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Leadership Lessons For a New Year

I must confess that I am not a veteran. I am just an admiring citizen. Many of my family members are veterans. My dad served in the Navy in the South Pacific during WWII.

He told me to always thank a veteran that you meet on the street and, if you can afford it, never let a vet pay for a cup of coffee, a meal or a drink.

I strive to live up to that advice every single day. One other thing my dad instilled in me was that when a veteran spoke on a serious subject I should "damn well listen" because they earned the right to be heard.

So, when Staff Sergeant Thomas delivered the keynote address at an I.T. conference I knew what I needed to do.

Let me start by giving you some background on the Staff Sergeant. In the summer of 1993, Thomas was deployed to Mogadishu, Somalia, with the 3rd Ranger Battalion as part of an elite special operations package called Task Force Ranger.

Their mission was to capture a criminal warlord named Mohammed Farrah Aideed. On the 3rd of October, Thomas and his fellow Rangers were caught in an 18 hour fire-fight that would later be recounted in the movie Blackhawk Down. Nineteen Americans gave their lives and 78 were wounded in the worst combat seen by US troops since World War II.

During the hour long presentation, Thomas walked us through the harrowing 18 hours while dispensing the leadership lessons he discovered on the battlefield.

1. If you fail to make a great plan, you can plan on failing.

The mission to capture Aideed came together quickly. Within ten minutes of confirming his location the Army had put together a plan to capture the suspect. Thomas went from having a relaxing day off, to being mission ready in a fraction of time, but he said training takes over in these seemingly chaotic situations.

"We do the planning in advance. We come up with what ifs, the contingencies and the contingencies for the contingencies. When you are given a mission, you already have a plan in place. You implement your practice. You train as you fight and fight as you plan," said Thomas. "You can not phone in the practice. No coach has ever talked in a press conference about participation ribbons, they talk about how hard the team has practiced. How the team is ready to compete. Sometimes when a mission comes along you might only get a circle and square and you have to rely on your training to figure out the rest."

2. Leadership is not about rank, it is about inspiring the people beside you.

Every time a soldier goes up a rank they are sent to leadership training.

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RIVERSIDE HAM ASSISTS SEA RESCUE



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World Maritime News

On the evening of Sunday, October 26, 2014, Tom Whelchel (WA6TLL), (Riverside CA) had turned on his rig early, as he regularly does, in preparation for the commencement of the Pacific Seafarer's Net, on 20 Meter Phone. He heard a very weak "mayday mayday" and listened to see if any of the other operators would respond. None did, so Tom called, and was shortly in contact with the yacht "Hale's Revenge," one thousand miles NE of Hawaii, en route from Honolulu to Seattle. It had been swamped by a rogue wave and totally disabled.

Aboard were Nathan (NH6FS), who had been injured while attempting to launch an emergency flare, and two other sailor friends. Shortly, K4XV/KH6, Tom Ellis, on Kauai, joined in, and took over, and called the Coast Guard in Alameda, then coordinated with them and the yacht.

The Coast Guard made preparations to send a C-130 aircraft, but found that the 900 foot container ship, Hyundai Grace was in the area, and it was redirected to pick up the three survivors. That accomplished, the ship continued on it's course, with the three men, to Panama. The abandoned yacht's whereabouts, if still afloat, is unknown.

Tom received a certificate for his contribution to the rescue efforts..

This was not a first for Tom. In 1996, he had a similar situation, in which he called the Coast Guard, to report a mayday call/contact with a couple on a sinking yacht, in the same area. Fortunately, a Coast Guard cutter, en route from AK to HI, was not far away, and was diverted to rescue them.

Congrats to Tom!

The Pacific Seafarer's Net is on 14.300 MHz, at 0300 Z daily. For more info: www.pacseanet.com

Article by: Claire Cessna (K6LG), Submitted by: Steve Evans (AF6HR)

IDXC 2015 CONVENTION

2015 will be the 66th consecutive year for the International DX Convention. The meeting, sponsored by the Northern California DX Club, will be held at the beautiful Visalia Convention Center in downtown Visalia, CA. IDXC, the premier DX Convention in the United States, is attended by over 800 serious DX'ers and contesters looking to improve their skills, their stations and see the latest equipment.

Convention Highlights:

Full day of training on Friday, April 17, 2015: Contesting and DXing Techniques
Friday Evening Dinner
Options: TopBand, IOTA, and Contesting
Open DX Forum
15-20 DX & Technical Seminars
35-40 Exhibitors in large Exhibit Hall
QSL Card Checking
Great Raffle Prizes
Eyeball QSOs w/DX

Friends

Excellent Keynote Speakers and access to great California vacation destinations
Registration Starts: 12-08-2014

We intend to make IDXC 2015 the best DX Convention ever, and hope you'll be able to join us.

