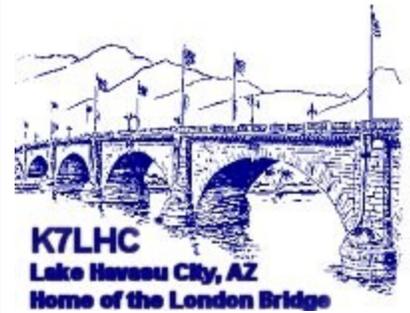


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MARCH 2019

Charlie Kotan Receives Award

Charlie Kotan (K0TAN) received a Meritorious Award from Dick Norton (N6AA), Southwest Division Director. This award was for Charlie's contributions to Amateur Radio including spearheading ARDEN, AR-CA leadership and many other activities over his 55+ years as a ham. This award was made at the 2019 ARRL Division Convention in Yuma, AZ.



K0TAN's
Home
Station?
HI! HI!



Your Editor is not sure, but I'm told this is a pic of some LBA-RA Club members on their way to the Yuma Convention!

LBARA MEETING SCHEDULE

MONTH	BOARD	REGULAR
MAR	NOTE: BOARD	3/21
APR	MEETINGS WILL NOW	4/18
MAY	TAKE PLACE ONE	5/16
SEPT	HOUR PRIOR TO THE	9/20
OCT	REGULAR MEETING	10/21

MARCH PROGRAM\

- **Steve (K7SWF) - Club Business update.**
- **Garry (K9WZB) - Status of the license classes.**
- **Mike (KI7NTF) - Presentation of the trip up the mountain to work on the repeater site.**
- **Steve (K7SWF) - Club's Fox Hunt and building an iambic key from household items.**

LOCAL REPEATERS

LOCATION	FREQ.	OFFSET	PL	SYSTEM
Lake Havasu City	146.620	Down	131.8	K7LHC*
Lake Havasu City	146.960	Down	162.2	W7DXJ
Lake Havasu City	146.700	Down	131.8	K7LHC*
Lake Havasu City	146.640	Down	156.7	K7LHC EOC*
Lake Havasu City	146.720	Down	123.0	KE7ZIW
Havasus Landing	147.030	Up	156.7	SB Sheriff
Needles, CA	147.300	Up	156.7	SB Sheriff
Lake Havasu City	449.125	Down	67.0	WIN System

* C4FM (Digital) /Analog FM



HAM HELP NET

Starting in December a special “Ham Help Net” will be provided on the 146.620 repeater twice a month for those interested in advancing their skills in the area of Amateur radio. Discussion will range from electronic theory to how do I make a DX contact! Questions will be taken during the twice a month net about related subjects of ham radio and electronics in general as it relates to ham radio. This net will likely be very useful to newly licensed hams. The net operator will call to “all listening stations” for participation in the net and anyone checking in will be allowed to answer the questions at hand.

The net control operator will not be the one answering questions but will call to the list as to “who wants to answer this question?” This will allow the entire group to share their knowledge with others. We all remember very well how many questions we had when we first got on the air. How to make cables, tune and build antennas, operating procedures etc.

Starting date December 13th at 6:30 . The net will likely end sometime around 7:30

The net will meet there after on the 2nd and fourth Thursdays of the month.

Our net controller will be Mike AB6QT. Garry K9WZB will also be available for questions.

THEY ARE GETTING MARRIED!

Two of our LBARA Club members are getting married!

Congratulations to Ron Gould and Shelly Culbertson who will be tying the knot this coming Saturday, March 23rd on a mountain behind Sara Park. It will a small family affair.

Again....congratulations to the both of you.....hugs and kisses from all of us at LBARA

Information on KX7P expansion of the repeater coverage

The Havasu Digital Repeater (HDR) 448.350 - C4FM Digital Narrow is continuously connected to Wires-X room #43197 Southwest USA. Recently, a reflector has been connected to the HDR, which now "bridges" OpenSpots and other similar "hot spot" devices to Wires-X. The reflector is YSF # 73102 US Southwest USA. This latest completion allows users with hotspots and an internet connection to connect to YSF reflector #73102 and Wires-X room #43197. This system is part of the newly formed Western America Repeater Network, which has quickly evolved into a quality wide-coverage amateur digital communication system network.

