



# Orange Section News

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## RE-ENERGIZE OR START A CLUB

"Re-Energize Your Club" is a presentation that I gave in 2006. I created it as a lesson plan so it could be followed easily. It is also available as a Power Point presentation.

It is a collection of hundreds of ideas and suggestions from fellow hams on starting or re-energizing a club. This is a rough draft for you to adapt to your needs and your ideas. All suggestions are welcome. You may catch errors, after all this is a *rough* draft. It is my hope that you can use this to help improve your existing club or start

a new one. I am also seeking volunteers to help with promotion of Amateur Radio.

Clubs that have been successful are friendly and each and everyone of their quests and members are welcomed. They have training classes for upgrading their members to higher classes of license, to improve or add skills and to welcome newcomers into the family of Amateurs. Some of my more successful clubs have a training meeting 1 hr prior to their member meeting to discuss how

equipment works, antennas, protocols for talking on the air, etc. They use the book Ham Radio for Dummies to assist in their classes.

If you have success stories with your club, I welcome you to write an article about what your club does to excite and promote your club to others."

Here is a picture to use with this: "Me and my sunflowers, cultivating and watch them grow .

**The lesson plan begins on page 3.**



## HDSCS REPORT(S)

Hello from Fullerton!

Here is the Hospital Disaster Support Communications System report for March 22nd, 2015.

HDSCS Coordinators April, (WA6OPS) and Joe, (KØOV) provided a presentation on Disaster Communications to key staff and resident Amateur Radio Operators at Morning-side of Fullerton Retirement Community this past Wednesday. They had been invited at the request of the Executive Director and one of the radio operators that lives in the community. An overview of the emergency groups active in Orange County and how interoperability is accomplished for the agencies supported, was presented along with information on HDSCS. Suggestions were provided for how the Morningside radio operators might support the setting and interface with the other groups in the county.

At the recent HDSCS 2015 Workshop, seven members were awarded silver HDSCS logo pins for response to hospitals. To earn a pin, a member must have been active at a hospital when phone systems were down or compro-

mised such that back-up communications were requested. Six of the seven members have been active with HDSCS less than a year. All seven were active in one or more of the three standby operations and emergency call-out that occurred since last fall.

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Greetings and Salutations!

We would like to bring to your attention the members of Orange County's Hospital Disaster Support Communications System that were recognized at our 2015 Year End/Year Beginning Finale meeting.

Members that earned status as the 2014 Disaster Dozen were: Paul Broden, (K6MHD); Craig Douglas, (KK6DBJ) [first time]; Tom Gaccione, (WB2LRH); Rebecca Katzen, (KI6OEM); Dahna Malheim, (N6DLM) [first time]; Jim McLaughlin, (AB6UF); Joe Moell, (KØOV); Dave Reinhard, (KJ6REP); Jon Schaffer, (W6UFS); Ken Simpson, (W6KOS); Fred Wagner, (KQ6Q); and Dave West, (KI6EPI).

The Outstanding New Member for 2014 was Claudia Whited, (KK6NNT).

These awards are determined by a point system. Members earn points when they participate in such activities as meetings, workshops, HDSCS nets, and most of all for any responses to hospitals.

Also recognized by a special members' committee were: Joe Moell, (KØOV) and Ken Simpson, (W6KOS), for Outstanding Service to HDSCS. This award is extremely meaningful as it is given out by the members. The committee has a spokesman, but the exact makeup of the committee is not known to the general membership and not known at all to the emergency coordinator. When an award is to be given is never known until it happens.

If you encounter any of these folks, give them a "tip of the rubber ducky"

73

April Moell, (WA6OPS)  
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# RE-ENERGIZE YOUR CLUB

Re-energize your club  
Rough Draft, 20 Sept., 2006  
Carl Gardenias (WU6D)  
Lesson plan

## **Introduction:**

First, tell them what you're going to tell them. Second, tell them what you need to tell them. Third, tell them what you just told them.

Going back to basics, how do you start a new club/group? Why would/should you?

Why would you want to re-energize an existing club. Does it really need it, or is it suffering from club burnout?

How do you keep guests and members coming back?

## **Body:**

First, ask what *you* need to know and then tell them what they need to hear.

## **Starting a New Club**

- 1.1 Hold fact-finding meetings, discuss the purposes and objectives of your club.
- 1.2 Prepare a proposal/mission statement that outlines the purpose of your club.
- 1.3 Include your proposed club structure, bylaws, rules and regulations.
- 1.4 Will this new club satisfy an unfulfilled need in your community?
- 1.5 Is there sufficient interest in the population?
- 1.6 Plan an organizational intro meeting with those interested persons or potential stakeholders you would like to join you, located in a convenient meeting space.
- 1.7 Prepare an agenda and create a survey or interest sheet to learn the interests and needs of the group(s) you plan to serve.
- 1.8 Promote your meeting by notifying interested persons via a press notice, newspaper, nets, schools, friends and neighbors.
- 1.9 Hold an organizational meeting.
- 1.10 Survey attendees for their interests and needs.
- 1.11 Recruit volunteers for an organizational committee to make initial recommendations.
- 1.12 Evaluate member surveys to determine the focus of the group.
- 1.13 Choose interim an leader.

