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ORANGE SECTION

# NEWSLETTER

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## January Brought Us Some Great Events

From January 16 - 23 was the Annual Quartzfest held in Quartzite, AZ. I drove there on Sunday and visiting with folks that I knew personally and made new friends. My assistant section manager, Gordon West WB6NOA, and my Affiliated Club Coordinator Bill Prats K6ACJ were among the hundreds of hams that brought their RVs and camping gear to have fun, listen to presentations and check out their equipment for emergency communications. The AZ Section Manager Tom K7DF & I talked, he couldn't make it to Quartzfest and asked me to say HI to all in CA.

Even though it was cold, windy, rainy and yes during part of the week I heard, you even got lake front property in front of your RV, everyone participated in the activities. Here are some pictures of the event that were sent to me by my friends.



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### To Our Affiliated Clubs

If you have questions regarding your affiliation as an affiliated club with the ARRL, please feel free to contact our Affiliated Club Coordinator, Bill Prats K6ACJ and he can be reached at: [k6acj-arrrl@biztek.com](mailto:k6acj-arrrl@biztek.com)

Bill has some great ideas and I know he is willing to share them with your club.

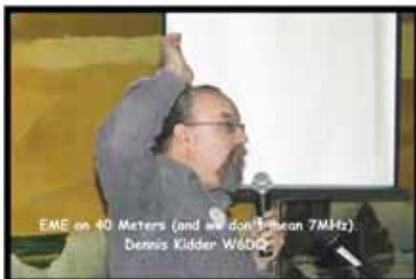
# SATERN'S 14TH ANNUAL SEMINAR JANUARY 30, 2010

Once again, I attended the 14th Annual SATERN Seminar. This year Tony Stephen KE6JZF was honored for all the accomplishments that he made with the SATERN teams as he retired as coordinator to pursue other avenues within the SATERN organization. Many of the SATERN members and Salvation Army leaders came from all around the California area and Nevada including LA DCS, Riverside RACES, San Bernardino ECS and ARES teams. There were many familiar faces and we also had the Boy Scouts prepare a lunch for us and as always did a great job.

I am proud to have the SATERN organization of San Bernardino and Riverside as group that we can call on to serve the Salvation Army and our community in times of disaster. The SATERN's new coordinator is Trace Willette KI6DPN.

Here is a picture of the SATERN members and Salvation Army officials

Please visit their website at: [www.saturn.net](http://www.saturn.net) pictures are available for viewing



# PALM SPRINGS 1ST ANNUAL HAMFEST JANUARY 30, 2010

The HamFest was sponsored by The Desert Rats ARC and the Palm Springs DX Club. Gary KD6QLT and his lovely wife Susie KD6TVO provided their home and property for this HamFest. Many of us showed up on Thursday to get the lay of the land as it were and also to start setting up our tables.

Friday early in the morning brought in the swapmeet folks to set up their areas and more vendors came in early to set up also.

By the 9:00 am open of the hamfest and through out most of the day were hams from LA, Imperial County, San Diego County, Orange County and of course, Riverside and San Bernardino Counties and visiting Canadians.

Vendors came from Arizona, like RF Stuff. They had HRO, The DX Store, ARRL (Cathy held down the fort until I got there from the SATERN Seminar) and Dick N6AA our SWD Director paid us a visit also. WARFA, The PAPA System and a group selling emergency preparedness items. Lots of vendors selling their radios, antennas, and other electronic gear.

A Great BBQ took place in the backyard for only \$5.00.

The Hamfest ended around 4pm, but the party started

after that. The hamfest brought in approximately 500 hams throughout the day and we didn't see anyone who had a bad time.

I would like to thank all the volunteers who assisted in producing this event. Remember that without our volunteers nothing happens.

Great Job! I hope that both groups will have a 2nd Annual Hamfest for 2011.



This is just the beginning of the day follow the arrow



PAPA System



HRO



You could even play radio in the hamshack



# Amateur Radio Expo Took A Trip to Yuma Hamfest For Show and Tell - Feb 19—20, 2010



Why Yuma Hamfest for the Amateur Radio Expo you ask? Why not! Many of the people attending the hamfest are from California (San Diego Section, Orange Section, and LAX section). There were also people who visited the booth from Canada, Texas and New Mexico. They were all interested in one thing. How do we get kids involved in electronics which eventually brings them to Amateur Radio. Why were we there. To encourage other groups/clubs to build something like this and bring youth into the hobby. Contact

We were fortunate to have a lot of Boy Scouts that had fun building different projects and a lot of young folks, even some of are older members took part in building some projects.

