

RADIO ACTIVE

Newsletter of the Las Vegas Radio Amateur Club

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President's Message

By Keith Lee, N0LSL
President

Happy New Year! I trust that everyone had a great holiday.

Well, it is time for the annual question. "Where did the year go?"

I am excited about being your President and working with the Board of Directors that you have elected for 2006. I trust that together with our board, we will do a good job in leading this organization. We have big shoes to fill as the previous leadership staff and board did an excellent job in leading this fine organization. Your leadership team will be working hard to further the goals of the Las Vegas Radio Amateur Club.

We can only be as good as the members who volunteer their time and talents to coordinate events or those who work on the events. We are a volunteer organization, therefore, we all should volunteer and not leave the work to just a few who do volunteer.

There are many events this radio club supports requiring a lot of volunteers. One of the things that make's any club fun and functional is the ability of its members to work together. I encourage each of you to get to know our newer members and make them feel welcomed and a part of a great organization.

Let's have fun and 73's.

Past President's Message

By Charlie Kunz, AA5QJ

As I complete my third and final term as President, I look forward to this New Year: new leadership, new ideas, new hams, new members...

As well, I look back over this past year. We have continued to be a very active club and I am proud of what we have accomplished, and those who took leadership roles.

The past two Decembers I summarized the club's activities. This year was so well documented by Sandy in her minutes published in the newsletter. I'm just going to say THANKS and 73 to all of you – and I encourage you to get behind your new leaders as we move forward in 2006.

Secretary's Report

By Sandy Nelson, KD7WYD

General Meeting - November 8, 2005 – 7:00 pm

Welcome – Charlie, AA5QJ

Intros: Visitors 5, Members 53 = Total 58. 1 member upgraded to General!

Reports:

Secretary – Sandy KD7WYD – Members approved the October minutes from newsletter.

Treasurer – Art K7ZE – Members approved the October report from newsletter.

Repeater Committee – Tom KE4ULL: He is working with Mike Lee, WB6RTH, on the 'portable' repeater, which is not really portable, for use at the new Water District site. The frequency will be 449.700.

Newsletter Editor – Larry Collins, K7DMB. Absent. Please send your notes, articles, and pictures to Larry at k7dmb@cox.net.

Librarian – Mike, KM1KE: nothing new to report please let him know if you would like to borrow anything from the club library.

Communications Trailer Manager – Vern K0EGA: The board approved the replacement of the electric brake system and the addition of the heater module to the air conditioner. Bob K7RJM is planning to shop around to make sure we are getting the best price before we have the work done.

PIO – Frank KL7IPV: Still waiting on our articles to appear in QST and CQ.

Old Business:

G.E. Programmer – Charlie: The club purchased the programmer. It is a TQ2310 and is capable of programming the Phoenix, Delta and other such radios. Tom, KE4ULL, will have the programmer if any member needs assistance with re-programming their radios.

Ham Aid Donation – Charlie: The club sent a donation in the amount of \$1000.00 to ARRL for Ham Aid. Charlie read a Thank You letter to the members from the organization.

School Support: Sully KC6GLD: They have installed a dipole and inverted 'V'. Their first contact was with Alaska!

Dave WD6ZZY: The tower and antenna are up and working! They have made contacts with New York and Palm Springs!

Both teachers again thanked Frank Drake, KL7IPV, for his generous donation of the radios last month.

Silent Key Program - Bob Nelson KD7UHG:

Bill Marple estate: Jason, KC0ERG, has the next group ready for sale on eBay.

Silent Key from Pahrump, Bill, W6EIO: He has cleaned up the equipment and sold the items. He has raised \$424.00 for the estate.

MS150 Bike Tour, Nov 5 & 6 – Champion: Joe, N7XSD: Absent – there were 215 riders that participated and it went very well.

Silverman Triathlon, Nov 13 –Keith Lee, N0LSL: There are 13 volunteers – still need a few more. The repeater test went well. Keith has t-shirts and directions for the volunteers.

