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Dave Caouette Off-Road Memorial Run

Rain, Snow or Shine

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THE FRIENDS OF DAVE CAOUETTE OFF ROAD MEMORIAL RUN

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ANNOUNCING

Advance sign up required at wheelsevents.com.

Donations encouraged for the Caouette Family:

BRING ON DAY OF EVENT OR MAY BE MAILED TO: Dave Caouette Memorial Fund SATURDAY December 3, 2011

6:30 A.M.-5:00 P.M.

Rain, Snow, or Shine

Big Bear, CA

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Ads and upcoming events

C/O Long Beach Police Officers Association 2865 Temple Ave. Signal Hill, CA 90755 100% of all proceeds go directly to the Caouette family	Non-Sponsor All off-road veh Forest Adventu
View a photo memorial and add a message: wheelsevents.com	
Dave Caouette Off-Road Memorial Run	
Yuma Hamfest	
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2012 ARRL Southwestern Division Convention

8th Annual

Yuma Hamfest

& Emergency Preparedness Show Yuma, Arizona

Feb. 17 & 18, 2012

Yuma County Fairgrounds 2520 East 32nd Street, Yuma, Arizona



Check the Website for Additional Information and a Current Schedule of Activities and Seminars Presented by the Yuma Amateur Radio Hamfest Organization (YARHO)

Gates Open for Camping Thursday, 2 pm Vendor Setup

Friday, 7 am - Noon

Event Hours Friday, Noon - 5 pm Saturday, 8 am - 5 pm Buzzard BBQ & Grand Prize Drawing Saturday Night 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Vendors & Exhibitors
Consignment Sales
License Testing
Hourly Door Prizes
Incredible Grand Prizes
Buzzard BBQ Dinner
Antenna Clinic

Tailgating (Swap Meet)
Full Seminar Schedule
DXCC Card Checking
Hospitality Area
On-site RV Camping
Transmitter Hunt
ARRL Speaker

Hamfest Talk-In Frequency: 146.840 (-) PL 88.5 Hz

Email Contact: info@yumahamfest.org



On-foot Transmitter Hunting

Lake Los Carneros Park in Goleta will be the site of southern California's next international-style on-foot foxhunt on Saturday, November 12, 2011. A ham radio license and knowledge of radio equipment are not required. Bring the kids and grandkids, then go out on the course with them!

Besides some easy fox transmitters just to help you learn and test your equipment, there will be a beginner-level international-rules course. The site area is slightly less than 140 acres. It is relatively flat, making it a good site for foxtailers of all skill levels. If you need some one-on-one help to get started, just ask. Full-color orienteering maps will be available.

If you don't already have the antenna/attenuator system for on-foot foxhunting on two meters with your ham radio handi-talkie or scanner, you can easily make it during this session. There will be a workshop for building kits for measuring-tape yagis and for 90 dB offset-type attenuators. An assembled/tested attenuator in a special housing that goes inside the boom of the yagi is also available. Please register in advance by sending e-mail to marvin-at-west.net, so he will have the kits reserved in your name waiting for you.

It takes about an hour to put the 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 kitbuilt equipment, you will be all set to hunt.

Kitbuilding and transmitter hunting start promptly at 9:30 AM. Hunters may start out on the courses at any time until 1 PM. Courses close at 2:30 PM.

Weather: In case of rainy or very wet conditions, the event might be postponed. Check www.homingin.com before you set out to make sure that the event is a "go."

Directions to Lake Los Carneros: From US 101 about 8 miles west of downtown Santa Barbara, take the Los Carneros Road exit, head north about 1/4 mile and turn right into the Stow House parking lot. There should be plenty of free parking. Look for the orange-and-white orienteering flag. The building session and hunt start will be in the picnic area, just east of the railroad depot.

Ham radio talk-in is on the WB6OBB repeater, 147.000(+) PL 131.8.

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Webinar for RACES and EmCOMM Personnel

I encourage you to join us in the upcoming November 3rd webinar on the role of PIOs and PICs in disasters, and when ARES and RACES are activated. Joining us will be two Hams who are nationally recognized journalists – Howard Price, KA2QPJ, of ABC News, and Mark Kraham, W8CMK, who just retired as Chairman of RTDNA, the Radio Television Digital News Association. These two gentlemen are in the media trenches daily, and they will offer numerous tips and strategies on how to make the reporting of Amateur Radio involvement more effective. Frankly, some PICs and PIOs did not promote nor were able to respond to media inquiries this past spring to the outbreak of tornadoes in their sections. The result was that the public didn't learn of the many contributions of Amateur Radio EmCOMM, and important media opportunities were lost. Lost opportunities translate into less understanding from the public about Amateur Radio and its positive impact on your community.

The webinar is from 9:00 PM to 10:30 PM Eastern time on Thursday, November 3rd. Sign up at http://www.arrl.org/webinar at the hyperlink at the bottom of this page. This webinar will be well worth your time.

73,

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PACIFICON 2011 - October 14-16, 2011 - Santa Clara, California - Events, Forum Topics, and Exhibits.

Dave Caouette Off-Road Memorial Run - December 03, 2011, 6:30am to 5pm - Big Bear, California - Rain, Snow or Shine.

Palm Springs Hamfest – January 28, 2012 – More information TBA – This event took place in May 2007 and was a great success. We will be keeping you posted as more information becomes available..

Events coming up in other Sections and areas:

Arizona – **Yuma Hamfest and Emergency Preparedness Show** – Feb 17 & 18, 2012 at the Yuma County Fairgrounds, 2520 East 32nd Street, Yuma, Arizona – If you want something fun to do and learn more than you think you already know then visit http://www.yumahamfest.org/

Arizona - In Arizona you will always find a Hamfest most every month - please visit

www.arizona-arrl.org or go to: http://www.arca-az.org/arca the site usually has a list of upcoming hamfests

International DX Convention, Visalia – April $20 - 22\ 2012$ – This will be the 63^{rd} Annual DX Convention. This is a delightful convention where everyone has a great time. Meet new friends and old friends from around the world or from around the corner that you may have talked to on the radio, but never met. If you are new to DXing or contesting, this is the place to be. Visit often http://www.dxconvention.org



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