

STATIC



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GOOD OPERATING PRACTICES

Congratulations! You've got your new Amateur Radio license and can't wait to start operating on HF phone. However, you're not certain how you want to conduct yourself. After all, there are few if any mandated rules. Most hams have developed good operating practices and etiquette simply by listening to more experienced hams and you will as well. Here are some of my ideas for your consideration.

DO

- **Always be polite regardless of the circumstances. If not, avoid transmitting.**
- **Set a good example especially for short wave listeners who may be thinking about becoming a ham.**
- **Be a good listener. It will help you better organize your thoughts before transmitting.**
- **Reply to a CQ, or call CQ yourself. It helps keep the magic of ham radio alive.**
- **Speak slowly and clearly, especially when giving your call sign to someone you have never worked before.**
- **Promote friendship and goodwill to DX contacts. Look for ways to get to know each other rather than simply exchanging signal reports and 73s!**
- **Try to keep track of everyone in the QSO. Hopefully someone has assumed the role of "traffic director" to make sure everyone has a chance to contribute to the discussion. If not, don't hesitate to do it yourself.**
- **Make it clear at the end of each transmission which station is expected to transmit next. Try to do this even when operating VOX.**

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LBARA MEETING SCHEDULE

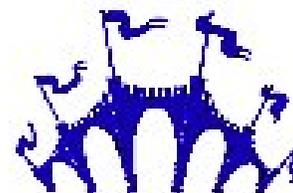
MONTH	BOARD	REGULAR
MAR	NOTE: BOARD	3/17
APR	MEETINGS WILL NOW	4/21
MAY	TAKE PLACE ONE	5/19
SEPT	HOUR PRIOR TO THE	9/15
OCT	REGULAR MEETING	10/20



Take a look at the new Emergency Trailer that the Club is considering. It's self contained and is set up to go anywhere. (Note: The nuclear missile is not include)

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



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- **Openly praise other hams when you observe them doing something that you feel is especially deserving. e.g., helping demonstrate ham radio to a group of scouts.**
- **Always be ready to quickly and calmly respond to emergency situations. Rehearse what you would do if presented with various scenarios.**
- **Pause between transmissions. "Quick keying" gives the appearance that other hams are unwelcome in your QSO.**
- **Consider using the Internet to enrich your QSO. Many hams have developed their own comprehensive websites which you can usually find through QRZ.COM.**
- **Respect the privileges of hams operating in other modes on the HF bands including those who enjoy AM.**
- **Transmit ssb at less than 3KHz bandwidth.**
- **Make a point to try 17 and 60 meters. Good operating practices are especially prevalent on these bands.**
- **Look for opportunities to "Elmer" newly licensed hams when you hear them on the HF bands.**
- **Welcome them, solicit their questions and give them pointers on good operating practices.**
- **Remember that no one country can proclaim to be the leader of the Amateur Radio world.**
- **Likewise, no one country's foreign policy is any more right or wrong than that of another country.**
- **Develop good operating practices. You will be doing your part in helping insure the continuance of our long and proud tradition of self-regulation.**

DON'T

- **Act like some sort of Broadcast Radio station. Your fellow Amateurs will most likely not appreciate such a blatant display of personal ego.**
- **Acknowledge the presence of deliberate interference. After all, that's most likely the overall objective of the person doing the interfering.**
- **Operate when you are in a bad mood. You will be that much more vulnerable to losing your temper.**

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SATURDAY MORNING'S BREAKFAST

You're all invited to join LBARA members for a great breakfast each and every Saturday morning at Rusty's Resturant located at the southwest corner of Lake Havasu Ave and Kiowa Blvd. Breakfast is served at 6 a.m. (or earlier if you want a good seat!) Most important, the food is great!!!!

