



# Las Vegas Radio Amateur Club

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Las Vegas Radio Amateur Club  
PO Box 27342  
Las Vegas, Nevada 89126

We operate the K7UGE  
repeaters on 146.940 (PL  
100.0) and 448.500 (PL  
100.0) as well as the QST  
machine on 146.730.

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The next meeting is on  
Tuesday, March 16, 2010,  
at the Salvation Army  
Building  
2900 Palomino Lane,  
Las Vegas

## President's Message

President's Message for March, 2010

Hello all. Thank you to the group of Speedway volunteers who worked hard and helped the LVRAC earn over \$2600, assuming Levy agrees with my numbers. It is your sacrifice of your time and efforts that will help the club move forward. As I write this, the board is working on our next Field Day and pre-Field Day outing. The location will be forthcoming. As many of you may be aware, there are still several activities that are being planned such as the Tour De Cure (for diabetes), Susan Komen Race for the Cure (for breast cancer), and more that will require volunteers. There will be a LVRAC picnic too for you, your family, and those who would be interested in learning more about our hobby.

Speaking of our hobby, anyone interested in learning CW – that funny staccato sound we sometimes hear also known as Morse code? I have put together an eleven (11) week, give or take one, CW class. It starts from the basics and works up to copying the code on air. Hopefully, we will finish in time for you to put your newly learned skill to practice at our 2010 Field Day event. I am planning on it beginning Friday, March 19, 2010 at 7:00 PM, and continuing every Friday from then on. For now, the location will be at my home, which I will not provide here since it is publicly available on the Internet once published. I will provide it at the next meeting or you can contact me directly. I have a conference room in the home I am renting which can accommodate 6-8 people at the table. If I get a larger group, I will reconsider other choices including the CSN campus on Cheyenne. Those who wish to participate in the class will be required to have a straight key and you might want to buy an oscillator if you don't own a radio to plug it in with a side tone. Amateur Electronic Supply (AES) sells a brass key, which is only \$4 more than a plastic one that I don't recommend, for about \$20. AES also sells an oscillator that is available as a kit or wired for about \$20 and \$30 respectively.

I am looking forward to providing ample hamming opportunities for the LVRAC members to join in, as I have outlined in other communiqués. I look forward to mini/pre and post Field Days as well as a picnic and additional gatherings simply to socialize outside of club sponsored events to share amateur radio skills and fun in parks, on mountains, or in a back yard. Let's have fun!

Thank you and 73s,  
Arnie, WA2SOE  
President, LVRAC



## Secretary Report

As of yet we, have no secretary. There is no secretary report this month

If you have articles you would like to see in the newsletter, please send them to  
WD6CZY@ARRL.NET

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## Treasurer Report

### **LVRAC Monthly Reconciliation of Income and Expenses 2010**

Balance at the end of January:	\$3,852.33
Income Deposited for February:	\$400.00
Expenses for February:	\$1,154.63
Balance at the end of February:	\$3,097.70

# Special Events for April, 2010

**Apr 1-Apr 6, 1600Z-0400Z**, Sevierville, TN. 470 Amateur Radio Group, W4H. Easter QSO Party. 28.400 14.240 7.235 3.830. QSL. QSL direct to amateur contacted. [470arg.com/cms](http://470arg.com/cms)

**Apr 3, 1200Z-1930Z**, Raleigh, NC. Raleigh Amateur Radio Society, N4C. 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Raleigh Hamfest and ARRL North Carolina State Convention. 14.235 7.235. Certificate. Raleigh Amateur Radio Society, N4C Special Event Certificate, PO Box 17124, Raleigh, NC 27619. Guest operators welcome! [www.rars.org/hamfest](http://www.rars.org/hamfest)

**Apr 8-Apr 10, 1600Z-2359Z**, Avondale, AZ. Team PIR, K7PIR. NASCAR Subway Fresh 500. 14.255 7.255 14.070 PSK31. QSL. Team PIR, 1211 W Wood Dr, Phoenix, AZ 85029. [www.kg9jp.com/k7pir](http://www.kg9jp.com/k7pir)