**Lesson plan continues on page 20**



# **PALM SPRINGS HAMFEST MARCH 14, 2015**

To start are day off, coffee, tea and donuts prior to the doors opening to help pass the time while the volunteers and vendors completed their set ups.



There were tailgaters and campers were there to enjoy the experience. We did VE testing before the Hamfest with great success, welcome all our new hams.

"It was a fun day and a great turn out. Vendors in attendance were HRO, Elecraft, Nifty Ham Accessories, Impulse, RF Stuff, Ham Radio Programming by K6LCS, Alpine Antenna Co., Gordon West School, W5YI, Hi Tech Liquidators, a consignment table & Lido Mount to choose from.

Hope everyone was able to join in on some of the special speakers that gave their presentations throughout the day. A lunch was served at the event and tables were set out for people to sit and socialize.





Clint Bradford did 3 different Satellite contacts. The Desert Rats had a club table and a special event station. Several of the service groups were in attendance: ARRL of course, Civil Air Patrol, CERT and RACES. Thank you for participating in the event.



The photo's and story on pages 4 and 5 were provided by Susan Boskovitch (KD6TNO)

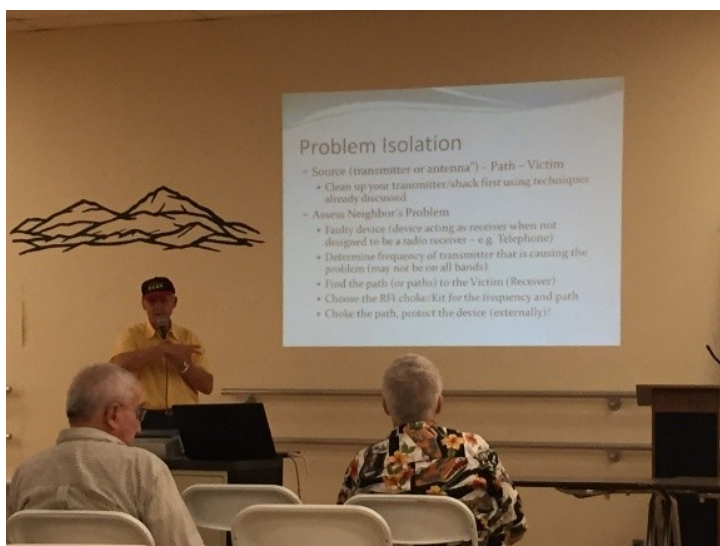


# PALM SPRINGS HAMFEST





## PALM SPRINGS CONT'D



## OCARC

The Board of Directors of the Orange County Amateur Radio Club (OCARC) announces:

RESENT – the second page of the Carl Gardenias (WU6D) article that begins on Page 18 of the RF newsletter was missing in earlier e-mail. MNY TNX to Bob (AF6C) for fixing the problem.

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The February issue of the Orange County Amateur Radio Club "RF" Newsletter has been uploaded to the OCARC WEB SITE at [www.W6ZE.org](http://www.W6ZE.org).

NOTE: The previous OCARC Meeting was on February 20th (the third Friday evening) at 7:00 P.M. in the Red Cross Building. The main presentation was by Arnie Shatz (N6HC) on:

"DXpedition Doctoring..."

Club member Arnie has been a participant in nine major DXpeditions over the past 9 years. Besides being a top-notch operator, Arnie is also a doctor.

He brings this important skill, and needed medical supplies on DXpeditions.

The club Board of Directors is conducting a survey to understand your areas of interest and catalog tour areas of skills. Please participate in this Important survey and fill-out/return the questionnaire. See the survey Cover Letter and questions starting on Page 07.

There are great pictures of the tour of the Battleship USS Iowa that many club members took in January. See photos on Page 06 of the W6ZE "RF" newsletter.

Bob (AF6C) has another Heathkit-of-the-month article on Heathkit Model AJ-14 FM Tuner. See Page 11 of the RF newsletter.

The world famous Visalia DX Convention is coming up soon on April 17-19. See Page 22 of the RF newsletter for details.

This month Doug (W6FKX) was the club's "rotating editor" of the OCARC newsletter. Doug has prepared a really great newsletter packed with a lot of info for club members.

**The OCARC nets need your support....**

On **Wednesday** evenings:

**The** OCARC 10 Meter net

(28.375 MHz) starts at 7:30 P.M.

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

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

The next breakfast will return to the regular schedule of the second Saturday of March, (the 14th), at 8:00 A.M. The breakfast location for March returns to the Jagerhaus Restaurant at 2525 E. Ball Road, in Anaheim, next to the 57-FWY.

See the page 2 of RF and the WEB for the location and meeting details. Click [here](#) for a map to the location.

....de Ken W6HHC  
OCARC WEBMASTER





# CBARC

We had a great turn out for the Monthly Meeting. There were lot's of follow up conversations after the meeting and a lot of "energy." It was sure good to see the Club getting more and more active. The HF rig even got "fired up" 8-) 8-) 8-)

Jim Eason and his assistant instructors recently completed a Technician License Class and we have some new Amateur Radio Please Licensee's!!!

