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2009 Series of Events

Hollywood-Henderson
Kaiser Disaster Preparedness Fair

Field Day

Great Southern California Shakeout

Rooster-VHF Contesting
VEs, Technicians and Upgrades, Oh My!

It was a banner year for recruiting and training new Hams, and increasing opportunities for Hams to upgrade their licenses. Armando Montalvo KI6TAA, Marty Woll N6VI, Norm Goodkin K6YXH, Dave Danner K6AIX, Adrienne Sherwood WA6YEO of the Antelope Valley Amateur Radio Club (AVARC), and several other affiliated clubs worked hard this year to offer technician classes and upgrade courses, with accompanying VE exams.

Norm K6YXH conducted an upgrade course with Dave K6AIX in late March, and upgraded 10 Hams to General and Extra class licenses! Armando KI6TAA conducted an upgrade class at Valley Presbyterian in August, and 10 Hams also moved up! Marty N6VI conducted a technician class in late September at the American Legion in Pacific Palisades, and graduated a range of Hams, from ten years-old to seasoned citizens. And Adrienne WA6YEO of AVARC conducted a class in early October and graduated 55 new technicians!

Below are pictures from the Danner/Goodkin upgrade course, courtesy of Norm Goodkin K6YXH and the American Legion in Pacific Palisades, courtesy of Mort Arditti NA6MA.

Looking Forward to 2010

The Baker to Vegas Relay
April 17-18, 2010. See www.b2v.org for more details and to volunteer.

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.

For those of you who made the 2009 ARRL Southwestern Convention back in August and enjoyed Kate Hudson's talk, you can catch her again at an event conducted by the Associated Radio Amateurs Of Long Beach W6RO on Saturday, January 23, 2010. Kate Hutton KD6HTN is known world-wide as the public face of the Caltech Seismological Laboratory.

See the ARALB’s website for more details.
Affiliated and Special Service Clubs with the ARRL

For some 70 years now, the ARRL has sought to affiliate itself with worthy and well qualified, organized, noncommercial Amateur Radio groups or societies of kindred aims and purposes. Doing so allows these clubs to draw on ARRL's resources and allows ARRL to stay aware of activities at the local level, information we can use when defending Amateur Radio's interests. The result is stronger clubs, a stronger LAX Section, a stronger ARRL and a stronger Amateur Radio.

The ARRL is especially proud of our affiliated clubs that excel in their activities. Clubs that go the extra mile to provide on-going training and support for the benefit of their community, fall into our Special Service Club category. These extraordinary groups actively pursue all aspects of Amateur Radio: New Ham Development and Training; Public Relations; Emergency Communications; School Club Support; Technical Advancement; Operating Activities; Annual Reports, and more.

See Affiliated Club News and Upcoming Events for a listing of clubs in the ARRL LAX Section.

National Traffic System—Volunteers Needed

New Los Angeles Section National Traffic System Net

ARRL’s Los Angeles Section is looking for operators interested in becoming National Traffic System (NTS) Net control stations. The Net begins in November, and there will be a training session starting shortly. The new NTS Net will be a Section-wide VHF/UHF phone Net for the purpose of exchanging radiogram traffic. As an NTS operator, you will learn efficient Net operations and proper traffic handling techniques. 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 and not miss this opportunity, please send me an e-mail expressing your interest to N6HD@arrl.org.

73,

David Greenhut N6HD, Section Manager, ARRL Los Angeles Section
ARRL National Traffic System (NTS) Training Course

The ARRL Los Angeles Section is proud to announce its National Traffic System Operations course!

The course will be held on **Saturday, December 5, 2009, 11:00 A.M.** at the Valley Presbyterian Hospital, Health Education Building, 15107 Vanowen Street, Van Nuys CA 91405.

Participants will gain an overview of NTS' history, area, region and local net operations and liaison service. Participants will learn about proper traffic handling, including origination, sending, receiving and delivery.

**You must** be a licensed Ham and an ARRL member to participate in the training.

This class is **FREE**, with PSHR Points to be determined.

Course size is limited, so if you are interested in participating, please e-mail Gary Apgar NY6Y at NY6Y@arrl.net with your name, call sign and telephone number.

The National Traffic System (**NTS**) functions as an integral part of the amateur radios public service effort and has a rich amateur radio history. Some of those public service functions are disaster messaging services, amateur radio community outreach demonstration and cost effective messaging from remote areas including the high seas. **NTS** serves most of North America. As an amateur radio activity, many operators receive much enjoyment operating their equipment knowing that they are serving their community.

**NTS**'s operates with strict protocols that result in very effective and quick exchange of information. This can be really exciting and may seem reminiscent to amateur radio contesting. Do not be alarmed, learning this new craft. All the Nets are looking for new members and are glad to offer advice and possibly mentorship. Please contact the **Los Angeles Section Traffic Manager** at STM@arrllax.org for help.

**NEW!** Los Angeles **NTS** Net starting December 8, 2009. See below:

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**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.

**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: 2 Meters 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. Remember to bring a friend, or two, or three...

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

**Southwest District**

No district news at this time.

**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.

**ARES District Websites:**

Northwest District: [www.areslax.org](http://www.areslax.org)  
Northeast District: [www.lax-arrl.org](http://www.lax-arrl.org)  
High Desert: [www.avarc.av.org](http://www.avarc.av.org)  
Long Beach Radio Club: [www.aralb.org](http://www.aralb.org)  
Southeast: [www.aralb.org/ares_races](http://www.aralb.org/ares_races)
**FCC Licensing and Upgrades**

**ARES-LAX/Southeast District**

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**Antelope Valley Amateur Radio Club (AVARC)**

AVARC will conduct an ARRL VE testing session on Monday, December 07, 2009 at 7:00 P.M.

