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CLARC GENERAL MEETING  
TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2017  
KEES PARK, 2450 HWY 28 EAST  
PINEVILLE, LA.

\*DOORS OPEN AT 5 PM—MEETING STARTS AT 7\*

# PREZ SAYS

I am feeling the warm weather approaching, time to get ready with your antenna projects. If you need some help with your project contact anyone of the board members who can help you line up the help you need. It's much more fun than doing it by yourself, and I might add safer. We will be having a day to work on the tower trailer, mainly maintenance, and rotor setup to get ready to be used this year.

Our first attempt to participate in the Mid Winter Field Day was a great success. We had over 30 people in attendance, all had a good time, Ginger did an outstanding job with the food! This will be the last time we will be able to use the Old Baptist Bookstore as it has been leased to a clinic. Luke Purdy got his tech license.

Our new location for field Day will be the Kiwanis Club Camp in Pineville. Jack and I toured the facilities and I think everyone will be satisfied.

## **SELL TICKETS--SELL TICKETS--SELL TICKETS**

We handed out the Raffle tickets bundles before the meeting, if you did not get yours or need more contact Jack. I would also ask that as you sell your tickets please get in contact with Stacey and turn in your money. We are counting on YOU to do your part and sell the tickets.

Scott did an excellent job in explaining the ins and outs of programming the handy-talkies. If you still have questions contact Scott or Bob, they can help you.

73,

Jim--AE5ZE

*Prior Public Proceeding*

*Steve Baillio,* **KaShik**

Club Secretary

*Minutes of CLARC Meeting, February 7, 2017*

## CLUB MEETING

In Attendance: Jim Walters-AE5ZE, Steve Baillio-KA5HIK, Dennis Little-W5LD, Bryan Haviland-AF5JA, Heidi Haviland-KK6SZW, Alan Riley-KD5R, Richard Lundy-WA5CAV, John McGrew-KF5YTS, Stacey Sonneland-KG5KGY, Susan Boniol-XYZ, Jerry Boniol-KE5YRY, Adam Burniston-KG5MVK, Bob Coffman-KG5LOI, Mitchell Neil-KG5OIF, Scott Wren-KD5DFL, Wendy Manuel-KG5MVJ, Keith Manuel-KF5RNF, Jose Garcia-WD5GVA, Mark Kelley-AG5DT, Jack Brossette-W5ETL, Joe Milligan-WQ5MM, Jim Bookter-N5NVP, Jim Molan-KD5IGG, Marlin Thompson-, Harry Eagles-KG5GWY, Tom Palko-K0TP, Kenneth Walker-KF5YRN, Mike Canady-N5GJQ

### Pledge

#### Health and Welfare:

##### Praise and Prayer Requests—

- Irma is still in rehab and is not gaining strength;
- Harry Eagles is with us tonight – praise;
- The Cedars family on the death of their son;
- Tornados in New Orleans, those who have lost homes and church buildings.

CORRECTION OF MINUTES FOR JANUARY 3 MEETING: Correction on Treasurers Report in Brass Key-- reported expenses.

Cost of 10 Baofeng radios should be \$290 instead of \$120.

Jack gave a report on Winter Field Day. About 35 members participated. It was a good experience with plenty of people to put up antennas and setup. The space we have used at the Louisiana Baptist Convention property will no longer be available. Jack has searched for other We are looking at the Kiwanis Club Camp for Summer Field Day. See board notes

- Motion made to table the selection of a site for the Summer Field Day until next month. Motion failed for lack of a second.
- Motion was made and seconded to use Kiwanis Club Camp for \$500 or less for our Summer Field Day. Motion passed with only one no vote.

When selling Gun Raffle tickets, make sure that the purchaser gets a brochure and that he/she signs every place on the ticket. Tickets are available in packs of 20. Because of the amount of money involved, sell the tickets as quickly as possible and return the money, ticket stubs, and any unsold tickets to Stacey or Jack.

Jack shared about possible Hamfest locations. Jack has searched all around Alexandria and recommends the Rapides Parish Coliseum \$3400 for Friday and Saturday.

The things Jack was looking for were:

1. Adequate and good parking
2. Permanent place for Hamfest
3. Suitability of facilities

The Coliseum fits all these requirements. Any food service will be by Antoon Catering. Jack suggests that we go ahead and reserve the coliseum. We might be able to use the Expo Center for future years when it is completed. That will cost less and should meet our requirements.

- Motion was made to reserve the Coliseum for Hamfest on Sept 29 and 30 by Keith Manuel and seconded. Motion passed with no opposition.

If you would like to see a particular topic for programs during our club meetings, let Jim know.

Scott led a program on programming a Baofeng handheld radio using "Chirp" software. Chirp software is free and relatively simple to use. You need a good connecting cable. An alternative to Chirp is RT Systems, a company that sells programs for your particular radio. Keith shared about using RT Systems software which works good, but costs about \$50.

Jack told us about the name tags, tee-shirts and license plates that can be purchased and provided a sign-up sheet for those interested.

Meeting adjourned at 8:09pm.

# Treasurer's Report

## Stacey Sonneland, KG5KGU

Balances to be announced at the club meeting

1/25/2017 through 2/8/2017

<b>Income:</b>		<b>\$1,118.00</b>
ARRL Membership	\$ 98.00	
Club Dues	\$679.00	
50-50 Drawing	\$ 41.00	
Raffle Sales	\$300.00	
<b>Expenses:</b>		<b>(\$1000.00)</b>
Hamfest 2017	(\$1,000.00)	
<b>NET INCOME OVER EXPENSES:</b>		<b>\$118.00</b>



**Our club membership now stands at**  
**65**.



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**Amateur Radio on longwave, .136 mhz (suggested by Dave/KG5POW)**

<http://www.qsl.net/on7yd/136khz.htm> By the way, IF you could make a half wave dipole for this frequency, each leg would be over a quarter mile long—the whole antenna over a half mile long!