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- **Be excessively long winded especially when in a round-table discussion and during times when band conditions are changing.**
- **Limit your conversation to only ham radio related topics. Most hams welcome the opportunity to share and explore other interests.**
- **Overuse Q-codes and other ham jargon on the phone bands.**
- **Claim or homestead any particular frequency for nets, schedules, etc. If your designated frequency is already in use, simply move up or down as necessary.**
- **Transmit before first determining that the frequency is clear. This includes transmitting within 3KHz of other known QSOs.**
- **Break into an ongoing QSO unless you can hear the majority of the participants.**
- **Ignore someone new to a round table QSO. We should all do our part to make everyone feel welcome. Avoid making the discussion appear exclusive to your particular circle of friends.**
- **Test your transmitter over the air. It is far better to use a dummy load.**
- **Cough, sneeze or clear your throat into your microphone.**
- **Operate VOX except when in a QSO with less than three participants. It tends to foster "quick keying" which may give the appearance that you don't welcome breakers.**
- **Become a "Band Policeman" quick to tell others what you feel they are doing wrong. In instances where it may be called for, always be polite and constructive.**
- **Turn up your microphone gain or resort to excessive speech processing in order to be heard. Such practices will most likely result in diminished audio quality and increased likelihood of interference to nearby QSOs.**

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LONDON BRIDGE AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION, INC.
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P.O. Box 984
Lake Havasu City, AZ 86405-0984

Signature: _____ Date: _____

INFORMATION AND MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
(Please Print - Use this portion for new and/or changes in your information.)

Name (Last): _____ (First): _____

Call: _____ Class: _____ Expiration Date: _____ Birth M&D: _____

Spouse Name: _____ Birth M&D: _____

Call: _____ Class: _____ Expiration Date: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Mailing Address: _____

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Email Address: _____ ARRL Member (Circle One): Yes No

Would you be willing to furnish radio assistance in an emergency? (Circle One) Yes No

Would you be available for Club participation in community events, parades, etc.? (Circle One) Yes No

Comments and/or ideas (activities, guest speakers, programs, etc.): _____

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- Use the word "break" when wanting to join an on-going QSO. Simply give your call sign between transmissions and reserve the use of the word "break" for more urgent situations.
- Join an ongoing QSO unless you have something to contribute to the discussion. It is especially rude to interrupt other hams with a request for audio checks, signal reports, etc.
- Operate in any fashion that is not in keeping with good amateur practice. Be certain to always comply with the provisions of Part 97 of the rules.
- Knowingly interfere with an ongoing QSO just because you are working DX, especially split frequency.
- Say that the frequency "is not" in use when you hear someone inquire. Refrain from responding at all unless you know for certain that the frequency or one nearby "is" in use. Ridicule other hams or express any negative views of the overall state of Amateur Radio. If you don't have something positive and constructive to say, avoid saying anything at all.

Note: Information presented here is just the opinion of one ham. As such, the foregoing operating practices are intended to be nothing more than a "shopping list" of suggested guidelines presented almost entirely from the perspective of a "rag chewer". DXers, Contesters and hams who enjoy other modes will most likely have somewhat different views. Equipment related issues, being generally well known, are purposely not included here. In any event, it is hoped that this list may prove somewhat useful especially for new operators. The overriding theme is common sense and courtesy to others. Let's always remember what a privilege it is to operate on the ham bands! This will help avoid doing anything that might impinge on the enjoyment of our hobby for others.

SPECIAL THANKS TO DON SNODGRASS

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ZEN WISDOM

- Never test the depth of the water with both feet.
- If you think nobody cares whether you're alive or dead, try missing a couple of mortgage payments. (Amen)!!
- If at first you don't succeed, skydiving is not for you.
- Give a man a fish and he will eat for a day.. Teach him how to fish, and he will sit in a boat and drink beer all day.
- Some days you are the dog, some days you are the tree.
- Don't worry; it only seems kinky the first time.
- There are two excellent theories for arguing with women. Neither one works.
- Never, under any circumstances, take a sleeping pill and a laxative on the same night.

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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@uneedspeed.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@uneedspeed.net along with your name and phone number.