The examination sessions will no longer be held at the Lancaster Kumon Center.

The new location is 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 WAGYEO 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. Dates and times are below:

January 30, February 6, 2010 from 10:00 A.M.—2:00 P.M. (Tech Class)

January 30, February 6, 2010 from 2:15 P.M.—5:00 P.M. (General Class)

February 13, 2010 from 10:00 A.M.—12:00 P.M. FCC Exam (Tech & General)

Please note, each course is two sessions. 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**

Note: PAPA will not host a monthly breakfast or conduct VE testing sessions in December.

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.

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

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

San Fernando Valley Amateur Radio Club (SFVARC)

Licensing 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 (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

Note: TCARA will not conduct VE testing sessions in December.

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.

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 is Saturday, January 16, 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, December 3, 2009.

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 the Signal Hill Community Center, 1780 E. Hill Street, Signal Hill, CA.

ARALB’s next meeting will be held on Friday, December 4, 2009.

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 holds a monthly Club breakfast on the second Saturday of the month at 8:00 A.M. They meet at Best Cafe of Long Beach, 2099 Bellflower Boulevard, Long Beach, CA. The next monthly breakfast is on Saturday, December 5, 2009.

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.

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, December 2, 2009.

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 is their annual Club Christmas Dinner (for Members and Immediate Family Members Only) on Thursday, December 10, 2009.

CVARC holds a monthly breakfast the first Saturday of each month. This month’s breakfast will be held on Saturday, December 5, 2009 at 7:30 A.M. at Conrad’s Restaurant in La Canada.
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).

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. Voter 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 meeting is their Radio Club Holiday Party on Saturday, December 5th, 2009 at the Eagle Rock City Hall at 7:00 P.M. See the website for further details.


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: See website for details.

Website: www.ircradio.org.

HAM Exams: See website for details.
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 their Holiday Party on Wednesday, December 16, 2009 at 6:00 P.M., at Point Vicente Interpretive Center in Palos Verdes. Tickets are $40.00 per person.

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:

January 30, February 6, 2010 from 10:00 A.M.—2:00 P.M. (Tech Class)

January 30, February 6, 2010 from 2:15 P.M.—5:00 P.M. (General Class)

February 13, 2010 from 10:00 A.M.—12:00 P.M. FCC Exam (Tech & General)

Please note, each course is two sessions. 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 February 13, 2010 from 10:00 A.M.—12:00 P.M. FCC Exam (Tech & General).

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.

The PRC will not hold a monthly meeting for December.

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.

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, December 14, 2009.

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 meeting will be on Sunday, December 6, 2009, for its annual Holiday Banquet which is open to the Amateur Community. The food will be catered by Rosie’s Barbeque, our featured speaker will be Roger Barkley W6LAX, and we have some fabulous raffle prizes to give away!

- $500.00 HRO gift certificate

Tickets are $25.00. For more information, contact Steve Rudolph W6OFV at steve-w6ofv@lycos.com.

SFVARC will not host a luncheon in December.

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 current class 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 its 2009 Annual Holiday Dinner held on Tuesday, December 1, 2009 at 6:30 P.M. at Stonefire Grill, located at 23300 Cinema Drive in Valencia.

This year’s dinner will include chicken tri-tip, salads, a number of side dishes and Stonefire’s carrot cake to end the meal.
They will need a count of how many are coming, so call Todd Hitzeroth (contact information is on the W6JW website under Board of directors President).

Website: [www.w6jw.org](http://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 Mad Mountain Linked
- 146.970 - 600 KHz 123.0 W6JW Castaic Lake 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](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 club meeting will be held on Thursday, December 17, 2009.

SBARC will host its second Saturday Social Event on December 12, 2009, at 12:00 P.M. at Billy’s Deli, 5160 W. 190th Street, Torrance CA.

Website: [www.w6sba.org](http://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.

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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 meeting is its yearly membership dinner on Wednesday, December 9, 2009 at 7:30 P.M. at Mimi’s Cafe, in Monrovia, at the corner of Mayflower and Huntington Drive.

Website: [www.SCATS.org](http://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 website for details.

HAM Exams: See the website for details.

SS Lane Victory Amateur Radio Club W6LV
See website for details: [www.lanevictory.org](http://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, December 9, 2009 at 7:30 P.M.

Website: [www.tcara.org](http://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 is on Friday, December 11 2009.

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 meeting will be held on Friday, December 18, 2009 for its Annual Holiday Party and 2010 Officer’s Installation starting at 6:00 P.M. at Ante’s Restaurant 729 S. Ante Perkov Way (Palos Verdes Street) in San Pedro. The cost is $25.00 per person.

The Meal will be a 3-course family style dinner and attendees should bring a wrapped gift (minimum $10.00 value) to participate in the Thieves’ Exchange. “Losers Drawing” will be held using the tickets sold at monthly meetings throughout the year that did not win (hence, the name of this drawing).

Make checks payable to URAC and bring to a regular meeting, a monthly Saturday Breakfast, or mail to: Sam Lollar 8560 Lowman Ave Downey CA 90242.

Reservations MUST be made by Monday December 14, 2009.

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, December 5, 2009.

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.lax-arrl.org for up-to-the minute events for the month of December.

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