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A New Ham's Guide How to Use Amateur (Ham Radio) Repeaters

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PART III

OUR FIRST CONVERSATION AND CONTACT ON A REPEATER!

That most exciting day just arrived! You now have passed your Technician Class exam and have been issued your first call sign by the FCC.

You have your station all set up and you are ready for your first contact on a repeater! You chose a local repeater frequency and dial it up on your rig. You just keyed your mic, gave out your call sign and now you hear.....your call sign and someone coming back to you with his call sign.....he un keys and the repeater is waiting for YOU!

BRAIN LOCK SETS IN! "What do I do? What do I talk about? Will I remember all those rules, regulations, theory and all that other stuff I had to study?"

The simple answer is.....probably not.....but don't worry!

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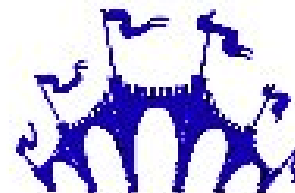
LBARA MEETING SCHEDULE

MONTH	BOARD	REGULAR
MAY	NOTE: BOARD	5/21
SEPTEMBER	MEETINGS WILL NOW	9/17
OCTOBER	TAKE PLACE ONE	10/15
NOVEMBER	HOUR PRIOR TO THE	11/19
DECEMBER	REGULAR MEETING	12/17

- The roundest knight at King Arthur's round table was Sir Cumference.
- When fish are in schools they sometimes take debate.
- A thief who stole a calendar got twelve months.
- We'll never run out of math teachers because they always multiply.
- Thieves who steal corn from a garden could be charged with stalking.
- The professor discovered that her theory of earthquakes was on shaky ground.
- If you take a laptop computer for a run you could jog your memory.
- A dentist and a manicurist fought tooth and nail.
- What's the definition of a will? (It's a dead giveaway)
- If you don't pay your exorcist you can get repossessed.
- Show me a piano falling down a mine shaft and I'll show you A -flat miner.

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	146.62	-	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



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If you haven't been on 40 meters lately, you're in for a shock. It's almost like the good old days that we all remember on 40. The shortwave broadcasters are gone from 40 meters! Well, at least they're gone from 7100 to 7200 Mhz effective 3/29/2009 (at least most of them anyway). They have vacated this segment in ITU Regions 1 and 3 (essentially the world outside of the Americas (you'll still hear some broadcasts, particularly in the early mornings from the Oceania area....editor)).

Additionally, most amateurs in these regions will gain access to this segment of the band. This means that Region 2 should be free of broadcast signals that have made communications on 40 meters difficult for many years. Just think....no more ear-piercing interference from foreign broadcast stations. You will no longer be required to work cross-band or cross-mode to contact DX on SSB.

Enjoy 40 Meters!

QUESTIONS TO PONDER

- Can you cry under water?
- If a deaf person has to go to court, is it still called a hearing?
- Why are you IN a movie, but you're ON TV?
- How important does a person have to be before they are considered assassinated instead of just murdered?

Upcoming Activities and Hamfests

- 5/30 Annual Prescott Hamfest (Yavapai ARC/Verde Valley ARA), Granite Mountain Middle School, 1800 Williamson Valley Road, Prescott, AZ.**
- 6/6 White Mountain Hamfest (Kachina ARC), Show Low, AZ**
- 7/17-19 ARCA/Williams Hamfest, Williams Rodeo Grounds, Williams, AZ**
- 8/15-16 SW Division Convention (Santa Barbara ARC), Earl Warren Showgrounds, Santa Barbara, CA**

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First thing....try to write his call sign down and if he gives his name, that too. Lots of good operators recognize a new ham instantly on the air and they will guide you with patience, understanding, maybe some fun prodding and picking at you to get you to relax and have fun with your new license.

He will WELCOME you!

A good operator will never make you feel unwanted on the air. He may ask you to repeat your call sign just to make certain he understood who he is talking to and if you forget to give your name, he will ask for it. Most hams don't like to talk to a "call sign", so getting names and also locations helps to start the conversation.

If you make mistakes....he will most likely let you know what you did wrong and inform you as to the correct way in a friendly manor.

Don't be surprised if he asks you all the questions instead of the other way around. He is just trying to get you to feel relaxed on the air. As your experience grows in ham radio, always try to remember your first contact and how excited and nervous you were. Now it's your turn and you are the one responding to a new ham and his first contact! Make him feel at home and.....be a good operator.....like your first contact was! Repeater ID.....you and it!

You must transmit your call sign at the end of a contact and at least every 10 minutes during the course of any communication. You do not have to transmit the call sign of the station to whom you are transmitting. Never transmit without identifying. For example, keying your microphone to turn on the repeater without saying your station call sign is illegal. If you do not want to engage in conversation, but simply want to check if you are able to access a particular repeater, simply say "(your call sign..... testing."

CONTROL OPERATORS

All ham radio stations, including repeaters AND YOUR STATION are required by the FCC to have a control operator monitoring the station while it is on the air. **You** are the control operator of your station.

Control operators are usually the owners, trustees or other designated licensed operators of a repeater system. They sometimes stay quietly in the background just listening to the every day operation of the "machine" for technical problems, proper use, FCC rule breaking, etc on a particular repeater.

They have complete control of whether a repeater is on the air or off and have the ability to stop it's operation at any time! Use the repeater to the best of your ability.

Report any un-authorized use of a repeater to the repeater owner or person responsible for the operation of the repeater.

DON'T FORGETID YOUR STATION
THE REPEATER WILL NOT ID FOR YOU....IT ONLY ID'S ITSELF!
After all.....it's only a dumb "machine"!

HAVE FUN....73, N4UJW !

SCENES FROM THE KINGMAN HAMFEST



A.R.E.S. ASSISTS WITH A PANDEMIC HEALTH EXERCISE

Mohave County Emergency Management asked the Lake Havasu A.R.E.S. members to participate in the Health Department's POD Exercise (pandemic exercise) that was held at the Avi Event Center in Mohave Valley, Arizona on the 9th of May. Our requirements included establishing radio contact (hf and vhf) to Lake Havasu, Kingman and Phoenix. Participants were Dick Jernigan (W7DXJ) and Jerry France (K7LY).

The Exercise turned out to be worthwhile. The hf antenna connections of the TOAD communications van have a number of problems that need to be corrected. Guess that is why you have these "tests" of equipment.



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EQUIPMENT WILL BE SOLD TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER.**

QUESTIONS TO PONDER

Why is the time of day with the slowest traffic called "rush hour"?

If the folks at the psychic hotlines were really psychic, wouldn't they call you first?

How do you know when you're out of invisible ink?

Why do they call it a TV "set" when you only get one?

Why do people who know the least know it the best?

If peanut butter cookies are made from peanut butter, then what are Girl Scout cookies made from?

Do hungry crows have ravenous appetites?

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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@uneespeed.net .

EQUIPMENT FOR SALE

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@uneespeed.net) along with your name and phone number.

