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The Bright Blue Umbrella Under the Desert Skies

Mercedes Prado K6MMP

One Friday afternoon, the normally-sleepy town of Shoshone, located about 240 miles northeast of Los Angeles, was awakened by the incoming rumbling sound of a caravan of vehicles. "What is that?... Citizens beware...!" the local folks inquired. Their perplexed eyes were put to rest once the vehicles hit the only main street in town. "Ahhh..." the locals sighted, "it's that annual cop watchumacallit race." And they went about their business.



The Happy ARES caravan...

This caravan of vehicles loaded with radios, antennas, coax, portable batteries, toolboxes, tables, ice chests, pillows, sleeping bags, and an unsurpassed amount of sun block and Ibuprofen, displayed a "B2V Radio Comm" sign. Yep! There's a new happy ARES caravan in town.

The "watchumacallit race" actually has a name. It is the Baker To Vegas Challenge Cup Race, an annual foot relay race that starts at about 25 miles north of Baker, California and ends at the doors of one of the prominent hotels in Las Vegas, Nevada. About 250 teams of about 23 runners each register to compete. And hundreds of volunteers register to support them with radio communications, runner spotting and tracking, logistical equipment, shuttle, mobile and medical service.

Our happy ARES caravan was comprised of Chris Downie N6TPX, Mort Arditti NA6MA, Bernard Falkin KG6FBM, Mercedes Prado K6MMP, and "Tail-End" Jack Eyster KI6PPW. Our agenda was to sleep plenty and eat well, enjoy the High Desert outdoors, provide radio communications and runner spotting and tracking at Stage #8, off Highway 178, 12 miles northeast of Shoshone.

But before we were willing to do Saturday's hard work, it was agreed that on Friday we would enrich our educational knowledge of the outdoors by visiting the CSU Desert Studies Center in the town of Zzyzx. Tucked in the Mojave Desert between a mountain and the now-dry Soda Lake, the Center is a welcome oasis comprised of palm trees shading a lake, a research center, dormitories, a historical building and hot springs without the springs. After quenching our thirst and our appetite with pizza, subways, pasta, cookies, and other nutritious delicatessen items, we walked around the premises.

By mid-afternoon, we said our farewells to a talkative and enthusiastic college instructor and continued our journey to Shoshone. Along Hwy 127, we skirted along Baker High School, the race staging and starting points, the medic staging area and the repeater on top of Ibox point. In Shoshone, we set camp or asked for the room key. There, I met up with Larry Stegman KI6APC, Rosalind Clifton KG6TRT. We shared our day's activities and discussed the evening's plans. Our happy ARES caravan team was almost complete.



KI6TRT in the shade...

Jack Atnip KI6KTC and **Jeri Atnip KI6SZN** caught up with us, and we all went out for dinner at the only restaurant in town, where we engaged in deep, philosophical discussions regarding the antelope horns hanging on the restaurant's wall, the rusty pistol in the outhouse, and the mental state of those volunteers who keep coming back year after year. And with those words in my mind, I paid my check, and said "good night" to all.

Saturday morning came and our happy **ARES** caravan embarked northbound on Hwy 178. Like a low-budget spaghetti western movie, we arrived at our location at "high noon." **Tom Orlicky N8HLY** was eagerly waiting for us. Our happy **ARES** team was now complete.

As we scouted the area, we realized that there was not enough ground on the east side of the road to place our equipment and still be efficient. The area on the west side of the road, however, was wide enough to accommodate the Good Sams RV's check-in area, the flood lights, public gathering area, and the port-a-potty rentals. After a lively democratic process and deliberation, we deployed our resources on both west and east sides of the road: The **2-meter Net Control Station** was placed just north of the runner's baton-exchange chute. This station would monitor the net control station located in Las Vegas, and be alert to provide or receive emergency or "car-stuck-in-the-sand" traffic. The **220 Mile-Up Station** was placed a mile up the road. With an eagle eye (and the optional use of goggles, fatigues, coffee, night-vision, and more coffee), this station would spot upcoming runners in the distance and relay the information to the Stage. The **220 Early Warning Station (EWS)** was placed on the west side of the road, south of the RVs. Mind you, the **EWS** is not a weather station, but a station that



receives traffic from the Mile-Up station and alerts the crowd via radio, whiteboard or megaphone. This alert gives the new runner just enough time to stretch and prepare to take the baton from the incoming runner. The **Control Monitors** were placed near the chute, next to the electronic clock and the flag. These **HAMs** would verify runner arrival, tracking and transparency. Tough job, I say, because they are being tasked to tell a runner (who most likely is an illustrious sworn officer) about rules and regulations. A bright blue umbrella was finally erected on the mount above the runner's chute. This final touch signaled the beginning of a full day of fun and work.



Stage #8

As the hours rolled, we saw runners in the distance, followed by an endless string of vehicle lights profiling along the desert landscape. We answered questions from competitors, teammates and family members. We heard the sound of ambulances arriving and leaving. We heard the constant sound of the megaphone breaking through the air: "runners, put on your vests; ...runners, runner #78 is a mile away; ...runners, don't forget to check the **EWS** board; ...runners, would you like me to take your picture?"

