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Hams Battle to Protect Antenna Rights

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Amateur Radio

Operators know that a station is only as effective as its antennas. Unfortunately, many local jurisdictions in California and elsewhere have chosen to discriminate against licensed **HAMs**, many of

whom provide valuable yet free public service to their respective communities, in favor of “squeaky-wheel” residents who object to nearby antennas on aesthetic or pseudo-technical grounds. These jurisdictions either don't know or, as is often the case, don't care that both federal and California statutes require them provide reasonable accommodation to **Amateurs** seeking to erect modify or preserve antennas and supporting structures so that they can exercise the privileges of their licenses.

In those jurisdictions where officials have dug in their heels, **Amateurs** are pushing back. In one widely publicized case, a **HAM** in the High-Desert community of Palmdale was granted a tower permit, installed it, and eventually mounted an HF beam atop the structure. Upon seeing the antenna, several neighbors complained to the city and started a petition to have the installation removed. Rather than abide by its own rules, the city caved in and revoked the tower permit. This was too much for **ARRL** Volunteer Counsel **Len Shaffer WA6QHD**, who stepped in to guide the **HAM** through the administrative appeals process and, when that provided no relief, filed suit in Superior Court against the city. **Amateurs** and clubs chipped in to help fund the case, as did the **ARRL**, and Shaffer worked pro bono. Over a year later, in a downtown Los Angeles courtroom, the judge ordered the city to reinstate the permit. The city appealed, so Shaffer cross-appealed in

order to secure a favorable appellate ruling that would serve as precedent in future California lower-court cases. The appellate briefing schedule was issued last month, and we may have a court date and decision later this year.

Meanwhile, the city of San Diego resurrected an old draft ordinance late in 2008 that would have placed significant new restrictions on **Amateur Radio** antenna installations, contrary to the requirements of federal and state preemption laws. The **San Diego DX Club**, with help from **ARES** members, reacted by preparing a comprehensive written response that enumerated and quantified the many benefits the city has received from local **HAMs**. The club also engaged a local attorney who specializes in land-use issues to help represent them, and **ARRL** General Counsel **Chris Imlay W3KD** wrote to the city and provided research materials to local counsel. Near the end of December, the city made further onerous changes to the draft and sent it to the planning commission. **HAMs** rallied at the hearing and provided well supported testimony that resulted in the planning commission recommending that the city council disapprove the ordinance as drafted. Will the city staff make the changes needed to produce a workable, legally defensible ordinance? We don't know yet, but may find out fairly soon. The **HAMs** aren't waiting, though. They have engaged a consulting firm as well, funded by a contribution from **ARRL**, to help them state their case directly with city council members and staff.

The above are but two instances among many in which overly aggressive municipalities are ignoring the law. In Poway, Los Alamitos, Cerritos, Yorba Linda and elsewhere, **HAMs** are given a hard time despite their ability to demonstrate the need for and safety of antenna installations. Many city officials believe they can outspend and outlast any individual who might resort to litigation. That belief has emboldened them to run their cities as they see fit regardless of the intent of Congress or the State Legislature. Efforts are now underway in the **Amateur** community to try to level the playing field a bit by setting up fundraising vehicles and working for successful outcomes for those cases now in play.

Ultimately, though, publicizing our good work, lending our communication skills to neighborhood preparedness efforts and making ourselves valuable members of our communities will help turn public sentiment in our favor. This may produce more benefit at city hall than any adversarial action possibly could.

For more information on preemption laws, see the **ARRL** website at www.arrl.org. If your club would like a formal presentation on antenna ordinances, contact **ARRL** Vice-Director **Marty Woll N6VI** at n6vi@arrl.org

Upcoming Communication Events

The Baker to Vegas Relay

April 17-18, 2010. See www.b2v.org for more details. To volunteer, contact **Joy Matlack KD6FJV**, Com 1 Communications Director rbvcom1@b2v.org.

18th Annual Leona Divide 50-Mile Run

The **Leona Divide Fifty Miler** and is one of the premiere Ultra Marathons in California. As a non-profit event, it is supported by generous sponsors and many volunteers.

This year's race will be held on April 17, 2010 at 6:00 A.M. in Lake Hughes, CA. Trail work, race organization, aid stations, radio communication, and finish line are all done by volunteers. For 18 years many of the same people have given their time to help make the Leona Divide what it is today.

If you have any interest in helping with **Amateur Radio** communications on race day or volunteering at an aid station, please contact the race director: Keira Henninger at (949) 322-2048 or at keirahenninger@mac.com.

Additional information can be found at www.leonadivide.com.



The **Golden Guardian Statewide Exercise Series** was first implemented by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger in 2004, and has become an annual statewide exercise series conducted to coordinate prevention, preparation, response and recovery mechanisms of city, county and state governmental entities, and private sector and volunteer organizations. The goal of the Golden Guardian Exercise Series is to build upon the lessons learned from this and subsequent exercises conducted throughout the nation, as well as real-world events. Golden Guardian is currently the largest statewide exercise program of its kind in the country.

Golden Guardian 2010 is a Port Terrorism Theme with five (5) California Ports participating from Southern California to the Bay Area. All the activities will commence on **May 17, 2010** and end on **May 19, 2010**. There will be a Regional Recovery Tabletop Exercise held in Oakland and Long Beach, California, on **May 20, 2010**, to discuss the Long Term Recovery issues pertinent to facilitating the ports' return to full

operation. There will also be a Preventative Exercise that will parallel **Golden Guardian 2010** in the days prior to the exercise and continue until the end of the Full-Scale exercise. This year, the **Cal EMA Exercise Division** partnered with the **U.S. Coast Guard** to aid evaluation and assessment of their Maritime Security Agreements with the ports.

While there has been no formal invitation for participation from the **Amateur Radio** community, the information will provide awareness of the Event.

For detailed information on the Event, visit the **Golden Guardian 2010** website.

For hospital's response to the Event, visit the **California Hospital Association's** website.

ARRL Southwestern Division Convention

The **2010 ARRL Southwestern Division Amateur Radio Convention** will be held **September 17, 18 and 19, 2010** at the Four Points by Sheraton Hotel in San Diego. See <http://www.sandarc.net/Convention2010.htm> for further details.

2011 and 2012 ARRL Southwestern Division Convention

It is always exciting to have our Los Angeles Section host the **ARRL** Southwest Division Convention. The Los Angeles Area Council of Amateur Radio Clubs has already begun working on this event. The council has asked to remind all Los Angeles Section amateur clubs to renew their council membership and add their valuable input. The more clubs that are involve in the event, the greater the event will turn out. This is a chance to help greater ham community and most of your own club. **David Greenhut N6HD**, Los Angeles Section Manager.

