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ARRL ORANGE SECTION

NEWSLETTER

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AMATEUR RADIO WEEK PROCLAIMED IN CORONA

PROCLAMATION

Amateur Radio Week
June 22-28, 2009

WHEREAS, the City of Corona has more than 297 licensed Amateur Radio Operators who have demonstrated their value to the public by providing emergency radio communications; and

WHEREAS, Amateur Radio, also known as Ham Radio, is a fun hobby for all ages and levels of expertise, appealing to both Hams who are new to Amateur Radio and Hams experienced with electronics who build their own radios; and

WHEREAS, these Amateur Radio operators provide communications support and service in times of local emergencies and for numerous Community events, such as parades and festivals; and

WHEREAS, the Corona Police Department Communications Specialist Volunteers have provided outstanding support to the Police Department during investigations of major crimes, aircraft crashes, other local incidents and the annual Baker to Las Vegas Law Enforcement race competition; and

WHEREAS, the Corona Police Department Communications Specialist Volunteers have actively promoted the licensing of new Hams through teaching license preparation classes and conducting FCC sanctioned testing sessions; and

WHEREAS, the American Radio Relay League (ARRL) sponsors an annual Field Day exercise on the 4th weekend of June where skills of Amateur Radio operators are put to the test in amicable competition; and

WHEREAS, the Corona Police Department Communications Specialist Volunteers, who have served the City of Corona since 1992, will participate in Amateur Radio Field Day on June 27th and 28th, 2009 at Benjamin Franklin Elementary School in the City of Corona; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MAYOR STEVE NOLAN, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby recognize and commend the efforts of the Amateur Radio operators for their dedication and commitment and I call upon all of our citizens to recognize the importance of this community emergency preparedness, do hereby proclaim the week of June 22 through June 28, 2009 "Amateur Radio Week" in the City of Corona.

Proclaimed this 27th day of June, 2009.

Steve Nolan, Mayor

CITY OF CORONA

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Congratulations to the Corona Specialist Volunteers—For enhancing Amateur Radio and enlightens the community of our role as emergency communication operators.

Even though this was received just before field day and after the ARRL printed it's Friday newsletter, I am forwarding this to the ARRL and request a posting in the newsletter. This may be the only California awareness of Amateur Radio announced to the ARRL.

Local Ham Named CQ Public Service Editor



Local Amateur Radio Operator, Richard Fisher KI6SN, who resides in Riverside, CA was named CQ Public Service Editor.

Veteran journalist and Ham Radio writer, Mr. Fisher has had a 35 year career in newspaper journalism, editing, and management roles.

He is also currently a columnist for two of CQ's sister magazines, the Popular Communications and Trail-Friendly Radio for "WorldRadio Online." He previously wrote the QRP (low power) column for the print version of WorldRadio, and is co-founder of the Adventure Radio Society.

Richard had been our Orange Section Public Information Coordinator (PIC). Richard continues to utilize his skills and talents to promote Amateur Radio as a service to our communities.

Congratulations Richard and best of wishes.

Fullerton ARC Once Again Sponsors Events

May—FRC sponsored their annual "Antenna's In the Park" this year held at the Tri-City Park. Co-sponsors of the event was CARA (Catalina Amateur Repeater Assoc.) & WARA (Western Amateur Radio Assoc.). This event was once again written up the local Fullerton newspaper. We attended with our two grandson's and had a great time.

May—2009 FRC supported the annual local tennis tournament. The event had over 1700 participants. There were over 16 Amateur Radio operators participated in communications for the event. Another great way to practice our communication skills in times of emergencies. This event was also in the local newspaper.

We are eager to get each club involved with their PIO getting the news out to their local newspapers and spread the word.

Local Ham Receives Aid from 3 Amateurs in Wyoming

In June, we were traveling in Wyoming when a wheel bearing on my trailer burned up. We were halfway between Lander, WY, and Dubois, WY. There is no cell phone service there and the only communication available was Amateur Radio. When I put out the call on 146.520 I was answered by KC7ZVV. He called AAA for me to get road service. When AAA arrived they didn't have the proper equipment and said they would put in a call for another unit when they got to an area that phones would work. About 2 hours later there was still no assistance from AAA. I again called upon KC7ZVV. While talking to him 2 other amateurs came on the air. One said he had tools and could change the wheel bearing to get me off the road. He

came out, took off the wheel, got the part numbers, and went after them. When he returned, he had a friend with him, KE7KBE. Together they were able to make a good enough temporary repair to get me off the side of the road and to a campground in Dubois, WY. They would accept no money from me, other than the cost of the bearings. They then followed us all the way to the campground in Dubois.

These gentlemen gave freely of their time and fuel. I estimate that KB7FGN had to have put at least 150 miles on his truck. Without their help, we would have been stuck out there for far longer than we were.

I feel that they have embodied the true spirit of Amateur Radio and should receive some kind of recognition. Being new to this as I am, I do not know what programs are available. In any event, I think that they deserve more than just a heartfelt thank you from my wife and I, and my sister, who was traveling with us.

Yours truly,
Richard Lewis
K16VAF

Carl has sent this to the WY Section Manager & Rocky Mountain Division Director

On-Foot Direction Finding

July 18, 2009

The next on-foot direction-finding session will be Saturday, July 18, 2009 at Craig Regional Park for beginner and intermediate level transmitter hunters. All ages are welcome, so bring the family. A ham radio license and/or knowledge of radio equipment is not required. Experts will be on hand to teach you the basic techniques of on-foot direction-finding.

If you are a beginner, there will be plenty of simple two-meter fox transmitters just for you. For radio-orienteer's of average experience, there will be a 5-fox two-meter international-rules course of low to moderate difficulty. A transmitter on the 80-meter band will also be available to hunt. Course setter will be Joe Moell K0OV. There will be no charge for the transmitter hunts.