The best thing that happened was when the local news channel came out to film the hamfest and the Amateur Radio Expo booth was part of that experience. We explained to her why we used the Electronic Snap Circuit kits to bring the kids into Amateur Radio and yes, possibly into a career field in electronics or as an electrical engineer.

The Yuma Hamfest is in it's 6th year and has grown tremendously. Volunteers work hard and diligently to make sure that all parts to the puzzle are in place. They sat 300 for the famous Bubba's BBQ dinner and gave away lots of prizes. This is the first year that Yuma was blessed to have Yaesu, ICOM and HRO. Returning vendors were RF Stuff, The DX Sore and many more. The ARRL was staffed with the Arizona Section Manager Tom Fagan K7DF and guests were Dick Norton, N6AA, SWD Director, Marty Woll N6VI SWD Vice-Director, and Carl Gardenias WU6D Orange Section Manager. We saw other ARRL official badges from one of the section managers from up in the Pacific Division.

**(Display = attract + fun = involvement with Dads, Moms, Grandparents, & kids of all ages to learn our hobby) Please join us when we call out for volunteers. Your club will benefit**



Quarter Century Wireless  
Association Chapter 154  
HAPPY BIRTHDAY LEO -  
99 YEARS OLD

Leo Meyerson, W0GFQ, celebrated his 99<sup>th</sup> birthday on Thursday, March 18, 2010. Fifty-six Coachella Valley hams, with their guests, gathered for a delicious lunch at Leo's home to help him celebrate.

Leo is best known because of his many years as owner of WRL, World Radio Laboratories, in Council Bluffs, IA. His best known product was the Globe Scout, a basic starter transmitter. During the 1950s and 1960s Leo sold over 50,000 to newly minted hams. Over the years Leo developed, manufactured and sold a complete line of amateur equipment.

Leo is truly and Amateur Radio icon. And we look forward to next year when we will help Leo celebrate his 100th birthday.

Submitted by:

Gene Pentecost W4IMT  
President, Leo Meyerson Chapter 154  
Greater Palm Springs Area  
Quarter Century Wireless Association



**FCC RELEASES NPRM ON  
EMPLOYER  
COMMUNICATIONS:  
From CQ Newsroom on March  
24, 2010**

The FCC has issued a Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM) addressing the question of whether hams should be able to communicate on behalf of their employers in certain limited circumstances. The NPRM proposes adding a narrow exception to the general prohibition on communications on behalf of an employer for amateurs involved in government-sponsored emergency drills. It also seeks comments on whether certain other drills that are not sponsored by government agencies - such as those conducted by hospitals - should be included in the proposed exemption as well.

The proposed new language for Section 97.301(a) of the FCC rules would read as follows:

(I) A control station operator may participate on behalf of an employer in a government-sponsored emergency preparedness or disaster readiness test or drill, limited to the duration and scope of such test or drill, and operational testing immediately prior to such test or drill.

The complete text of the NPRM may be found on the FCC website at

[http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs\\_public/attachmatch/FCC-10-45A1.pdf](http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/FCC-10-45A1.pdf). Comments may be filed online via the

FCC's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS). Reference WT-Docket 10-72. Comments are due 30 days after the NPRM is published in the Federal Register (which usually takes about a week after release).

## LOCAL AMATEUR NOMINATED FOR TECHNICAL INNOVATION AWARD

I am pleased to report that Dave Donnelly, KF6XA of Murrieta, California, in the Orange Section has been nominated for this year's ARRL Technical Innovation Award.

The general information about this and other ARRL awards can be found, presently, at this ARRL Web page.  
<http://www.arrl.org/FandES/ead/instructor/instructor/awards.html>

Good Luck Dave!

