

STATIC



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WHY RADIO AMATEURS ARE CALLED "HAMS"

(From Florida Skip Magazine - 1959)

Have you ever wondered why radio amateurs are called "HAMS"? Well, it goes like this:

The word "HAM" as applied to 1908 was the station CALL of the first amateur wireless station operated by some amateurs of the Harvard Radio Club. They were ALBERT S. HYMAN, BOB ALMY and POOGIE MURRAY.

At first they called their station "HYMAN-ALMY-MURRAY". Tapping out such a long name in code soon became tiresome and called for a revision. They changed it to "HY-AL-MY", using the first two letters of each of their names. Early in 1901 some confusion resulted between signal from amateur wireless station "HY-ALMU" and a Mexican ship named "HYALMO". They then decided to use only the first letter of each name and the station CALL became "HAM".

In the early pioneer days of unregulated radio amateur operators picked their own frequency and call letters. Then as now, some amateurs had better signals as commercial stations. The resulting interference came to the attention of congressional committees in Washington and Congress gave much time to proposed legislation designed to critically limit amateur radio activity.

In 1911, ALBERT HYMAN chose the controversial WIRELESS REGULATION BILL as the topic for the Thesis at Harvard. His instructor insisted that a copy be sent to Senator DAVID L. WALSH, a member of one of the committees hearing the Bill. The Senator was so impressed with the Thesis that he asked HYMAN to appear before the committee.

ALBERT HYMAN took the stand and described how the little station was built and almost cried when he told the crowded committee room that if the BILL went through they would have to close down the station because they could not afford the license fee and all the other requirements which the BILL imposed on amateur stations. (continued page2)

LBARA MEETING SCHEDULE

MONTH	BOARD	REGULAR
NOVEMBER	NOTE: BOARD	11/15
DECEMBER	MEETINGS WILL NOW	12/20
JANUARY	TAKE PLACE ONE	1/17
FEBUARY	HOUR PRIOR TO THE	2/21
MARCH	REGULAR MEETING	3/20

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Congressional debate began on the WIRELESS REGULATION BILL and little station "HAM" became the symbol for all the little amateur stations in the country crying to be saved from the menace and greed of the big commercial stations who didn't want them around. The BILL finally got to the floor of Congress and every speaker talked about the "...poor little station HAM." That's how it allstarted.

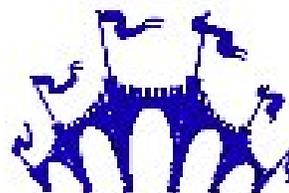
You can find the whole story in the Congressional Record. Nation-wide publicity associated station "HAM" with amateur radio operators.

From that day to this, and probably until the end of time in radio; and amateur is a "HAM."

(tnx to Dick Jernigan, W7DXJ)

Monday Night Net (7 PM)

System	Location	Freq	Offset	PL
MCARS	Bullhead City	145.27	-	131.8
	Kingman	146.76	-	131.8
	Kingman	448.25	-	131.8
	Lake Havasu	146.62	-	131.8
	Willow Beach	147.12	-	131.8
CRRRA	Lake Havasu City	146.96	-	162.2
	Lake Havasu City	224.24	-	156.7
	Lake Havasu City	146.64	-	156.7
	Lake Havasu City	449.95	-	141.3
BARN	Lake Havasu City	447.54	-	136.5
	Las Vegas, NV	449.95		136.5
	Onyx(Palm Springs)	449.34	-	136.5
	Orange County, CA	447.54	-	100



FALL LBARA AUCTION A SUCCESS

The Club held it's Fall Auction on 10/18. This was a combination of items being auctioned by the Club donated from W6FWD and from the estate of Dave Holm (N7DRH).

The Club was able to generate a total of \$620 from the auction of W6FWD's equipment. This was in addition to \$2,478.27 (net of fees) for his equipment sold on EBAY.

A total, to date, of \$1,106 was generated for Dave's estate.

Thank you to all who participated and especially to our auctioneer, Lee St. Clair, W7AX.

LBARA PROVIDES COMMUNICATION

SERVICES FOR THE 2007 LONDON BRIDGE DAYS PARADE

Members who assisted with this year's parade communication were Jim Faulkner, K0JLF; Lee St. Clair, W7AX; Bob Gilbertson, K6BBB; Jim Varner, AE6N; Garry Fisher, K9WZB; John Hunter, KK7CX; Dick Jernigan, W7DXJ; Lyle Sibbald, K7YQ; Russ Nyblom, K7RUS and Lyle Ross, W6TPT. Bob, K6BBB is the one taking the pictures.

A great big thank you is owed these fine gentlemen!



Lyle, K7YQ, John, KK7CX, Jim, AE6N and Lyle, W6TPT waiting for things to start



Dick, W7DXJ and Gary, W9WZB
"There's a parade somewhere up there, right?"