Currently, several repeaters and nodes located in Arizona and the southwest are connected to the reflector and room with more being added on a regular basis. This system is truly "Connecting the West to the World." It's very simple to use this system as any local Lake Havasu City amateur with a Yaesu C4FM capable transceiver only needs to be with RF range of the repeater and it works the same way an amateur uses the other local Lake Havasu City FM repeaters. Please remember to have your Yaesu transceiver in the "Digital Narrow" (DN) mode to connect with the Havasu Digital Repeater.

As a reminder, the HDR operates permanently in Yaesu Digital C4FM Digital Narrow (DN), not FM. The decision to operate in the digital-only mode is not meant in any way to exclude FM users, but at this time local amateurs are excited and are enjoying exploring the digital mode and the ability to connect to the internet. This is an open system and any licensed amateur is welcome to use.

This system is a project and a work in progress, so some "glitches" are expected. Please be patient as periods of adjustments, configurations, and upgrades will likely occur. However, at this time everything is working perfectly!

Many thanks to Joe, KV4PN in Prescott, Arizona for his contributions to this project as without his assistance, knowledge, and expertise this latest reflector bridge project would not have happened.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Tim Lotspeich, KX7P at: radio.kx7p@gmail.com

HAM LICENSE CLASSES

Hello all LBARA members and friends! Please forward to anyone who may be interested in Amateur radio!

LBARA ham classes start this Saturday at the LHC Library! From 9AM - 11AM will be an intro to Ham Radio in Classroom A, with demos on the Patio. Jodi N7IDX will have an HF and VHF station for demo, and there may be a few other tricks up our sleeves!

License study from 11AM - 2PM. This year students will do self-study using computer or phone apps. **We will have a total of three sessions on Saturdays (3/9, 3/16, and 3/30) culminating with an exam on 3/30 at 2PM.** Test is 35 multiple choice questions from a published pool!!! The licenses are good for ten years - the best \$14 deal you'll find! I will hand out a sheet with links to study materials including apps and the question pool.

We can handle a dozen for the Technician class. We need more General students - I have Dave KC7GDJ!

Instructors:

Tech: Steve K7SWF, Garry K9WZB

General: George KC7GYK, Charlie KØTAN

(I will bring the club projector, which we can share for classes)

Questions? Contact Charlie KØTAN - Home 928 302 1821

LDS EMERGENCY TEST

The LDS church asked LBARA for permission to use the Club's Crossman repeater for an emergency test between Needles, Bullhead, Parker, and Quartzsite. Permission was granted as long as their tests did not interfere with local use. Two LDS members attended our license class after the test and may become new LBARA members. Tom and Diane stopped by and said the test went quite well, although Diane could talk to their members from the home QTH's better than Tom at the Church. Perhaps they need some antenna work.

AS I GET OLDER I REALIZE:

- #1 - I talk to myself, because there are times I need expert advice.
- #2 - I consider "In Style" to be the clothes that still fit.
- #3 - I don't need anger management. I need people to stop pissing me off
- #4 - My people skills are just fine. It's my tolerance for idiots that needs work.
- #5 - The biggest lie I tell myself is, "I don't need to write that down. I'll remember it."
- #6 - I have days when my life is just a tent away from a circus.
- #7 - These days, "on time" is when I get there.
- #8 - Even duct tape can't fix stupid - but it sure does muffle the sound.
- #9 - Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could put ourselves in the dryer for ten minutes and then come out wrinkle-free and three sizes smaller?
- #10 - Lately, I've noticed people my age are so much older than I am..
- #11 - "Getting lucky" means walking into a room and remembering why I'm there.
- #12 - When I was a child, I thought nap time was punishment. Now it feels like a mini vacation.
- #13 - Some days I have no idea what I'm doing out of bed.
- #14 - I thought growing old would take longer
- #15 - Aging sure has slowed me down, but it hasn't shut me up. #16 - I still haven't learned to act my age.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AND HAMFESTS

April Hamfest At Devry - April 20th, Devry University

Chohise Hamfest and 7th Region Communications Exercise - May 4th, Sierra Vista, AZ 2019

ARRL Arizona State Convention and Prescott Hamfest - May 31st-June 1, Prescott, AZ

FOR SALE/TRADE

K4KIO Hex Beam 6– 20 Meters, \$495

Garry - K9WZB

YOUR ADD HERE.....LET THE EDITOR KNOW WHAT YOU HAVE

ERRATUM FROM THE FEBRUARY STATIC



These pics shown in the February Static were captioned as Tom (K7TJH) and Mike (NI&NTF). The captioned should have been Tom and Ron (KI7KWE). Furthermore Mike's call should have been N8MJM. My bad.....Editor

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