Sincerely,

John Miller (K6MM),
Kevin Rowett (K6TD),
Rich Seifert, (KE1 B)
IDXC 2015 Co-Chairmen

<http://dxconvention.com/>



CBARC

Our Christmas Celebration at the club was a success!!! It provided us all a great chance to catch up with friends and share a meal in Celebration of the Season.

Our Monthly Meetings is always an open meeting for existing club members as well as anyone else having interest in Amateur Radio.

Additionally the CBarC Club Ham Shack is also open to everyone every Wednesday from about 6:30PM to ??? So come on down and meet our Group. As many know our Ham Shack has a terrific set of VHF, UHF and HF Radios. Anyone whether Licensed or Not can "Get On The Air" down at the Club. There are plenty of Control Operators that can introduce you to the equipment, mentor and help you make some contacts. Your first contact half-way around the world is a RUSH!!! :-)

Here are the CBarC club scheduled activities for January 2015:

Wednesday January 14, 2015 1830-hours CBarC Board of Directors Meeting at the Staff Development Building Patton Hospital

This is an open session. In addition to Board members, general membership is invited.

1. Pending Business Items as required.

Wednesday January 14, 2015 1900-hours Monthly CBarC General Membership Meeting at the Staff Development Building, Patton Hospital

Agenda:

Call to order

Flag Salute

Treasurer's report

Review and approve November 2014 Meeting Minutes (December was a Christmas Celebration Dinner so no December Meeting Minutes ;-))
Old, Ongoing and New Business - Discussions
Route 66 On The Air - 2014 - Updates winding down - final results!!!

Advanced planning for Field Day 2015 - June 26-27-28, 2015.

A General License Prep Class in early 2015 is in the planning stages; a number of people have already expressed interest and are on the "list". if you are also interested please let us know. Dates To-Be-Advised.

Advanced Planning and Brain Storming regards events, ongoing training, monthly Amateur Radio topics of interest for 2015 etc.; so please bring your ideas and if you have an interest in presenting info regards a particular area of Ham Radio you find interesting, and you would like to share it with the Club members at a future meeting please let us know. Here are some ideas to start the list:

Antenna Building!

T-Hunting!

A Crystal Radio - Hey we have some youngins joining the Club. Got me hook many years ago!

Classes to learn Morse Code?

Grounding Safety?

What's a Ground Plane?

Antenna Theory 101?

Overview of local San Bernardino County OES operations and logistics (we do have new member's joining)

How CBarC supports Patton State Hospital and inter-acts with California State OES?

What the heck is R.A.C.E.S, ARES, ACS, MARS?

What's a Repeater?

What is DX'ing?

Amateur Television (ATV) (Fast Scan TV)?

(OSCAR) Orbiting Satellite Carrying Amateur Radio?

SKYWARN?

Internet Radio Linking Project (IRLP)?

Slow-Scan Television (SSTV)

Phase-Shift Keying like 31 baud binary phase shift keying; PSK31

And more ...

Saturday January 24, 2015 (Fourth Saturday of each month) 1900-hours

Amateur Radio License - V.E. Testing (Technician Class through Extra Class) at the Staff Development Center: Patton State Hospital, 3102 E. Highland Avenue in San Bernardino, CA

Charles J Laudan, PIO

Citrus Belt Amateur Radio Club

<http://www.w6jbt.org>

(909) 754-1607 mobile

(888) 503-5788 fax

What to Bring to The Test:

Original license and one copy of license (VE team will keep this copy of license). CSCE of previous test sessions if any, one picture ID and \$15.00 to cover cost of test (PLEASE bring exact change).

If not previously licensed, just show up. Pre-registration preferred, but walk-ins are accepted.

For more information contact:

Ed Slaughter (WU6I)

email: wu6i@arrl.net

NEXT ON-FOOT FOX HUNT

The next southern California on-foot transmitter hunting session will be Sunday, January 11, 2015 at Schabarum Regional Park in Hacienda Heights.

It is intended for both beginner and intermediate level transmitter hunters. Try your hand at some easy two-meter transmitters set by Joe Moell (KoOV) plus a 5-fox two-meter international-rules course of moderate difficulty, set by Marvin Johnston (KE6HTS). A fox transmitter on the 80-meter band may also be set up to try, as well as a foxing course.

This radio-orienteeing session is being combined with a classic orienteeing session of the Los Angeles Orienteering Club (LAOC). That's why it's on Sunday, not Saturday. Because Marvin has duties for LAOC during this event, there will not be an antenna and attenuator building workshop this time.

If you want to pick up a kit for antenna and/or attenuator to take home, contact Marvin by e-mail (marvin@west.net). and he will bring it to this event.

Beginner transmitters will be on at 9:30 AM. The 5-fox hunt will commence at 10 AM. Hunters may start out on the courses at any time until 12 noon. Courses close at 3 PM.