**Isaac Vallentyne (KK6RPM)**

**Rodger Taylor (KK6RPI)**

**Chuck Schmidt (KK6RPH)**

**Alan Duggan (KK6RPK)**

**Scott Bauer (KK6RPJ)**

**Melissa Eason (KK6RPL)**

Many of these new licensee's along with Daniel Kutch (KK6RPI) and Marlin Brown also joined our CBARC Club as new members. Please join us in welcoming each of them as a new members to our CBARC club:

Isaac Vallentyne (KK6RPM), Rodger Taylor (KK6RPI), Daniel Kutch (KK6RRJ)

Marlin Brown and Scott Bauer (KK6RPJ)

**!!! Congratulations AND Welcome Isaac!!!**

**!!! Congratulations AND Welcome Rodger!!!**

**!!! Congratulations AND Welcome Scott!!!**

**!!! Congratulations Chuck!!!**

**!!! Congratulations Alan!!!**

**!!!Congratulations AND Welcome to another Eason Family Member, Melissa!!!**

**!!! Congratulations AND Welcome Dan!!!**

**!!! Welcome Marlin!!!**

A special Thank You to Jim Eason and his assistants for their efforts to get the word out about Ham Radio through some contacts at the local school district/s. Other CBarC members are spreading the Word so: Thank You to each of Us - Keep Up The Good Work Everyone!!!

Have a terrific week and long weekend for some - 73's

## 2015 Arizona State Convention



### Kingman Hamfest Kingman, Arizona Oct 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24th, 2015

Mohave County Fairgrounds  
2600 Fairgrounds Blvd, Kingman, Arizona

**[www.kingmanhamfest.com](http://www.kingmanhamfest.com)**

Check the Website for Additional Information

Vendors & Exhibitors

Tailgating / Swap Meet

License Testing

DXCC Card Checking

Door Prizes

Raffle for Grand Prizes

On-Site RV Camping

\$5.00 Admission

More info to be announced soon!



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

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



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## ARCA WILLIAMS HAMFEST

The 2015 ARCA/Williams Hamfest will be held July 24, 25 & 26, 2015 at the Rodeo Grounds in Williams, AZ.

For more information, please visit the ARCA Web Site at [www.arca-az.org](http://www.arca-az.org) and click on the July Hamfest link.

Hamfest gates will open at 12:00 Noon on Thursday, July 23 for set-up. The hamfest will open at dawn on Friday, July 24 and will close at 6:00 PM on Saturday, July 25.

The commercial building will be open from 8:00 AM until 5:00 PM on Friday, July 24 and Saturday, July 25.

Door prize drawings will take place throughout the event. Grand prize drawing will be held at approximately 3:00 PM on Saturday, July 25.

The annual ARCA Barbecue Dinner will again be held at Railside RV Ranch at 877 Rodeo Road, just east of the rodeo grounds, at 6:30 PM. The Ham of the Year and Young Ham of the Year Awards will be presented at the dinner.

The 2015 ARCA Scholarship recipient will be announced also.

Tickets for the dinner will be available at the ARCA registration booth and the ARCA table in the main hall at the event. Tickets may also be purchased in advance by visiting the ARCA web site, click on July Hamfest, and follow the links to the hamfest reservations forms.

Sunday, July 26, is set aside for a trip to the Grand Canyon aboard the Grand Canyon Railway - a fun way to cap off the weekend.

More seminars, meetings and forums are planned for this year. If you or someone you know would like to do a presentation, please let us know. Make your plans early to check us out!

If you would like a space at the event, reservation forms and information are now available on the web site ([www.arca-az.org](http://www.arca-az.org) - click on the July Hamfest tab) or may be requested by responding to this email. A packet can be emailed to you or sent by mail.

**Noise restrictions will be strictly enforced this year. Quiet time is 10:00 P.M.. until 7:00 A.M. NO loud or annoying sound will be permitted. That includes - music, radios, generators etc. Generators may not be run overnight. If you need power for medical or other reasons, please contact the reservations committee for possible accommodations.**

If you have any questions or need additional information, please click on "Request/Comment" at the top of the July Hamfest page on their website, or send an email to this address.

Thanks for your support of the ARCA/Williams Hamfest. We look forward to seeing you this year.

*ARCA/WilliamsHamfest  
Reservations Committee*

<http://www.arca-az.org/main/hamfest/news.html>





## 2015 ARCA / WILLIAMS HAMFEST JULY 24, 25 & 26, 2015

ADVANCED NOTICE



*Presented by the Amateur Radio Council of Arizona  
and the City of Williams*



ADVANCED NOTICE

WILLIAMS RODEO GROUNDS, RODEO ROAD, WILLIAMS, AZ

GATES OPEN AT NOON THURSDAY, JULY 23 FOR SET-UP.

HAMFEST OPENS AT DAWN FRIDAY, JULY 24.

### FREE ADMISSION!

### JULY 26, 2015 - GRAND CANYON TRAIN TRIP

MEETINGS, SEMINARS, ACTIVITIES,  
COMMERCIAL VENDORS,  
HUGE SWAP, VE TESTS

### PRIZES

DOOR PRIZES EVERY HOUR  
RAFFLE TICKETS  
\$12 for \$20, or 3 for \$5.00

SATURDAY NIGHT BBQ DINNER  
AT RAILSIDE RV RANCH

RESERVATION INFORMATION  
available soon

SUNDAY GRAND CANYON TRAIN  
TRIP



Visit the ARCA Web Site  
[www.arca-az.org](http://www.arca-az.org)

Talk-In - 146.78 - (91.5 PI)

On-Line Reservation Available on Web Site Soon  
Or Call - 602.881.ARCA (2722)



## NEW ARRL SECTION MGRS



Two New ARRL Section Managers Will Take Office on April 1st.

