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SPECIAL SERVICE CLUB

CLARC GENERAL MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 11, 2017
KEES PARK, 2450 HWY 28 EAST
PINEVILLE, LA.
DOORS OPEN AT 5 PM—MEETING STARTS AT 7

PREZ SAYS

NOTE: JULY MEETING WILL BE THE SECOND TUESDAY OF JULY BECAUSE OF JULY 4TH. SEE YOU ON JULY 11TH.

July 2017

Summer is here. It's hot and muggy and the grass is growing 24-7. We are beginning to see some tropical activity, so are you prepared? Are both your home and portable equipment checked out and ready to go? I just cranked up my generator and ran it for 30 minutes with a load to be sure it would start when I need it.

At our June meeting, Jim Molan, KG5IGG, presented an in depth program on equipment grounding and lightning arrestors. This is vital information that is useful to everyone. Don't wait! Do all that you can do to protect yourselves and your equipment!

Our fund raising raffle was an unqualified success. We raised more money than ever. I want to personally thank everyone who contributed to our success!! I have established a standing committee, the Capital Needs Committee, who will help prioritize our equipment needs and help guide the Board. The committee is composed of the club president, club vice president, Scott Wren, and Dennis Little. If you have any suggestions or questions please contact one of the members of the committee and they will bring it up during the committee meeting.

Field Day is upon us, emails are being sent so you know the details. I ask you to remember that one of the key elements of Field Day is outreach to non-hams. Please don't let anyone you don't know walk around without at least introducing yourself and helping them.

See you at Field Day!!!

Jim

Prior Public Proceeding

Steve Baillio, KA5HIK

Club Secretary

Minutes of CLARC Meeting, June 6, 2017

Pledge

Health and Welfare:

Prayer Requests—Susan Boniol is having a problem with one of her eyes.

New Member: Craig White

Minutes of Last Meeting: approved

Treasurer's Report /Report on Raffle: Net from Raffle--$10,200 Over $15,000 in bank

Jack gave a report on the Gun Raffle, thanking members for their participation in the process of the raffle.

Field Day: Saturday and Sunday, June 24 & 25 --Friday, 6/23 will be setup day for Field Day. The emphasis for Field Day will be on training new hams how to put up antennas, hook up stations, and learn more about operating. During the event there will be guests and everyone needs to be attentive to them and make them feel welcome and introduce them to amateur radio. Field day is a time of preparation for meeting emergencies as well as to become better hams. We are going to have three radios running for 24 hours using a portable generator. Saturday there will be an evening meal with pulled pork and barbeque. Members will bring the sides. More info will go out.

Jack made a motion that the club set a budget of $350 for Field Day and Steve Neesley seconded. It was approved. Field Day will be at the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers hall on Masonic Drive.

Hamfest—We are looking to have the best Hamfest yet on September 22 & 23. We will need members to help with setup. Main trading will be pulling their new trailer into the coliseum and their display setup will be much easier this year. There are many more vendors planning to attend. We are trying to get more big name vendors in the fest. On Friday, the 22, we will have a fried catfish meal with all the trimmings in the evening. Cost for the meal will be announced ahead of time.

Program: Jim Molan spoke on Lightning Protection

Steve asked members to fill out a new information sheet which requests contact information for their emergency contact. He will be sending the forms out by e-mail. The forms can be returned by e-mail or by mail to:

Steve Baillio
4302 Coliseum Blvd
Alexandria, LA 71303

We are going to establish a Capital Needs Committee to help plan and prioritize our capital needs. Let Jim know if you would like to serve on the committee.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm

Treasurer's Report
Stacey Sonneland, KG5KGU

Balances to be announced at the club meeting

4/1/2017 through 6/16/2017

INCOME (Total)		***24,704.50***
Club Dues	See new members	64.00
Drawing 50-50		80.50
Raffle Sales		24,560.00
EXPENSES (Total)		***(18,777.51)***
Hamfest 2017		(19.56)
Raffle Purchases	Rifles&Gift Certs	(18,182.00)
Raffle Related Expenses	Booths&Brochures	(575.95)
OVERALL TOTAL		***5,926.99***

Please welcome new members

Randy & Betty Bailey
Amy Thompson
Craig Little

Our club membership now stands at ____67____.