Orienteering flags and electronic scoring will be used at each transmitter. If you have

an "e-stick," be sure to bring it. For the full ARDF course, a small donation to cover expenses related to the use of Los Angeles Orienteering Club's expenses is requested. No donation is requested for the beginner course or the 80-meter transmitter hunt.

If you have them, bring a handi-talkie, receiver, or scanner covering the two-meter band for each person who will be going ARDFing.

If you have directional antennas, attenuators, or other on-foot RDF equipment, be sure to bring that too.

For those with no radio gear, some extra ARDF receiver/antenna sets will be available.

All ages are welcome, but young children must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

The starting point for the full ARDF course will be in a remote part of the park, so if you plan to take on that course, please arrive at the gathering area before 10 AM so we can transport that group to the starting point and do starts at five-minute intervals. Beginners will start from the gathering area and will not need to be transported.

Schabarum Regional Park is on the south side of Colima Road, just east of Azusa Avenue in Hacienda Heights. (Thomas Guide 678-G4) There is a vehicular entry fee for the park, so carpooling

would be a good idea. Upon passing through the entry gate, drive south (straight ahead, don't turn right) and continue to the end of the road (about 0.7 mile), following the orange and white orienteeing flags and signs. Call KoOV on 146.52 MHz simplex if you have trouble finding the gathering area within the park.

A map to the site is at www.homingin.com. If moderate-to-heavy rain is forecasted, check that page on Friday 1/10/15 for possible cancellation.

73,

Joe Moell (KoOV)

The website for the Los Angeles Orienteering Club is at:

www.losangelesorienteering.org/drupal/



Photo's By:
Scott Schmitz



HDSCS REPORT(S)

HDSCS coordinators met early in January on a Saturday to discuss plans for enhancing our membership efforts and training for 2015. Numerous changes taking place in hospitals, and affecting our local EMS agency, require our best efforts to provide the support that is expected of our group.

April Moell (WA6OPS), is currently featured in the latest QSO Today podcast by Eric Guth (4Z1UG). She was interviewed for 70 minutes about how HDSCS got started, has grown, and about the lessons the group has learned since its start in 1980. Those interested in listening can go to the QSO Today Web site at: www.qsotoday.com/

Here is the HDSCS report for Sunday, November 16, 2014-

This past week was one of education and training for HDSCS members and coordinators. Two HDSCS coordinators along with Orange County hospital, clinic and ambulance staff attended a special course on "First Receiver Awareness". This four hour class was to prepare those in medical settings who don't have direct patient contact know how to respond to potentially dangerous or hazardous situations they might encounter.

On Thursday evening Dr. Michele Cheung, the Deputy Medical Director for Epidemiology and physician specialist on infectious diseases, presented an educational session on Ebola, Middle Eastern Respiratory Syndrome, and Enterovirus D68. In addition to helping us understand those viruses, Dr. Cheung also reviewed the issue of pediatric surge at hospitals which could occur if a large number of children contracted those diseases.

The week ended with April, WA6OPS, as the HDSCS coordinator, providing information to staff from Orange County hospitals who serve as controllers and evaluators in major drills, on what to expect of, and how to assess, the Amateur Radio response. April covered such things as critiquing the hospital activation of the Amateur Radio Operators; if radio operators were checked for ID; if the radio operators explained to whom they could communicate; and what forms were used for messages.

Greetings!

This past week was the State-wide Medical and Health Exercise After Action Report Conference for the Orange County Hospitals. HDSCS leadership participated in the meeting highlighting improvements of the procedures used by the hospitals to activate the HDSCS communicators and making some recommendations regarding the drill time sequence for various simulated events.

Other activities were behind the scenes with coordinators working on such things as updates to the antenna list determining what hospital antennas need to be checked and what hospitals are to be recommended for new or additional tri-band antennas.

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April (WA6OPS)

HDSCS

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Leadership Lessons From Page 1



But Staff Sergeant Thomas discovered in those trainings that leadership has nothing to do with rank, “Leadership is about inspiring the person to your left and your right.

In the military and in life there is no job that is not dependent upon someone else.

If you have a weak player on your team that person is the single most important piece of the puzzle. Why? He has a job to do. You can not do it all – if he is a weak the squad is a little bit weak – if the squad is weak do not go out on a mission (or take on a project) because it will inevitability fail. You have to train and empower your people because it is the only way to succeed.

3. When things go wrong, don’t stand around.

When something goes wrong the natural tendency is to panic. When the Blackhawk went down in Mogadishu stranding more than 100 soldiers, Thomas admitted he wanted to throw his hands up and say this is not my job, but true leaders do not let panic take over.

Panic makes you want to save yourself, but saving yourself leaves other people hanging,” said Thomas. “Leadership is a choice we make on a daily basis to do the right thing. You can’t stall and hope things work themselves out. You have to be proactive. Leadership is a responsibility. It is your job as a leader to make sure that the people to your left and right get out, that they are protected.”

