

The Relay

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From the Prez.....

Everyone who can please try to make the meeting Saturday, Exacta Inn , Minden at 12:15. Come early (11am) to visit and eat before the meeting. We do not have a large number of items to cover, but we do have a large item – Field Day. WE only have two meetings before Field Day to be ready and we need all the input we can get.

For those who noticed our repeater was off line for a couple days a week or so ago, an explanation. Seems our new Tower owner (whom we have not paid in two years because we did not know who they were or where to send funds) finally decided to unplug our unit at the tower site. That same day I got a letter from a company I never heard of asking what kind of invoice we wanted. I called to see what the letter about and it was the tower owner. I sent them the check for the two years we owed and as it was Tuesday, went to the tower site and plugged in the repeater so we could have our net Tuesday night.

73'

Dusty, N5COL

Another Way to Met Other Hams

Just keeping this reminder for everyone to see!

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.

April Meeting Minutes

The April meeting of MARA was called to order at 12:19 with 8 members and 1 guest 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.

Virginia had nothing new for the vice-president's report.

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

In Old business, Dusty informed everyone that he had been trying to get hold of Mike Delano so secure the Field Day site. Fran informed everyone that there had been very few changes in the Field Day rules and she had a copy of them with her. It was agreed that Troy Ballard would head the CW tent, Fran and Bill the SSB tent and Edwin and Andy the GOTA tent. Dusty was to check with drew about the food. More plans to be discussed at the next meeting.

In new business, Edwin reported that he had been looking into getting us a new website up and running, he informed of how to go about taking care of this and that the n5rd.org was available to be used. Virginia made a motion to secure this website name with a second by Bill Moore, the motion passed with Edwin agreeing to start getting everything set up.

With nor further business the meeting was adjourned at 1:08 on a motion by Virginia, KA5KBP and second by Ann N5SEG.

Up and Coming Events.....

- Testing the 3rd Saturday June, August and October in Shreveport, Christus Schumpert, Classroom 1 at 9am.
 - ARRL Field Day, June 27-28 MARA's site in Sibley, check website for map and other information.
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