You can follow along with Reiner everyday via **WINLINK**. Just go to <http://winlink.org> and look for button: Position Reporter. In the box labeled Station Call Letters, enter KD5MDA. Up will come a map and the Lurking About's current position. Cool, huh?

Reiner will also be checking in on the Maritime Net on 14.300 mhz.

WHAT REALLY IS RADIO?

"You see, wire telegraph is a kind of a very, very long cat. You pull his tail in New York and his head is meowing in Los Angeles. Do you understand this? And radio operates exactly the same way: you send signals here, they receive them there. The only difference is that there is no cat." Albert Einstein

A Doctor was addressing a large audience: "The stuff we put into our stomachs is bad enough to kill most of us. Red meat is awful. Soft drinks corrode your stomach lining. Chinese food is loaded with MSG. High fat diets can be disastrous, and germs in our drinking water will kill us in the long run. But what is the most dangerous of all that we may eat it? Can anyone here tell me what food causes the most grief and suffering for years after eating it?"

After several seconds of quiet, a 75-year-old man in the front row raised his hand, and softly said, "Wedding cake.".....de Bruce, N6BRH



Dayton Hamvention® Says Better Communication a Key Goal for 2006 Show (Nov 9, 2005) -- Well in advance of the

55th Dayton Hamvention next spring, event organizers report they're implementing strategies to improve communication and provide more and better information about the show. Part of the plan is a complete makeover of the Dayton Hamvention Web site, still a work in progress. Hamvention 2006 takes place May 19-21 at Hara Arena in Trotwood, Ohio. Dayton Hamvention volunteers this past spring asked many vendors and visitors alike what they could do to improve the world's largest Amateur Radio gathering, and "better communication" was the most common response.

You're Never Too Old

When I got my first amateur radio license, it was preceded by a lot of studying, which meant a lot of learning. Each time I upgraded, I did a lot more studying and learning. I presume that you did something similar when you got your license. For many, once they achieve the specified goal, they stop. They stop studying. They stop learning. They stop growing in the hobby. I believe that this is a mistake many of us make. Perhaps we should be required to take a test when we renew our amateur licenses much like some states do when you renew your driver's license. Perhaps there could be an exemption if the individual had completed some amateur radio related training during the license term.



The training could be directly radio related, like a license upgrade or one of the many ARRL training courses such as:

- Amateur Radio Emergency Communications (Levels 1, 2 or 3)
- Antenna Modeling
- Antenna Design & Construction
- HF Digital Communications
- RFI
- Analog or Digital Electronics

To get more information on these and other courses, go to: <http://www.arrl.org/cee/>.

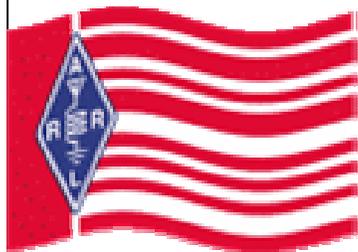
The training could also include public service related courses such as any of the FEMA courses:

- National Incident Management System (NIMS)
- Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT)

To get more information on these and other courses, got to: http://www.fema.gov/tab_education.shtm.

Even though the FCC isn't requiring us to take a test or prove that we have added to our skill set in order to renew our licenses, wouldn't it be a good idea to do it anyway? What have you don for amateur radio lately?

73 de N6BRH



Improved search capability debuts on ARRL Web site (Nov 10, 2005) -- A new search engine now is active on the ARRL Web site, Webmaster Jon Bloom, [KE3Z](#), has announced. "The ARRL Web site's search capability has long been a weak spot of the site," he allowed. "To address that problem, we've replaced the site's search engine with an entirely new search page that uses a [Google](#) search appliance--a separate computer running Google's search system--that indexes and searches the ARRL Web site." Bloom says the change means that those using the "Search" box atop any page on the site not only will obtain more comprehensive and accurate results but will get them much faster than previously. "We hope our site users enjoy the new search capability, which was instituted largely at the request of numerous ARRL members," Bloom added.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AND HAMFESTS

SUPERSTITION AREC - Mesa Community College, SW Parking Lot, 1833 W. Southern Ave, December 3, 2005. See: www.hamfest.wb7tjd.org.

WESTFEST (Thunderbird ARC) - January 14, 2006. Glendale Community College, 59th & Olive Ave, Glendale, AZ. See: www.w7tbc.org.

YUMA AMATEUR RADIO HAMFEST ORGANIZATION - Yuma County Fairgrounds, 2520 East 32nd Street, Yuma, AZ. February 17-19, 2006. See: www.yumahamfest.com.