4. Believe in yourself and your team.

During the battle, Staff Sergeant Thomas’ commander was injured. It was up to Thomas to assume not only a more senior leadership role in the midst of an ongoing conflict, but to also instill in his men a faith in his capabilities.

“You need to remember, you didn’t get your job because you suck. You got the job because you have a set of skills that are needed to get the job done. You are exceptional at what you do or you would not be in this position. You need to believe in yourself and trust your capabilities. If you do not have faith in your deci-

sions, no one else will,” said Thomas. “You can make your job easier by making sure your staff is trained and can follow SOP (Standard Operating Procedures) effectively. You can not always be there to look over your peoples shoulder, you have to trust them to do the job when you are not there.”

5. Make a difference.

If all else fails, Staff Sergeant Thomas encouraged us to remember, “You make the biggest difference when you focus on the person to your left and your right. You might think you are changing the world, but if you focus on those closest to you, you will make the biggest difference.”

Thomas is the author of a great new book, *Get It On!: What It Means to Lead the Way*.

Another great read on the subject of the battle itself and written by one of my favorite authors is *Blackhawk Down: A Story of Modern War* by Mark Bowden and published in paperback by Grove Press.



CITY AWARDS MVARA 30 YR. AWARD

Moreno Valley Amateur Radio Association Recognized For 30 Years Of Service To The Community.

The Moreno Valley City Council recently recognized the Moreno Valley Amateur Radio Association for 30 years of community service. The certificate of recognition was presented by Councilman George Price. Councilman Price outlined the importance of MVARA's amateur radio services and acknowledged the members for volunteer time. Attending the City Council presentation was President Steve Rapata (AC6DX), Vice President, David Belcher (KI6CXM),

Larry Froehlich (KF6HIV), Alan Pearson (KB6DMZ), Steve Evans (AF6HR) and charter member Glen Johnsen (KA6GMA). The club was formally formed the same year Moreno Valley was incorporated.

2015 Board of Directors:

President: Dave Belcher (KI6CXM); Vice President Steve Evans (AF6HR), Secretary Steve Wolfe (KD8KJS) and Treasurer: Rich Palmer (KK6CXA).

Other MVARA news

Moreno Valley Amateur Radio Association members participated in the 'Talk to Santa' (on amateur radio) at Lake Perris SRA,

16th Annual 'Lights on the Lake' Holiday Boat Parade, December 13th. This event has become a popular annual community outreach program and amateur radio awareness event. This event has introduced hundreds of children to amateur radio over the past 5 years. Each child received a certificate of participation in this event.

Awards

Glen Johnsen (KA6GMA), club historian and MVARA charter member was presented a life member award by 2014 President Steven Rapata (AC6DX).

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on page 17.**



Lt to Rt : Councilman George Price, Steve Rapata (AC6DX), Glen Johnsen (KA6GMA), Alan Pearson (KB6DMZ), Larry Froehlich (KF6HIV) & Dave Belcher (KI6CXM)

COMMUNICATION DONATIONS

During the holiday season, almost everyone will be involved in gift giving to some extent. Most often we think about gift exchanges with family and friends but it is also fun to surprise people with gifts and generously give to those in need. Whether you are giving or receiving or both...there is opportunity for joy.

It occurs to me that there is something to be learned from this experience in gift giving that would help us out with communication. Our positive communication is a gift to others. Friendly greetings, expressions of appreciation, attentive listening, forgiveness, encouragement and moments of good humor bring good things into people's lives. Actions, which keep connections feeling close, are also gifts. Fun texts, occasional phone calls to people we care about, bringing people together to socialize are meaningful. All of these positive efforts are expressions of good will and have the potential to bring joy, just like gift-giving does.

When it comes to positive communication, reciprocity in the form of a "communication gift exchange" is what we are hoping for. The mutuality of greetings, listening, connecting with one another are the basis for our friendships. And we suffer when it is lost. Part of my work is helping groups start feeling good about working together again. Helping them resolve their conflicts is important but I think the critical factor in feeling better is the willingness to start communicating positively again. The relationships that seem to improve the fastest are the ones who are able to mutually offer second chances to one another. They start helping each other out, expressing appreciation, listening to one another and laughing together. It feels energizing to be around them as they create a new future through mutual positive effort.

Unfortunately it is not uncommon for positive communication to be a one-way street. This is when things start to unravel very quickly. Take a moment to imagine the earlier list of positive communication not being reciprocated: Your friendly greetings go unacknowledged. While you frequently express appreciation, it isn't clear whether you are appreciated or not. You are acknowledged to be a great listener, but when was the last time someone listened to you? Your friend loves hearing from you but can't seem to find the time to do the same.