Planning is also already under way for the **2012 ARRL** Southwestern Division convention to be held in Arizona. If you would like to be part of this planning, contact **David Greenhut N6HD**, **ARRL LAX** Section Manager at N6HD@arrl.org.

On December 5, 2009, the **Two Meter Spectrum Management Associations (TASMA)** released its new band plan. The band plan covers repeater, simplex, packet, crossband and other coordinated frequencies. **TASMA** is **Amateur Radio's** sole Southern California's two meters bands frequency coordination body with the stated purpose of repeater coordination and spectrum management.

Official Observer (OO)

The **Official Observer (OO)** program has been sponsored by the League for more than 50 years to help amateurs help each other. **Official Observer** 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 **FCC**.

The **OO** is also the backbone of the **Amateur Auxiliary** to the **FCC**. **OOs** are certified in the **Auxiliary** by passing a mandatory written examination.

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 operation, etc. The **OO** completes his task once the notification card is sent.

In hard-core rules violations cases, **OOs** refer problems to higher echelons of the **Amateur Auxiliary**, and may be requested to gather evidence for possible **FCC** enforcement actions. Requirements follow:

1. Must take and pass examination 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 four years.
3. Must report to the **OO** Coordinator regularly on FSD-23.
4. Maintain regular activity in sending out advisory notices as needed.

The **OO** program is one of the most important functions of the League. A sincere dedication to helping our brother and sister amateurs is required for appointment. Recruitment of new hams and League members is an integral part of the job of every League appointee. Appointees should take advantage of every opportunity to recruit a new ham or member to foster growth of Field Organization programs, and our abilities to serve the public.

FSD-110 (2/97).

ARRL Field Organizations:

Amateur Radio Emergency Services (ARES) To become a part of ARES, use this [ARES link](#).

National Traffic System (NTS) For information on training, or to volunteer to be an **NTS** Net control station, please send an e-mail to **Chester Brown K6CRB**, NTS Net Manager, expressing your interest to K6CRB@arrl.net.

Official Observer Program (OO) To apply to become an Official Observer, use this [OO link](#).

Special Service Clubs. To designate your Amateur Radio club for Special Service status, use this [SSC link](#).

Technical Specialist. To apply to become a Technical Specialist, use this [TS link](#).



NTS News and Nets

NTS Monthly Meeting and new Yahoo! Group

The Los Angeles Section **National Traffic System (NTS)** is having its second monthly meeting on Saturday, March 6, 2010 at 11:00 A.M.. The meeting will be at the Valley Presbyterian Hospital Medical Center located at 15107 Vanowen Street, Van Nuys, California 91405.

The Los Angeles Section **NTS** group has also formed a Yahoo! Group. Visit <http://arllax.org> for more details.

If you have a chance, please join in on the **NTS** Net which meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8:00 P.M. on the DARN repeater system www.DARN.org.

NTS not only has a rich history, but offers a disaster communications resource, improved operator skills and a public service. Many of our operators are also involved in disaster communications groups, such as **ARES** and **MARS** and others are interested in using their skills in a fresh way to move traffic. Beginner and experienced operators are encouraged to join this group.

The **NTS** Los Angeles Section is always looking for operators interested in becoming Net control stations. This is an opportunity to increase your **HAM** radio skills. No prior experience is required, and you do not have to be an **ARES** member. However, many of the **ARES-LAX**'s current and previous Net control stations would make excellent **NTS** operators.

For **CW** operators, **Southern California Net (SCN)** serves the purpose of a local **NTS CW** Net. **SCN** is a training Net and meets weekly on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:00 P.M. PDST, on 3.575 MHz.

In the future, the **LAX**'s local **NTS** is anticipated to expand to HF phone, PACTOR and Winlink service.

ARES maintains a relationship with the **National Traffic System (NTS)**. **NTS** supports **ARES**' disaster missions by providing "beyond the disaster area" communications.

To volunteer to be an **NTS** Net control station, please send me an e-mail expressing your interest
73,

David Greenhut N6HD, Section Manager, ARRL Los Angeles Section. N6HD@arll.org.

National Traffic System - Schedule

Name	Time (Local)	Time (UTC)	Day	Mode	Frequency
<u>Local - National Traffic Nets - LAX Section</u>					
Los Angeles Net (LAN/V)	21:00 PST	4:00 UTC	T & Th	FM	445.28 MHz/100.0
Southern California Net (SCN)	19:00 PST	3:00 UTC	T & Th	CW	3.537 MHz
Southern California Net (SCN/V)	20:00 PST	5:00 UTC	M,W & F	FM	146.385 MHz/+146.2
<u>Regional - National Traffic Nets - LAX Section</u>					
Region Six (RN6/1)	19:45 PST	3:45 UTC	Daily	CW	3.575 MHz
Region Six (RN6/2)	21:30 PST	4:30 UTC	Daily	CW	3.575 MHz
National Traffic Syst. (NTSD)	24 Hour/7 Days			Pactor	
<u>Area - National Traffic Nets - LAX Section</u>					
PAN	20:30 PST	4:30 UTC	Daily	CW	3.552 MHz *
*or depending on propagation 7.052 MHz					
<u>Other - National Traffic Nets</u>					
Northern California Net (NCN/1)	19:00 PST	3:00 UTC	Daily	CW	3.533 MHz
Northern California Net (NCN/2)	21:00 PST	5:00 UTC	Daily	CW	3.533 MHz

ARES-LAX News and Nets**Northwest District**

ARES Northwest District holds monthly meetings the first Saturday of the month from 8:00 A.M.—10:00 A.M. at Valley Presbyterian Medical Center (Education Center) located at 15107 Vanowen Street, Van Nuys, California 91405.

MARS will be the topic of discussion for the April 3, 2010 meeting. The May meeting will feature **Alan Gaynor W6IST** speaking on ATV.

ARES also conducts Weekly Nets on the **DARN** system:

Northwest District Weekly Net	Monday at 9:00 P.M.
Southwest District Weekly Net	Wednesday at 7:00 P.M.
Northeast District Weekly Net	Thursday 7:00 P.M.

DARN Repeater Network Frequencies:

Palos Verdes	446.740	PL 100.0
Mt. Disappointment	446.240	PL 100.0
Mt Wilson	446.940	PL 100.0
Verdugo Peak	445.280	PL 100.0
Mt. Disappointment	1283.25	PL 114.8
Mt Disappointment, Mt Wilson, and Verdugo	147.36+	PL 103.5
Echolink	Node 8722	(K6VGP-R)

Northeast District

The **ARES** Northeast District holds monthly meetings the fourth Saturday of the month from 9:00 A.M.—11:00 A.M. at Huntington Memorial Hospital (Wingate Building/East Conference Room), 100 W. California Boulevard, Pasadena, CA. Parking in the East lot is free for the meeting. There is usually somewhere there by 8:15 A.M. setting up, if want to arrive early. This is a good time to get questions answered, get assistance with your radio, or just get coffee!. Coffee, donuts and bagels are served.

