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CLARC GENERAL MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2017
KEES PARK, 2450 HWY 28 EAST
PINEVILLE, LA.

DOORS OPEN AT 5 PM—MEETING STARTS AT 7

PREZ SAYS

April 2017

Spring is here and the pollen is flying. It's time to review the things you said you would when the weather got better. I don't know about you but I have a pretty long list. With the change to Daylight Savings time, I have an extra hour in the evening to work on my list! I am trying a slightly different strategy this year. I am going to try to do something every day and not wait until I have enough time to complete the project, just make progress every day.

I want to welcome two new hams to the club. Keith Walker passed his tech exam and Greg Pawliski passed his General exam. As our numbers grow it is important to welcome the new members and "Elmer" them when the opportunity arises.

We are well into the tickets sales for our raffle. Please take every opportunity to ask people you run into and sell some tickets. On Friday and Saturday 3/17 and 3/18 we will be at the Foresthill Nursery Festival and we need YOU. Come spend some time selling tickets with us. Contact Jack to RSVP.

SELL TICKETS----SELL TICKETS----SELL TICKETS

Our April club meeting will be a cook out at Kees Park in Pineville, same time and same place. The club will provide the hamburgers and hot dogs and club members bring the sides and **DESSERTS**. Your spouse is welcome. We want this to be a time of fellowship and fun.

73,
Jim
ae5ze

Prior Public Proceeding

Steve Baillio, **KaShik**

Club Secretary

Minutes of CLARC Meeting, March 7, 2017

CLUB MEETING

In Attendance: Jim Walters, AE5ZE; Steve Baillio, KA5HIK; Stacey Sonneland, KG5KGU; Jack Brossette, W5ETL; Bryan Haviland, AF5JA; Heidi Haviland, KK6SZW; Jose Garcia, WD5GVA; Joe Milligan, WQ5MM; Mary Milligan, XYL; Bob Coffman, KG5LOI; Mitchell Neil, KG5IOF; Marlin Thompson, KG5RPZ; Greg Pawliski, KG5RPY; Jim Molan, KD5IGG; Kevin Walker, NEW TECH; Bob Ellington (Guest), WB5TNT; Kenneth Walker, KF5YRN; Dennis Little, W5LD; Steve Neesley, KE5IAK; Mike Canady, N5GJQ; Alan Riley, KD5R; Jim Bookter, N5NVP

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Health and Welfare:

- Prayer Requests—Tom Palcos wife, Sharon, in Cabrini; Josh Adams, KF5VOX staph infection; Families of those killed in wreck in Deville; For Irma Bookter to continue to gain her strength.

Prayer by Steve Neesley

Minutes of Last Meeting: Motion made to accept the minutes of last meeting and passed.

Treasurer's Report: Motion made to accept the treasurer's report and passed.

Jim Walters—

- Cookout for Club—April meeting night we will have a cookout. We provide the meat and everyone bring sides and drinks.
- Messages on Repeater—Any message put on the repeaters needs to have approval before it is put on. Jim, as president should approve the message prior to it being put on the repeater. The messages need to have a start time and an end time.
- Friday Lunch—At noon at Steamboat Bills in Alexandria.

Jack Brossette—

- Explained more about the gun raffle in order to clear up some doubts and misunderstandings.
- Hamfest update—Everything is set up for having it at the coliseum. We should have several vendors there. Grand prize ICOM 7300; Hamfest will be Friday night (9/29) and Saturday (9/30). Outlaws is preparing a fish supper on Friday at about \$15 a plate. Jack asked members to pass to him suggestions for ways to have more door prizes. Dennis said that there is always free stuff at Harbor Freight that could be used for door prizes. Merchant donations can be claimed as a tax deduction. Club members are encouraged to ask merchants to provide items or gift cards to be used as door prizes. Jack will provide a letter on club letterhead to be used as you petition the merchant.
- Summer Field Day—It will be at the Kiwanis Club Camp. There is plenty of space for RV's. CLARC will provide hamburgers and buns and the members will bring the sides for meals.

PROGRAM:

Jim Walters spoke on logging software programs.

