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FCC Amends Amateur Radio Rules on Emergency Preparedness and Disaster Planning Drills

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On July 14, 2010, an **FCC** Report and Order was adopted and issued amending the amateur radio to permit amateur radio operators to transmit messages, under certain limited circumstances, during either government-sponsored OR non-government sponsored emergency and disaster preparedness drills, regardless of whether the operators are employees of entities participating in the drill.

Per **FCC**: Although public safety land mobile radio systems are the primary means of radio-based communications for emergency responders, experience has shown that amateur radio has played an important role in preparation for, during, and in the aftermath of, natural and man-made emergencies and disasters.

I particularly like number 12 in the R&O, which states, "In reaching this decision, we do not find persuasive those comments stating that this decision will erode the amateur radio service." Good for them to make the distinction between EmComm, and commercialization.

The report and order can be found at the **FCC**'s Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau Web pages under Highlights and Releases at <http://www.fcc.gov/pshs/7/14/10>.

DARN Good News

Dick McKay K6VGP

Good News! Mt Disappointment has Southern California Edison generated power back! The power was restored on Friday, July 30, and the **FBI** went up and turned off their generator which was supplying our power. I started to get notifications from the **FBI** and from the Corps of Engineers yesterday afternoon, and was given the

contact of the Edison contractor that made our meter hot. To make a long story short, I met him on Mt. Disappointment at about 7:30 A.M. Friday morning, and we verified our meter and switched the power from the temporary line that was running from the **FBI** generator back to the wall outlet in our building and the meter started showing draw.

The lines to the mountain are all new, and the poles are all wood and not steel, but that is a whole other story to be told at another time.

Our back up is now another generator in our building that has in the past proven unreliable, but I am told is now functioning normally as a backup—we can only hope!

Contact Dick at Dick@McKay.org or <http://darn.org>.

Upcoming Communication Events

Santa Barbara Ham Fest

Saturday, August 14, 2010 at the Earl Warren Show Grounds.

This year boasts 8,000 square feet of indoor exhibits featuring major communications suppliers plus a huge outdoor static display of emergency communications and response vehicles! The day also includes:

- Speakers and panel discussions on subjects of interest to **HAMs** and the public in general
- Elmering and Special Interest Group centers to answer questions from new **HAMs**, and share expertise on favorite topics such as trouble-shooting, ATV, DX, QRP and many more!
- Alternative-power demonstration – latest solar, wind and other “off-the-grid” technologies.
- **Spouse-approved** – adjacent to Santa Barbara Home Show with FREE entry privileges.

- **ARRL** Forum – meet and question your elected leaders.
- Grand raffle prize – new Elecraft K-3! Spouse prizes – valuable restaurant gift certificates!

Visit the **Santa Barbara Amateur Radio Club's** website: www.sbarc.org for more information.

Anges Crest-100 Endurance Run

After last year's cancellation due to fires, The AC-100 is back in full swing! On Saturday August 28, 2010
<http://www.ac100.com>.

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 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. Any contributors to the planning need to be a member of an **ARRL** Affiliated Club, in addition to being a member of the Los Angeles Council.

The more clubs that are involved 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.

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.

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

ARRL National Traffic System Operations Training Course

Gain an overview of **NTS**'s history, area, region and local net operations and liaison service. You will learn proper traffic handling including origination, sending, receiving and delivery.

The training will be conducted on Saturday, August 14, 2010 from 11:30 A.M. to 2:30 P.M. at the Huntington Hospital, Windgate Building Conference Room, 100 W. California Boulevard, Pasadena, California.

The course is free, but size is limited. If you are interested in participating, please e-mail **Kate Hutton K6THN**, Section Traffic Manager at K6HTN@arrl.net. Please include your name, call sign and telephone number in the email.

To volunteer to be an **NTS** Net control station, please send me an e-mail expressing your interest to **David Greenhut N6HD**, Section Manager, **ARRL** Los Angeles Section at N6HD@arrl.org.

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

National Traffic System - Schedule

Name	Time (Local)	Day	Mode	Frequency
<u>Local - National Traffic Nets - LAX Section</u>				
Los Angeles Net (LAN/V)	20:30 PST	T & Th	FM	PAPA repeater system (http://www.papasys.org)
Southern California Net (SCN)	19:00 PST	T & Th	CW	3.537 MHz
Southern California Net (SCN/V)	21:00 PST	M,W & F	FM	146.385 MHz/+146.2
<u>Regional - National Traffic Nets - LAX Section</u>				
Region Six (RN6/1)	19:45 PST	Daily	CW	3.575 MHz
Region Six (RN6/2)	21:30 PST	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	Daily	CW	3.552 MHz * *or depending on propagation 7.052 MHz
PAN	22:00 PST	Daily	SSB	14.345 MHz
PAN	20:30 PST	Daily	CW	7.052 MHz
PAN	14:30 PST	Daily	SSB	14.345 MHz
<u>Other - National Traffic Nets</u>				
Northern California Net (NCN/1)	19:00 PST	Daily	CW	3.533 MHz
Northern California Net (NCN/2)	21:00 PST	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.

On Saturday, August 7, 2010 **Brian Thorson AF6NA** will talk about RFI issues. **AF6NA** is a member of Southern California Edison (SCE) EMF and Energy Group. He is avid DXer, and an active member of Southern California DX Club.

For the September 4, 2010 meeting, **Marty Woll N6VI** and **Mort Arditti NA6MA** will conduct a training on antenna connectors and proper maintenance and operation of Honda generators.