For the **April 10, 2010** meeting **ARES** member **Dr. Kate Hutton KD6HTN** will speak. With the recent earthquake activity, you won't want to miss this talk. This would be a great meeting to invite a friend or guest to attend and see what's going on in **ARES**.

The meetings run about 90 minutes, but many hang out for a while afterwards for refreshments, socializing, planning the next event, answering questions, etc. We have members from many of the surrounding area radio clubs, so in addition to hearing some very interesting guest speakers, it is a great opportunity to meet with other **HAMs**. Remember to bring a Friend...or two, or even your whole radio club! Guests are always welcome at the meetings. Share the excitement.

In addition to our established hospitals **Huntington Memorial** and **Pomona Valley**, and our recently added hospitals **USC** and **Alhambra**, we have a new request to support **Garfield Medical Center**. We also expect to have requests from several other area hospitals in the near future. If anyone is interested in getting involved with the initial set up at **Garfield**, please contact me or **Dennis Oszusick KI6UNC** as soon as possible.

Also, if you want to be on the list to help out at the other existing hospitals or future hospitals, let us know. Just send a quick email indicating your interest. We would like to have several team members at each hospital.

Exciting growth continues in the **ARES** Northeast District. Maybe it's the increasing sunspot activity. Actually, it is to the credit of each of the members who continue to invite friends and volunteer to help in many ways. Membership is nearing 100. Attendance and participation is superb. Members continue to help with nets, meetings, and activities. We have had a great group of guest speakers each month starting with **Marty Woll N6VI** in January and continuing with **Dr. Kate Hutton KD6HTN** for our April 10, 2010 meeting. We have added new hospitals to our served agency list and affiliations with other agencies in the area.

Whatever **ARES-LAX** district you are in, you should be excited about what is going on and proud of your organization. **ARES-LAX** is in a very exciting growth phase. Invite a friend or bring a guest to each meeting and share the excitement.

The Northeast District conducts a Net every Thursday at 7:00 P.M. on the **DARN** repeater system. **Dennis Oszusick KI6UNC** acts as Net control. **ARES** members and visitors are invited to check-in.

Congratulations to *Aiden Parker KJ6FXF* and *Richard Parker KF6FSQ*!

Richard KF6FSQ is one of our many dedicated Northeast District ARES members. KF6FSQ, has really raised the bar for involvement and commitment to the **HAM** community. He has been faithfully helping out as a net control station for both the Northeast and Southwest weekly nets. He also participated in providing radio support for the Pasadena Marathon.

In addition to all that, he studied and recently passed his General license exam! But that's not all—he is a very dedicated father, and involved his son Aiden in the excitement of **HAM** radio. While Richard was studying for his General ticket, he studied with his son and helped prepare him for the Technician exam. Aiden passed with flying colors and is now the proud holder of **KJ6FXF**. Congratulations Aiden on your new license and welcome to Ham radio, ARES, and years of enjoyment! Awesome work, Richard! Congratulations on your upgrade to General.

Russ Keating KI6WIR, DEC-Northeast District, ARES-LAX ki6wir@arrl.net.

Southwest District

The **ARES** Southwest District holds monthly meetings the third Saturday of the month at from 9:00 A.M.—11:00 A.M. at Providence Little Company of Mary Medical Center in San Pedro, 1300 W. 7th Street, San Pedro, CA. The meetings are held in the DeMucci Education Center on the first floor, inside the hospital. Call (310) 832-3311 for additional information and directions.

Southeast District

The **Southeast District** conducts FCC license testing by the **Associated Radio Amateurs of Long Beach W6RO (ARALB)**, every third Saturday of the month at 9:00 A.M. at the California State University Long Beach Police Station. All license elements are offered for a fee of \$4.00 for each test.

Directions: Go to the South side of the campus, to Parking Lot 11, off of Palo Verde Avenue at Atherton Street, South of the 405 Freeway. Free parking on testing mornings is in Lot #9, at Palo Verde Avenue and Anaheim Road. Enter Lot 9 off Palo Verde Avenue, and it is a short walk to Lot #11. Free handicap parking is available in Lot #11.

Talk-in from 0800 to 0900 hours is available using the 449.780/MHz **K6CHE** Repeater. PL tone is 131.8/Hz.

To pre-register, contact Louise Chapman N6ELK at (562) 429-1355.

High Desert

The **ARES** High Desert conducts Weekly Nets on Wednesday evening at 7:00 P.M. The Net is structured to be informative as well as a venue to experiment with equipment and/or location(s) where the ARES High Desert group could possibly be involved in service.

The Net begins on the Hauser repeater frequency of 146.730/MHz with a minus offset and PL tone of 100. (Those listening using a scanner need only be concerned with the frequency.). After initial check-ins and announcements or net business the frequency is changed to simplex of 147.555/MHz, where participants check in a second time, and give a report on the signal strength of the Net control station. In addition, Net control makes note of their signal strength and records this data each week. The Net then returns to the Hauser repeater to conclude.

FCC Licensing and Upgrades

Dave Danner—License Classes for General Exam

Dave Danner K6AIX will be conducting a series of class sessions for the General Licensing Exam. The classes will be held on four Wednesday evenings: May 5, 12, 19, and 21, 2010 from 7:00 P.M. to 9:30 P.M., with a review and exam on Saturday, May 22, 2010. The Review session is from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. The Licensing exam is from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

All sessions will be held at the Lost Hills Sheriff's Station Assembly Room, 27050 Agoura Road in Agoura, CA.

The class will use The **ARRL** General Class License Manual, 6th edition.

This class is FREE. It is recommended that you bring your own snacks and drinks for the evenings sessions, and bring lunch and snacks for the Saturday review and testing session.

Los Angeles County Disaster Communications Services is Recruiting

The **Los Angeles County Disaster Communications Service (DCS)**, will be holding a quarterly training session on May 1, 2010 from 8:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

The training will be in East Los Angeles at the L.A. County **DCS's** Emergency Operations Center, 1275 North Eastern Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90063.

Candidates must complete the below forms in advance: http://dcscopythat.files.wordpress.com/2009/10/2009_m ember_pkg_rev10-091.pdf

If you are interested in becoming a part of LA County **DCS**, please RSVP to Debby Miles at Staff10@lacdcs.org.

For more information about L.A. County **DCS**, visit their site: <http://dcscopythat.wordpress.com>.

The Associated Radio Amateurs of Long Beach (ARALB)

The **ARALB** is hosting a Technician Licensing class starting April 3, 2010 through May 8, 2010 at the Long Beach Emergency Communications and Operations Center, 2990 Redondo Avenue, Long Beach. Licensing exam will be held on May 8, 2010.

