

The Relay

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From the Prez.....

I would like to start this "report" by inviting all our members and anyone else that would be interested to our meeting. I cannot stress enough how important it is to the club to attend meetings. We need you to be able to conduct our necessary business. I know we have "Repeater members" (those who pay dues just because they use our repeaters and links, but do not as a rule attend meetings) we really appreciate their financial help. I know we also have a lot of members who do not live in Webster Parish and it is a problem to come to meetings, however we have several "out of town members who are at every meeting. Many thanks to them. We know it is a bigger problem to come from out of town, but please try. We not only just like to visit with you, we need your help. Do not have anything to "report" at this time so will close with a sincere HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE! Saturday March 21, Exacta Inn, Minden Exit 44, 1st hotel on right.

73'
Dusty, N5COL

Another Way to Met Other Hams

Most of you know about these informal to sometimes formal meetings on the radio known as "Nets". There is no better place than on a net to get to meet other hams. There are nets on almost every frequency and at many different times of the day. They are not limited to HF, there are also many nets on the 2m band. Fire up your radio and just listen, and when they call for check in's throw out your call sign and join in the fun. There is no better training for emergency times than to get active in some of the nets, since that is how things are handled during emergencies, and we know many of you got into this great hobby so you can help out in times of need. Here are a few, certainly not all of the nets that might be of interest:

LA NTS Nets:

LTN	3910	6:00 pm Daily
LCW	3673	6:30 pm Daily
LA ARES Net	3873	7:30 Pm Sundays

Other HF Nets:

Gulf Coast Hurricane Net	3935	8:00 pm Daily
GCSB	3925	6:30 pm Daily

Local 2m Nets:

NE LA Link System Net	145.430	8:00 pm Tuesday
	147.300	
	147.135T	
	145.350T	

SARA Net	146.820	8:30 pm Wednesday
ARCOS Net	147.670	8:00 pm Thursday
QCWA	147.670	8:00 pm Monday
PHARA	147.120	7:30 pm Monday

There are many more nets out there to be found with only a few clicks of the mouse on your computer. Here are some websites.

ARRL.org – just look up the club websites

KE5WQI - ARK-LA-TEX Ham Radio Group

Now get on the air and start checking IN!

if there are any corrections to be made let Fran KD5LKB know and it will be fixed.

Net on the Link System every Tuesday night at 8pm. Anyone who is interested and willing to call the net contact Fran Sullivan, kd5lkb.

Club meeting on the third Saturday of every month at 12:15 at the Exacta Inn in Minden.

Just a reminder to everyone that it is time to pay your dues for 2009, they can be paid at the meeting or mail to the address at the top of the news letter. Dues are \$15/year.

February Meeting Minutes

The February meeting of MARA was called to order at 12:15 with 14 members and 9 guests present. Dusty Collins, N5COL, president welcomed everyone. Edwin Johnson, KD5ZLB gave the opening prayer.

Dusty gave the treasurer's report for Bonnie, reporting account activities and balances.

Fran KD5LKB gave the secretary's report, asking anyone to send in anything new they might have for the Relay.

No vice president's report.

Dusty reported that field day is next big event for the club in president's report.

In Old business, Dusty reminded everyone to pay their dues if they have not. He also asked if anyone knew anything about the Website being down. Fran reported the Tom Leggett had been sick and was checking on site.

In new business, Rusty Taylor, KE5YZM (now N5RTZ) was voted in as a new member. Mark Robertson, KE5WQI informed the club that he now had a Yahoo group for Ham radio invited everyone to visit his site. John Armistead, KE5YSE informed the club that SCI-PORT was going to have a bike tour in October and requested help with communications along the route. The club agreed to help with John to send more information when available. Fran KD5LKB reported that she had renewed our SSC status and that she had updated ARRL with the 2009 information.

In more business Steve K5RAN reminded the club that ARCOS was having a Swapmeet on May 2 and that they had some radios as prizes and invited everyone to come out.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 12:40 on a motion by Robert, KG5YK and second by Buddy KG5ZY.

Up and Coming Events.....

- Testing the 3rd Saturday February, April, June, August and October in Shreveport, Christus Schumpert, Classroom 1 at 9am.
- April 25, Saturday, Twin City Ham Club Hamfest/LA State Convention, Monroe, LA
- May 2, Saturday, ARCOS Swapmeet, Cypress/Black Bayou Rec Area, Benton, LA
- May 9, Saturday, PHARA Swapmeet/Hotdog Social, Cook Park, Ruston, LA

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