For the October 2, 2010 meeting, **Ed Wright KB6THO** will discuss all things D-Star, including teaching the basics of this digital format. **KB6THO** runs the D-Star system and website www.LADSTAR.org for **WA6IRC The Independent Radio Club**.

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 second 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.

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.

We have a special meeting coming up on Saturday August 14, 2010. We expect the Emergency Coordinators from several of our served hospitals to be there. They are interested in seeing who we are as a group and knowing more about what we do and how we will be working together in an emergency. Also, **Kate Hutton K6HTN**, will conduct a training session after the **ARES** meeting for **NTS** for those interested in traffic handling. Be sure to join our Yahoo discussion group to keep up with all the latest news and upcoming events. This is the group for the **ARES-LAX** Northeast District: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/NortheastARESLAX>

There are Yahoo discussion groups for the other **ARES-LAX** districts, **NTS** and also digital communications that you can join as well.

If you have any photos of our meetings or activities, feel free to post these on the Yahoo groups page.

If you want to help out as a net control station, AEC or backup at any of the hospitals, or anything else, contact **Dennis Oszuscik KI6UNC**, Net manager and EC at doszuscik@ki6unc.com.

City of Hope hospital has asked for our help with emergency communications backup. Our list of served and potential interested entities continues to grow. We need to continue to grow and train to serve them well. Remember to invite someone new to the next meeting.

The Northeast District conducts a Net every Thursday at 7:00 P.M. on the **DARN** repeater system. **Dennis Oszuscik** **ki6KI6UNC** acts as Net control. **ARES** members and visitors are invited to check-in.

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

ARES-LAX/Southeast District

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Talk-in from 8:00 A.M. to 9:00 A.M. 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.

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.

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.

Two Amateur Radio Courses will be offered in July for Technician and General. Each course is two sessions on July 24, 2010 and July 31, 2010.

The Technician class will be held from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. The General class will be held from 2:15 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.

The FCC Licensing exam will be held from 10 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. on Aug 7, 2010.

No pre-registration required and there is no fee for either course. The cost for the Licensing Exam is \$15.00.

Gordon West book's with FCC test questions is the recommended text. The cost is \$21.00 for Technician and \$23.00 for General. **Walt Ordway K1DFO** also has a set of Power PowerPoint charts with test prep questions for \$15.00.

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@yahoo.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, August 14, 2010** at Home Town Buffet at 6705 Fallbrook Ave. Canoga Park, CA.

Breakout sessions will be held after the breakfast in August and November. The following topics will be covered: Anderson Power Poles, DF Cables, Antenna and D-Star.

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, access the **SFVARC** website www.w6sd.net. 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.

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. See the website for the date and location of the next meeting.

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, August 26, 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.

ARALB's next meeting will be held on **Friday, August 6, 2010** at The Signal Hill Community Center, 1780 Hill Street, Signal Hill, CA. The speaker will be **Charles H. "Chip" Margelli K7JA**.

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: See website for details or contact: **Bill Bradley WD6FON** at Training@aralb.org or by telephone at (562) 531-0534.

HAM Exams: See website for details.

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, August 4, 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, August 12, 2010.

CVARC holds a monthly breakfast the first Saturday of each month. This month's breakfast will be held on Saturday, August 7, 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, August 5, 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. Viter 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 its **NEW LOCATION!** Sitton's North Hollywood Diner, 11329 Magnolia Boulevard, North Hollywood, CA..

The next monthly meeting will be held on Friday, August 27, 2010.

IRC will host its Summer Picnic on Sunday, August 1, 2010 at 12:00 noon at Crescenta Valley Park, located 3901 Dunsmore Street in La Crescenta.

Take I-210 to the Lowell Avenue exit. Travel east on Honolulu Avenue (Honolulu Avenue crosses Lowell at the freeway) approximately three blocks to the park.

Talk in will be on 445.340 - PL 103.5 and 224.480 - PL 110.9.

The club will provide the main course for lunch. Please bring a side dish or desert as well as you own drinks.

Hope to see you there!

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	145.605, 447.040,	

Point, WA6IRC	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: See the **IRC** website: www.ircradio.org for details on future courses.

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

Website: www.ircradio.org.

HAM Exams: See **Education**.

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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, August 18, 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: See the **PVARC** website for details on future courses.

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

HAM Exams: . See the **PVARC** website for more details.

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, August 24, 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	

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.

See the website for more details.

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, August 9, 2010.

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, August 20, 2010.

SFVARC's monthly luncheon will be held on Saturday, August 14, 11:30 A.M. 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, access the **SFVARC** website.

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, access the **SFVARC** website. 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, August 18, 2010 at 7:00 P.M., where they will be planning for **Field Day 2010**. **Note the change of start time from 7:30 P.M. to 7:00 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, August 19, 2010.

SBARC will host its second Saturday Social Event on August 14, 2010, at 12:00 P.M. at **New York Deli**, 2424 Sepulveda Boulevard, 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, August 18, 2010. Come join us for a fun evening making contacts to other **HAMs** both near and far!. Come early and enjoy a nice dinner for only \$6.00!

SCATS will host its monthly Ham 'N Eggz Breakfast on, Saturday, June 26, 2010 at 10:00 A.M. at Hometown Buffet, 1318 N. Azusa Avenue, Covina, CA 91723.

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: See the **SCATS** website for details.

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, August 11, 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 CSCEs 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, August 13, 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 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, August 7, 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 June.

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