The course fee is \$45.00 and includes book, materials, and testing fee. Maximum class size is 24.

For more information, contact: **Bill Bradley WD6FON** at Training@aralb.org or by telephone at (562) 531-0534.

ARES-LAX/Southeast District

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Antelope Valley Amateur Radio Club (AVARC)

AVARC conducts monthly **ARRL** VE testing sessions. For March sessions, check out the **AVARC** website at www.avarc.av.org.

The examinations are held at the **First Christian Church of the Antelope Valley**, 1702 East Ave. J., Lancaster, CA (Across the street from the Eastside Wall Mart).

Please enter parking lot off the end of the cul-de-sac 17th Street East, enter the classroom annex, and look for the "FCC Exams" sign outside the correct classroom. Monday Nights: Please do not disturb the A.A. group or other groups that may be using the facilities.

Dates/times may be subject to change.

***** PLEASE CHECK THE AVARC WEBSITE (www.avarc.av.org) THE DAY OF THE TEST, OR CALL ADRIENNE SHERWOOD WA6YEO PRIOR TO DRIVING ANY DISTANCE TO TAKE AN EXAM *****

Prices are \$15.00 for the **ARRL**, and \$4.00 for the **GLAARG** session. Administrative submission, (no test), fee is \$2.00 for **GLAARG** sessions only.

Independent Radio Club (IRC)

The **IRC** will host a Technician Licensing Course and Licensing session on Saturday May 15, 2010 from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., and Sunday, May 16, 2010 from 9:00

A.M. to 3:00 P.M. at the Eagle Rock City Hall, 2035 Colorado Boulevard, Eagle Rock, CA.

The Licensing exam will be conducted after the class session on Sunday, May 16.

The course fee is \$50.00 and includes a the course book and the testing fees. Should you fail the examination, a second examination can be taken for an additional fee of \$15.

Early sign up is encouraged, as prestudy will increase your chances of success.

To sign up for the class, go to the **IRC** website: www.ircradio.org and fill out the form attached to the course announcement.

The **IRC** will host a **FCC** Licensing session on Sunday, May 16, 2010 at 3:00 P.M. Bring a photo ID, a copy of your current license (if applicable), valid CSCE forms (if any), your social security number or FCC FRN, and the \$15.00 testing fee payable by cash or check.

If you have any questions, contact **Ken Chafin W6CPA** at w6cpa@arrl.net or at (818) 957-1699.

K6YH Crescent Bay VE Club

K6YH Crescent Bay VE Club conducts licensing exams at the **W6TRW Amateur Radio Association SWAPMEET** from 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. on the last Saturday of every month, for all Amateur elements. Testing is conducted at One Space Park Drive, Redondo Beach, CA, in the Building S-Cafeteria at the Northrop Grumman campus. Enter the Cafeteria on the north side, proceed down the stairs and enter the building.

Bring a Photo ID, original and photocopy of Amateur license and/or CSCE, if any. Test fee is \$14.00 CASH ONLY.

Palos Verdes Amateur Radio Club (PVARC)

PVARC holds licensing classes at **Hesse Park**, 29301 Hawthorne Boulevard in Rancho Palos Verdes, CA. Dates and times are below:

Please note, each course is two sessions.

April 24, 2010 from 10:00 A.M.—2:00 P.M. (Tech Class)

May 1, 2010 from 10:00 A.M.—2:00 P.M. (Tech Class)

May 8, 2010 from 10:00 A.M.—12:00 P.M. FCC Exam (Tech)

Students of High School age and below who successfully complete the Technician Course and obtain

a Technician Class Radio License will be reimbursed by the **PVARC** for the cost of their license fee and study materials.

For more information contact **Walt Ordway K1DFO** at (310) 541-4007 or walt.ordway@juno.com.

PAPA System

PAPA combines its license testing with breakfast! All test sessions are at 7:00 A.M., except where noted, and precede the 8:00 A.M. breakfast meetings. All elements are offered, except as noted.

This month's breakfast will be held on **Saturday, March 13, 2010** at Home Town Buffet, 8629 South Sepulveda Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA.

Park in the parking lot, in back of the building, not on Sepulveda..

Pre-registration is required, due to limited space and the possibility of changes.

Visit the **PAPA** website www.papasys.net, for registration information and directions to the restaurant.

San Fernando Valley Amateur Radio Club (SFVARC)

The **SFVARC** holds licensing exams at the **Northridge Hospital**, on the first Saturday of February, April, June, August, October and December. Registration starts at 8:00 A.M., and testing starts at 9:00 A.M.

There is a \$4.00 examination fee. You do not have to be a club member to take an examination. Also, if you are upgrading your license, please bring your original license, a copy of your license, and originals and copies of any "Certificates of Completion."

For more information, call **Bill Miller K6NEQ** at (818) 368-4438. In all other months, exams are conducted by the **Santa Clarita Amateur Radio Club** (see below).

Santa Clarita Amateur Radio Club (SCARC)

SCARC conducts licensing exams on the third Saturday of every odd month of the year (January, March, May, July, September, and November) at 8:00 A.M., at the **Santa Clarita City Hall** in the Council Chambers.

If you wish to take a test, please contact **Ron Klein K6VPV**, at rbklein@earthlink.net or at 661-259-0948, at least five days before the testing session. This is so that we can have the necessary forms and testing materials ready for you and so that you can be informed on what you need to bring with you.

Southern California Amateur Transmitting Society (SCATS)

On May 1, 2010, **SCATS** will conduct a "Get Your Ham Radio License in 1 Day" from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. at the Community Presbyterian Church 540 E Vine Avenue, 2nd classroom in West Covina, CA. Use the Walnut Street entrance.

Study Session will be from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. **FCC** Licensing exam will be held from 1:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M.- Click on the "Contact Us" link on the website to register. First come, first served.

Tri-County Amateur Radio Association K6AGF

TCARA offers testing for Technician through Extra Class, and it is held on the **last Saturday of every month** (except December) at 1:00 P.M. in the **Pilot's Lounge at Brackett Field Airport**. The location is the same place where **TCARA** has their Club meetings (see below). The fee is \$15.00.

Contact **Frank Westphal, K6FW** at (909) 628-8661 for reservations. Leave on the answering machine the class of the test you want to take, your name, address, and telephone number. Bring your current original license and a copy; any CSCEs with copies of same, and a picture ID.

United Radio Amateur Club (URAC)

URAC conducts licensing exams for both Amateur and Commercial licenses on the second and fourth Sunday of the month, at 1:30 P.M. **Reservations are required**. Contact **Bill Carter W6AJ** at w6aj@arrl.net, **Doug Dowds W6HB** at w6hb@arrl.net or the Club email at k6aa@arrl.net. **W6AJ** is the VE in charge of exams.