**Apr 9-Apr 10, 1430Z-2330Z**, Indian Orchard, MA. Titanic Historical Society, WIMGY. 98<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Titanic voyage. 14.260 14.033 7.260 7.033. QSL. Titanic Historical Society QSL, PO Box 51053, 208 Main St., Indian Orchard, MA 01151-0053. [www.hcra.org/titanic.htm](http://www.hcra.org/titanic.htm)

**Apr 9-Apr 11, 1300Z-1900Z**, Venice, FL. Tamiami Amateur Radio Club, K4S. Venice Sharks Tooth Festival. 21.313 18.153 14.236. QSL. Jack Sproat, W4JS, 1419 E. Manasota Beach Rd, Englewood, FL 34223-6341. [tamiamiarc.org](http://tamiamiarc.org)

**Apr 10, 1500Z-2000Z**, Pine Bluff, AR. Pine Bluff Amateur Radio Club, K5DAK. Railroadiana -- Commemorating the 819 Steam Locomotive. 14.250. QSL. E. Glenn Wolf Jr, 210 S Estates Cove, White Hall, AR 71602.

**Apr 10, 1600Z-2359Z**, San Diego, CA. USS Midway (CV 41) Museum Radio Operations Room, NI6IW. USS Midway Decommissioned 1992 and First Launch of Space Shuttle Columbia 1981. SSB 14.320 7.250 CW 14.060 7.055 PSK-31 7.070 D-STAR 2m/70 SOCAL rptrs. QSL. USS Midway Museum Radio Room, 910 N Harbor Dr, San Diego, CA 92101-5811. [kk6fz@arrl.net](mailto:kk6fz@arrl.net)

**Apr 10, 1600Z-2100Z**, Texas City, TX. Tidelands Amateur Radio Society, Inc, K5BS. 63<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of the Texas City Disaster of April 1947. 14.250. QSL. Tidelands ARS, Inc, PO Box 73, Texas City, TX 77592. [www.tidelands.org](http://www.tidelands.org)

**Apr 10-Apr 11, 0000Z-0000Z**, Goshen, IN. Goshen Amateur Radio Club, K9TSM. 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Palm Sunday Outbreak, April 11, 1965. 28.450 14.280 7.280 3.280. QSL. Elkhart County SkyWarn, PO Box 315, Goshen, IN 46527-0315. May request certificate \$3. **Apr 10-Apr 11, 1400Z-0200Z**, Greensburg, PA. Foothills Amateur Radio Club, W3LWW. 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of FARC. 7.180. QSL. Foothills ARC, PO Box 236, Greensburg, PA 15601. [www.w3lww.org](http://www.w3lww.org)

**Apr 10-Apr 12, 0000Z-0000Z**, Columbia, TN. Maury Amateur Radio Club, W4GGM. Mule Day and Parade in Mule Town, USA. 21.340 14.240 7.240 3.940. QSL. Andreas Eastep (KJ4JEK), 504 Hemingway, Columbia, TN 38401. [www.w4ggm.org](http://www.w4ggm.org)

**Apr 11-Apr 17, 0001Z-2359Z**, Independence, MO. Association of Saints Church Radio Amateurs, WØSHQ. Community of Christ -- World Conference Week. SSB 28.387 21.387 14.287 7.233 3.833 CW 28.187 21.087 14.087 7.087 3.587. QSL. Doug Shaw, WAØEMX, ASCRA Executive Director, PO Box 73, Independence, MO 64051-0073. [www.ascra.org](http://www.ascra.org)

**Apr 13-Apr 16, 1400Z-1400Z**, Southampton, Ha, ENGLAND. RSGB, GB2TT. Over 200 yrs since 1<sup>st</sup> Operation of Admiralty Shutter Telegraph. 14.200. QSL. John Wakefield, MØXIG, Oakhurst, Lower Common Rd, West Wellow, Romsey, HA SO51 6BT, ENGLAND. [www.qrz.com/db/gb2tt](http://www.qrz.com/db/gb2tt)