Wyoming and Kentucky will be getting new ARRL Section Managers on April 1, while incumbents in several other sections have been re-elected for new terms. Ballots in contested elections in the winter Section Manager election cycle were counted on February 24th at ARRL Headquarters; some candidates ran unopposed.

In Wyoming, challenger Jack Mitchell, (N7MJ), of Cheyenne, will be the new Section Manager. He received 125 votes to 108 votes for incumbent Wyoming SM Garth Crowe, (WY7GC), of Gillette. Crowe has served as SM since January 2009.

A ham since 1973, Mitchell is an active ARRL Volunteer Examiner who enjoys

exploring and operating new modes, attending hamfests, making new friends, contesting casually, and chasing DX. He currently serves as secretary of ShyWY Amateur Radio Club.

The Kentucky Section also will have a new Section Manager starting in April. Alan Morgan, (KY1O), of Paris was the only nominee for the position. An ARRL Life Member for more than 30 years, Morgan has held several leadership posts, including District Emergency Coordinator, Emergency Coordinator and net manager and has served as an ARRL-affiliated club president. Outgoing SM Jim Brooks, (KY4Z), decided not to run for another term of office after being at the helm in Kentucky since 2007.

In contested races two in-

cumbent SMs prevailed over their challengers. In Arizona, Robert Spencer, (KE8DM), of Yuma, outpolled Steven Wood, (W1SR), of Tucson, 775 to 464. In Iowa Section Manager Bob McCaffrey, (KO CY), of Boone also was re-elected, defeating challenger Scott Kirstein, (NOOOD), of Ankey 402 to 127. Spencer and McCaffrey both have served since 2013 and will be starting their second terms in April.

Several other incumbent Section Managers faced no opposition in this election cycle and have been declared re-elected. They are Dale Temple, (W5RXU) (Arkansas); Malcolm Keown, (W5XX) (Mississippi); George Forsyth, (AA7GS) (Montana); Chris Brewer, (N5GMJ) (North Texas), and **Carl Gardenias, (WU6D).**

## SCDXC

antenna systems.

If you missed it, be sure to catch it the next time it is presented. It will be well worth the commute.

For the last two months the turn out for dinner at the Sizzler Restaurant has been outstanding; 25 members in January and

over 40 members in February. A few members starting arriving at the Restaurant between 5:00 and 5:30 P.M. The Sizzler Restaurant is located at 17544 Hawthorne Blvd. Torrance, CA. Phone number is 310-371-0775. Click [here](#) for a map.

73 De George (N6VNI)

At the March 12th SCDXC Meeting, Carl Gardenias (WU6D) was the guest speaker. Carl's presentation was about the 160 meter band and the antennas that he uses at his home. This was interesting for all of us that work 160 and gave new folks a look at the low band. It was also a good refresher on vertical



## JERRY PETTIS VA HOSP ARC

The Jerry Pettis Veterans Administration Hospital ARC, (W6VAH), in Loma Linda, CA. invites you to check-in to their 20 meter weekly net held M-F between 0900 and 1100 hours local time. Meet the volunteers on or near

14.255 MHz . This is an open net to all hams but we especially appreciate the contacts from fellow veterans. Our primary purpose is to provide emergency communication in the event of a disaster. Check out our biography

on QRZ.com.

Anyone interested in joining our club is invited to stop by on the first Tuesday of each month at the FMS bldg /Safety office conference room on the second floor at 1500 local time.



## GARY GRANT (K7VY) SK

This in from Tom (K7DF).

It is with profound sadness that I must inform you of the death this morning of Gary Grant K7VY the Section Manager of the Nevada Section. Gary had been hospitalized in the ICU for several weeks.

He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Elizabeth, and children Nicholas and Jennifer. Gary was a member of the ARRL for more than 50 years. He served in several

capacities of the Field Organization including Official Observer, Volunteer Examiner, Official Observer Coordinator, Assistant Section Manager, and finally as the incumbent SM.

Gary was an Elmer of the highest degree. Never missing an opportunity to help someone along in their pursuit of amateur radio.

He was retired from the University of Nevada. He also

had an extensive career in broadcast engineering having worked for television stations as well as Collins Radio.

He was a member of the University of Nevada Reno Radio Pack, the Quarter Century Wireless Club, and other radio groups. He also was a member of the Masonic Order.

Arrangements are by the Ross, Burke, and Noble mortuary in Reno.







## IDXC CONVENTION

The 66th Annual International DX Convention sponsored by the Northern California DX Club will be held again at the beautiful Visalia Conference Center in downtown Visalia, California from April 17-19, 2015.

If you're a DXer, or interested in any aspect of Ham radio, then IDXC is the place to be. Top DX operators from around the world will be there. You'll match those familiar callsigns with new faces, and shake hands with the person you have had a sched with for the past 10 years but never met.

