

RADIO ACTIVE

Newsletter of the Las Vegas Radio Amateur Club

April 2006

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Leadership Message

By Keith Lee, N0LSL

Many members of the Las Vegas Radio Amateur Club came out to work the NASCAR race event at the Las Vegas Motor Speedway. I want to thank those who got up early and worked through the cold mornings setting up, working and closing each day. This was my first experience and I really enjoyed myself with the event and learned how an event like this is put together. I would like to thank Bob, K7RJM for putting together the roster and running the event along with our stand manager Charlie, AA5QJ. I also want to thank Arnie WA2SOE for being the banker for all three days. These three gentlemen put in long hours to make this event a success. If you have not worked the speedway, I encourage you to go out and try it, you'll like it.

Richard Stage, AB7ZI has put together the first building party for this year. We will be building an attenuator which is used for T-Hunts. Because these kits are no longer available through commercial means, we are going to build these from scratch. Once built, test measurements will be made to check that they operate properly. I encourage members to contact Richard if you are interested in building one of these attenuators. Class is filling up quickly.

Secretary's Report

By Kraig Knapp, KD7JSN

Las Vegas Radio Amateur Club
General Meeting
March 14, 2006 – 7:00 PM

Welcome – Keith, N0LSL

Introductions: Visitors 4, Members 35 = Total 39

Reports:

Secretary – Kraig, KD7JSN (absent): Minutes of February meeting were tabled until posted on the web.

Treasurer – Dennis, KD7ZAL: February report was approved.

Repeater Committee – Tom, KE4ULL: Nothing new.

Newsletter Editor – Vacant: Someone has agreed to do this but we do not yet have his name.

Librarian – Mike, KM1KE: All new items at the library are now online.

Communications Trailer Manager – Bob Mathewson, K7RJM: Still needs to install the weather station.

Public Information Officer – Frank, KL7IPV: Some items have been submitted to local paper and stations. Will have to wait and see if anything is published. Send items to Frank if you would like to have it distributed to: **sirdrakejr@aol.com**

School Support – Sully, KC6GLD and Dave, WD6ZZY: The students have talked to more than 30 hams so far from all over the country. Only one other school was an elementary school. New officers were just elected and they canvassed the other members about rewards. The number one item was more time on the radio. There is a web site but the URL is very long. Dave said that two Boy Scouts want to earn their merit badges on ham radio. On Field Day there is an effort starting to get kids out.

Silent Key Program – Bob, K7RJM: Nothing new.

Old Business:

Speedway Event – Charlie, AA5QJ: Presented the facts on the event, the days were cold. We are still waiting on the check from Levy. Everyone had a good time.

National Academy of Broadcasters – Stan, W7SLP: Let him know what shifts you would like. Ham reception (April 26) is at 6 PM next door at the Hilton. Lobby 9 is where the hams will meet. Call or email if you need more information. Volunteers should already have gotten the VIP sheet by email. Runs April 24-27.

Seed Rally in Goodsprings – Jamie, N3TOY: Jamie thanked those who supported such a long event from 6:00AM until 11:00PM. He gave out T-Shirts to those who worked the event.

Race for the Cure – Tom, KE4ULL: The Las Vegas Chapter of the Susan G. Komen, Race for the Cure will be conducting its annual event in Las Vegas on Saturday, May 6th. He is happy to report that at this point he has 28 Hams, the majority returning from previous years.

ADA Tour de Cure Bike Ride – Howard Mark, K3HM: Spoke about the event and that a sign up sheet is available and more information at the April meeting.

Attenuator building party – Richard Stage, AB7ZI: Spoke about the workshop and that several people have signed up. He has one position available. Parts have been ordered. The location and time has not yet been determined.

Announcements:

Club Reminders – Keith, N0LSL:

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, N0LSL:

Next meeting is March 18th, 2006 at 9 AM at the Clark County Government Center.

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

Arnie Zelig, WA2SOE, had his radio equipment stolen recently from his car. He suggests taking photos of your radio equipment and writing down the serial numbers.

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

Program – Robert Mathewson, K7RJM: Two Presenters

Joy Matlack KD6FJV, Communications Coordinator for the Baker to Vegas Race on the trials and tribulations of managing communications for a major event.

LVRAC also heard from Glenn Thomas WB6W on the trials and tribulations of being ACC.

Raffle – Don, KA7GRU

Bag and Hat – Stan, W7SLP

Hat & Mouse Pad – Don, W7YNS

Flashlight and Hat – Bob, K7RJM

Utility Box and Stuff – Mark, KE7BPP

Hat and Tile Coaster – Dave, KD7VA

ARRL Handbook – Richard, AB7ZI

Harbor Freight \$10.00 Gift Certificate – Ron, KC7QXL

World Radio Subscription – Bob, KD7UHG

Headphones with Mic – Don, KD7YNS

Kenwood HT – Bob, KD7UHG

Adjourned: 9:20 PM

Treasurer's Report

By Dennis Barker, KD7ZAL

LVRAC March Income / Expense Report

3/1/2006 Through 3/31/2006 (Cash Basis)

