

# STATIC



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## CLIFF BARIL, W7IRC

### RECEIVES THE 2008 PRESIDENT'S AWARD

Cliff is a charter member of LBARA since 1973 and has held many positions in the Club. He was a long-time Activity Chairman, ran CW practice on the air for 3 years, ran the Club's Net for over 8 years (in fact, he still does that from his Kingman address), was the Editor of the Static from 1990 to 2004 and has been the Club's President for three separate terms. He also is an active member of the Hualapai Amateur Radio Club in Kingman, AZ and the Western Area Radio Club in Bullhead City, AZ.

Cliff first learned CW back in 1943 while a Gunner's Mate in the US Navy on a Landing Craft Tank. He was cross-trained to operate a signal lamp. Interestingly, he used this ability to later train his boss in civilian life. But, he had to train him using a rigged-up blinking light!

After the Navy, he moved to his hometown of Palatine, IL where he finally became a licensed novice, KN9VEY. Then moved up to Technician as K9VEY, which he held for 18 yrs. In those days, Techs were limited to AM/CW in the VHF bands only, so he graduated to 6 and 2 meter CW.

His first station as a Novice was a home-built "Club Save" running 400 milliwatts on AM. His biggest thrill was working a station in Minot, ND with this rig.

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President Bob Gilbertson, K6BBB, presents the 2008 President's Award to Cliff Baril, W7IRC

## LBARA MEETING SCHEDULE

MONTH	BOARD	REGULAR
FEBRUARY	NOTE: BOARD	2/21
MARCH	MEETINGS WILL NOW	3/20
APRIL	TAKE PLACE ONE	4/17
MAY	HOUR PRIOR TO THE	5/15
SEPTEMBER	REGULAR MEETING	9/18

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He then moved up to a home-built 6m AM/CW rig running an 829B final. But he also ran a pretty good antenna system: 8 over 8's with 18' booms. After obtaining a 440 volt "pole pig", he built an amp running 3-4X150R's that would keydown 1/2 amp at 3600 volts! That's 1800 watts on AM! Of course this didn't set to well with the neighbors trying to watch channel 2 TV. When asked if he got a lot of calls from the neighbors, Cliff said the answer was to simply disconnect his telephone! Of course, a petition with 169 signatures on it brought a visit from the FCC and that ended that!

Cliff moved to LHC in 1969 but held a new call, W7IRC (in those days you had to change your call if you moved into a new call area). It wasn't much later that while on a motorcycle trip back to his old place of business in Chicago and on a whim, he stopped in to the new Federal Building. Seeing a sign that announce amateur radio exams being given that day, he decided to try for General....and he made it! (Keep in mind that he had previously failed 13 times to pass the theory portion of the exam, **but** always passed the code portion!)

Cliff is now about to celebrate his 82 birthday and spends most of his time on the air operating CW on 20 meters

### CONGRADULATIONS CLIFF

## 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





## MEET YOUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Your 2008 Board of Directors are Lyle Sibbald, K7YQ (Secretary), Reiner Schick, KD5MBA (Treasurer), Bob Gilbertson, K6BBB (President), Jerry France, K7LY (Vice-President), Jim Gould, KF7X (Director), Dick Jernigan, W7DXJ (Director), Cliff Baril, W7IRC (Director).

Not pictured are Mike Burson, KBYYKY (Director) and Russ Nyblom, K7RUS (Sgt-At-Arms).

**Now if you are ever asked.....you can prove where you're at on Thursday nights!**

## ARES FOR DUMMIES

No....not really, but come to the next Club meeting on 2/21/2008 and learn about our local ARES organization. Dick Jernigan, W7DXJ, and Bob Gilbertson, K6BBB, will providing a ton of information on the subject. Take a look at some of the subjects they will address:

- \* Our local organization
- \* If the power is out, where do I listen?
- \* Emergency Operations Center
- \* Monthly ARES HF Net
- \* What is in your "go kit"?
- \* Proper HT battery maintenance
- \* Club Trailer of Emergencies
- \* Weekly ARES VHF Net

**EXTRA: ARES HANDBOOK (filled with lots of information)**

## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AND HAMFESTS

2008 Yuma HamExpo—February 15-17th. Yuma County Fairgrounds. See [www.yumahamexpo.com](http://www.yumahamexpo.com)

2008 Williams Hamfest/ARRL AZ State Convention, July 18-20th, Williams, AZ. See [www.arca-az.org](http://www.arca-az.org)

2008 ARRL Southwester Division Convention—September 12-14th, Mesa, AZ. See [www.AzHamCom.org](http://www.AzHamCom.org)

We are pleased to announce that we are now expanding our services! We now offer computer repair and upgrades at a discount price to all active Red River customers.