See the website www.k6aa.org for more details.



Affiliated Club News and Upcoming Events

220 MHz Spectrum Management Association

The **220SMA** is a NOT FOR PROFIT Association of Amateur Radio operators dedicated to education about, and technical and operational management of, the Amateur Radio 220 MHz. Bands. The Association represents all modes of operation and develops Band Plans intended to facilitate the maximum practicable use of the spectrum. Membership in the Association is open to individual Amateur Radio Operators in an effort to

allow for maximum representation from all interest segments, and minimize the influence of any one special interest area. A Coordination Board operates within the Association to perform the formal coordination activities associated with the 219 MHz. Digital Linking and 222 MHz. Repeater Coordination activities.

General meetings are held quarterly, on the third Saturday of each month. The next general meeting will be held on Saturday, April 17, 2010, at 10:00 A.M. See the website for location details.

Website: www.220sma.org.

Nets: See website for details.

Education: See website for details.

HAM Exams: None listed.

Antelope Valley Amateur Radio Club K6OX

The **Antelope Valley Amateur Radio Club (AVARC)** is part of the High Desert District. AVARC holds monthly meetings on the last Thursday of the month at 7:30 P.M., at the **Emergency Operations Center (EOC) in Lancaster City Hall**, 44933 N. Fern Avenue, Lancaster, CA.

AVARC's next monthly meeting will be held on Thursday, April 29, 2010.

Website: www.avarc.av.org.

Nets: **AVARC** conducts a weekly Net on Wednesdays at 8:00 P.M. on 146.73MHz (-) PL 100.0.

Education: See website for details.

HAM Exams: See website for details.

Arcadia Red Cross Amateur Radio Public Safety Corps KI6UJB

The **Arcadia Red Cross Amateur Radio Public Safety Corps (ARCARPSC)** is part of the Northeast District. They exist to support the community in emergency preparedness, and support the Amateur community with licensing classes and mentoring.

For more information, email scfm44o@aol.com.

Websites: None listed.

Nets: None listed.

Education: Email for details.

HAM Exams: Email for details.

Associated Radio Amateurs Of Long Beach W6RO

The **Associated Radio Amateurs Of Long Beach (ARALB)** is part of the Southeast District. **ARALB** meets the first Friday of every month at 7:00 P.M. At this time, their meeting location has been changed from one in the prior year. Be sure to visit their website: www.aralb.org for up-to-date details on meeting locations and times.

****THIS MONTH ONLY**** **ARALB's** next meeting will be held on **Friday, April 9, 2010** at The Signal Hill Community Center. 1780 Hill Street, Signal Hill, CA.

ARALB also manages the **W6RO Club Station** aboard the **Ocean Liner Queen Mary** in the Wireless room, located on the Sport Deck, Queensway Bay, Long Beach Harbor, Long Beach, California.

The Wireless Room features a Ten Position Radio Station. Volunteers operate **W6RO** during three 4 hour "shifts" daily and establish communication all around the world.

We try to be there from: 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M., 1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M., and 5:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.

ARALB hosts a weekly Club Breakfast at 8:00 A.M. every Wednesday at Spires Restaurant, 1935 E. Del Amo Boulevard in Long Beach, at the corner of Cherry Avenue and Del Amo Boulevard.

Website: www.aralb.org.

Nets: **ARALB** conducts a weekly Net on Fridays (except meeting nights) at 7:00 P.M. on 146.145 + PL 156.7.

ARALB conducts a weekly Slow CW Net on Fridays (except meeting nights) at 7:30 P.M. at 28.130 MHz.

Education: The **ARALB** is hosting a Technician Licensing class starting April 3, 2010 through May 8, 2010 at the Long Beach Emergency Communications and Operations Center, 2990 Redondo Avenue, Long Beach. Licensing exam will be held on May 8, 2010.

The course fee is \$45.00 and includes book, materials, and testing fee. Maximum class size is 24.

For more information, contact: **Bill Bradley WD6FON** at Training@aralb.org or by telephone at (562) 531-0534.

HAM Exams: See above.

Baldwin Hills Amateur Radio Club N6EW

Baldwin Hills Amateur Radio Club (BARC) is part of the Southwest District. **BARC** meets the first

Wednesday of every month at 7:00 P.M. at Round Table Pizza, 4330 Redondo Beach Boulevard, Torrance CA.

BARC's next monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 7, 2010.

BARC members meet informally for dinner on Saturday evenings around 6:00 P.M. Currently, members are meeting at various locations throughout Los Angeles. To attend the informal dinners, please contact **Ed Walker WA6MDJ** at (323) 295-4817.

BARC holds monthly Club dinners on the **second Saturday of every month** at **The Grinder** in Westchester or at alternate locations. Listen to the Tuesday night Nets for further information.

Southern California Monitoring Association (SCMA) meets the second Wednesday of every month for dinner at The Grinder in Westchester, CA.

BARC has a table at the TRW SwapMeet held on the last Saturday of every month. The Club tables are located in row J-12, J-14 & J-16.

Website: www.barc.us.

Nets: **BARC** hosts a Net on Tuesdays at 7:30 P.M. on the BARC 2 meter repeater (146.925- & 224.68-).

Education: See website for details.

HAM Exams: **BARC** holds amateur radio license testing every other meeting.

Crescenta Valley Radio Club WB6ZTY

The Crescenta Valley Amateur Radio Club (CVARC) is part of the Northeast District. **CVARC** meets the second Thursday of the month (excluding August) at 7:30 P.M. at **Verdugo Hills Hospital**, Council Room D 1812 Verdugo Boulevard, Glendale, CA.

CVARC's next monthly meeting will be held on Thursday, April 8, 2010.

CVARC holds a monthly breakfast the first Saturday of each month. This month's breakfast will be held on Saturday, April 3, 2010 at 7:30 A.M. at Conrad's Restaurant in La Canada.

Website: www.gsl.net/cvrc.

Nets: **CVARC** conducts a weekly 2-Meter repeater "Transponder Net" between club members and members of the Coulsdon Amateur Transmitting Society of Surrey, England at 9:15 A.M.

CVARC conducts a weekly Net on Sundays at 8:00 P.M. on 146.025, PL +136.5

CVARC conducts G.E.A.R.S. check-ins on Mondays (except DCS Holidays) at 7:00 P.M. on the K6CCC Repeater 445.380 PL Minus 100.

CVARC conducts P.E.R.C.S. Simplex check-ins on Thursdays at 8:00 P.M. on 144.465.

Education: See website for details.

HAM Exams: See website for details.