This lack of receiving positive communication in return can be painful because we have attached expectations that our efforts should result in a similar exchange. Our disappointment can lead us to believe that our efforts aren't appreciated and to question the value in continuing if others do not give of themselves in return. You might take a moment and think about some of the positive things you used to do but stopped because of the lack of mutuality.

Here is an idea for you to consider: What if you stopped thinking of positive communication as needing to be an exchange and started thinking of it as a generous donation instead? I started doing this awhile back and it has been a very freeing experience. All the ideas I listed above are ways of communicating with others that I enjoy doing. They are acts of goodwill that serve as gifts to those around me and I think it contributes to making the world a better place whether it is returned to me or not. If I start to experience the earliest of annoyance at a lack of mutuality, I remind myself that my gifts don't need to be mutual.

Are there ways you can celebrate this season with gifts of communication, freely and generously given?



Patti Lind

WARA OFFERING VE TESTING

Contact V.E. George T. Jacob Jr. (N6VNI)

Phone Numbers: Home Phone: 562-691-7898 Cell Phone: 562/544-7373

Email: jac2247@gmail.com Or N6VNI@arrl.net



Test site location:

La Habra Community Center.

101 W. La Habra Blvd., La Habra, CA 90631

If you need a map click [here](#).

Date and Times - Third Thursday of every month, @ 6 P.M. unless otherwise noted. Pre-Registration is requested and preferred. Walk-ins are welcome.

2015 TESTING SESSIONS

Thursday, April 16th, 2015 6 p.m. NOTE: Location change –this date only

(Home of George N6VNI, 1901 W. El Portal Drive, La Habra, CA 90631) Thursday, May 21st, 2015 6p.m.

NOTE: Location change – this date only (Home of George N6VNI, 1901 W. El Portal Drive, La Habra, CA 90631)
Thursday, June 18th, 2015 6 p.m.

Thursday, July 16th, 2015 6 p.m.

Thursday, August 20th, 2015 6 p.m. Thursday, September 17th, 2015 6 p.m.

Thursday, October 15th, 2015 6 p.m.. Thursday, November 19th, 2015 6 p.m.

On Exam Day Bring the Following Items

A legal photo ID (driver's license, passport) or two forms of non-photo ID; e.g., birth certificate, social security card, library card, utility bill or other business correspondence with name of the examinee as it appears on the Form 605 and current mailing address.

Your Social Security Number (SSN) or FCC-issued Federal Registration Number (FRN).

If applicable, the original and a photocopy of your current Amateur Radio license and any Certificates of

Successful Completion of Examination (CSCE) you may have from previous exam session. (Photocopies will not be returned.)

Two number two pencils with erasers, and a pen.

A calculator with memory erased and formulas cleared (no iPhones, iPads, etc.).

Test Fee: \$15.00 (cash or check).

If you fail an element and wish to retake it, we are required to charge an additional test fee. If you pass an element, we typically offer and encourage you to take the next element. We do not charge an additional test fee for this and it gives you the opportunity to see what the next exam element is like!

<http://www.broadband-hamnet.org/just-starting-read-this.html>

OCARC

The December issue of the Orange County Amateur Radio Club "RF" Newsletter has been uploaded to the OCARC web site at:

www.W6ZE.org

NOTE: The next OCARC Meeting is on Friday evening January 16th 2015 (third Friday) at the Red Cross Building at 7:00 PM. The main presentation will be by Don Hill (KE6BXT) and Joe Ayers (AE6XE) on: Broadband-Hamnet.

The Orange County Mesh continues to grow and they welcome the opportunity to answer questions about Mesh networking. Find out if that old WIFI router you have laying around can be re-purposed for Hamnet. This is cutting edge amateur radio.

The OCARC is organizing a tour of the Battleship USS IOWA on Saturday, Jan 10. See Page 03 of their newsletter for details.

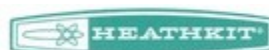


The Law Enforcement running teams from around the nation will be competing again in the Baker-2-Vegas foot race on March 28 – March 29. The Orange COAR RACES group will be supporting the OPD running team and is looking for a few more good hams to help out. See Page 03 of their newsletter for details.

The OCARC Christmas Party was held on Friday evening, December 12and a good time was had by all. See who won the Grand Prize of radio prizes?? See Page 4 of their newsletter for great photos of the dinner.

A past-member. Ken Taylor (W6NIB) thanked the club for providing technical support and friendship when he was in High School back in the early 1950's. Ken included a donation check for \$400 with his thank you letter. See Page 06 of their newsletter.

Bob (AF6C) has another Heathkit-of-the-month article on Heathkit Model GR-78 Portable SWL Receiver. See Page 07. of the OCARC "RF" newsletter.



This month Ken (W6HHC) was the club's "rotating editor" of the OCARC newsletter. Ken has prepared an really outstanding newsletter packed with a lot of info for club members.