Ham Radio Deluxe by Mike Carper, WA9PIE—

- \$100 for first year and \$49 for each succeeding year. This gives you tech support. Tech support is done by a licensed radio operator.

N3FJP Program—

- It costs \$64.99 as a one-time fee. It is easy to use and has several good instructional videos on www.youtube.com. The software has a 45 day free trial period.

Go to www.eham.net and look at the reviews of the logging programs.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm.

Treasurer's Report

Stacey Sonneland, KG5KGU

Balances to be announced at the club meeting

2/9/2017 through
3/8/2017

INCOME (Total)		2,720.46
ARRL		
Membership		(94.00)
Club Dues		90.00
Drawing 50-50		32.00
Name Tags		(37.54)
Raffle Sales		2,730.00
EXPENSES		
(Total)		(629.66)
Field Day:Summer	Kiwanis rental	(500.00)
Field Day:Winter	Food,water,supplies	(86.44)
Hamfest 2017	Office supplies	(34.80)
Supplies:Meeting		(8.42)
OVERALL		
TOTAL		2,090.80



Our club membership now stands at
67.



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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.laarrrl.org/ss/la-ares/ares-registration/>

Public Service Activity Reporting: <http://www.laarrrl.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

147.375--Pineville repeater www.clarc.us

443.300--Alexandria repeater www.clarc.us

53.230--Alexandria repeater www.clarc.us
444.975--Louisiana Link System www.kdqzd.org Temporarily down.
145.470— <http://saltgrasslink.com/> (link temporarily down)
145.150—Alexandria D-Star 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



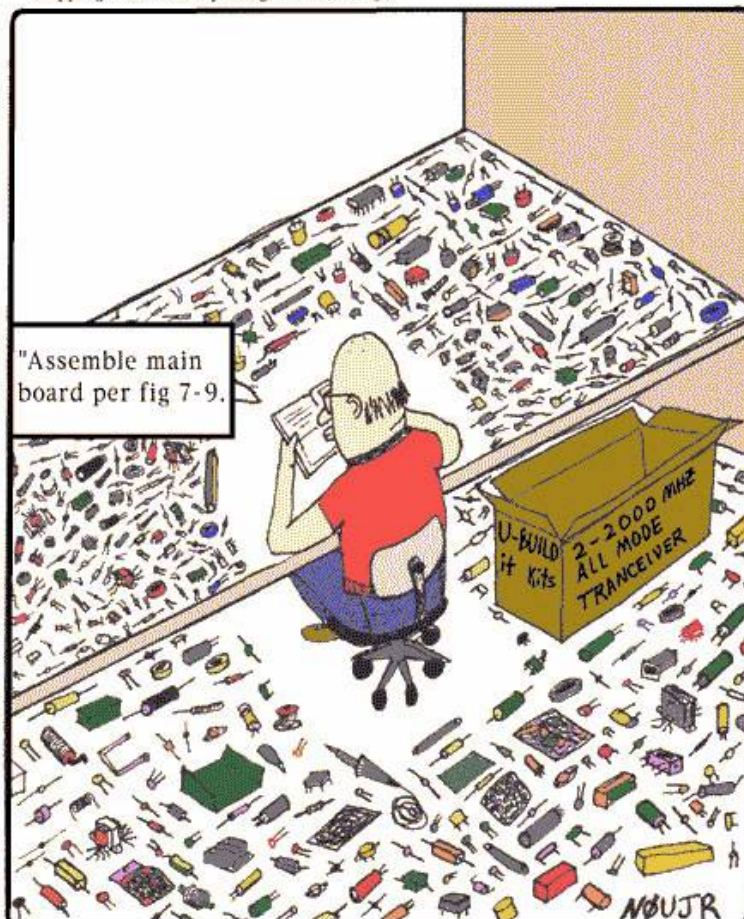
Social meeting at a local restaurant every Friday. Announcements on the 147.330 repeater and via email.

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](https://www.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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ARES Louisiana <https://www.facebook.com/groups/Louisiana.ARES/>

ARES Region 6 <https://www.facebook.com/groups/791902104244035/>

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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