### Program Overview:

- Full day of training on Friday, April 17: Both Contest Academy and DX Academy
- Friday Evening Dinner Options: TopBand, IOTA, and Contesting
- Contest Forum, DX Forum, QSL Card Checking
- 15-20 DX & Technical Seminars
- Large Exhibit Hall - where you can comfortably talk to the people who design and sell ham radio equipment
- Great Raffle Prizes - the likes of which rival even the famed Dayton Hamvention

Over the next several months we'll be inviting speakers, finalizing the program, setting up the Exhibit Hall, and generally preparing for a memorable convention for all attendees.

Use the left-side navigation bar to explore the website. Information will be added and updated frequently, so be sure to check back from time-to-time.

If you have any questions or comments, here's a [Contact](#) link.

And don't forget to sign our Guestbook above!

Thanks in advance for your support. We'll be seeing you soon!

Your 2015 IDXC Co-Chairs,

John Miller (K6MM)

Kevin Rowett (K6TD)

Rich Seifert (KE1B)



See our website at: <http://dxconvention.com/index.html>

## WARA VE TESTING TEAM

The VE testing team representing the Western Amateur Radio Association was established in June 2012 by George Jacob (N6VNI).

George felt that the North Puente needed to have an active testing team. He approached the La Habra Community Center and requested the use of a room once a month for the WARA testing sessions. The Community Center was happy to provide the room and so the success began.

**On the third Thursday of each month at 6:00 pm the WARA testing team gives the opportunity to individuals to take the Amateur Radio exams.**

The WARA testing team has been asked to travel to many locations to provide testing at the conclusion of Amateur Radio training classes. The WARA team has also provided test sessions at the 2013 & 2014 OCARC Field Day event.

In June of 2014 the WARA team held a test session in the back room of Anaheim Ham Radio Outlet for their annual "HAM JAM" event. We are looking forward to being asked again this year. It was successful and lots of fun.

As you can see from the pictures on the next page, our VE testing team shows their professional look with the ARRL Volunteer Examiner shirts and smiling faces. From the onset of the teams beginning we have grown to 16 Extra Class Amateurs. We are proud to say that we strive for excellence.

The statistics of the team after 40 sessions (June 2012 through March 2015) are 278 candidates – 181 Technicians, 48 Generals and 25 Extras. Sadly there were 33 where it just was not their day. Many of these people have returned and successfully passed the exams. The WARA testing schedule is listed on the ARRL website for the convenience of anyone interested in testing.

Some of the newest young HAMS have been from local high schools where teachers are mentors and offer class credit if they study and pass the Amateur Radio exams. Remember that the youth of today will be the Amateurs of tomorrow and hopefully be Elmer's to others.

Not only have we seen the success of those who have passed their tests, the WARA club has benefited with new members. These

new members are attending our meetings and learning from the current members who offer friendship and knowledge in the Amateur Radio hobby.

Success has been the theme of the WARA VE Testing team.... We enjoy what we do and look forward to continue to serve new the Amateur Radio Community.

If you are in need of a testing team, please contact George Jacob, (N6VNI) at [jac2247@gmail.com](mailto:jac2247@gmail.com) or call 562/544-7373.

Testing sessions are held the third Thursday of each month (schedule is on the ARRL website):

La Habra Community Center at 101 West La Habra Blvd.(NW corner of Euclid & La Habra Blvd.) La Habra, CA 90631.

The WARA repeater on 145.400 MHz is located in Fullerton reaching throughout Orange County.

The best of 73's

Kris Jacob (KC6TOD)  
ARRL Assistant Section Manager – Orange Section

**WARA VE  
TEAM  
PICTURES ARE  
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## WARA VE TESTING TEAM





# WARA VE TEST SKED

**On Thur. April 16th, and all other dates, testing is done at 6 P.M.** NOTE: *Location change to:* The home of George (N6VNI), 1901 W. El Portal Drive, La Habra, CA 90631).

**Thursday, May 21st, 2015 at 6 P.M.** NOTE: *Location change to:* The home of George N6VNI, 1901 W. El Portal Drive, La Habra, CA 90631.

**Thursday, June 18th.**

**Thursday, July 16th.**

**Thursday, Aug. 20th.**

**Thursday, Sept. 17th.**

**Thursday, Oct. 15th.**

**Thursday, Nov. 19th.**

**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!

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Sponsoring Club:

(N6ME) Western Amateur Radio Association, Fullerton, CA. "WARA"

Primary test site location:

The La Habra Community Center at 101 W. La Habra Blvd., La Habra, CA 90631

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

Western Amateur Radio Association

## ORANGE NEWSLETTER

Please visit our sections website at [www.orange-arrrl.org](http://www.orange-arrrl.org) click newsletters for the latest Orange Section newsletter. If you wish to receive your newsletter via email, just send your email address to me at:

[gardenias@verizon.net](mailto:gardenias@verizon.net)

I will arrange for your email address to be added to the distribution list. If you know hams that are not members of ARRL, or as members have not gotten onto the Members Only section, encourage them to go there and click receive newsletter.



# Western Public Service System

## WPSS LUNCHEON

*What is WPSS an acronym stand for?*

WPSS stands for Western Public Service System.

*What are they or what do they do?*

WPSS was first formed on 8 August, 1967. It was formed to function as a Grid of Hams scattered across the Western United States to handle communications and traffic handling in the event of a major interruption. 41 stations were on the initial roster. It differs from an organized emergency radio system that is activated to operate in a municipality or county

*What is their operating frequency and time sked?*

3952 KHz at 1800 to 2400 hours.

*How did the system change over the years?*

In November of 1968 the Merit System roster was changed to alphabetical to reduce reporting times.

