

ORANGE NEWSLETTER

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The Juiciest Section

Top Stories

Grand Terrace Antenna Ordinance

Starting back in early February an issue came up regarding towers/antennas in Grand Terrace, CA in the Orange Section. It all stemmed from an old case that evidently was never quite resolved. Amateur Operators, Zack Mullennix, KD6KOG, Jeff Richardson W6JJR, and Jim Eason, AD6IJ from San Bernardino County ECS, Robert Souter, KC6HNL, Jim Gallacher, KG6ZZW, JoAnn Johnson, KG6NSD, Anthony Gordon, KG6EQM, Marty Woll N6VI, and myself WU6D, attended the council meeting. Council agreed to postpone any further decisions on the ordinance until a study could be completed. A committee was formed consisting of community leaders, neighbors, and Amateur Radio Operators (made up of emergency and non emergency).

The committee met on May 22, 2008 to discuss concerns. At the end of the meeting and learning what the community felt were their concerns regarding towers/antennas, an understanding among all favored agreements on tower heights/antennas and the next meeting is scheduled for June 19, 2008. These particular meetings are for those on the committee list only at this time.

I can not emphasize enough to all Amateur Radio Operators that if you plan on putting a tower/antenna system up, find out the ordinances in your communities. Do not encroach on your neighbor's property. This means your antennas need to also be in your property not in your neighbor's property or extending into community areas. **Be a Good Neighbor**

I have found that most of our community leaders and our neighbors are willing to work with us, if we follow guidelines set forth and if we need to request more from them, the key word is give respect and educate the community in our needs for our towers/antennas and what there concerns are. As a friend said and it is the truth. **“You will catch more flies with honey than with vinegar.”**

Moreno Valley Antenna Challenge

An Amateur was cited by code enforcement with a warning regarding tower/antenna placement. We were able to postpone the Amateur's interview with the agent until information regarding the tower/antenna, PRB-1 SB1280 and other data was presented to the agent for education. Again, I can't emphasize anymore than I have. Educate, Educate, Educate!

SECTION EMERGENCY COORDINATOR POSITION FILLED

I would like to welcome back Mr. Steve Grudzinski AD6HT as my SEC. We have already begun working on some plans to improve our emergency capabilities in the Orange section.

GOLDEN GUARDIAN EXERCISE NOVEMBER 2008

In November, the State of California will be putting on an emergency exercise called “The Golden Guardian”, this is a very crucial exercise and all Amateur Radio Operators whether you are associated with a government group, such as RACES, DCS, ECS, ACS or with ARES or other specialty groups or not associated with a group at all. We have to pull together.

Our objective is to do a checklist of all groups/organizations/clubs that will be participating. We are not asking for anything more than to know who will be out there. We just want to know that our section will be active in this exercise and doing their part to provide what ever is needed.

With that in mind, we would like each of our groups whether government, Red Cross, SATERN, HDSCS or other specialty groups and individual hams to contact Steve AD6HT, our SEC (section emergency coordinator) at ad6ht@arrl.net .

THIS IS AN IMPORTANT EXERCISE!

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 14, 2008 Super System Annual BBQ/Picnic/T-Hunt

Time: 10:00 am

Place: Fairway Village 618 Brookline St – Fullerton CA

Visit www.homingin.com/index for details, directions and times

Orange County Fair July 13, 2008 thru Aug 3, 2008



Gerald Fullerton, KD6JBL

<http://www.ocfair.com/ocf/>

Make sure to visit the booth and show your support for amateur radio! Many of the Orange County Clubs will be volunteering their time at the booth and showing the community what we can do to assist in a time of need.



June 28 – 29, 2008 – Many clubs are participating once again. Join in – Volunteer some time. Have fun, enjoy friendships. Practice makes better!

La Palma's Fitness Run for Fun

When: July 4, 2008 – 0600 – 1100 hours

Where: City of La Palma

Needed: Amateur Radio Operators (**approx. 30 hams needed**)

Contact Person: Larry Tichauer KE6AKE – ltichauer@sbcglobal.net

Further information <http://cityoflapalma.org/portal/2008RunForFun.htm>



Here is your chance to volunteer for a good fun and special event

Upcoming events in California and Arizona



June 14-July 6, 2008 Del Mar Fairgrounds

<http://www.sdfair.com/> San Diego Amateur Radio Clubs will be demonstrating Amateur Radio. If you are in the area drop by and say HI. I do know that the El Cajon club will be there on June 21.

June 21, 2008 – SCDXC (Southern California DX Club)

They will be holding their Annual Picnic – Visit there website at www.scdxc.org for further details and location. Dxing is fun and you meet new friends

July 18 – 19 - WILLIAMS HAMFEST AZ STATE CONVENTION

Arizona welcomes you to the AZ State Convention. Vendors will include ICOM/DX Store/ visit their website at <http://www.arca-az.org/arca/main/convention.asp>

August 10, 8:30 am to 2:30 pm

Santa Barbara Amateur Radio Club 2008 Hamfest -
<http://www.sbarc.org/annual/hamfest/index.html>





SWD Convention in Mesa, AZ September 12-14 2008

Arizona welcomes you to the 2008 ARRL SWD convention. On board for this event will be vendors: ICOM/HRO/and many more. Programs will include: APRS, Propagation, DX, EmComm, Youth, yours truly, and ARDF, something for the ladies, ARRL Forum and other forums. For further information copy and paste:
www.azhamcom.org

Due to the HIGH cost of fuel, I have suggested the possibility of arranging for a 55 passenger bus that will pick up at a pre-designated area and transport those who would like to be there all day Saturday, the 13th and leave either Saturday night or early Sunday morning. Times of departure, arrival, and costs



will be determined by demand for this service. The option is also to start out early Friday morning and leave Saturday evening/Sunday morning.

I am researching the likelihood of this taking place. Please email me at: wu6d@arrl.org
Tell your friends that don't receive ARRL emails. It will end up costing less, than the fuel you will have to put in your vehicle and you will be able to rest, talk to friends and have some refreshments. The sooner I know the quicker we can arrange it and know the exact costs. Then we can start taking reservations. It will be a European style bus.

IF YOU HAVE AN EVENT – THAT YOU WOULD LIKE POSTED IN OUR NEWSLETTER OR ON OUR WEBSITE, PLEASE LET US KNOW. WE SEND THIS OUT TO ALL CLUBS IN ALL SECTIONS OF THE SWD.

If you received this newsletter from a friend and would like to continue receiving our newsletters, please send me an email and I will add you to the distribution list.



AMATEUR RADIO NEEDS YOU

PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR CLUB

73

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