**Apr 17, 1100Z-2357Z**, Fire Island, NY. Great South Bay Amateur Radio Club, W2GSB. Boy Scout Camporee. 14.225 7.175 3.850 14.070 PSK. QSL. W2GSB BSC, PO 1356, West Babylon, NY 11704. [Info@gsbarc.org](mailto:Info@gsbarc.org) or [www.gsbarc.org](http://www.gsbarc.org)

**Apr 17-Apr 18, 1900Z-1300Z**, Palm Bay, FL. Platinum Coast Amateur Radio Society, W4C. American Cancer Society Relay For Life. 14.250 14.330 7.230. Certificate. Dan Fisher, AI4GK, PO BOX 100081, Palm Bay, FL 32910-0081. [www.pcars.org](http://www.pcars.org)

**Apr 17-Apr 25, 1400Z-2300Z**, Hot Springs Village, AR. Village Amateur Radio Club, W5HSV. 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Hot Springs Village, AR. 21.240 14.240 7.240 3.940. Certificate. Ken Graham, W5HSV, 71 Mandarin Dr, Hot Springs Village, AR 71909-7736. QSL gets certificate - NO SASE REQUIRED. [pages.suddenlink.net/w5hsv/activities.html](http://pages.suddenlink.net/w5hsv/activities.html)

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**Apr 17-Apr 25, 2359Z-2359Z**, Ankara, REPUBLIC OF TURKIYE. TCSWAT, TB90MM. 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of The Grand National Assembly of Turkey. All Bands. QSL. TCSWAT/ Op A.K.Tevfik, TAIHZ, PO Box 73 Karakoy, Istanbul 34421, REPUBLIC OF TURKIYE. [www.ta0u.com/2010/eng/PDF/TB90MM.PDF](http://www.ta0u.com/2010/eng/PDF/TB90MM.PDF)

**Apr 20-Apr 22, 2359Z-2359Z**, Istanbul, REPUBLIC OF TURKIYE. TCSWAT, TC1GLH. Marmara Lighthouse On The Air 6<sup>th</sup> Station. All Bands. Certificate. TCSWAT / Op A.K.Tevfik, TAIHZ, PO Box 73 Karakoy, Istanbul 34421, REPUBLIC OF TURKIYE. *Contact can be used for MLOTA Award.* [www.ta0u.com/2010/eng/PDF/TC1GLH.PDF](http://www.ta0u.com/2010/eng/PDF/TC1GLH.PDF)

**Apr 23-Apr 25, 1800Z-1800Z**, Henderson, KY. Tri-State Amateur Radio Society, W4A. 200<sup>th</sup> Birthday of John James Audubon. 21.290 18.150 14.290 7.190. QSL. Tri State Amateur Radio Society, PO Box 4521, Evansville, IN 47724. [wa2usa@aol.com](mailto:wa2usa@aol.com)

**Apr 23-Apr 25, 2359Z-2359Z**, Çanakkale, REPUBLIC OF TURKIYE. TCSWAT, TC57A. 57<sup>th</sup> Regiment. All Bands. QSL. TCSWAT / Op A. K. Tevfik, TAIHZ, PO Box 73 Karakoy, Istanbul 34421, REPUBLIC OF TURKIYE. [www.ta0u.com/2010/eng/PDF/TC57A.PDF](http://www.ta0u.com/2010/eng/PDF/TC57A.PDF)

**Apr 24, 1300Z-2300Z**, Cedar Key Island, FL. South Georgia United Methodist Amateur Radio Socie, WG4UM. Old Florida Celebration of the Arts. 14.235 14.070 7.235 7.110. QSL. New Harvest UMC, 2548 E Park Ave, Valdosta, GA 31605. *We will be working from several of the different island keys.* [www.newharvestumc.org](http://www.newharvestumc.org)

**Apr 24, 1400Z-2300Z**, Earth, TX. Ransom Canyon Amateur Radio Club, W5E. 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Earth Day in Earth Texas. 18.150 14.260 7.260. QSL. Robert C. Boyd, WA5VSK, 98 S Lakeshore Dr, Ransom Canyon, TX 79366.

