

RADIO ACTIVE

Newsletter of the Las Vegas Radio Amateur Club

February 2006

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Leadership Message

By Keith Lee, N0LSL
President

It's refreshing to see an organization as the Las Vegas Radio Amateur Club involved in so many activities. The members whom I have had the pleasure to work with have been awesome. You take on work and volunteer for events with a positive can do attitude. A lot of organizations have volunteers, but nothing for them to do, thus end up fading away and not renewing their membership. But, here with the Las Vegas Radio Amateur Club, there are plenty of things to do throughout the year. This allows for better retention and growth. You should be proud of what you have accomplished and built. I am glad that I am a part of this organization.

On a serious note, help is needed once again as we prepare to work the NASCAR booth B9 again this year. We will only have one booth this year to maintain for the event. Please contact Keith, N0LSL at 247-6150 or Bob Mathewson, K7RJM at 564-6263 to add your name to the list of volunteers working the event. This is our way of raising money for the club, which allows us to support activities throughout the year. I know that it's hard work for three days, but is a lot better than working small events every month. We also have National Association of Broadcasters coming up in April which will require the support of the membership, more information on these events at the February meeting.

Your Board of Directors has been working hard on your behalf getting the necessary state forms completed and submitted on a timely basis. The Application and request letters have been authorized by the Director of Parks and Recreation for Sunset Park. We have once again reserved area F for our Field Day event. We are looking for someone to champion this event, please inform one of the board members of your intent.

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Secretary's Report

By Kraig Knapp, KD7JSN

Las Vegas Radio Amateur Club
General Meeting
January 10, 2006 – 7:00 PM

Welcome – Keith, N0LSL

Introductions: Visitors 5, Members 35 = Total 41 (two joined tonight!)

Introduction of Board for 2006

Reports:

Secretary – Kraig, KD7JSN: The November notes were tabled until February.

Treasurer – Dennis, KD7ZAL: Members approved the December report after Art, K7ZE, read through the bottom line items.

Repeater Committee – Tom, KE4ULL (absent): The 440 machine was hung up and Bill, WB0KSW, went out and fixed it.

Newsletter Editor – Vacant: Larry Collins, K4DMB, has resigned because he is not a current member of LVRAC. Newsletter will be on the web this week. Keith, N0LSL, is filling in while we are looking for a new editor.

Librarian – Mike, KM1KE: Nothing new.

Communications Trailer Manager – Vern, K0EGA (absent): Keith, N0LSL, said the board approved replacement of the electric brake system and the addition of the heater module to the air conditioner. Bob, K7RJM, is going to hook up the brakes himself instead at Johnny Walkers the week of the 23rd.

Public Information Officer – Frank, KL7IPV: Nothing has happened. Stuff has been sent in, but space is limited, so none of it has been published.

Old Business:

School Support – Sully, KC6GLD and Dave, WD6ZZY: They have three or four kids that will take the test this weekend. Dave is moving to a new school and the antennas will be moved with him. He will now be close to Sully's school. Sully said the kids are working HF regularly and making steady contacts. On February 15th there is a contest that lasts all week for schools to contact each other. They plan to participate, just like last year. The kids are excited.

Silent Key Program – Bob Mathewson, K7RJM: Bob has not got hold of Jason, KC0ERG, yet about what is happening on E-Bay.

Ham Aid Donation – Cirque de Soleil has sent a check for more than \$2000 as a donation for our effort to support their program.

Silverman Triathlon – Keith Lee, N0LSL: This was the first time for the new sponsors to hold the event. There were 15 volunteers on the 112 mile course. We collocated with the Coast Guard at Hemingway Harbor. The club members also provided transportation for the racers who had to drop out of the race. This was not a service which the club members had expected to provide. \$250 was donated to the club for helping.

SKYWARN Recognition Day – Frank Drake, KL7IPV: This was celebrated on December 3, 2005 by members communicating with the National Weather Service and other stations around the country on HF and IRLP/Echolink, from the LVRAC Communications Trailer at the National Weather Service Offices. They operated from 0700 to 1400. The total number of stations contacted was 61, including 22 National Weather Service stations. Our total points were 27, which qualified us for the Wildfires Certificate. A SKYWARN Net control meeting was held at 9 AM led by the Las Vegas Regional SKYWARN Coordinator Jeff Green, KC7PK. The club is looking at moving the trailer there permanently.

Las Vegas Marathon – Howard Mark, K3HM: 14,000 runners participated. Only four club members had to cancel. There were enough members, 40, who showed up that the entire course was covered. Next time we will try to get the communications trailer. Two radios were lost during the race.