Downey Amateur Radio Club, Inc. W6TOI

The **Downey Amateur Radio Club (DARC)** is part of the Southeast District. **DARC** meets the first Thursday of the month at 7:30 P.M. at the **First Baptist Church of Downey**, Room 120, 8348 E Third Street (meeting location is on the 2nd street side of the church).

DARC's next monthly meeting will be held on Thursday, April 1, 2010.

Website: www.downeyarc.org.

Nets: **DARC** conducts a weekly 440-Net on Tuesdays at 7:00 P.M. on the Club 440 repeater at 445.640 (-) PL 156.7 Hz for the repeater located in Altadena. Use a PL of 88.5 for our Palos Verde repeater.

DARC conducts a weekly 2-meter simplex Net on Thursdays at 7:30 P.M. on 145.595.

Education: See website for details.

HAM Exams: See website for details.

Hollywood Hills QRP Contest Club

For information on this Club, contact **Robert E. Griffin K6YRE** at k6yr@arrl.org.

Hughes Amateur Radio Club W6HA

The **Hughes Amateur Radio Club (HARC)** is part of the Southwest District. **HARC** meets the third Tuesday of every month at 12:00 P.M. at the Hacienda Hotel Coffee Shop, 525 N. Sepulveda Boulevard, El Segundo, CA. Guests are always welcome.

Contact **Barry Colston KG6NWJ** at bmcolston@raytheon.com for further details.

Independent Radio Club (the Mountain Repeater Association) WA6IRC

The **Independent Radio Club (IRC)** joined forces with the **Mountain Repeater Association K6VE** in 2006, bringing 440 MHz and 902 MHz repeaters to the existing wide area 220 MHz repeater system.

Now known as **The Independent Radio Club**, our repeater system provides access on three amateur bands, 222 MHz, 440 MHz and 902 MHz. Votex receivers and links between sites provide wide area coverage to Southern California, Arizona and Nevada. Internet Radio Linking Project (IRLP) and EchoLink nodes further extend system coverage literally worldwide.

IRC and the **MRA** hold combined club meetings on the last Friday of the month (except November and December) at 7:00 P.M., at the **Lamplighter Restaurant**, 5043 Van Nuys Boulevard, Van Nuys, CA.

IRC's next monthly meeting will be held on Friday, April 30, 2010.

Websites: www.mraradio.org and <http://www.ircradio.org>.

Nets: **IRC** conducts weekly Nets on Tuesdays at 6:00 P.M. and Thursdays at 8:00 P.M., and all are welcome! The frequencies are listed below:

Los Angeles (Contractor's Point)	445.3400 103.5 PL & 927.425 82.5 PL	1282.850 minus split PL 123.0.
Los Angeles & Las Vegas	224.4800 110.9 PL	
Blueridge	224.020 PL 110.9 & 446.860 82.5 PL	(Blue Ridge Link Code 747* for 446.860)
City Terrace	224.720 PL 110.9	927.9625 100.0 PL
D-STAR- Contractor's Point, WA6IRC	145.605, 447.040, 1282.650, 1299.700	
D-STAR- Blue Ridge, WB6IRC	145.585 & 446.880	
IRLP Contractor's Point	445.340 & 224.480 Node: 3030	
IRLP Pasadena (Simplex)	927.600 Node: 3040	
IRLP Palm Springs	224.480 Node: 3053	
EchoLink Las Vegas	224.480 Node: 187724	

Education: The **IRC** will host a Technician Licensing Course and Licensing session on Saturday May 15, 2010 from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., and Sunday, May 16, 2010 from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. at the Eagle Rock City Hall, 2035 Colorado Boulevard, Eagle Rock, CA.

The Licensing exam will be conducted after the class session on Sunday, May 16.

The course fee is \$50.00 and includes a the course book and the testing fees. Should you fail the examination, a second examination can be taken for an additional fee of \$15.

Early sign up is encouraged, as prestudy will increase your chances of success.

To sign up for the class, go to the **IRC** website: www.ircradio.org and fill out the form attached to the course announcement.

If you have any questions, contact **Ken Chafin W6CPA** at w6cpa@arrl.net or at (818) 957-1699.

Website: www.ircradio.org.

HAM Exams: The **IRC** will host a **FCC** Licensing session on Sunday, May 16, 2010 at 3:00 P.M. Bring a photo ID, a copy of your current license (if applicable), valid CSCE forms (if any), your social security number or FCC FRN, and the \$15.00 testing fee payable by cash or check.

If you have any questions, contact **Ken Chafin W6CPA** at w6cpa@arrl.net or at (818) 957-1699.

Kennedy High School KF6KIJ

The **Kennedy High School Amateur Radio Club** is part of the Northwest District. This club is for John F. Kennedy High School Students and interested faculty.

Contact: **Robert C Hazard N6NBF** at (818) 271-2900 ext. 253 or at rhazard@lausd.net.

Ladies ARA of Orange County

For information on this Club, contact **Edna A. Toll KC6TXB** at apolyglot@mindspring.com.

Los Angeles Area Council of Amateur Radio Club (Club Council)

The **Los Angeles Area Council of Amateur Radio Clubs (LAACARC)**, is composed of delegates from its more than 30 member clubs and a set of officers elected by and from the delegates. **LAACARC** holds meetings on the first Tuesday of every other month at 7:30 P.M. If the meeting date falls on a Holiday, it is moved up one week.

See the website for additional meeting information.

Website: www.qsl.net/laacarc.

Palos Verdes Amateur Radio Club K6PV

The **Palos Verdes Amateur Radio Club (PVARC)** is part of the Southwest District. **PVARC** meets the third Wednesday of every month at 7:30 P.M., at the **Hesse Park Community Room**, 29301 Hawthorne Boulevard, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA.

PVARC's next monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 21, 2010.

See the **PVARC** website for more details.

Website: www.palosverdes.com/pvarc.

Nets: **PVARC** conducts a weekly Net on Tuesdays at 7:30 P.M. on the K6PV repeater 447.120 (-) PL 100.0.

Education: Licensing classes are held at **Hesse Park**, 29301 Hawthorne Boulevard in Rancho Palos Verdes, CA. Dates and times are below:

April 24, 2010 from 10:00 A.M.—2:00 P.M. (Tech Class)

May 1, 2010 from 10:00 A.M.—2:00 P.M. (Tech Class)

May 8, 2010 from 10:00 A.M.—12:00 P.M. FCC Exam (Tech)

Students of High School age and below who successfully complete the Technician Course and obtain a Technician Class Radio License will be reimbursed by the **PVARC** for the cost of their license fee and study materials.

For more information contact **Walt Ordway K1DFO** at (310) 541-4007 or walt.ordway@juno.com.

HAM Exams: **PVARC** will conduct a VE examination session on May 7, 2010 from 10:00 A.M.—12:00 P.M. FCC Exam (Tech).