Holiday Party, Friday December 2nd, Elk's Club in Henderson – Charlie: All members and their families are invited! There will again be the Yankee Swap and gifts for all Hams! This is a potluck event with the club providing the meat entrée. This is a great chance to show off your culinary skills!! Karen circulated the meeting taking down notes on who is attending and what they hope to bring. Please bring serving items for your dish. Thanks!

SKYWARN Recognition Day, Dec 3rd: This event will run from 7:00 AM to 4:00 PM at the National Weather Service. The club trailer will be there.

Las Vegas Marathon, Dec 4 – Champion: Howard, K3HM. They will be using the RF ID badges attached to the runner's shoes. There will also be clocks every mile, hams will be used to start the clocks, and we will monitor the start and coordinate the start of the clocks before moving on to our stations. Instead of being at the aid stations, the hams will be stationed in between them at the ½ mile markers. Both of the club repeaters and the Fitzgerald repeater will be used. The start is 6:00 AM and the hams should be on station by 5:15 or 5:30 AM.

New Business:

ELECTIONS – Howard, K3HM: in accordance with the club bylaws, Howard opened the floor to anyone wanting to run for the 2006 Board of Directors.

Nominations for President were opened by Frank, KL7IPV, and seconded by Bill, WB0KSW: Keith Lee, N0LSL

Nominations were closed by Bill, WB0KSW, and seconded by Don, KD7YNS.

Nominations for Vice President were opened by Arnie, WA2SOE, and seconded by Joe, WH6CYB: Bob Mathewson, K7RJM
Nominations closed by Bill, WB0KSW, and seconded by Marc, KE7BPP.

A motion was made to accept all nominees and proceed with the voting by Arnie, WA2SOE, and seconded by Frank, KL7IPV.

Treasurer: Dennis Barker, KD7ZAL
Secretary: Kraig Knapp, KD7JSN
Director: Don Randles, KD7YNS
Director: Don Jaster, KA7GRU
Director: Richard Stage, AB7ZI

The members voted and all candidates were approved. Congratulations to the new 2006 Board of Directors!

Presentation – Bob: The 2005 Board of Directors presented Charlie with a plaque thanking him for his 3 years of service as President. Both Bob and Tom, KE4ULL, spoke on the club's behalf, thanking him for being such a great leader and influence!

Announcements:

Club Reminders - Charlie:

*The Club receives commissions for new ARRL memberships and renewals. Please pay through the club!

*Recycling of inkjet and laser cartridges –Pick up envelopes for smaller cartridges, bring your laser cartridges to the monthly meetings.

ARES/RACES – Charlie:

Next meeting is Saturday, November 19, at the Clark County Government Center at 9:00 AM.

Raffle Prizes – Tom, KE4ULL: Briefly announced the prizes for the evening.

(Short Break & Refreshments – *Thank You Karen, KD7MGK!*)

Program – WinLink Overview – Charlie, AA5QJ: Charlie gave a short and informative overview of WinLink and its uses in the amateur community. A good website for WinLink information: www.winlink.org.

Howard, K3HM, suggested using the Nevada Power room for Packet and WinLink lessons and practice. It is available to the club on the second Sunday of each month from 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM. This will be discussed by the new board.

Raffle – Tom, KE4ULL:

Ham Radio Shirt – Mike, KM1KE
 Dual band Hershey Kiss Antenna – Don, KD7YNS
 Repeater Directory – Ron, N7NBA
 World Radio Subscription – Jay, N2ZMI
 APRS Manual – Bob, KD7UHG
 2006 ARRL Handbook – Eugene, KB7JZO
 Repeater Directory - Eugene, KB7JZO
 Hershey Kiss Antenna – Ron, N7NBA
 J-Pole Antenna - Eugene, KB7JZO
 ADI H/T Radio – Jeffrey, KE7EWG

