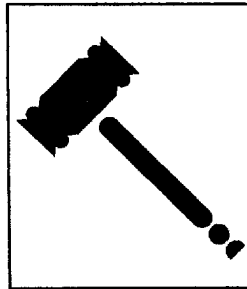


MEETING NOTICE:

The regular monthly meeting of the London Bridge Amateur Radio Association will be held on Thursday, March 27, 2003 at 7:00 PM in the Community Room at the Mohave County Library, 1770 McCulloch Blvd. in the KMART Shopping Plaza.



The monthly meeting of the London Bridge Amateur Radio Association Board of Directors will be held on Tuesday, March 18, 2003 in the Board Room of the above Library. This is a open meeting and members are encouraged to attend.

Please note:

The March calendar published in last months *Static* had an error regarding the March general meeting. It is listed as Thursday, 3/20 and should have been 3/27 instead. This is, I believe, the only meeting night that will not be in the same week as the Board meeting, (which is correctly listed for 3/18). So please change your calendar to indicate the meeting night as Thursday, March 27.

THANK YOU NOTE:

My wife and I would like to thank the club for the card offering condolences over the loss of our grandson in January.

Hugh (WB6TQP) and Jean Allen

WEB SITE:

The club web site is up and running, thank's to Chuck Wittmmack, WXØR. I have looked at it and it is very nicely done. I suggest all members and readers to have a look at it and give Chuck any suggestions, additions or changes they would like to see made. Remember, It is your web site so use it. The URL is < www.lbara.net >.

PICNIC:

If you missed the picnic held on the 9th, you missed a good one. The food was catered in by BBQ Bill's and it was *delicious*. We want to thank Leona Shaver, KD7FKT for all her hard work in arranging it. The turnout was good and the weather was just perfect. The only thing lacking were the members that didn't make it. You were missed and we hope you make the next one. I would personally like to see more of them.



the PRESIDENT'S WAVELENGTH

Jerry France, K7LY

I see by our local paper that the "spring breakers" are starting to stream into town. Kind of like the return of the robins. If you're from the Midwest you'll remember what that means. Yup, spring is here! And that means it's antenna time. Time to put up that new loop antenna you always wanted to try out. Maybe add some more radials to the vertical. Time to inspect your current antenna and make the repairs. Don't do what I leaned not to do. Touching a tower/beam after it's be exposed to 115 degree temperatures can sure make you a believer! Now I know better. Inspect and make repairs before it gets hot!

Got a question on some ham topic? What do you do? Give the Internet a try. Just type your subject into Google (one of the best search engines around, in my opinion), hit enter, and start surfing all the sites that come up. For example, the other day I needed to find a manual on an old Heathkit VTVM. I typed in the model number and instantly I had access to a bunch of sites where this manual could be obtained. Five minutes later, I have my manual ordered and shipped off to me.

Here's some other great ham radio informational sites:

AC6V (if it's not listed here, you don't need it). www.ac6v.com

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Shopping? Try eBay/Radio/Ham
www.ebay.com

Want to try Sarellites?
www.amsat.org

What DX is on now?
www.oh2aq.kolumbus.com/dks

Lots of ham topics?
www.eham.net

These are but just a few of hundreds. The AC6V site can lead you to many, many other sites. Give this a try next time you're stumped with a question or want to learn more.

Jerry France

K7LY



MINUTES:

London Bridge Amateur Radio Association General Meeting February 20, 200s

Meeting was called to order by Vice-President Bruce Hunt at the Public Library, our new meeting place. About fifty members were present.

There were no minutes to read from the January meeting. The Treasurer read the financial report. The current balance is \$6,675.44. With the monies set aside for the trailer replacing, scholarship, building fund, contingency fund and repeater upgrade funds, The current balance is \$2,525.27.

LBARA.NET is our new Domain name/address. Chuck Wittmaack is in charge of the web site. He asked anyone who had any information to be included to contact him. Special event station is still in the works. It should be ready for the Jet Ski finals in September.

TRAILER COMMITTEE - Alan Irey said they are looking to downsize the trailer. They are looking for a unit about 16/20 feet. They are hoping to get a possible donation. We do have \$1,000 set aside but we could use that to outfit a new unit.

FIELD DAY - Need suggestions from the membership.