EVER WONDER?

Isn't making a smoking section in a restaurant like making a peeing section in a swimming pool?

If you take an Oriental person and spin him around several times, does he become disoriented?

Why is a person who plays the piano called a pianist but a person who drives a racecar not ?

LBARA MEETING LOCATION CHANGE

THERE IS A STRONG POSSIBILITY THAT OUR CLUB'S MEETING LOCATION WILL CHANGE IN 2006. STAY TUNED HERE, AT OUR CLUB MEETINGS AND THE MONDAY NIGHT NET FOR DETAILS AS THEY EMERGE

KC7VGH BECOMES A SILENT KEY

Jerry McFarlin (KC7VGI) has sadly reported that her husband, Oscar McFarlin (KC7VGH) became a silent key on January 28th, 2005. Many of you remember his him as an active member of our club for many years. Rest in peace Oscar. If you desire, Jerry may be contacted at 141 Betty Lane, Las Vegas, NV

FOR SALE/TRADE

KENWOOD TS-50 Transceiver—160-10m, 100 watts, excellent condition with MC-47 mike, mobile mounting bracket and manual. Also includes the original shipping box. Asking \$500. Hugh Allen, WB6TQP, 928.453.8659

ALINCO DX77 MOBILE TRANSCEIVER - 100 w, 166-6m, CW filter, Removable Face Plate, Jim Varner, AE6N, 680.7259

YAESU VX-6R - 144/220/440 handheld, new in the box, \$235, Jim Gould, KF7X, 680.7705

CQ DXCQ CONTEST

By Dick W7ZR



CQ CONTEST

November and December bring two of the hottest months for contesting. The calendar is full. Here is a list of the most popular contests coming up:

Contest	Start Time	Date
JIDX	0700Z	NOV 12
ARRL SWEEPSTAKES – SSB	2100Z	NOV 19
CQ WORLD WIDE – CW	0000Z	NOV 26
ARRL 160 METER	2200Z	DEC 2
ARRL 10 METER	0000Z	DEC 10

As you can see there is plenty of contest activity for the next 6 weeks. Pick your poison and get your feet wet. For more information on these contests and contesting in general go to www.contesting.com.

This month I will talk more about ARRL Sweepstakes. This contest has been around for a long time. When it first started it was a two-weekend contest. What a grind. Of course in those days most of us were crystal controlled and the number of contacts we made were minuscule as compared to today's numbers.

The exchange for this contest is quite simple. First you give a sequential number starting with your first contact as 1. Then you give a letter indicating your precedence.

A= Low Power (150 watts or less) B= High Power
Q= QRP (5 watts for less) M= Multi-Operator
S= School U= Unlimited

Next you give your call sign. This is followed with 2 digits indicating the year you were first licensed. Finally you give your ARRL Section. In our case Arizona. So your exchange would go something like this:

"42 BRAVO W7ZR 54 ARIZONA"

One other quirk about this contest is that you may only work another station once regardless of band of operation.

This is a great contest to dabble in and get your feet wet. And, all will appreciate your contacts. Things get a little slow on Sunday so this is a very good time to "dump" your call in.

Again, best advice if you are new to contesting or just new to this contest is to listen for a while. Get the hang of the timing that other stations use. Here their exchanges. Then get in there and have some fun.

November Contest Tip: When answering a run station let them give their exchange first. Then you can give yours.

CQ DX

Conditions for the last month have not been very favorable for HF Dxing. The average daily sunspot numbers dropped from 91.9 in September to 76.6 in October. This compared to one year ago when the sunspot numbers for September 2004 was 103. This translates to some very spotty conditions.

All of this was evidenced in the CQ WW DX Contest at the end of October. Normally this hits during the 28 day rotation peak but the numbers just were not there. There were a few 10 meter transequatorial openings and a few to the Caribbean. On the other hand 160-40 Meters played a bit above average.