The sked was also changed to seven days per week.

There were seven nightly net controls and one alternate.

In 1968 they had grown to 85 members. In 1969 they had 120 members. In 1969 an application for non-profit status.

*Do you have any long term members?*

Gerry (WB6YFV) started in 1969 in Menlo Park, now as WA6E he lives in Loomis and checks in nightly!

*Is it expensive to join?*

In 1969 it cost \$1.00 to join and \$2.00 per year. In 2015 it costs just \$2.00 to join and only \$8.00 per year to participate.

Today, the WPSS is a Systematic calling service for all appropriately licensed amateurs who have traffic, wishing to get signals reports or just wanting to say hello to a friend.

*What states do members reside today?*

California—228

Oregon—13

Nevada—12

Arizona—9

Washington—8

Idaho—4

Texas—2

Colorado—2

Tennessee—1

Utah—1

**Mark your calendar! Their next lunch gathering will be 17 Sept., 2015 at 11:00 A.M. at the Steer n Stein in Hemet. Contact Rich (KJ6YO), the club president, to join.**



Photo by Dave (K6DAW)

# LAGUNA WOODS ARC

The Laguna Woods Amateur Radio Club, (W6LY), currently has 43 members. More than half of them are ARRL members.

Sixteen club members are Orange County RACES members, including recently added members Russ, (KK6RUS) and Dave, (KS6RFI). Club members belong to Orange County RACES in order to handle emergency disaster communications for the City of Laguna Woods.

The Laguna Woods Amateur Radio Club meets on the first Thursday of the month (except July and August) at Laguna Woods Village, Clubhouse One, Dining Room 3. At the last club meeting, on March 5, 2015, plans for installing Broadband Hamnet and EchoLink capabilities were discussed.

To locate Laguna Woods Village click on the link below for a map.

<http://mapq.st/1C23X7R>

The Laguna Woods Amateur Radio Club has been in existence for more than forty years and it's membership is composed of residents who live in the retirement community of

Laguna Woods Village and are licensed amateurs radio operators.

Our HF transceivers consist of a Kenwood TS 480 SAT and a Flex 3000. These transceivers and our antennas are located at Gate 14. The transceivers are operated by remote control from our shack in Clubhouse 1. The antennas are mounted on a 100 foot tower at gate 14. We have a Cushcraft A4S - a 4 element tribander with a A744 40 meter add on. The beam has a Hygain T2XD Tailtwister rotator with a Green Heron Controller.

The beam is mounted at the 100 foot level. We have a Carolina Windom in a inverted V configuration the apex of which is mounted at 40 feet. We also have a G5RV mounted at 40 feet.

At Clubhouse 1 we have various HF, UHF and VHF transceivers and locally mounted antennas. New additions are a Yaesu FTDX 1200 HF/6 M Transceiver and a Icom ID-880H UHF / VHF D Star transceiver.

Our website is:

<http://www.qsl.net/w6ly/>

it presents our current and past activities.

Here are some links to items mentioned in this story.

<http://www.broadband-hamnet.org/>

<http://echolink.org/>

<http://lagunawoodsvillage.com/>





# HAMCON 2015

## HAMCON 2015

The 2015 ARRL Southwestern Division Convention is September 11-13, 2015, at the Torrance Marriott South Bay Hotel, 3635 Fashion Way, Torrance, CA 90503.

Check our website at:

[www.hamconinc.org](http://www.hamconinc.org)



## RE-ENERGIZE YOUR CLUB

- 1.14 Locate a regular group meeting place.
- 1.15 Determine meeting dates and times.
- 1.16 Plan for several activities to be offered at start.
- 1.17 Determine the initial budget.
- 1.18 Established dues based upon member count and realistic potential donations.
- 1.19 Plan programs for the first three to six months.
- 1.20 Follow your plan with the attendees of the organizational meeting
- 1.21 Advertise meetings.
- 1.22 Recruit members.
- 1.23 Organizational committee should recommend the name, purpose, structure, activities, duties of officers, and legal status of the club.
- 1.24 Draft bylaws.
- 1.25 Hold meetings to approve organizational committee recommendations, approve bylaws and elect officers
- 1.26 Evaluate progress

# RE-ENERGIZE YOUR CLUB

## Your Club Today??

### The Mission Statement

- 1.1 Make a good first impression on visitors to your club.
- 1.2 Promote education and mentoring in a friendly environment.
- 1.3 Represent amateur radio in a positive light.

My mission is to provide guidance and leadership to help Amateur Radio succeed.

We have invested a great deal of time in service to our community and to having fun.

Help assist in the recruitment of new ham radio operators.

To encourage clubs to work together in common interest areas and on common projects that will not only benefit the club, but would also benefit the community.

To build strong, trained emergency teams that are able to function during emergencies.

### Things to Think About

- 1.1 Does the club currently have a mission statement? Is it being followed?
- 1.2 Have the bylaws been updated to meet the times?
- 1.3 Has the club changed leadership every year?
- 1.4 Does the club leadership mentor others to assume responsibilities?
- 1.5 Does the club have the courage to allow a void in leaders?
- 1.6 Does the club offer classes/education and training?
- 1.7 Does the club offer VE testing or does it have a list of testing sites?