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Date	Account	Num	Description	Memo	Amount
INCOME					
Dues for LVRAC Membership					
3/27/2006	2005 LVR...	S	Deposit	Art Sheldon	20.00
				Howard Mark	20.00
				Clayton Hugher	20.00
				James Bassett	20.00
				Butch Bussen	20.00
				Bill Crogan	20.00
				Luke Rohn	20.00
TOTAL Dues for LVRAC Membership					140.00
Other Income					
ARRL Renewal					
3/27/2006	2005 LVR...	S	Deposit	Bob Nelson	39.00
				Ron Slominski	39.00
TOTAL ARRL Renewal					78.00
TOTAL Other Income					78.00
Raffle Income					
3/11/2006	2005 LVR... DEP		Deposit	From February Raffle Ticket Sales	119.00
3/27/2006	2005 LVR...	S	Deposit	Raffle Ticket Sales in March	126.00
TOTAL Raffle Income					245.00
Sales of Logo Items					
Vest					
3/27/2006	2005 LVR...	S	Deposit	Vest to Wilmer	35.00
TOTAL Vest					35.00
TOTAL Sales of Logo Items					35.00
Speedway Check					
3/13/2006	2005 LVR...		Deposit	From Charlie Kunz to Keith Lee Cash	162.00
TOTAL Speedway Check					162.00
Speedway Tips					
3/27/2006	2005 LVR...	S	Deposit	Speedway Tips for March 2006 - Keep Sep...	891.40
TOTAL Speedway Tips					891.40
TOTAL INCOME					1,551.40
EXPENSES					
Uncategorized					
3/13/2006	2005 LVR... 2198		VOID		0.00
TOTAL Uncategorized					0.00
Monthly Meeting Expenses					
Refreshments					
3/14/2006	2005 LVR... 2321		Karen Mickett	March Meeting	-73.43
TOTAL Refreshments					-73.43
TOTAL Monthly Meeting Expenses					-73.43

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Raffle Expenses					
3/14/2006	2005 LVR...	2322	Don Jaster	Raffle Prizes	-3.00
SUBTOTAL Raffle Expenses					-3.00
Raffle Prizes					
3/11/2006	2005 LVR...	2317	AES	Radio for Raffle	-107.74
TOTAL Raffle Prizes					-107.74
TOTAL Raffle Expenses					-110.74
Speedway					
3/12/2006	2005 LVR...	2319	Keith Lee	Keith Lee Health Card	-35.00
3/12/2006	2005 LVR...	2320	Robert Mathe...	Bob Mathewson Health Card	0.00
3/13/2006	2005 LVR...	2199	SRobert Mathe...	Bob Mathewson TAM Card for Speedway	-35.00
				Bob Mathewson Health Card for Speedway	-35.00
				Soft Drinks for Speedway	-23.78
				LVRAC hats for Speedway volunteers	-400.00
TOTAL Speedway					-528.78
Storage Sheds					
3/12/2006	2005 LVR...	2318	Flamingo-Dura...	April 2006 Rent	-89.00
TOTAL Storage Sheds					-89.00
TOTAL EXPENSES					-801.95
OVERALL TOTAL					749.45

Science and Technology Expo - Help Needed

By Bill Croughan, WB0KSW

The Community College of Southern Nevada (Cheyenne Campus) has invited us to join them again this year in the 3rd Annual Science and Technology Expo. This is a community-wide event and CCSN is partnering with the Clark County School District. They will be busing in over 2,000 students. The event will be held on Friday, April 7, 2006 from 9:00am to 6:00pm. We will have the LVRAC trailer on-site and manned with volunteers. If you would like to help in this one day event, please contact Bill Croughan, WB0KSW.

April Program

By Bob Mathewson, K7RJM

The April Program was cancelled at the last minute by the presenter. We will have a May program and cover some of the requirements for Field Day being held in June.

Susan G. Komen Foundation, Race for The Cure

By Tom Petrakis, KE4ULL

Help Wanted!! To assist local ham radio operators in their support for this year's **Susan G. Komen Foundation's, Breast Cancer Prevention, Las Vegas, Race for The Cure**. The event will be held on Saturday morning, May 6, 2006. It includes a 1K walk & a 5K run. Last year's event realized over 13,500 participants! The event is held in the Downtown area of Las Vegas, around the Fremont Street Experience.

We will need approximately 20 hams to assist us in providing this very critical support to this year's event. You should expect to arrive at a predetermined location (I'll advise you in a package I'll mail to you) prior to 6:30 AM. I have been advised that as part of the event's "use permits", they must be cleaned-up and gone from the area by 1 PM on Saturday. So you will be gone by somewhere around that time..

The first thing I need to confirm is who is interested and available to assist us in the event. Please reply to my message indicating that you are available to help... The next step will be for me to review the course, work with the event organizers and determine how best we can assist them. This year the Hams will only be needed to cover the racecourse, parking areas and have our motorcycle hams "moving around" the event at various key points throughout the area.

I need to know how many hams are actually available to assist in this effort. Those of you with spouses and/or others, please feel free to bring them along to enjoy the event and help out! Those of you, who indicate that you have motorcycle capability, will be vital to our success! With that many people in one area, a full-size vehicle will not be able to get where we need to go. Please plan on operating your motorcycle-mobile!

If you have any questions, drop me an Email (tpetrakis@cox.net) or call me @ 368-6763.

Thank-you again for your interest and I look forward to working again with each of you on this event

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Articles and Pictures are needed for the newsletter. Submit your articles and pictures to Frank Drake Jr. KL7IPV, our Newsletter Editor.

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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)