The OCARC nets need your support....

On Wednesday evenings:

OCARC 10M net (28.375 MHz) starts at 7:30 PM.

The 2M net starts at 8:30 PM on 146.550 MHz (simplex). Hope to hear you on the nets.

As a final reminder, don't forget that the OCARC monthly combined-breakfast-and-Board-meeting is open to all members and visitors.

The next breakfast is scheduled for second Saturday of the month, January 10th, at 8:00 AM. The breakfast will be held at the Jagerhaus Restaurant at 2525 E. Ball Road, next to the 57-FWY.

See page 2 of the RF newsletter and the web site for location and details.

....de Ken (W6HHC)
OCARC WEBMASTER

FULLERTON PUBLIC SERVICE

First, let me remind you of our regular member meetings. All visitors are welcome!

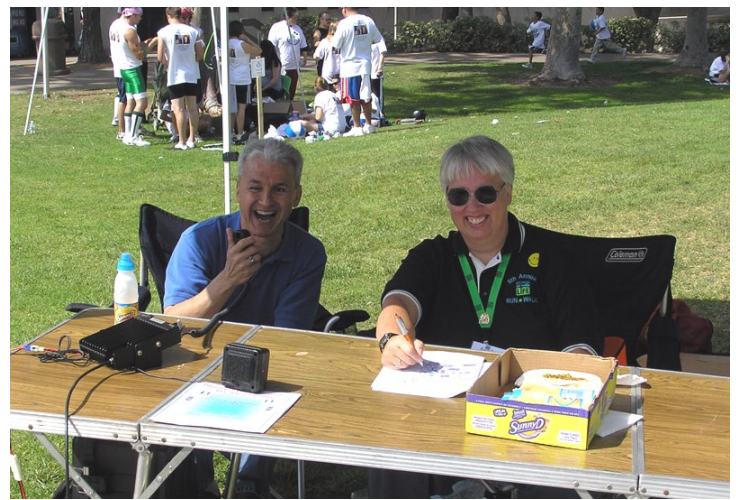
Second, it's that Time of the Year Again, Public Service Event Time. Fullerton Jr. Tennis Tournament is on Jan. 31, to Feb. 1, 2015. We are looking for Amateur Radio Operators to [help with this event.

If you can help out, please sent me an E-mail w/ Your Name, E-mail address, Phone #, and Days you can work to: KB6CMO@ARR.net

Thank You
Gene Thorpe



www.FullertonRadioClub.org



YUMA, HERE WE COME!!

2015 Arizona Section Convention

Yuma Hamfest

Yuma, Arizona

Feb. 20 & 21, 2015



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

www.yumahamfest.org

Check the Website for Additional Information

Gates Open for Camping Thursday, 2 pm Vendor Setup Friday, 7 am - Noon	Event Hours Friday, Noon - 5 pm Saturday, 8 am - 5 pm	Hamfest Dinner & Grand Prize Drawing Saturday Night 6:00 - 8:00 pm
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Vendors & Exhibitors
Consignment Sales
License Testing
Hourly Door Prizes
On-site RV Camping
Hamfest Dinner
ARRL Speaker
Transmitter Hunt
\$5.00 Admission

Tailgating (Swap Meet)
Full Seminar Schedule
DXCC Card Checking
Incredible Grand Prizes
Emergency Preparedness
Admission Prize
Hospitality Area
Near Space Balloon Launch
Antenna Clinic

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

Email Contact: info@yumahamfest.org



We are proud to have the Amateur Radio Council of Arizona (ARCA) as a sponsor of our event.

The Yuma Hamfest is an American Radio Relay League (ARRL) sanctioned event.



Presented by the Yuma Amateur Radio Hamfest Organization

PALM SPRINGS HAMFEST

SAT. MARCH 14, 2015 • 9 AM to 4:30 PM

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NEXT TO PALM SPRINGS STADIUM • PALMSPRINGSHAMFEST.COM



GORDON WEST

10:30 a.m. • Keynote

America's leading ham radio educator, Gordon West, WB6NOA, will give our keynote address. Gordon is the author of numerous books and audio lessons on ham radio licensing and is well known for his sparkling, humorous and informative presentations.



ANDRE HANSEN

11:30 a.m. • Broadband Hamnet

This presentation will provide an overview of the Broadband Hamnet project, featured in the July 2013 issue of QST. Andre will highlight the technology concepts, network designs and implementation, of this fast-growing emergency communications technology.