Our services include many things:

- \* Making recommendations regarding upgrades
- \* Removing adware and viruses
- \* Installing/upgrading software
- \* Backing-up and reinstalling the OS
- \* Upgrading or replacing hardware
- \* Transferring files from an old computer to new computer
- \* Setting up a new computer or your dial-up service

**I received this via email the other day from Red River Internet Services. Since Red River has been very kind to provide LBARA with free space to publish our internet page and a ton of assistance, I thought we should all be aware of their business and give some thought to them when you may need computer service.**

**For the Board of Directors - Static Editor**

Our normal prices are an hourly charge of \$50 per hour for in shop work, and \$70 per hour for house calls in Lake Havasu City. All active customers of Red River will receive an introductory discount of 20% until 03/18/2008, and a permanent discount of 10% after that.

If you know someone who might need computer assistance, please spread the word that Red River also has a computer repair service, but only active customers will receive our special discount price. So feel free to drop by during our open hours with a written list of your computer problems and the machine and we'll gladly take a look at it.

Thank you, The Red River Team

**Red River Internet Services**

## **INTEGRATED EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COURSE**

### **ATTENDED BY BOB GILBERTSON, K6BBB**

Bob Gilbertson, K6BBB, made a special presentation during the January LBARA meeting on his participation at the Integrated Emergency Management Course as a representative of ARES from Lake Havasu City. This was a course was held on December 3-7 at the Homeland Security Emergency Management Institute's National Training Center in Emmitsburg, MD. The course was made specific to Lake Havasu City and attended by 50 representatives from its major emergency-related organizations.



**When I got home last night, my wife demanded that I take her out to some place expensive.**

**.....so I took her to a gas station!**

**Lord, Keep your arm around my shoulder and your hand over my mouth!**

**Dream like you will live forever; live like you will die today.**

## QUARTZFEST 2008

Quartzfest is a gathering of ham radio operators in RV's held annually near Quartzsite, AZ. This year's gathering was held January 20th through the 26th. Attending from Lake Havasu City were Reiner, KD5MBA and Nancy, KD5LYS, Schick; Dick, W7DXJ and Rachel Jernigan; Jim, KE7NCZ, and Linda Falker; and Bob Gilbertson, K6BBB.



One thing you must remember.....ham's, no matter where they go.....always want to eat!



**Reiner and Nancy Schick**



**Jim Falker with a 807? Pepsi? Coke?**



**Who's the poor lonely cook?**



**Dick and Rachel's Rig**

### I HAVE A QUESTION!

**Why isn't the number 11 pronounced onety-one?**

**If 4 out of 5 people SUFFER from diarrhea...does that mean that one out of five enjoys it?**

**If a pig loses its voice, is it disgruntled?**

**Do Lipton Tea employees take 'coffee breaks?'**

**What hair color do they put on the driver's licenses of bald men?**

## Best In The Desert Racing Association

### PARKER 425



The Parker 425 Off-Road races were held once again on February 1-3 in Parker, AZ and once again members of LBARA helped by providing communication assistance for over 300 racers at this big event.

Members doing so were: Dick Jernigan, W7DXJ; Bob Gilbertson, K6BBB, and Jim Falker, KE7NCZ. They assisted with health & welfare traffic and racer's passing times.



### More.....I Have A Question

If Fed Ex and UPS were to merge, would they call it Fed UP? ?

Is it true that you never really learn to swear until you learn to drive?

Whatever happened to Preparations A through G?

If a cow laughed, would milk come out of her nose?

### CONGRATULATIONS RANDY

Randy Ward, K7JRW, recently upgraded to Amateur Extra Class. Rumor has it that he was really "blowing his horn" when he left Ed's after passing the exam!

Are you also looking to upgrade your license? Give our VE Exam Team a call.

See Ed Gillespie, AB7EM at #453-7412

# FOR SALE/TRADE

**MFJ-616 Speech Intelligibility Enhancer** - Recently serviced by MFJ. Like new condition. With manual and shipping box. \$130

**Kenwood TS-50 Transceiver** –10 through 160 meters. 100 watts. With mobile bracket, manual and shipping box. Excellent condition. \$450

**MFJ - 941E Antenna Turner** –300 watts. 10-160 meters. Excellent condition with manual and shipping box. \$90

**Hugh Allen, WB6TQP, Phone #453.8659, Lake Havasu City, AZ**

## MORE QUESTIONS TO PONDER

Why are builders afraid to have a thirteenth floor but book publishers aren't afraid to have a Chapter 11?

Do hungry crows have ravenous appetites?

If the folks at the psychic hotlines were really psychic, wouldn't they call you first?

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

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

If peanut butter cookies are made from peanut butter, then what are Girl Scout cookies made from?

Do hungry crows have ravenous appetites?

Why is the time of day with the slowest traffic called "rush hour"?

## LBARA OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Bob Gilbertson	President
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Jim Gould	Director (1 YR)
Cliff Baril	Director (1YR)
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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](mailto:grf@uneedspeed.net) or [francej@ajsinsurance.com](mailto: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@uneedspeed.net](mailto:grf@uneedspeed.net) .

## EQUIPMENT FOR SALE

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