Apply your hobby to Public Service. To find out more, contact a CLARC member and we will inform you of how you can help in times of emergency http://www.laarrl.org/ss/la-ares/ares-registration/

Amateur Radio on longwave, 136 mhz (suggested by Dave/KG5POW)
http://www.qsl.net/on7yd/136khz.htm By the way, IF you could make a half wave dipole for this frequency, each leg would be over a quarter mile long—the whole antenna over a half mile long!

Region Six District EC-Terry Partigianoni--W5TMP

Region Six EC's
Marlin Thompson--KG5RPZ
Mike Canady—N5GJQ
Kenneth Walker—KF5YRN

ARES/RACES Report

Become an ARES member: http://www.laarrl.org/ss/la-ares/ares-registration/
Public Service Activity Reporting: http://www.laarrl.org/ss/la-ares/fsd157/

ARRL ARES E-Letter http://www.arrl.org/ares-el?issue=current

Sunday, 7:30 pm: Louisiana HF ARES net, on 3873 kHz. Sunday, 8:15 pm: Central Louisiana ARES/RACES net, followed by the CLARC Prayer net. 8:15 pm: Louisiana ARES digital mode net, 3596 kHz, USB, mark 1500 on the waterfall

LOCAL REPEATERS (all repeaters are toned at 173.8):
147.330--Alexandria repeater www.clarc.us
147.375--Pineville repeater www.clarc.us
443.300--Alexandria repeater www.clarc.us
53.230--Alexandria repeater www.clarc.us
444.975–Louisiana Link System www.kdqzd.org Temporarily down.
145.470— http://saltgrasslink.com/ (link temporarily down)
145.150—Alexandria D-Star www.clarc.us
147.210—Minden D-Star of Alexandria http://n5mad.com/D-STAR-REPEATERS-REFLECTORS.php

The audio feed for local repeaters (except D-Star) can be found at https://www.broadcastify.com/listen/feed/16101/web

Events

Social meeting at a local restaurant every Friday. Announcements on the 147.330 repeater and via email.

Digital Mode Schedule

For those with digital capabilities: The ARRL Digital Bulletins are transmitted Monday through Friday on the following frequencies: 3.5975, 7.095, 14.095, 18.1025, 21.095, 28.095 and 147.555 mhz. at 5 pm CST/2300 Zulu, Monday through Friday. The schedule rotates every day with RTTY, BPSK31, & MFSK16.

HAM HUMOR

Cheap and Easy Meal

Black beans and rice

This recipe from **AllRecipes.com** only requires a handful of inexpensive ingredients.

Start by heating your oil in a stockpot over medium-high heat. Add the onion and garlic and saute for 4 minutes, then add the rice and saute for another 2 minutes. Next, add in the vegetable broth, bring to a boil, lower the heat and cook for 20 minutes. The spices and black beans should be added right before you're ready to serve.

Ingredients:

- 1 Tbsp. of olive oil: 25 cents
- 1 large onion, chopped: 99 cents
- 2 cloves garlic, minced: 50 cents
- 3/4 cup uncooked rice: 50 cents
- 1-1/2 cups vegetable broth: 50 cents
- 1 tsp. ground cumin and 1/4 tsp. cayenne pepper: 25 cents
- 3-1/2 cups canned black beans, drained: $1.98

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ARES Louisiana https://www.facebook.com/groups/Louisiana.ARES/
ARES Region 6 https://www.facebook.com/groups/791902104244035/

Dues structure: $30 club membership with Full privileges
and an additional $2 for other family members living in the same household.

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Call _____

License Class _____

Address _____

City _____ St _____Zip_____

Home Phone _____ Cell_____

Email Address _____

Emergency Contact Information:

- Name _____
- Home Phone _____ Cell _____
- Address if different from yours _____

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Additional Members:

1st Name _____ Call_____

2nd Name _____ Call_____

Total Amount Enclosed $ _____