Carl Gardenias WU6D  
ARRL Orange Section Manager

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## WARFA WESTERN AMATEUR RADIO FRIENDSHIP ASSOCIATION

WARFA welcomes all amateurs to an evening of friendship. There is no roll call. Everyone has a chance to talk about his day, week, health, the weather or whatever they want to talk about. WARFA is divided into 3 regions, North (Alaska down to the Canadian border), Central and South. In this way, with the help of our re-lays, even a QRP station from Canada gets a chance to talk. This group is a fun group to talk to on the air.

Our HF net meets at 8 p.m., Pacific Time, every Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday nights on 3.908 Mhz.

VISIT WEBSITE: [www.warfa.org](http://www.warfa.org)



On March 11, 2010 we were invited to the Western Public Service System luncheon in Hemet, CA. We were surprised to see that when we got there, we knew so many people. Friends we haven't seen in a very long time. This is a great bunch and if you have 75m capabilities you should tune in to 3952 MHz a say hello visit their site at: [www.3952khz.net](http://www.3952khz.net). Thanks for inviting us.



# Big Bear Amateur Radio Club

## Holds Tech Class

### Prior to Meetings

Big Bear Amateur Radio Club prior to their meetings on Saturday Evening, holds a technical class to better acquaint hams to a variety of information on amateur radio. Class starts at 5:30pm, 1hr ahead of meeting.

The night we were there, a class on operating during a contest. Etiquette, tuning in, listening and for the particular contest that was on, what to say when you are called. The room was full.

They also have a net for technical information like a Q & A. The Tech Tuesday Net is held every first and third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM on the K6BB repeater (147.330+ PL 131.8).

Don't be afraid, go ahead and ask that question. There are probably others that don't know and they can help or find someone that can answer it for you.

Visit there website at: <http://www.bbarc.org/index2.html>

This might be something that clubs should look into doing. 1. It will help your members and 2. You will benefit from the knowledge that can be produced from such classes.

 <p><b>The DX Store</b> Amateur Radio Equipment for DXers A Shack on the belt Free Zone</p>	<p>Website: <a href="http://www.dxstore.com">www.dxstore.com</a> Contact: Jim Shryne N6DHZ Email: <a href="mailto:n6dhz@dxstore.com">n6dhz@dxstore.com</a></p>	<p><b>FORD Electronics.com</b> Website: <a href="http://www.fordelectronics.com">www.fordelectronics.com</a> 714 521.8080 Email: <a href="mailto:sales@fordel.com">sales@fordel.com</a></p>
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73, Bruce, KI6RUW ARRL Orange STM



# THE AMERICAN RADIO RELAY LEAGUE, INC



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April 2, 2010

## Orange Section Official Observers Needed

If you are in the Orange Section and would like to become an ARRL Official Observer, you are invited.

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The Official Observer program has been sponsored by the American Radio Relay League (ARRL) for more than 50 years to help amateurs help each other. OO appointees have assisted thousands of amateurs to maintain their transmitting equipment and operating procedures in compliance with the regulations. The object of the OO program is to notify amateurs by mail of operating/technical irregularities before they come to the attention of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).

The OO performs his function by listening rather than transmitting, keeping an ear out for such things as frequency instability, harmonics, hum, key clicks, broad signals distorted audio, over deviation, out-of-band operations, etc. The OO competes his task once the notification card is sent. In hard-core rule violation cases, OO's refer problems to high echelons of the Amateur Auxiliary, and may be requested to gather evidence for possible FCC enforcement actions.

### *Requirements:*

- 1) *Must take and pass an exam to be certified as a member of the Amateur Auxiliary, an FCC requirement, based on study of the ARRL's Amateur Auxiliary Training Manual.*
- 2) *Must be an ARRL Full Member and have been a licensee of Technician Class or higher for at least 4 years.*
- 3) *Must report to the OO Coordinator regularly.*
- 4) *Maintain regular activity in sending out advisory notices as needed. 5 hour min. monthly.*
- 5)

Amateur Auxiliary Information

[http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/org/am\\_aux.html](http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/org/am_aux.html)

Official Observer Application

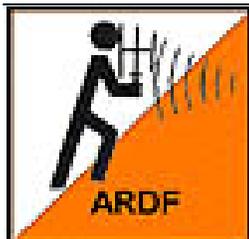
<http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/forms/fsd187/form.html>

# Upcoming Events To Watch For

## Is There One In Your Area You Would Like Advertise!



International DX Convention Visalia 2010 - April 16 - 18 at the Holliday Inn in Visalia. Contest Academy Beginner & Advanced, Presentations, Food, DXCC card checking 160m and deleted, Saturday Tour of the local region, Friday night dinners sponsored by Mother Load DX & NCCC, IOTA, FOC. 50s theme banquet over 530 so far for dinner. Visit: [www.dxconvention.org](http://www.dxconvention.org) for further information.