**Apr 24, 1400Z-2100Z**, Madison, MS. Jackson Amateur Radio Club, W5B. Andrew Jackson Council BSA celebrating 100 years of Scouting. 14.240 7.238 3.862. QSL. Bill McLarty, KM5GE, 2728 Quail Run, Jackson, MS 39211. [km5ge@arri.net](mailto:km5ge@arri.net) or [www.msham.org](http://www.msham.org)

**Apr 24, 1400Z-2100Z**, Smithville, TX. 7290 Traffic Net, AD5EF. Commemorating 40 years of 7290 Traffic Net Picnics. 7.290. QSL. 7290 Traffic Net, PO Box 394, Diana, TX 75640. [www.7290trafficnet.org](http://www.7290trafficnet.org)

**Apr 24, 1400Z-2200Z**, Tin Top, TX. Tri-County ARC and ARC of Parker County, W5C. 1<sup>st</sup> Activation Campbell Island. 28.350 21.350 14.250 7.250. QSL. David Johnson, KB5YLG, 820 Wood Ln, Azle, TX 76020. [kb5ylg@yahoo.com](mailto:kb5ylg@yahoo.com) or [www.w5pc.org](http://www.w5pc.org) or [www.wc5c.org](http://www.wc5c.org)

**Apr 24, 1500Z-2000Z**, Gary, TX. Panola County Amateur Radio Club Inc, WA5PC. Only international boundary marker within the US. 14.250. Certificate. Panola County Amateur Radio Club Inc, 380 CR 1241, Gary, TX 75643. [www.wa5pc.org](http://www.wa5pc.org)

**Apr 24, 1600Z-2300Z**, Petaluma, CA. Sonoma County ACS and Sonoma Mountain Repeater Soc, K6P. Butter & Egg Days Parade, honoring Petaluma as the Egg Capital of the World. 21.290 21.045 14.280 14.045 146.91. QSL. Matt Ilonummi, KE6LPO, PO Box 2922, Petaluma, CA 94953-2922. [repairguy.net/ACS](http://repairguy.net/ACS)

**Apr 24-Apr 25, 1500Z-0500Z**, Jacksonville, TX. Cherokee County Amateur Radio Club, K5JVL. 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Drakes on the Lake. 21.375 14.275 7.275 3.875. Certificate. CCARC, PO Box 8285, Jacksonville, TX 75766. [www.k5jvl.net](http://www.k5jvl.net)

**Apr 24-Apr 26, 1400Z-0559Z**, Springfield, IL. Sangamon Valley Radio Club, N9L. Boy Scouts of America Lincoln Trail Hike. SSB 14.225 7.225 14.030 7.030. QSL. SVRC, C/O American Red Cross, 1045 Outer Park Dr, Springfield, IL 62530. [www.svrc.org](http://www.svrc.org)

**Apr 30-May 2, 1300Z-2200Z**, Aquinnah, MA. Team HAMCOW/Fall River Amateur Radio Club, WIACT. Annual DX-Pedition to Gay Head Lighthouse, Martha's Vineyard. 21.380 14.280 7.280 3.850. QSL. Roland Daignault, N1JOY, 19 Davis Rd, Westport, MA 02790. [hamcow.net](http://hamcow.net)

**Apr 30-May 2, 1300Z-2300Z**, Barry, IL. Hannibal (MO) Amateur Radio Club, K9P. United States Practical Shooting Association Event. 14.265 7.265. QSL. Hannibal Amateur Radio Club, PO Box 1522, Hannibal, MO 63401. [www.w0kem.com](http://www.w0kem.com)

**Apr 30-May 27, 0000Z-2359Z**, Highbridge, Somerset, ENGLAND. GB10GKA. 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Closure of Portishead Radio GKA. HF bands primarily CW. QSL. Tony Roskilly, G3ZRJ, ENGLAND. *Operators: G3TEC Apr 30-May 6; G3ZRJ May 7-13; GW3UOF May 14-20; G3TJE/ G4HLN May 21-27. Special certificate for contacting all operators. For complete information contact [g3zrj.morsekey@btinternet.com](mailto:g3zrj.morsekey@btinternet.com)*