STATIC - Possible Email or web site would save postage. Cliff Baril, who is presently putting out the *Static* said if we decided to do that, he would need some help. Several voices told him that was no problem.

PICNIC - The Spring picnic is scheduled for March 19. It is to be catered by BBQ Bills. The charge is \$5.00 for each member and \$14.95 for each guest. Cut off date is March 3.

CLASSES - Chuck Wittmaack has offered to teach classes but needs for someone to advertise it.

SCHOLARSHIP - The scholarship candidate has been chosen to receive this year's money. The name will be revealed at the presentation on May 3rd.

TEST SCHEDULE - Ed Gillespie reported the next test for upgrades would be Fen. 28th.

DESERT BAR - The Desert Bar run will be March 1st.

MARCH of DIMES WALKATHON - March of Dimes walkathon is Feb. Bruce Hunt reported he has eight volunteers coming from California to help.

ARES - Ares net is at 7 PM Thursday on 146.610. Anyone is welcome to check in.

Cliff asked for articles for the *Static* and possibly pictures of your Ham Shack or the

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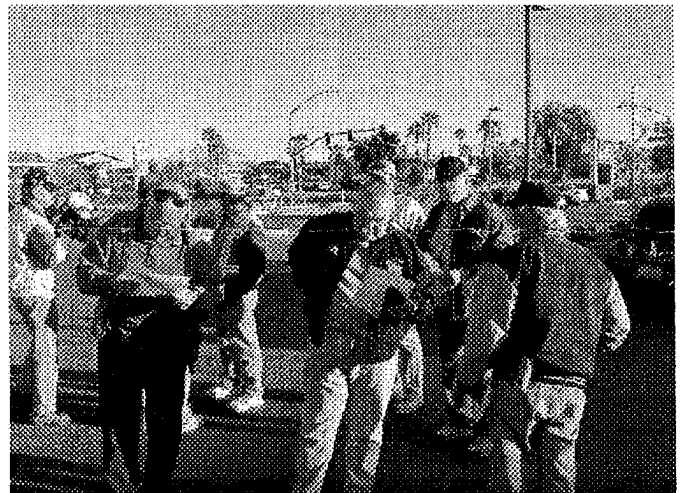
like. The cut off date for articles is the first Wednesday of the month.

Vice-President, Bruce Hunt, closed the meeting at 7:30 PM

Sharon Sgro,
Secretary Pro-Tem

MARCH of DIMES WALKATHON:

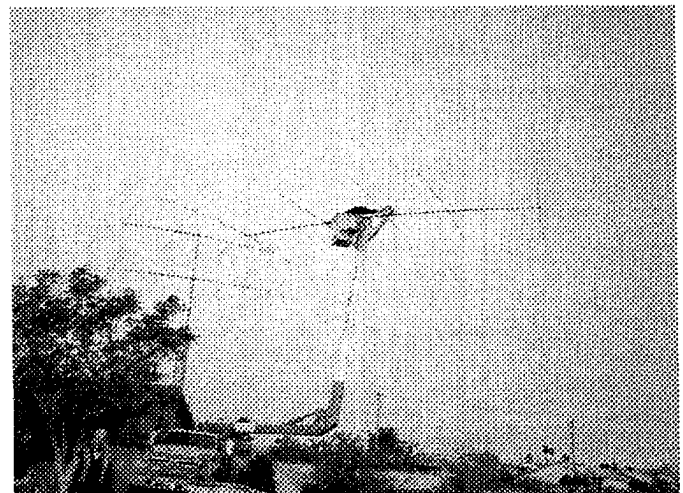
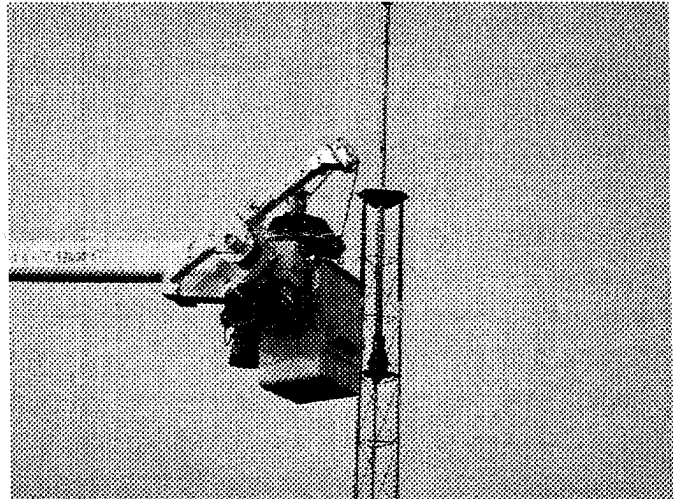
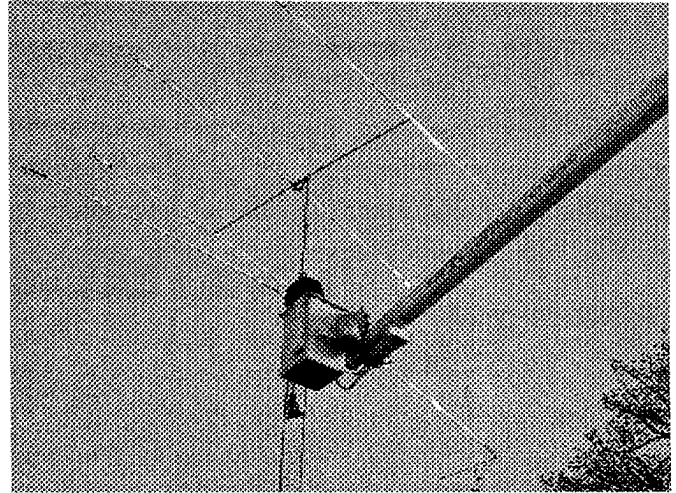
There was no report sent to me of the event except for the pictures of the California Motorcycle Club that rode over to help us with the event. I don't have the name of the club, but our thanks go out to them for their help. The pictures were sent to me by Alan Irey, N7QLL. Thanks Alan. They are in color so I hope they don't lose to much when printed in black and white.



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Walk



ANTENNA PARTY:

The photos of the antenna party were sent in by Dick Jernigan, W7DXJ. They were taken at the QTH of Ed Gillespie, AB7EM. The man in the bucket is Lyle Ross, W6TPT.



**FROM YOUR EDITOR:
COMING EVENTS:**

There are a lot of events coming up which we should be planning on. The big one is Field Day which will be held on June 27, 28 and 29. This use to be a very big club event in past years, but lately it seems to have suffered from lack of interest by some of the members. There are some who have done their part to keep it alive, but it takes more then just a few. FD is suppose to be a time to test our emergency equipment and operating skill, so in case of an emergency we will be ready. I know it's a very hot time of the year, and setting up and operating takes a lot of fortitude, but as a member noted! if an emergency arises it won't wait for comfortable weather. So lets all think about a good turnout with lots of operating stations so everyone will have an opportunity to work. I know that I for one miss the fellowship and the *good food*.

Next will be the Fort Tuthill Hamfest held in July. It is a good place to get rid of some of the old radio gear you no longer use and pick up some gear you may need. It is also a good place to cool off from the summer heat. I remember when several members would take their motor homes and campers and really make a weekend of it. I remember that one year our club ran the Special Event Station at the fairgrounds from our emergency trailer. Also, it is a good way for the club to earn money as ARCA pays the clubs for hours that the members work. A flyer will be placed in the *Static* at a later

date.

The Hualapai Amateur Radio Club also hosts a fine hamfest in Kingman in September. There is no charge to enter and tailgating id free. So again, get that old radio gear you want to get rid of and attend the hamfest. A flyer will be published at a later date.

Also remember the various events held in Lake Havasu City in which the club helps out with radio communications. It is a very good way to show the city that we can be a useful tool if an emergency arises. So next time a work party is needed, step up and be counted. Your help will be appreciate.

I want to thank those who sent in the articles and pictures. It makes my job so easy when I have them to publish. I wanted to have Ed, AB7EM's Autobiography in this issue but due to my computer not accepting Eds Email it will have to wait for a later date. Don't give up on me yet Ed.

SIGNS FROM THE PAST:

Brother speeders,
lets rehearse.
All together now,
Good morning nurse.
Burma-Shave

Spring has sprung,
the grass has riz
Where last years
reckless driver is.
Burma-Shave