The next southern California on-foot transmitter hunting event will be Saturday, April 10, 2010 in the Mineral Wells area of Griffith Park in Los Angeles.

If you are a beginner, there will be entry-level two-meter fox transmitters just for you, set by Joe Moell K0OV. For more experienced radio-orientees, there will be a 5-fox two-meter international-rules course of moderate difficulty, set by Marvin Johnston KE6HTS. An optional 80-meter fox transmitter may also be on the air.

Kit building starts promptly at 10 AM, followed by the beginner hunt. Please register in advance by sending e-mail to [marvin@west.net](mailto:marvin@west.net), so he will have the kits reserved in your name waiting for you. The main 5-fox hunt will commence at 10 AM also. Hunters may start out on the courses at any time until 1 PM. Courses close at 3 PM.

Visit: <http://www.homingin.com/> for further information for directions and map or email Joel K0OV at [k0ov@homingin.com](mailto:k0ov@homingin.com)

Condensed version



Orange County Fair Ham Booth Teams.....

We have the beat ...dah dit dah dit / dah dah dit dah ! CQ Fairgoers !

OC FAIR DATES : July 16 through Aug 15th ! ( Mondays and Tuesdays off )

Same great booth location as last year , with antennas on the new roof for some great DX ! We want YOU to join us for a day or two , so look over the attached calendar , and pick some days of your choice .

We got the beat.... we got the gear ... we got the antennas and DVD/VCR , and we have one of the best locations in the new building , where it never gets hot or cold !

Free tickies to get you in , and free parking with complimentary shuttle service to drop you off ! Let me know what day ( s ) you would like to run the Ham Radio Booth at the Orange County Fair .

Once you are IN , let us know who might be staffing your booth , and we will handle the MLL paperwork .

So get the beat , and we look forward to YOU and your club/service team joining us at the upcoming Orange County Fair !

Mack KD6KSP  
OC Fair Steering Committee  
SOARA OCCARO Liaison  
Cell 949 584 2249

**2010 ARRL Southwestern Division  
Amateur Radio Convention  
September 17, 18 & 19  
San Diego, California**



**Four Points, By Sheraton Hotel San Diego**

<http://www.sandarc.org/>

**8110 Aero Drive, San Diego CA 92123 Phone: (858) 277-8888**

**Registration Form**

*Please list additional Attendees - ALL ATTENDEES MUST BE REGISTERED  
No charge for Children 16 or under when Accompanied by a Registered Adult  
How did you find out about the Convention?*

Radio  Web search  Ham Club  News Paper  Other \_\_\_\_\_

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<b>Early Bird Dated before May 31, 2010</b>	<b>\$15.00 @ _____ ea. = \$ _____</b>
<b>Convention Pins Included (Limited Supplies)</b>	
<b>Pre Registration June 1, to Aug. 22, 2010</b>	<b>\$18.00 @ _____ ea. = \$ _____</b>
<b>At Door Registration</b>	<b>\$20.00 @ _____ ea. = \$ _____</b>
<b>Accompanied kids under 16 years Free</b>	
<b>DX Breakfast</b>	<b>\$23.00 @ _____ ea. = \$ _____</b>
<b>Banquet Tickets Dinner <input type="checkbox"/> Beef <input type="checkbox"/> Chicken <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetable</b>	<b>\$43.00 @ _____ ea. = \$ _____</b>
<b>Banquet Speaker: <i>To Be Announced</i></b>	
<b>Convention Lunch</b>	<b>\$25.00 @ _____ ea. = \$ _____</b>
<b>Lunch Speaker:</b>	
<b>2010 Convention Pins</b>	<b>\$ 5.00 @ _____ ea. = \$ _____</b>
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<b>2002 Convention Pins</b>	<b>\$ 3.00 @ _____ ea. = \$ _____</b>
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