Dick, W7DXJ and Jim, K0JLF
"Say, we're having a bit of a border problem here in Arizona and we'd like to enlist your help. What do you think?"



**YOU'RE INVITED TO A
CHRISTMAS PARTY**

**LBARA INVITES YOU TO ITS
ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22nd
EAGLES CLUB**

**COCKTAILS AT 6 PM (cash bar)
DINNER AT 7 PM**

MENU

- Turkey, Roast Beef, or Ham
- Salad
- Desert

PLEASE BRING A \$5 GIFT TO SHARE WITH EACH OTHER

There will be no cost to members and their spouses. However, if you are going to attend, you must forward \$10/person. This will be refunded to you at the party.

Non-members are welcome at \$10/person. Make your check payable to LBARA. Your purchase must be made no later than December 15th.

Please forward your ticket purchase to:

**Dick Jernigan
3829 Bluegrass Drive
Lake Havasu City, AZ 86406
For information: 855.0670**

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AND HAMFESTS

Superstition ARC Hamfest—December 1—Maricopa Community College, Mesa, AZ—www.wb7tjd.org

2008 WestFest—January 19—Thunderbird ARC at the Thunderbird School of Global Mgmt, Greenway and 58th Ave in Glendale, AZ. This is the first indoor Hamfest in AZ. Take a look at www.w7tbc.org

2008 Quartzfest—January 20-26th. This is a gathering of RV's near Quartzite, AZ . See www.quartzfest.org

QUESTIONS TO PONDER

What happens when you call an 800 number collect?

When you open a bag of cotton balls, is the top one meant to be thrown away?

What does it mean if you break a mirror with a rabbit's foot?

If it's zero degrees outside today and it's supposed to be twice as cold tomorrow, how cold is it going to be?

Would a part-time bandleader be considered a semi-conductor?

How do you get off a non-stop flight?

If blind people wear dark glasses, why don't deaf people wear earmuffs?

How do you know when you're out of invisible ink?

What could porn actors possibly do for fun during their time off?

When it rains, why don't sheep shrink?

Can someone be a closet claustrophobic?

If a turtle doesn't have a shell, is it homeless or naked?

Why do they report power outages on TV?

Why do they call it a TV "set" when you only get one?

When vultures are on their deathbed, are they ever tempted to eat themselves?

If all the world is a stage, where is the audience sitting?

If you're cross-eyed and have dyslexia, can you read all right?

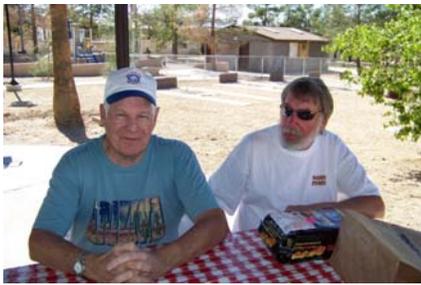
If it's tourist season, why can't we shoot them?

If athletes get athlete's foot, do astronauts get mistletoe?

FOR SALE/TRADE

What do you have? See the Editor

EVERYONE HAD A GREAT TIME AT THIS YEAR'S FALL PARTY



To Jerry France & All LBARA

I am sorry I was so long in writing this note. I really appreciate being a Life Member and receiving the Static so I can keep up on what's going on in the Club. Some of my fondest memories are of the social activities (parties, picnics, etc.) of this special group of friends.

It's hard to express the gratitude for your thoughtfulness.

Thank you.

Jeannie Perry

SUBJECT: GROANERS

Marriage is the mourning after the knot before.

A hangover is the wrath of grapes.

Corduroy pillows are making headlines.

Dancing cheek-to-cheek is really a form of floor play.

Banning the bra was a big flop.

Does the name Pavlov ring a bell?

A successful diet is the triumph of mind over platter.

A gossip is someone with a great sense of rumor.

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FROM THE EDITOR

If you have anything you would like to see included in these issues, please let me know. I'm always looking for articles, news items, construction articles, or anything that might be of interest to our readers. You can contact me at 928.855.7941 or email at grf@uneedspeed.net or francej@ajsinsurance.com.

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ATTENTION READERS

Please note that this issue represents a “work-in-progress” and there are a number of changes to be made in subsequent issues. I would greatly appreciate your comments, both good and bad, as well as any suggestions for future issues. This issue also begins our first attempt to deliver the **STATIC** to your doorstep electronically. Please keep me abreast of any email address changes you may have and I promise to have this delivered promptly and accurately. Also, I still have a number of articles awaiting publication and will do so in the future. This is your newsletter, so keep the articles, letters, and pictures coming. I can be reached at home (855.7941), at work (855.3081) or via email at grf@uneespeed.net .

EQUIPMENT FOR SALE

EDITOR'S NOTE: List your items for sale here. Ham radio related only, please. Include a picture if you like (please use a jpg format). Email all to me at grf@uneespeed.net) along with your name and phone number.

