

# *The Relay*

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## **From the Prez.....**

The 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> of June is Ham Com time in Plano and a very good place to find commercial ham dealers so I usually go to start work on our Fest. Ran into John Mussey N5FJ, who was there to assist with testing. I was surprised to find out they usually test up to 300 people during the fest. Also saw Andy Maxwell, N5DK and Edwin Johnson KD5ZLB and enjoyed visiting with them. Not to speak of renewing friendships with HF buddies and meeting new ones for the first time that live so far away the only time you meet them in person is at a Ham fest.

Also met with several Commercial Dealers to try to convince them our fest was worth the trip. Got four to promise to be there, The Wireman, The Sign Man, Henry the BugCatcher Man and Jubilee. Others I got a maybe or will think about it. Will work on them between now and the Hamfest. Austin Radio was not there so will contact them later.

73'  
Dusty, N5COL

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## **ARRL Field Day 2009**

Time is here, next weekend is Field Day and are YOU ready for a good time? We have lots of fun planned for then. Operating of all eligible bands on phone, cw and digital. A place for the inexperienced or non ham to operate. Good friends to get together with and have a good time. Fun starts around 3pm on Friday and goes until Sunday afternoon. WE will again be in Sibley at the end of Frazier Rd. in the D&P Piping Yard, signs will be posted along the road and there is a map on N5RD.org. For bonus fun, come on out on Friday several of us will be camping out and just relaxing before we get started on Saturday morning. So come on out next weekend and see what we will have going.

## Nets

### 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
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ARCOS Net	147.670	8:00 pm Thursday
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QCWA	147.670	8:00 pm Monday
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PHARA	147.120	7:30 pm Monday
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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.\*\*

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

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

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## April Meeting Minutes

The May meeting of MARA was called to order at 12:15. 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.

No Secretary's report in absence of Fran.

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

In Old business, Field Day was discussed and many plans were finalized or put on the table for next month.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 1:08 on a motion by Virginia, KA5KBP and second by Ann N5SEG.

Minutes can be edited to include anything else discussed.

### **Up and Coming Events.....**

- Testing the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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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