## Ham Radio News Tidbits

### Spreading the Word About Amateur Radio A Club Project

By Anthony A. Luscre, K8ZT

Have you ever been lucky enough to have a non-ham ask you "what is Amateur Radio?"? Usually it happens when someone sees an antenna or call sign license plate on your vehicle. You are also often busy with another task and do not have time to fully explain all the facets of ham radio. Also the inquirer is unlikely to remember or even understand everything you get to tell them.

My suggestion is a good project for your local radio club. Total cost will depend on the number of active members in your club, but will probably be less than \$75 for years worth of cards. The process is five fold:

1. Create a two-sided business card with a brief "teaser" on Amateur Radio. Provide links to a Web site with detailed information, guide to print materials for the non-computer inquirer and an invitation to your local club's meetings.
  2. Have the card printed by a local printer or via online services sponsored by office supply chain stores.
  3. Create a Web site (or refer them to my site) for information on what ham radio is and how to become a ham.
  4. Distribute the cards to all club members and ask them to put a few in their wallet or purse so they will have them available to pass out at a moment's notice.
  5. Make sure if they do visit your club, your members are welcoming.
- Below are samples of a two-sided card designed for my local radio club. Please feel free to copy the text and make necessary changes to personalize it for your club

By: Katie Jeffries

Posted: Wednesday, March 10, 2010 - 5:25pm

Dresden Elementary students are hitting the radio waves.

Wednesday, 5th and 6th graders involved in the Dresden Elementary Amateur Radio Station celebrated the dedication of a Kenwood Amateur Radio Station from Gene Lindsley. Lindsley is a fan of amateur radio and his son and daughter-in-law live in the district, so when Lindsley heard about the school club, he donated the station to the school.

"We have talked to people all over the United States even into Canada, the kids have been enjoying finding out what other people in this country do," says Jim Mayercak a teacher and head of the amateur radio club.

Mayercak says teachers can also tie in geography, math, communication skills and science by using the amateur radio. Students will also be learning about electronics and satellites to achieve their end of the year goal.

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## Ham Radio News Tidbits

"What we would like to do using a simple radio and a simple antenna, going outside and tracking one of our amateur radio satellites as they go overhead and communicate through that satellite to other amateurs that might be listening," says Mayercak.

Local HAMS and the Muskingum Valley Amateur Radio Club members are also donating their time to teach students all the principles of radio communication. Dresden Elementary's call letters are WX8J so if you are on the radio waves, be on the look out for these excited students.

*We do have a local school amateur radio club at Johnston Middle School, WA7JMS. The equipment at Johnston was donated by local hams. Currently, there are six students involved with the club. These students are preparing for their technician test. The Johnston students have participated in the School Club Roundup scoring over a thousand points. The students have also used HF and VHF radios to communicate with hams in other parts of the country. The Johnston Ham Club is still in need of 2 meter portable radios for the kids. If you have used equipment in operational order, please consider donating it to our school. You will receive a letter on school stationery for your donation. See Dave Moss, WD6CZY, for information.*

**ARRL Requests Support for Senate Bill 1755** (Mar 10, 2010) -- Senate Bill 1755 -- *The Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Enhancement Act of 2009* introduced in October 2009 by Senators Joe Lieberman (ID-CT) and Susan Collins (R-ME) -- has unanimously passed the US Senate and has been sent to the US House of Representatives for consideration and now sits in the House Committee on Energy and Commerce. The ARRL is asking its membership to contact the leadership of the Energy and Commerce committee, requesting support and action on moving S 1755 through the committee. S 1755 accomplishes the same things as HR 2160; HR 2160 was introduced in April 2009 by Rep Sheila Jackson Lee (D-TX-18). Since S 1755 has already been approved by the Senate, moving it forward in the House will simplify the process.