DENNIS KIDDER

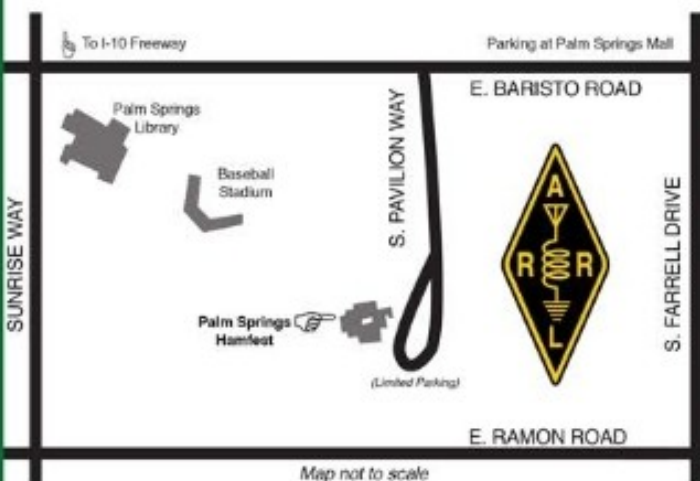
12:30 p.m. • Maker Faire

Dennis explains Maker Faire as: "The Maker Faire Experience is Bringing Ham Radio to a new community. Have you heard of the Maker movement? It is becoming a Renaissance of hobbyist electronics."

BOB BREHM

1:30 p.m. • Curing RFI & Working more DX

Bob (AK6R) is Chief Engineer at www.Palomar-Engineers.com. He'll be speaking on Curing RFI and keeping your neighbor's happy!



VE TESTING

Technician • General • Extra
8 to 10:00 a.m.
ARRL VE Team

NEW! All license classes will be available for testing. The test fee is \$15. Please bring photo I.D. and, if you are upgrading, a copy of your current license to attach to your application.



RAFFLE PRIZES

Thousands worth of prizes
Tickets: \$1 ea./25 for \$20.



FOOD & BEVERAGE

9 a.m. - Morning Snacks & Coffee.

Noon - Hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, salads, sodas and more.



VENDOR EXPO

Hamfest is the best place to "gear up." Dozens of vendors and organizations will be selling specially-priced merchandise and giving demos.



TAILGATERS/CAMPING

The fee for a Tailgater is \$25 and can include camping. Camping Friday and Saturday nights is \$25 per night.



CONSIGNMENT TABLE

Sell your unused gear at our consignment table (less 20% sales commission).



TALK-IN NET • WD6RAT

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146.940 MHz -107.2
7 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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SCDXC ANNOUNCES NEW BOARD

Southern California DX Club announces their new board members.

President: George Jacob
(N6VNI)

Vice President: Doug Millar
(K6JEY)

Secretary: Kris Jacob
(KC6TOD)

Treasurer: Cathy Gardenias
(K6VC)

Membership Chair: Mel
Hughes (K6SY)

Directors: Joe Locascio
(K5KT)

Sharon Spring (K6IRD)
Past President&

Director: Wayne Spring
(W6IRD)

Appointed Positions:

Repeater Chair:
Rich Bongiorno (W6VXo)

Webmaster:
Jim Shryne (N6DHZ)

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

Newsletter Editor:
Diana Feinberg (AI6DF)



There are a lot more cool pictures of their Christmas party. Check out their newsletter at their web site.

NUEVO/PERRISH ARES MEETING

On January 14th Nuevo/Perrish ARES held a meeting for a training session. The topics covered were:

1. Radio Programming & Review of Simplex Programming
2. Net Control
3. Net Relay Station

4. Freq. Chgs during a Net
 5. Net Relay Exercise "Chain Type"
 6. Message Handling
 7. Portable and Fixed Station Exercise
 8. ARES Manual Study
- Members were advised to confirm their Relay Station 5

to 10 minutes before the net starts "On Air"

This team of amateur radio operators who wish to serve their community was formed about year and a half ago. They have built trust, reliability, and consistency to meet the needs of their committee.



HELP WANTED



As an organization, the Orange Section ARES continues to grow. With this continued growth come new challenges. To meet these challenges head-on I need help. The Orange Section is geographically huge and it is not practical for me to get to all the different groups that exist. Therefore I am soliciting for 4 new ASECs, one for each county: Inyo, Orange, Riverside, and San Bernardino.

I know that there are ARES groups that exist that I am not even aware of; and that is not healthy for the Section, or for the ARES organization as a whole. There needs to be better coordination between the different counties so we need an individual that knows their county, the players and the infrastructure.

Please refer to the "Help Wanted" ad below. Feel free to pass it along to someone that think may be qualified and willing to serve.

Wanted: Assistant Section Emergency Coordinator (ASEC).

One ASEC is needed for each of the four counties of the Orange Section; Inyo, Orange, Riverside, and San Bernardino.

Each ASEC will report directly to the Orange Section Emergency Coordinator.

