

Lanierland ARC W4ABP Newsletter

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President's Corner

Larry Tyson, W4WLT

It's hard to believe spring has already arrived with summer just around the corner. We have a lot of preparations to make, with Field Day, our Hamfest, and, hopefully, a Picnic to look forward to. If you have any other ideas or projects you would like to see, let Roger, WB4T, or any Club Officer know.

The ARRL has begun a new program, "Hello," to promote Amateur Radio to the public. The storms last year provided a lot of positive press coverage for Amateur Radio. We should take advantage of this campaign to promote our Club and our "hobby." The April issue of QST has more details about the program and how Clubs and individuals can use the information presented. Go to www.Hello-Radio.org to learn more.

Speaking of introducing others to Amateur Radio, the Hall County CERT Training, which began in January, had a very good representation of Amateur Radio Operators from LARC. We had the opportunity to "spread the word" about how Amateur Radio can benefit CERT to other members of the class. Congratulations to KE4PCF, N4FCL, KG4NJC, WB4DHC, K4PDL, KA4BLS, KI4MHH, K4REV, K4JLG, K4SBG, KA4UUB, KO4RD, W4TL, K4RHJ and W4WLT, for successfully completing the training. Graduation was March 28, 2006 with certificates. A backpack kit of emergency supplies will be presented to each participant. The course is designed to allow citizens to become better prepared for disaster situations and to provide assistance to their communities. I encourage each of our members to consider attending this course when it is offered again.

73,
Larry, W4WLT

Club Meeting Information

In April we will be back to the normal meeting night of the last Tuesday of each month. As always, the meeting location is at FireMountain on Browns Bridge Road.

Antennas

Ed Cravey, KB4HPY

Due to technical difficulties by your Editor, the antenna column from Mr. Ed is missing for this month. Look forward to a double feature next month!

BPL

Don, KA4BLS, submitted a link to an excellent article about BPL on Yahoo.com. Due to copyright restrictions we can not publish the complete article here in the newsletter. To read the article go to: <http://tinyurl.com/nyycf> Be sure to check out the comments and additional links by clicking on the "Discuss" button at the end of the article.

Proposal to amend the LARC Bylaws Paragraph 6.10

(third printing)

1. Amend the ByLaws paragraph 6.10 by adding the following sentence:

"An Honorary Life Member may upgrade their membership to a family membership by paying the difference between the then current family membership rate and the then current single membership rate".

2. If adopted, the above paragraph will apply retroactively for the 2006 membership dues. The Treasurer is directed to either return excess monies paid or to distribute them to other club funds as directed by the honorary member.

Lunch Bunch

Every Friday at 11:30 AM there is a lunch get-together at a local restaurant. The location is announced on the Wednesday night net as well as the Yahoogroups discussion list and the 146.67 repeater. Lunch Bunch for 31 March is at the new location of Sidneys in the Office Depot Shopping Center on Browns Bridge Road.

Repeater Info

The club has several repeaters located on Wakua Mountain.

146.670 (-) 131.8 Hz
224.840 (-) open
444.950 (+) 131.8 Hz

Hall Co. Nets

W4ABP repeater
146.67 Mhz(-) 131.8 hz

Net	Time
LARC	Wed. 2030R
Hall Co. ARES	Wed. 2000R

LARC February Meeting Minutes

Robert Copelan, WB4DHC, Secretary

The meeting was called to order by the Vice President, Bob, KG4NJC. Treasurer's report was given. It was agreed that the financial status of the club will not be listed in the newsletter since it is available to the public. Anyone wishing to know bank balances or related details can contact John, KE4PCF directly. The proposed bylaw change was given a 2nd reading. Our program was an excellent presentation on QRP by 2 members of the North Georgia QRP Club (W4JHR and W4QO). KE4PCF, Hall County EC, announced that the ARES meeting was moving to the Hall County Library main branch and would start at 1830 in order to be finished by the library's closing time.

Where in the World is:

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There were no suggestions for a location this month. One last call before your editor starts reporting on some of the boring places he has operated amateur radio. The only criterion is that the location be in some way related to a club member or amateur radio.

From the Editor

Robert Copelan, WB4DHC

This month we have a shorter than usual newsletter due to computer problems and other tasks that unfortunately took a higher priority. The extended content will be back next month.