**Region Six ARES EC—Steve Neesley**

**ARES/RACES Report**

Become an ARES member: <http://www.laarrr.org/ss/la-ares/ares-registration/>

Public Service Activity Reporting: <http://www.laarrr.org/ss/la-ares/fsd157/>

ARRL ARES E-Letter <http://www.arrl.org/ares-el?issue=current>

Sunday, 7:30 pm: Louisiana HF ARES net, on 3873 kHz. Sunday, 8:15 pm: Central Louisiana ARES/RACES net, followed by the CLARC Prayer net. 8:15 pm: Louisiana ARES digital mode net, 3596 kHz, USB, mark 1500 on the waterfall

LOCAL REPEATERS (all repeaters are toned at 173.8):

147.330--Alexandria repeater [www.clarc.us](http://www.clarc.us)

147.375--Pineville repeater [www.clarc.us](http://www.clarc.us)

443.300--Alexandria repeater [www.clarc.us](http://www.clarc.us)

53.230--Alexandria repeater [www.clarc.us](http://www.clarc.us)

444.975--Louisiana Link System [www.kdqzd.org](http://www.kdqzd.org) Temporarily down.

145.470— <http://saltgrasslink.com/> (link temporarily down)

145.150—Alexandria D-Star [www.clarc.us](http://www.clarc.us)

147.210—Minden D-Star of Alexandria <http://n5mad.com/D-STAR-REPEATERS-REFLECTORS.php>

The audio feed for local repeaters (except D-Star) can be found at <https://www.broadcastify.com/listen/feed/16101/web>

## Events



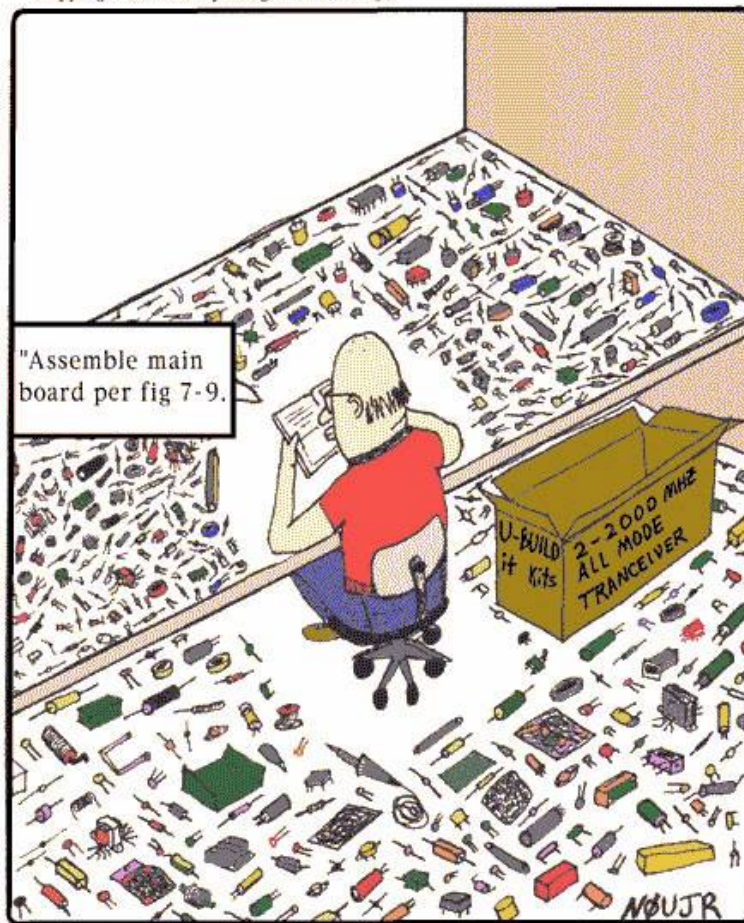
Social meeting at a local restaurant every Friday. Announcements on the 147.330 repeater and via email.

## Digital Mode Schedule

For those with digital capabilities: The ARRL Digital Bulletins are transmitted Monday through Friday on the following frequencies: 3.5975, 7.095, 14.095, 18.1025, 21.095, 28.095 and 147.555 mhz. at 5 pm CST/2300 Zulu, Monday through Friday. The schedule rotates every day with RTTY, BPSK31, & MFSK16.

## **HAM HUMOR**

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Kit fun.

## **Cheap and Easy Meal**

### **Black beans and rice**

This recipe from [AllRecipes.com](http://AllRecipes.com) only requires a handful of inexpensive ingredients.

Start by heating your oil in a stockpot over medium-high heat. Add the onion and garlic and saute for 4 minutes, then add the rice and saute for another 2 minutes. Next, add in the vegetable broth, bring to a boil, lower the heat and cook for 20 minutes. The spices and black beans should be added right before you're ready to serve.

#### **Ingredients:**

- 1 Tbsp. of olive oil: 25 cents
- 1 large onion, chopped: 99 cents
- 2 cloves garlic, minced: 50 cents
- 3/4 cup uncooked rice: 50 cents
- 1-1/2 cups vegetable broth: 50 cents
- 1 tsp. ground cumin and 1/4 tsp. cayenne pepper: 25 cents
- 3-1/2 cups canned black beans, drained: \$1.98



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Dues structure: \$30 club membership with Full privileges and an additional \$2 for other family members living in the same household.

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2 Name \_\_\_\_\_ Call \_\_\_\_\_

Annual Membership Fees: \$30 for first person; \$2 for each additional family member

Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_