Pasadena Radio Club W6KA

The **Pasadena Radio Club (PRC)** is part of the Northeast District. The **PRC** meets on the fourth Tuesday of every month, except in December, at 7:00 P.M. at Kaiser Permanente, Walnut Center, 393 E. Walnut Street.

PRC's next monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 27, 2010.

Website: www.qsl.net/w6ka

Nets: The **PRC** conducts a weekly Net on Tuesdays at 7:00 P.M. Except on the fourth Tuesday of January through November (Club meeting night)

The 2-meter Net is conducted on the Telephone Company repeater. We use the following repeaters with the kind permission of their respective owners:

Telephone Company ARC	W6MPH	145.180 (-)	PL 156.7
JPL ARC	WR6JPL	147.150 (+)	PL 103.5
JPL ARC	WR6JPL	224.080 (-)	PL 156.7
JPL ARC	WR6JPL	445.20 (-)	PL 103.5
Mountain Repeater Assn.	K6VE	224.480 (-)	PL 110.9
Club Packet mailbox	W6KA-10	145.630	Node=MIRDOR
w/crosslink to 2M	W6KA-10	223.600	

On February 21, 2010 the **PRC** started a new slow-speed CW practice net, which will meet on 28.130 MHz on Sundays at 8:00 P.M.. On this frequency, even Techs can participate!

The Net Control Station's script will be uploaded to the PRC-club@yahoo.com files section, so you will know what to expect to hear. We will also upload a short list of Q-signals and abbreviations that you are likely to hear or want to use. We plan this to be a low-pressure net, where anyone with a minimal CW skill can learn and progress.

Education: Classes are offered once yearly. For dates and times, contact **Mark Seigel W6MES** at (818) 951-6369 or email him at ad6kp@arrl.net.

HAM Exams: Examination sessions are held at the end of each class sequence, and at other times during the year as needed.

Radio Baker Vegas Club (Regional/National) W7RBV

The **Radio Baker Vegas Club** is part of the Southeast District, and provides all of the official coordination for the annual Baker to Vegas Challenge Cup Relay. This is a communications site, and the annual meeting is the actual Relay race.

We are gearing up for the **Baker to Vegas Relay on April 17-18, 2010**. See the website for more details or to sign up!

Website: www.b2v.org.

Rio Hondo Amateur Radio Club W6GNS

Rio Hondo Amateur Radio Club (RHARC) is part of the Southeast District. RHARC meets the second Monday of the month at 7:00 P.M. at the **Community Center at Parnell Park**, 15390 Lambert Road, Whittier, CA.

RHARC's next monthly meeting will be held on Monday, April 12, 2010. This month's program will have feature a slide show of pictures that members **Maxine KI6LOL** and **Paul KI6EL** took on their recent trip to Australia and New Zealand!

Website: www.rharc.org.

Nets: **RHARC** conducts a weekly 2-meter Net on Wednesdays at 8:00 P.M. on 146.175 MHz (+) PL 156.7 Hz or on 440 repeater at 445.560 MHz (-) PL 100 Hz.

Education: See website for details.

HAM Exams: See website for details.

The San Fernando Valley Amateur Radio Club W6SD

The **San Fernando Valley Amateur Radio Club (SFVARC)** is part of the Northwest District. **SFVARC** meets the third Friday of every month (excluding December) at 7:30 P.M., at **Northridge Hospital**, 18300 Roscoe Boulevard, on the Fifth Floor Penthouse. However, the club may be assigned to other rooms from time to time. Signs are generally posted at the Penthouse elevator if there is such a change.

SFVARC's next monthly meeting will be on Friday, April 16, 2010.

SFVARC will host its monthly luncheon on Saturday, April 10, 2010 at 11:30 A.M. at the Hometown Buffet, 6705 Fallbrook Avenue, Canoga Park, CA 91307. See their website for further details.

Several members of **SFVARC** gather for lunch on Thursdays at 11:00 A.M. at Denny's, 16575 Sherman Way (Sherman Way and Van Nuys Boulevard), Van Nuys. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Website: <http://www.w6sd.net>

Nets: **SFVARC** conducts a weekly 2-meter simplex Net on Tuesdays at 8:00 P.M. on 145.570 MHz.

SFVARC conducts a weekly 10-meter Net on Wednesdays at 8:00 P.M. on 28.310 MHz +/- QRM in the Upper Side Band Mode.

SFVARC conducts a weekly 2-meter repeater Net on Thursdays at 8:00 P.M. on the Magic Mountain Repeater 147.735 - MHz or Duck Mountain, 147.24 - MHz, if Magic is unavailable.

Education: For more information, contact **Bill Miller K6NEQ** at (818) 368-4438.

HAM Exams: Are held at the Northridge Hospital, on the first Saturday of February, April, June, August, October and December. Registration starts at 8:00 A.M., and testing starts at 9:00 A.M.

There is a \$4.00 examination fee. You do not have to be a club member to take an examination. Also, if you are upgrading your license, please bring your original license, a copy of your license, and originals and copies of any "Certificates of Completion."

For more information, call **Bill Miller K6NEQ** at (818) 368-4438. In all other months, exams are conducted by the **Santa Clarita Amateur Radio Club** (see below).

Santa Clarita Amateur Radio Club W6JW

The Santa Clarita Amateur Radio Club (SCARC) is part of the High Desert District. **SCARC** holds its meetings every third Wednesday of the month at the **Santa Clarita City Hall Senior Center**, 22900 Market Street, Santa Clarita, CA.

SCARC's next monthly meeting will be on Wednesday, April 21, 2010 at 7:30 P.M.

Website: www.w6jw.org.

Nets: The Santa Clarita Emergency Communications Team conducts a weekly Net on Mondays at 7:30 P.M.

SCARC conducts a weekly Net on Mondays at 8:00 P.M. Designated repeaters are listed below:

146.790	- 600 KHz	123.0	W6JW	Mad Mountain	Linked
51.860	- 500 KHz	82.5	N6KNW	Mad Mountain	Linked
445.300	- 5 MHz	100.0	KC6WG R	Mad Mountain	Linked
146.970	- 600 KHz	123.0	W6JW	Castaic Lake Water District HQ	Alternate Club Repeater

HAM Exams: **SCARC** conducts licensing exams on the third Saturday of every odd month of the year (January, March, May, July, September, and November) at 8:00 A.M., at the **Santa Clarita City Hall** in the Council Chambers.

If you wish to take a test, please contact **Ron Klein K6VPV**, at rbklein@earthlink.net or at 661-259-0948, at least five days before the testing session. This is so that we can have the necessary forms and testing materials ready for you and so that you can be informed on what you need to bring with you.

Southern California Contest Club

See the website for details: <http://sccc.contesting.com>.