### Reasons For Getting Involved In Ham Radio

- 1.1 Fun hobby
- 1.2 Emergency communications and public safety
- 1.3 CB, FRS, GMRS.
- 1.4 ARES/RACES
- 1.5 DXing/DXpeditions
- 1.6 Kit building/home brew gear
- 1.7 Learning electronics
- 1.8 Building/experimenting with antenna's

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- 1.9 Digital modes
- 2.0 Echolink
- 2.1 Repeaters
- 2.2 Outdoor events such as Field Day, Fox hunts, FRAO (Freeze Your Acorns Off - A December Field Day type event)
- 2.3 Social gatherings

## Things To Think About

- 1.1 Does the club have a club activity director, for parties, Field Day, Community Service, etc.?
- 1.2 How can you foster friendships and socializing through activities?
- 1.3 How will the club build relationships and encourage activities with serving agencies, such parades, hikes, rides, races, sporting events, etc.?
- 1.4 Does the club participate with other clubs?

## Greeting Your Guests and Members

- 1.1 Do you have someone assigned to greet a guest and introduce them to others?
- 1.2 Is everyone responsible for greeting the new guest?
- 1.3 Do you have a newcomer package/flyer about the club?
- 1.4 Does everyone wear name badges at every gathering?
- 1.5 Do you have paper name tags for your guests that read Hello my name is \_\_\_\_\_, call sign.
- 1.6 What should the greeter do to make the guests feel welcome?
- 1.7 Have breath mints. (Have just eaten or smoked?)
- 1.8 Shake the guests hand and look them in the eye and say "We are glad to have you here."
- 1.9 Listen to what your guest has to say (good conversation is 50-50. Leave the lumbago stories at home.
- 1.10 Do not monopolize the (ANY) discussion.
- 1.11 Make others feel special. (This is good for all of your members too)
- 1.12 Are your guests introduced during the meeting (Applause would be appreciated.)
- 1.13 Is your meeting location in a reasonably safe area?
- 1.14 Is your meeting location easy to find? (Do you put signs out, or maps on your web page and/or Facebook)
- 1.15 Do you have clear, readable with signs posted to help guide the new guests in?



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## The Meeting

- 1.1 Do you have a business meeting first? (Why do you have it at the meeting site?)
- 1.2 Business meetings should be short and efficient. Stick to the agenda.
- 1.3 Do your programs reflect the many facets of amateur radio?
- 1.5 Do you have evaluation forms? (How are things going, meeting length, too much politics, does the membership have a say, what can the membership can do to affect change?)
- 1.6 Does club president/vice president recognize those who have achieved something special?
- 1.7 Involvement of as many members as possible in activities/events is important. Encourage everyone to take small parts, so everyone feels valued for their contribution and learns how things are done.
- 1.8 Don't overlook the contribution a new ham can make - a new outlook, lots of energy and a fresh pair of eyes to resolve problems.

## Keeping the Customer Coming back. (This is from a large corporation and they mean every word.)

Here are some basics to help you keep your customer coming back.

- 1.1 A smile, a good attitude and a helpful word can make the difference between a repeat customer and one who never returns and bad mouths you to others.
- 1.2 Employees should have an upbeat attitude.
- 1.4 Workers should be easily recognizable by uniform or name tag.
- 1.5 Greet customers as they enter the booth, facility or grounds.
- 1.6 Thank them as they leave
- 1.7 Hire employees who understand what is expected of them in terms of customer service.
- 1.8 Evaluate/review your first point of contact with each customer. Is it positive?  
Is the customer greeted? Did the employee make eye contact?  
Did they help the customer by making suggestions?
- 1.9 Ensure that the staff/employees are having a good time. When we're having fun, our customer will have fun, too!

## Surefire Customer Service Techniques for EVERY Ham Host. (Yes, that means you.)

- 1.1 Genuinely smile and use a polite, friendly tone. Engage them in conversation! A spirit of fun!
- 1.2 Maintain a neat and clean appearance.
- 1.3 Make direct eye contact every time you interact with guests and listen mindfully to their comments and questions.
- 1.4 Began and end all interaction with a friendly upbeat remark, such as. How can I help?  
Do you need any assistance? Thanks for coming to our meeting! Come back and see us again!

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## Long Term Survival of a Team/Group or Club (Best practices, flexibility)

- 1.1 Develop long-range goals and metrics by which to measure success and failure of your mission.  
Where you want to be in five years? Update and evaluate the plan each year).  
Begin with the idea of servers, as a basis for worthy service to the community and with fun in mind, develop and refine a training plan (both electronics and leadership). This work is to be done at board meetings, or special meetings.
- 1.2 Set short-range goals that support long-range goals. Except nothing less than the highest ethics standards, recognition given often
- 1.4 Keep lines of communication open, Board meetings and special meetings. Always listen.
- 1.5 Leadership should change from year to year. Maintain continuity through your goals and plans.  
Encourage others to grow and take leadership responsibility and prepare themselves for the future.
- 1.6 Bylaws should reflect the clubs varied interest/operations.
- 1.7 Actively involve all members to share the load. Members are already busy people. By sharing responsibilities over a large group/team you will find many advantages.
- 1.8 Encourage them to take leadership, management, and training from reading and other sources.  
There are many things that make up our organization,
- 1.9 Sustaining/increasing their membership base.
- 1.10 Implementing successful projects that meets the needs of the community
- 1.11 Share your experiences and failures/successes with other clubs so you can exchange ideas and information
- 1.12 Have a timeline, i.e. January through June develop a plan, July to deploy the plan and next January to evaluate the plan.

