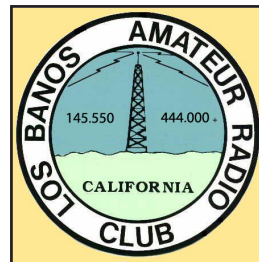




Los Banos Amateur Radio Club

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Get Well, Curtis!!



Curtis, KG6UCW took a fall recently and is laid up with a back injury. This picture is of Curtis and Sandy, KG6ZYP at the 2007 Christmas Party. Get well, Curtis. We all look forward to seeing you back in action soon!

The LBARC Net

Day: Thursday
Time: 7:30PM, local time
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Scheduled hosts:

Feb - AD6AA
Mar - ??
Apr - W6YD

Coming Events

Feb 9th.....Club Meeting
Feb 23, 24.....Radiofest
Mar 8th.....Club Meeting
Apr 12th.....Club Meeting
May 3rd.....May Day Parade
May 12th.....Club Meeting

Monterey Radiofest

February 23rd & 24th
www.radiofest.org

February 2008 Meeting

Our next meeting will be held February 9th in the Los Banos Police Annex Building, which is located at 555 "J" Street.

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**Membership in the Los Banos Amateur Radio Club is open to all radio amateurs.
Annual dues are \$10 and are due the first of each year.**

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Los Banos Amateur Radio Club 2008 Calendar of Events

January 12	Monthly Meeting - Police Annex Bldg., 555 “J” Street
February 9	Monthly Meeting - Police Annex Bldg., 555 “J” Street
February 23, 24	Monterey Radiofest (www.radiofest.org)
March 8	Fox Hunt & Pizza Night
April 12	Monthly Meeting - Police Annex Bldg., 555 “J” Street
April 25 - 27	International DX Convention - Visalia (www.dxconvention.org)
May 3	May Day Parade Setup & Communications Help
May 10	Monthly Meeting - Police Annex Bldg., 555 “J” Street
June 14	Monthly Meeting - Police Annex Bldg., 555 “J” Street
June 28 - 29	Field Day (Always the 4th Full Weekend in June)
July 12	Ice Cream Social - Police Annex Bldg., 555 “J” Street
August 9	Pizza Night
September 13	Monthly Meeting - Police Annex Bldg., 555 “J” Street
October 11	Monthly Meeting - Police Annex Bldg., 555 “J” Street (Mike, AD6AA & Tracey’s Anniversary)
November 8	Monthly Meeting - Police Annex Bldg., 555 “J” Street
December 6	Christmas Parade Setup & Communications Help
December 13	Christmas Party

It Seems to Me... (A Case for Joining the ARRL)

In a recent remark, Mitt Romney, one of the Republican presidential hopefuls, dismissed the Amateur Radio Service as not being necessary. As one might expect, this remark set off quite a stir in the Amateur Community. All of us in the hobby probably disagree with Mr. Romney's assertion. However, I've opted not to become involved in the debate. Nor do I feel like we should become involved in a letter writing campaign. Instead, I feel we should leave the decisions on what actions should be taken and when they should be taken up to the American Radio Relay League. After all, the ARRL is the sole organization that represents the interests of ALL U.S. radio amateurs, which brings me to my point.

How many LBARC Members are also, ARRL Members? It seems to me that every member of our club should also be an ARRL Member. Why? Well, quite simply, the League is the **ONLY** voice we have in dealing with the Congress, the FCC and local regulatory agencies.

Who led the fight for PRB-1, the bill that allows us the right to have reasonable antennas and towers? And who's leading the fight against BPL (Broadband on Power Lines), which poses the single biggest threat not only to our hobby, but to radio communications in general. The League also acts on our behalf to protect the Amateur Radio Spectrum from infringement by business interests. These are just a few of the services the League performs in behalf of its members. There are many others.

So, as I see it, we should support the ARRL in every way we can. The best way is, of course, if you're not already a member, sign up to become one. The cost is small — only \$39 per year (\$36 for age 65 and over) — and the benefits are many. First and foremost, membership includes a one year subscription to **QST**, the Official Journal of the ARRL. The newsstand price for **QST** is \$5.00 per issue. So ARRL members save \$21.00 over buying **QST** on the newsstand. Then ARRL Members have access to low cost equipment insurance. This insurance covers **replacement** cost (**not depreciated** cost) of lost, damaged or stolen ham radio equipment. That's a real bargain!

Finally, if 51% or more of our (LBARC) members were also ARRL members, LBARC could become an ARRL affiliated club.

What would that mean? First, as an affiliated club, we would have access to low cost liability insurance for our members. This would cover us for injuries sustained while engaged in Club activities — be that Field Day, Fox Hunting or Parade Communications Support. Additionally, we would be listed with the ARRL for reference when someone is interested in becoming a ham. And finally, we would have access to the records of all active hams in the Los Banos and surrounding area. This would enable us to initiate contact with those active hams with the prospect of recruiting new members for our club. I am assuming we would all like to see our club grow.

Stop and think about it for a minute: people, including hams, are constantly moving into the Los Banos area. Most would like to join a club as a means of getting to know people in the area. What better way to get our name out, than to be an ARRL affiliated club and be listed as such on the ARRL web site. So, being an ARRL member serves to benefit both the individual as well as the club.

Are you ready to help yourself, as well as the club? If so, why not go to the ARRL web site and join this fine organization. The ARRL web site is at www.arrl.org.

The ARRL promotes our hobby — let's go all out to support the ARRL!

73 de George, W6YD



January Meeting Pictures

