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GENERAL

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HAPPENINGS

On June 3, 2004, "an unintentional chemical reaction at the Marlin Company Inc. plant on Underdown Avenue in Lenoir caused a poisonous gas cloud to be released into the atmosphere Thursday morning which resulted in the evacuation of between 300 to 400 persons from the heart of uptown Lenoir." (*Lenoir News-Topic*, 6/4/04)

From the same source, it was reported that an ultra-lite aircraft crashed into Lake Rhodhiss Thursday morning. While neither of the two occupants were injured, it was fortuitous that a near-by fisherman was in his boat and was able to retrieve the two men from the water.

In both cases, several emergency agencies responded to these happenings and no serious injuries were reported. (See editorial – this newsletter).

UPCOMING EVENTS

The next scheduled meeting of the LARC is set for July 8th (Thursday), 7 PM, at the Caldwell County Public Library. Mark your calendars!

Long Range: The 5th annual Ten-Tec Hamfest will be held at the Ten-Tec facility in Sevierville, TN on Friday Sept. 24 and Saturday Sept. 25 for 2004. (submitted by Rick, N4WYK)

PROJECTS

RAMBLING 'ROUND/TIDBITS

This space will be used for *your contributions* to the monthly Newsletter! It can be for comments/news/notices/events inside or outside the club and/or other items contributed by members that are of general interest to the members. Please email the Newsletter Editor at (bozo38@charter.net) by the 1st of the month for incorporation into the next scheduled newsletter...usually around the 5th of the month. Contributions are welcome!!!

EDITORIAL

During the recent chemical accident and ultimate evacuation of hundreds of uptown area persons, and with many "Emergency" units and organizations activated and responding, I contacted the Lenoir Police Department and Sheriff's Department to offer any assistance on the part of ARES to assist in any evacuation efforts or of the blocking of roads/intersections. While I was politely turned down, it was unfortunate that the answering telephone operator was not even *aware* of our organization- although she was familiar with *REACT*. She *did* state she was in contact with the Incident Commander (Fire Department) by radio and that she would relay our offer of assistance to him and he would return my call. He never did. This is just another instance where we, dedicated to public service, have been shunned in this county – mostly at the hands of *Emergency Management*. We need to change this! A daunting task, I assure you, but one that needs to be addressed!! Ideas?? -Ed

SWAPSHOP

You are invited to list your FOR SALE, FOR SWAP, FOR FREE, or WANTED items in this section. Simply send an email, no later than the 1st of the month, to the newsletter editor (bozo38@ charter.net) describing your items and they will be incorporated in the next newsletter due out on or about the 5th of the month. If your item is a FOR SALE item, please indicate your PRICE...along your email address, and/or contact phone number, and with the item's full description! Thanks.

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