Adjourned: 9:00 PM

Treasurer's Report 01/02/06

By Art Sheldon K7ZE

Beginning Balance			\$ 12,361.52
Deposits			
Dues 2006	\$ 78.24	2 each and 2 PayPal	
SilverMan Tri	\$ 250.00	Silverman Triathlon check	
Cirque Du Soleil	\$2,161.12	Cirque Du Soleil Check (Jason Creager)	
Total Deposits		\$2,489.36	\$ 14,850.88
Expenses			
Sprint	\$ 29.51	December Telephone	
Holiday Party	\$ 141.29	Sandy Nelson Mobile file cart and Holiday Party Gifts	
Holiday Party	\$ 175.45	Sandy Nelson Tickets and Holiday Party Gifts	
Holiday Party	\$ 241.84	Karen Mickett Food and necessities	
AES	\$ 430.92	Holiday Party Gifts & Grand Prize	
AES	\$ 42.99	2003, 2004 ARRL Periodicals	
Holiday Party	\$ 350.00	Room rental and sodas	
Office Supplies	\$ 5.25	Printer paper	
Total Expenses:		\$ 1,417.25	
Ending Balance			\$ 13,433.63

Silverman Triathlon - Thank You Letter

The Nevada Silverman Full Distance Triathlon was held on November 13, 2005 at Lake Mead National Recreation Area. The triathlon consisted of a 2.5 mile swim; 112 mile bike race and 26.5 mile run. Members of the Las Vegas Radio Amateur Club provided communications support for the bike portion of the race that started at Hemenway Boat Harbor to a turn around point just past Echo Bay Marina turn-off back down the road to Lake Las Vegas and ending at the Multigen Center in Henderson. I want to THANK the following members of the Radio Club for their participation:

Jamie Gorr – N3TOY as Net Control
Marc Zuckerman – KE7BPP – Aid Station
Richard Stage – AB7ZI – Aid Station
Vern Garman – K0EGA - Special Events Station
Joseph Scanlan - N7XSD – Aid Station
Don Randles – KD7YNS – Aid Station
Bob Wescom – AA7NR – Aid Station
Jeffrey Yost – KE7EWG –with Bike Race Director
Tom Petrakis – KE4ULL – following Bike Tech Vehicle
Jim Bilan – KC7UXB – Sag (following Bike Sag wagon)
Joe Esprecion – WH6CYB – Aid Station
Jamie Esprecion – KH7ME – Aid Station
Bob Mathewsen – K7RJM – Turn Around Point / Sag
Bryant Smith – KD7JJH - Intersection

A big THANK YOU to Vern Garman K0EGA for assisting with meeting members of the Silverman Race Committee, and with the City of Henderson; for verifying the aid station locations and testing available frequencies for the course. Thank you Charlie Kunz AA5QJ, for working the radio from your QTH; and Don Randles KD7YNS at net control site, while the testing of frequencies was being conducted.

A big THANK YOU to Vern Garman K0EGA and Jim Bilan KC7UXB for their assistance in getting and setting up the Net Control Trailer; to James R. Gorr N3TOY and Tom Petrakis KE4ULL for assisting with the take down and securing the trailer for travel back to the storage location.

Frank Lowery, Race Director for the event, was very pleased with the results of using amateur radio as a means to provide communications. He stated that he was always informed and always knew what was happening at all points along the race. He indicated that the race could not have gone as well as it did, had it not been for the members of the Las Vegas Radio Amateur Club giving of their time and talents.

Respectfully Submitted
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The LVRAC holds monthly meetings on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at the Nevada Power building on West Sahara (just west of Jones). Meetings start at 7:00 pm.

Radio Net Weekly (except 2nd Tuesday) on VHF 146.94 and UHF 448.50 MHz PL 100 Negative Offset starting at 7:00 pm. All Amateurs invited to tune in.

Internet: <http://www.lvrac.org/>

Radio: 146.940 MHz (K7UGE repeater)
448.500 MHz (K7UGE repeater)