The main 5-fox hunt begins about 10:30 AM. Hunters may start the courses at any time until 1 PM. Courses close at 3 PM.

If you don't have the antenna/attenuator system for on-foot foxhunting on two meters with your ham radio handi-talkie or scanner, you can easily make one right before the hunts start. Beginning about 9:00 AM, Marvin Johnston KE6HTS will conduct a clinic for building his kits for measuring-tape yagis (\$15) and for 90 dB offset-type attenuators (\$18). For \$40, you can get the yagi kit and an assembled/tested attenuator in a special housing that goes inside the boom of the yagi. If you register in advance by sending e-mail to marvin@west.net, he will have the kits reserved in your name waiting for you.

It takes about an hour to put the two kits together with tools and soldering irons that will be provided. If you're not an electronic technician, don't worry because there will be plenty of experts to help you. We want you to succeed! Then with your HT and the kit built equipment, you will be all set to hunt.

Craig Regional Park is between the cities of Fullerton and

Brea. It is bounded on the west by State College Boulevard, on the north by Imperial Highway, on the east by the 57 freeway and on the south by Bastanchury Road. See the maps at homingin.com for navigation to the park and to the start point. From the 57 freeway, take the Imperial Highway exit, go west to State College (first light), turn left (south) and look for the park on your left (east). This is the only vehicular entrance.

Vehicular entrance and parking within Craig Park costs \$5, although you can park just outside along the street for free. Hunt starting point will be at the north end of the park, just south of the walkway. If you're driving in, turn left into the first parking lot after the entry gate. If you park outside and walk in, turn to the left and take the sidewalk to the north end. Look for the orange and white orienteering flag.

Two meter talk-in is on K6QEH/R, 146.97(-) PL 136.5.

73,

Joe Moell K0OV

www.homingin.com



Upcoming Events In The Orange Section or Other Sections in the SWD

1. **July 10 thru August 9, 2009** "Think Big"
Amateur Radio operators will once again volunteer their time at the Amateur Radio booth. For more information on volunteering contact: Richard Thompson Chair of OC-CARC at wa6nol@wa6nol.com or Gordon West at wb6noa@arrl.net. Fairground hours visit <http://www.ocfair.com/>
2. **July 17 - 18** Williams State Convention/Hamfest in Arizona Gateway to the Grand Canyon visit: <http://www.arca-az.org/arca/main/convention.asp>
3. **August 15** Santa Barbara ARC sponsoring SWD Convention/Hamfest 2009 at the Earl Warren Show Grounds. For more information go to: www.sbarc.org or www.orange-arrl.org for flyer & registration form.

Satellite Demo - Yaesu Class

You are invited! RSVP info below.

Clint Bradford, K6LCS, will be presenting ...

Getting to Know Your Yaesu FT-60R (5:30 pm)

How to Work Amateur Satellites with Your Hand-held Radio (6:30 pm)

Saturday, July 25, 2009 - Big Bear Amateur Radio Club - Big Bear Lake Fire Station - 41090 Big Bear Blvd 92315

And if you've been thinking of purchasing a new dual-band handheld – or want to add to your collection – we have negotiated special pricing on the Yaesu FT-60R (and all Yaesu accessories purchased at the same time) with Ham Radio Outlet in Anaheim until July 25! For your special pricing, you must mention "K6LCS' Big Bear Deal" when you speak directly with HRO's Janet at 714-533-7373.

RSVP before July 20 – or for inquiries:

909-241-7666 or clint@clintbradford.com

Download the four-page satellite tutorial:
<http://www.k6lcs.com>

Local Companies Who Support Amateur Radio In The Orange Section

The DX Store

Amateur Radio Equipment for DXers
A Shack on the belt Free Zone



Website: www.dxstore.com

Contact: Jim Shryne N6DHZ

Email: n6dhz@dxstore.com

Website: www.hamradio.com

Email: anaheim@hamradio.com

Ph: 1 800.854.6046

FORD Electronics.com

Website: www.fordelectronics.com

714 521.8080

Email: sales@fordel.com

NiCd Lady Company

Website: www.nicadladyonline.com

1 800 906.6423

Email: sales@nicadlady.com

Hi-Q-Antennas™ by W6HIQ

VE7BOC / HA5CMG

Website: www.hiqantenna.com

1 877.373.2776

Email: sales@hiqantennas.com

2009 ARRL Field Day Exercise A Success

June 27—28, 2009 was a great success for all the groups that participated. In the Orange Section alone, I visited over 16 groups in three counties and some were not affiliated with the ARRL, but some of their members are.

I had sent out a message to all ARRL members that were going to participate in FD and asked that they send out their Section Manager NTS messages and gave them some instructions on what I wanted to see. 21 (twenty-one) of the groups, sent out their messages via another radio station and then was forwarded to our Section Traffic Manager, Bruce,

KI6RUW. He then sent to me and then I sent to each of the originators confirmation of the NTS message. 100 pts

Other groups also were eager to get an easy additional 100 pts and sent out 10 NTS messages not addressed to me. Job well down. I want to again thank all the groups that participated in public areas explaining who we are, why we do what we do and also showing the public that we care what happens to them.

Observations: Positive

1. Variety of Antennas

2. Clubs pooling together as 1 team
3. Speakers used so visitors could listen easily
4. Boy Scouts & leaders working on merit badges— merit badge counselor on site
5. Boy Scouts building antennas and then working the stations
6. Tennis ball launcher instead of a rock -

Observations: Need Improvement

1. Where were the Girl Scouts
2. Need breathe mints or candies
3. Admission to get in sites - visitors won't come!
4. FD leader for kids

Your Ideas - wu6d@arrl.org or share with your clubs

Photos of Field Day