## What Could Help Hams Stay Active?

- 1.1 Support from area hams.
- 1.2 Help getting started on the air
- 1.3 Support from family/friends
- 1.4 Better location of club meetings/activities
- 1.5 Assistance from a mentor
- 1.6 Help in putting a station together
- 1.7 Contact with a local store/dealer

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## Out of the Ordinary

- 1.1 Is the club attracting the non-traditional hams at this time?
- 1.2 Our future is with young ladies and men.
- 1.4 Are you attracting non-hams over 60?
- 1.5 Supporting youth groups i.e. scouting, religious groups, senior centers, etc.

## Notes and Ideas

- 1.1 Leadership with attitude. Successful groups require people at all levels to develop and maintain positive attitudes and to provide effective leadership coaching.
- 1.2 Develop the leaders in your group. John C. Maxwell is a good source of learning.
- 1.3 Emphasize team development
- 1.4 Best practices, critical issues, strategic direction, stakeholders, objectives, improve your networking, back to basics.
- 1.5 Clubs can always be young no matter the age of the club.
- 1.6 Consider various demographic groups.
- 1.7 Clarify the plan.
- 1.8 Teamwork.
- 1.9 Enthusiasm.
- 2.0 Eye contact - "Window to the Soul"

## Re-energizing/Rejuvenate (Inspirational quotes, for those who are experiencing burnout!)

"Your attitude is your best friend, or your worst enemy, your greatest asset or your greatest liability". John C. Maxwell (The Power of Thinking Big)

"Stop trying to grow your organization. Work on people's attitudes, if you do that, your organization will experience 10% growth overnight". John C. Maxwell (Power of Thinking Big)

"Leadership is the capacity to translate vision into reality". Warren G. Bennis

"A ship in a harbor are safe, but that is not what ships were built for". Anonymous

"The road to success is always under construction". John W. Patter

## Conclusion:

Remind them of the important points.

**If you want a copy of this outline formatted in DOCX or PPT please let me know by emailing me at:**

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# CBARC

The CBarC held a number of club scheduled activities in March.

On Wednesday March 11, 2015 at 1830-hours the CBarC Board of Directors Meeting met at the Staff Development Building Patton Hospital. This was an open session.

1. Pending Business Items as required.

Also on March 11, 2015 at 1900-hours the monthly CBarC General Membership Meeting was held.

Agenda:

Call to order

Flag Salute

Introductions

Treasurer's report

Review and approve February 2015 Meeting Minutes (a draft copy of the February minutes is attached) Old, Ongoing and New Business - Discussions Advanced planning for Field Day 2015 - June 26-27-28, 2015 was discussed.

A General License Prep Class in 2015 was discussed. A number of people have already expressed interest and are on the "list". if you are also interested please let us know.

Please note: Right now due to availability of instruc-

tors and conflicting schedules Jim Eason advises that it looks like July before we can offer a General License Class scheduled. We apologize for the delay :-)

At our next meeting we will have an Advanced Planning and Brain Storming session regarding events, on-going training and monthly Amateur Radio topics of interest for 2015. Please bring your ideas.

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 on the list in work right now:

Upcoming Events & Speakers

While at Quartz Fest in February Tracy Lenocker spoke with Gordon West about visiting CBarC and giving one of his famous presentation on aspects of Amateur Radio. Gordon has agreed to visit CBarC; probably sometime in July, Date and Time TBD. It may well not be on a General Membership meeting Wednesday; the date/time

will be paced by Gordon's schedule. We also want to this to be well publicized. Gordon, along with Bob Heil, really publicized our Route 66 On The Air this year on their Ham Nation. As you all know this was our best year yet!!! More details to follow as they emerge and firm up ...

We are also will continue to work to get Bob Heil to visit our Club.

Tracy Lenocker, WA6ERA will be our guest speaker tonight after the Club Meeting is adjourned.

6. New Business as Presented

7. Adjournment

Guest Speaker:

Tracy Lenocker, (WA6ERA), gave us a presentation on Mesh Networking. He showed how the system works using three or four nodes set up inside and outside the clubhouse. One or two of the nodes had cameras and other devices attached. Discussion centered on the hardware and use of Mesh Networks for EMCOMM and setting up a personal Intranet during a disaster. For more information go to Broadband-Hamnet at <http://www.broadband-hamnet.org/>.



The 4th Sat. of each month CBarC has a VE session at 0900 for Tech. through Extra Class at the Staff Dev. Center: Patton State Hospital, 3102 E. Highland Ave. in San Bernardino. Contact: Ed Slaughter (WU6I) at [wu6i@arrl.net](mailto:wu6i@arrl.net) Bring your original license + one copy. We retain the copy of your license. Bring any CSCE of prior test sessions, if any, one photo ID and \$15 to cover costs (exact change PLS). If not licensed, just show up. Pre-reg. preferred, but walk-ins are accepted.