South Bay Amateur Radio Club W6SBA

The South Bay Amateur Radio Club (SBARC) is part of the Southwest District. **SBARC** meets on the third Thursday of every month at 7:30 P.M. at the **Torrance Memorial Medical Center (TMMC)**, 3330 Lomita Boulevard, Torrance, CA.

SBARC's next monthly meeting will be held on Thursday, April 15, 2010.

SBARC will host its second Saturday Social Event on April 10, 2010, at 12:00 P.M. at **Billy's Deli**, 5160 W. 190th Street, Torrance CA.

Website: www.w6sba.org.

Nets: **SBARC** conducts a weekly Net on Thursdays at 7:30 P.M. (except club meetings nights) on 224.38 MHz ·PL - 192.8 Hz Offset -1.6 MHz.

The Palos Verdes Unified School District conducts an Emergency Net the first Tuesday of the month at 9:30 A.M. 224.38 MHz ·PL - 192.8 Hz Offset -1.6 MHz.

HAM Exams: See website for details.

Southern California Amateur Transmitting Society WB6LRU

Southern California Amateur Transmitting Society (SCATS) is part of the Southeast District. **SCATS** meets the third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 P.M. at the **VFW Post 8620**, 2328 W Merced Avenue, West Covina, CA.

SCATS next monthly meeting will be on Wednesday, April 21, 2010 for "Get on the Air" Night!- **SCATS** will have an HF Radio and a 2 meter radio on hand to make contacts with other **HAMs** wherever they may find them. Come early and enjoy a nice dinner for only \$6.00!

SCATS will host its monthly Ham 'N Eggz Breakfast on, Saturday, April 24, 2010 at 10:00 A.M. at Hometown Buffet, 1318 N. Azusa Avenue, Covina, CA 91723.

Come join **SCATS** for a fun day of on-the-air radio excitement and BBQ as the club hosts a Special Event Station to celebrate its 35th Birthday! The Event will be held on Saturday, April 17, 2010 at Countrywood Park, 14906 Los Robles Avenue, Hacienda Heights, CA. The Events start at 9:00 A.M. and will last until 4:00 P.M.

Help **SCATS** make as many contacts as they can both on HF and VHF frequencies. Club members making at least 10 contacts, wins a prize and special recognition! New comers to HF are encouraged to partner with a properly licensed control operator and work as a team.

SCATS is proud to be one of the youngest amateur radio clubs in Southern California and look forward to many more years of amateur radio!

You **MUST** sign up for the Event no later than Wednesday, April 14, 2010 by 7:30 P.M. on the club website. Because food will be involved, **ENTER THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN YOUR PARTY IN THE DIALOGUE BOX**. Also indicate if you are willing to help out with the BBQ and/or shopping duties by entering your response in the dialogue box.

Website: www.SCATS.org.

Nets: **SCATS** conducts a weekly Net on Sundays at 7:00 P.M. on 147.765 minus PL Tone: 131.8.

Education: On May 1, 2010, **SCATS** will conduct a "Get Your Ham Radio License in 1 Day" from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. at the Community Presbyterian Church 540 E Vine Avenue, 2nd classroom in West Covina, CA. Use the Walnut Street entrance.

Study Session will be from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. **FCC** Licensing exam will be held from 1:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M.- Click on the "Contact Us" link on the website to register. First come, first served.

HAM Exams: See above.

SS Lane Victory Amateur Radio Club W6LV

See website for details: www.lanevictory.org.

Tri-County Amateur Radio Association K6AGF

The **Tri-County Amateur Radio Association (TCARA)** is part of the **Northeast District**. **TCARA** meets the second Wednesday of every month at Brackett Field Airport in the Administration building-Pilots Lounge, 1615 McKinley Avenue, La Verne, CA.

TCARA's next meeting is on Wednesday, April 14, 2010 at 7:30 P.M. .

Website: www.tcara.org.

Nets: **TCARA** conducts a weekly 2-meter Net on Sundays at 7:00 P.M. on 145.440 MHz FM, PL 136.5 Hz.

Education: See website for details.

HAM Exams: Testing for Technician through Extra Class is held on the last Saturday of every month (except December) at 1:00 P.M. in the Pilot's Lounge at Brackett Field Airport. The location is the same place where **TCARA** has their Club meetings.

The fee is \$15.00.

Contact **Frank Westphal K6FW** at (909) 628-8661 for reservations. Leave on the answering machine the class of the test you want to take, your name, address, and telephone number. Bring your current original license and a copy; any CSEs with copies of same, and a picture ID.

Valley Good Guys K6VGG

The Valley Good Guys (K6VGG) is part of the Northwest District. **K6VGG** holds its monthly meetings on the second Friday of every Month from 6:00 P.M.-9:00 P.M., at the **Round Table Pizza** on Saticoy and Louise in the San Fernando Valley.

K6VGG's next monthly meeting will be held on Friday, April 9, 2010 at 6:00 P.M.

Website: www.geocities.com/vggarc.

United Radio Amateur Club K6AA

The United Radio Amateur Club (URAC) is part of the Southeast District. The **URAC** meets the third Friday of every month (excluding August and December) at 7:00 P.M. at the **Los Angeles Maritime Museum**, 600 Sampson Way, San Pedro, CA.

URAC's next monthly meeting will be held on April 16, 2010 at 7:00 P.M.

URAC holds a No-host Breakfast on the first Saturday of every month at 8:00 A.M. at the **Think Café**, 302 W. 5th Street, San Pedro, CA. The next Club breakfast will be held on Saturday, April 3, 2010.

Website: www.k6aa.org.

Nets: **URAC** conducts a weekly Net on Thursdays at 8:00 P.M. on 145.380; -600; PL 100. If the repeater is unavailable, our Net will automatically be convened on 145.52 MHz simplex.

Education: See link under **Palos Verdes Amateur Radio Club**.

HAM Exams: **URAC** conducts licensing exams for both Amateur and Commercial licenses on the second and fourth Sunday of the month, at 1:30 P.M. **Reservations are required.** Contact **Bill Carter W6AJ** at w6aj@arrl.net, **Doug Dowds W6HB** at w6hb@arrl.net or the Club email at k6aa@arrl.net. **W6AJ** is the VE in charge of exams.

Other Upcoming Events

Visit the **ARRL-LAX** Section website www.arrllax.org for up-to-the minute events for the month of April.

The **ARRL Los Angeles Section-Wide Newsletter** is published monthly by **ARRL Los Angeles Section**. The deadline for submission of articles, events and district information is the 20th of the month prior to publication in the following month's newsletter. Deadline for submissions for the **May 2010** issue will be April 20.

Please submit any questions, comments or submissions to the Los Angeles Section Manager or to the Newsletter Editor, Jennifer O'Connell at ki6oil@gmail.com.

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