New Business:

Newsletter Editor is needed. Please consider volunteering!

NASCAR – This will be held March 10-12 and a Speedway Coordinator is needed! Charlie, AA5QJ, has volunteered to be Booth Manager. More details at the next meeting. A sign-up sheet was passed around.

National Association of Broadcasters, NAB – Stan Perkins, W7SLP: It is being held this year on April 24-27 from 9 AM – 6 PM. There will be a Ham reception on the 27th after the convention closes. Volunteers are needed for two shifts per day with a minimum of two volunteers per shift. Monday will be a particularly heavy day. This is the centennial of the spoken voice over the air. It is also the 50th anniversary of the broadcast tape recorder. A signup sheet was passed around.

Announcements:

Club Reminders – Keith:

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 – Keith:

Next meeting is January 28, 2006 at 9 AM at the Clark County Government Center.

Raffle Prizes – Don Jaster, KA7GRU: Briefly announced the prizes for the evening.

Bill, WB0KSW, announced his license upgrade class at CCSN. They need at least 8 people for the class to go. His work is also looking for a remote broadcast engineer.

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

Program – Bob Mathewson, K7RJM, showed his home-built equipment for T hunting. Frank Drake, KL7IPV, showed several short videos promoting the value of amateur radio in both man-made and natural disasters. One video, narrated by Walter Cronkite, KB2GSD, explored the dangers of BPL to amateur radio.

Raffle – Don, KA7GRU

World Radio Subscription – Dennis, KD7ZAL
LVRAC Sweatshirt – Art, K7ZE
LVRAC Mouse Pad – Ron, KC7QXJ
LVRAC Teddy Bear – Jeff, KE7EWG
LVRAC Tile Box – Jim, W7JUA
Canvas Tool Bag – Robert, AA7NR
3-Piece Ratchet-Stubby Set – Jim, KC7UXB
Soldering Station – Jim, N7USV

Adjourned: 9:05 PM

NASCAR 2006 – Update

The NASCAR Nextel Race event will be held on March 10, 11, and 12 at the Las Vegas Motor Speedway. We are manning booth B9 at the event. Charlie Kunz, AA5QJ has volunteered to be Booth Manager. Please contact Keith Lee, N0LSL or Bob Mathewson, K7RJM to sign up to work the event. I will be sending out information to those who have signed up for the events. We are in need of five people to attend an orientation meeting at the Levy Restaurant offices at the Speedway on February 18 at 11AM or February 19 at 2PM; we need the Stand manager, Banker, Runner and two Volunteers to attend this meeting. We need about 30 volunteers in-order to cover all three days without over-working our membership.

Treasurer's Report

By Dennis Barker, KD7ZAL

LVRAC Monthly Reconciliation of Income and Expenses

Balance at the end of December:	\$13,433.63
Income for January:	\$ 477.00
Expenses for January:	\$ 464.82
Balance at the end of January:	\$13,445.81
Net Change in January:	\$ 12.18

LVRAC Monthly Income / Expense Report

1/1/2006 Through 1/29/2006 (Cash Basis)

1/29/2006

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Date	Account	Num	Description	Memo	Amount
INCOME					
Dues					
1/14/2006	2005 LVR... DEP		...Deposit	Checks Wojciechowski, Morris, Smith	380.00
TOTAL Dues					380.00
Raffle					
1/14/2006	2005 LVR... DEP		...Deposit	Cash	97.00
TOTAL Raffle					97.00
TOTAL INCOME					477.00
EXPENSES					
Bank Charge					
1/4/2006	2005 LVR...		1 Canadian D...	Bank Charge	-3.00
TOTAL Bank Charge					-3.00
Monthly Meeting Expenses					
Refreshments					
1/15/2006	2005 LVR... 2312		Karen Mickett	food and drink for Jan 06 meeting	-78.12
TOTAL Refreshments					-78.12
Speaker Award					
1/10/2006	2005 LVR... 2311		Art Shelton	Art picked up gift certificate at AES for us.	-25.00
TOTAL Speaker Award					-25.00
TOTAL Monthly Meeting Expenses					-103.12
Telephone					
1/23/2006	2005 LVR... 2193		Sprint		-29.51
TOTAL Telephone					-29.51
Trailer					
1/26/2006	2005 LVR... 2194		SRobert Mathe...	Camping World: Break-a-way switch	-14.54
				Camping World: Brake controller and wiring	-140.75
				Sears: Two battery boxes	-21.53
				Sears: Two batteries	-152.37
TOTAL Trailer					-329.19
TOTAL EXPENSES					-464.82
OVERALL TOTAL					12.18

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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)
146.730 MHz (QST machine)