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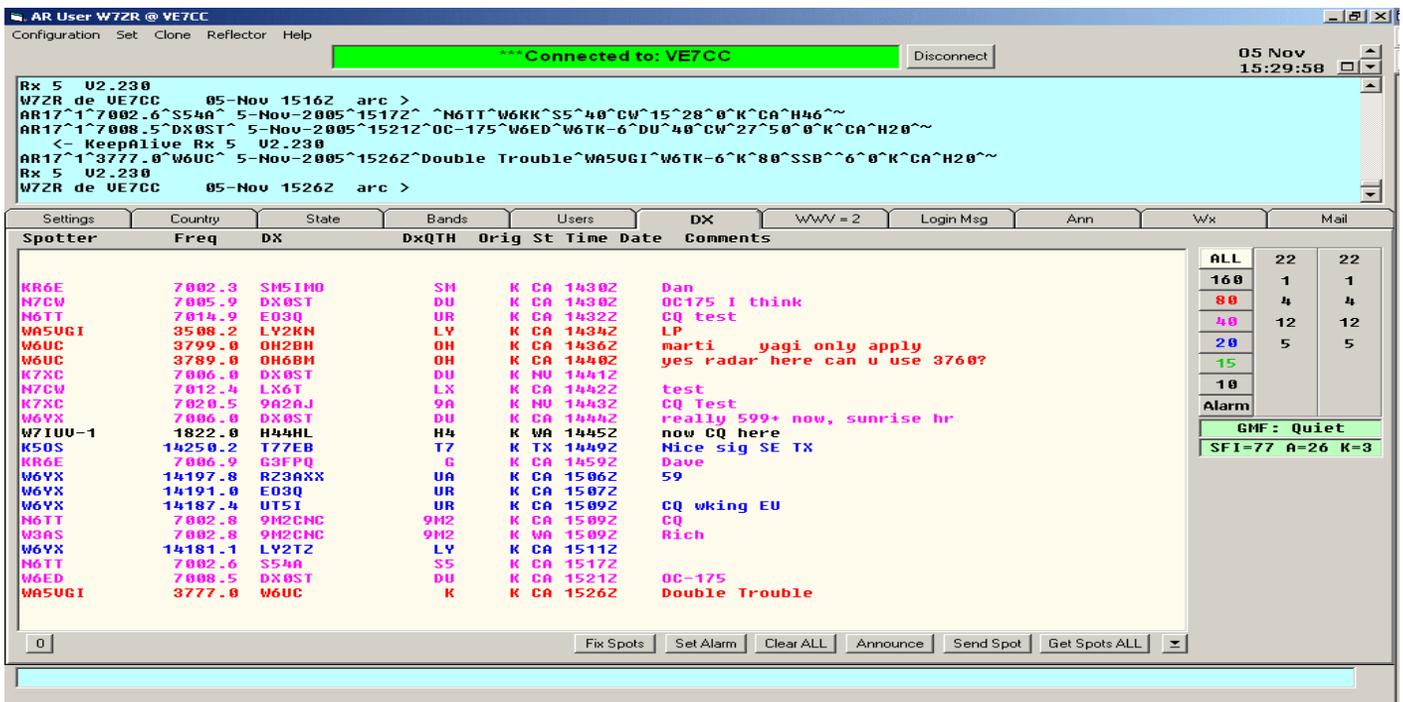
All we can hope for is that we are nearing the end of cycle 23. So keep watching the WWV numbers and when they start into the 90s is when you want to look for some good openings on 15 and 20 Meters and possible 10 Meter openings.

Rather than give you some of the operations scheduled for this month I want to tell you about a great computer program used for spotting and viewing DX spots. It is a free program put out by Lee VE7CC. It is called a AR Cluster/Spider program. With it you will be able to see spots coming in from all over the world.

Now while worldwide spots are interesting it is not really of much help for us. One of the great features of this program is that you can set all kinds of filters. A filter might be set to see only spots coming from Arizona. Or as I do I set the filter to spot OR, CA, NV, AZ, NM, and TX. Usually something spotted by a station in those states can be heard in AZ.

All of the setup for the program is done in an easy to use and understand Windows format. There is an excellent help page/tutorial to help you get started. The link is: <http://ve7cc.net/default.htm#prog>.

Here is a screen print of the typical display.



If any of you try the program and need some assistance in setting it up please feel free to give me a call or email me.

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ATTENTION READERS

Please note that this issue represents a “work-in-progress” and there are a number of changes to be made in subsequent issues. I would greatly appreciate your comments, both good and bad, as well as any suggestions for future issues. This issue also begins our first attempt to deliver the **STATIC** to your doorstep electronically. Please keep me abreast of any email address changes you may have and I promise to have this delivered promptly and accurately. Also, I still have a number of articles awaiting publication and will do so in the future. This is your newsletter, so keep the articles, letters, and pictures coming. I can be reached at home (855.7941), at work (855.3081) or via email at grf@uneedspeed.net .

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EDITOR'S NOTE: List your items for sale here. Ham radio related only, please. Include a picture if you like (please use a jpg format). Email all to me at grf@uneedspeed.net along with your name and phone number.