Essential Minimum Qualifications:

- Full ARRL Membership (Required by the ARRL)
 - Completion of Introduction to Emergency Communications, EC-001 (or ability to complete course within 6 months of selection)
 - Completion of FEMA Professional Development Series (PDS) (or ability to complete the series within 6 months of selection)
- Non-essential qualifications, helpful but not required:
- Completion of Public Service and Emergency Communications Management for Radio Amateurs, EC-016
 - Prior EC or DEC experience and Digital Emergency Communications experience.

The ASEC will work with and support all District Emergency Coordinators (DEC) and Emergency Coordinators (EC) as needed within the designated county.

The ASEC will provide a conduit of information from the SEC, SM, and ARRL HQ in matters regarding emergency communications policies and procedures.

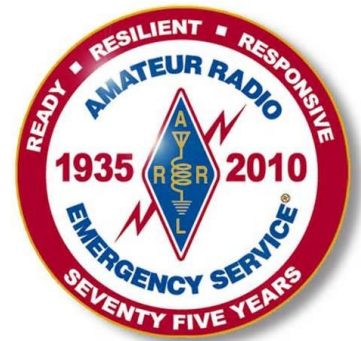
The ASEC will represent and promote ARES throughout the designated county at Operational Area meetings, VOAD meetings, disaster preparedness fairs, and other organizational meetings as needed.

The ASEC will be responsible for appointing District Emergency Coordinators (with SEC approval) and Emergency Coordinators as needed within their respective county.

Send resume with cover letter to:

Bob Turner (W6RHK), Orange Section Emergency Coordinator via email at:

W6RHK@calprepresoucce.org



RIVERSIDE COUNTY ARA CELEBRATES 60 YEARS

The Riverside County Amateur Radio Association, kicked off its 60th Anniversary celebration at the December Holiday Dinner/Meeting/2015 Board of Directors swear-in ceremony on December 12th.

President: Ron Braley (KE6RYX); Vice President: Don Williams (KD6UVT); Treasurer: Jim Wiley (AG6EA); Secretary: Duane

Allan (N6JPO); Newsletter Editors, Marlene Odebralski (KK6CTX) and Bob Trujillo, (KG6NIB).

Two annual most prestigious and coveted service awards were presented: Receiving the LE-JO award was Jim Wiley (AG6EA) and the Harry Crawford (W6TJ), Memorial Award was presented to Marlene Odebralski (KK6CTX). Other members

recognized included Liz Anthony (AD6JF) for the most check-in 's on the Monday night RACES/ARES net.

Club meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday of each month at the La Sierra University Seventh Day Adventist Church, 4937 Sierra Vista Ave, Riverside, at 7:00 PM.

Our weekly net is held on Mondays, 7 :00PM on W6TJ repeater 146.880 – PL 146.2.



Orange Section Manager Carl Gardenias (WU6D) greets Art Sutorus (AA6CA) and Jerry Sincich (KI6RLJ) members of the Riverside County Amateur Radio Association.

Riverside photos by:
Steve (KF6BNP)



Marlene Odebralski (KK6CTX) on the left and President Ron Braley (KE6RYX) on the right.

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Also receiving a life member award was Past President Larry Froehlick (KF6HIV), for his club leadership and community outreach.

Congratulations to Glen and Larry.

Laural Hite (KJ6JKU), a high school sophomore and youngest club member, was awarded the 2014 Field Day, 'Top Operator/High Score Award'. She has been licensed since 2010 and has been an active participant in club events.



Moreno Valley Amateur Radio Association meets on the 1st Thursday each month at Lake Perris SRA at 6:30 PM. Meeting location is at the meeting room (parking Lot 9)

The club website is www.mvaranet.org and phone number (951) 977-3503.

Article written and submitted by: Steve Evans (AF6HR)

Glen Johnson (KA6GMA) Club Historian and Charter Member wanted to add the following:

My compliments to Steve and the other 2014 MVARA officers orchestrating the Christmas/Holiday dinner at Moreno Valley Coco's. They did an excellent job organizing, implementing, and being the masters of ceremonies.

Dinner was great, prizes superb, and camaraderie awesome. I learned about 3D printing and ultralight travel. Al Pearson was honored for his service to the Amateur Radio Emergency Service and Glen Toby sponsoring 193 Volunteer Examiner (VE) sessions. What a great time!

My congratulations to the 2015 MVARA officers who have accepted the obligation to guide our association through the next year's business affairs, community events, and monthly gatherings.

My thoughts on MVARA silent keys (SK) being re-

membered as MVARA Life members are these; I wish the MVARA would have thought of that 30 years ago. This is an excellent way to remember past members who have given so much to MVARA over the years.

New Business

Suggested changes to the Life Member section of the Constitution. are shown below:

"Any member with 5 or more years in good standing that becomes a SK will be listed as a life member in honor of their service to the club, this will be done upon notification to the board and confirmation of the board, this will be exempt from the once a year nomination of a life member."

The first SK member to be added will be Larry Edwards (K6CUT).