As the hours rolled, the sun finally disappeared behind the mountains. I kept seeing the bright blue umbrella on top of the mount as if it were a lighthouse to a sailor. There still was, offering order and tranquility amidst the organized chaos.

As the hours rolled, temperatures dipped. While sipping a cup of hot chocolate, I observed our happy **ARES** team slowing down a bit; eyes seemed a bit heavier, feet strolled a little slower.... and the blue umbrella kept holding its unmovable stand under the desert skies.

Midnight came, and it was all over. The roaring, the cheering, the humming, the voices, the echoes, the sirens, all had been dissipated away by the desert wind. Our happy—now-tired—**ARES** team quietly packed, shook hands, renewed friendships, picked up goodie bags, and drove on a lonely, empty road back to the normally-sleepy town of Shoshone for a good night's sleep. The bright blue umbrella that accompanied us through the day was no longer there.

Until next year.

The 2010 Los Angeles Marathon: Incident Command, Up Close and Personal

Jennifer O'Connell KI6OIL



The **2010 Los Angeles Marathon's "Stadium to the Sea"** route was an ambitious undertaking, involving coordination between Los Angeles City, Los Angeles

County and its surrounding municipalities. The Event required the manpower of over 10 agencies, including the **Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD)**, **Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD)**, **Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LACSD)**, **Beverly Hills Police Department (BHPD)**, **Santa Monica Police Department (SMPD)**, **Santa Monica Fire Department (SMFD)**, **The Metropolitan Transportation Association (MTA)** **Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT)** and the privately contracted **Diversified Transport**.



The Logistical Course map

The 26-mile course spanned from Dodger Stadium near Downtown Los Angeles to Santa Monica Pier. It was the first of its kind in Los Angeles, and no small feat! **Frank Valdez KI6OQ**, **Lynn O'Connell KG6DNY** and I (**KI6OIL**) were assigned to the Unified Command Center at the Frank Hotchkin Memorial Training Center on the Dodger Stadium property. This was the designated control and decision epicenter for the Race, with Operations, Planning, and Logistics housed in one location. It was a golden opportunity to participate in what, up to this point, we had only known in theory: a fully operational Incident Command.



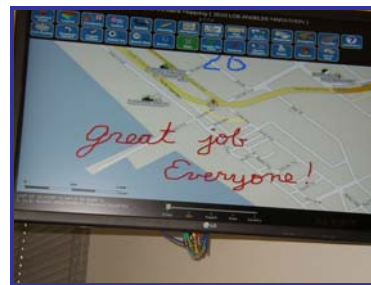
Liaison Officer and Section Chiefs

Operations and Logistics were stationed across the hall from each other, and for whatever reason, we were stationed in the Operations area, even though the **FEMA** materials state that Communications falls under Logistics. It was actually a fortunate thing, as the Logistics area, where **LAFD**, Medical and other municipal and county emergency services department were housed, was extremely crowded and noisy. Once the **Liaison Officer** and Nick Curl, the Race Director, discovered we were resident, they kept us on our toes. When the **Medical Director** could not raise her medical mile personnel on their independent radio communications equipment, she requested that the Race **HAMs** act as communication liaison between the 12 Medical Mile stations and Incident Command.

We stepped up to the plate, and while **KI6OQ** and **KG6DNY** manned the typical Race communications from Net Control and monitored the Mile communications, I spent the entirety of the Race communicating on the Shadow Net between Net Control, Hams at the Medical Mile stations, and the **Medical Director** and **Liaison**, all on a handy Yaesu VX-6!

The hours between 07:00 and 16:30 were a blur between communicating ambulance pickups, down-runner pickups, additional medical supplies and the shut-down of each Medical Mile station, then the actual mile. Before we knew it, the Directors, Liaisons and Sections Chiefs were off to debrief, and the **Liaison Officer** gave us the go ahead to shut down our operations with his thanks for a job well done.

The numbers tell the tale: 22,973 started the race, and 22,579 successfully finished. That is less than 400 people who did not complete the course for various medical or personal reasons. The **Amateur Radio** Operator's role in effectively handling traffic for the coordination, safety and well-being of all involved was once again proven essential.



Upcoming Communication Events

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.

CQ Field Day.. CQ Field Day...

The fourth weekend in June means only one thing: **Field Day!** Saturday and Sunday, **June 26-27, 2010**—make sure your club is ready to go by getting your 2010 Field Day packet now. Visit the [ARRL website](#) for more details.

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.

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

Kate Hutton KD6HTN has earned and was appointed an Official Relay Traffic. Kate has been very active passing traffic on the **LAN**, **SCN/V** and **SCN/CW** and has been sending her activity.

March was an active month for **LAX NTS** participants. Not only did our several nets handle a significant amount of traffic, we started some very important new activities. **LAN** (the **LAX** Section VHF/UHF voice net) had 27 check-ins and passed 18 messages in March. This Net introduced "Trivia Traffic", which has been used by **SCN/V** net for a couple of years as a fun training activity. This Net will move to the **PAPA** System on April 20, 2010 with a time change to 2030 (L). **LAN** is a great way to polish your **ARES** message-handling skills!

SCN/CW (the Southern California CW training net) held nine sessions during March, with 39 check-ins handling 44 messages. **SCN** now meets on 3.537 MHz Tuesday and Thursday at 1900 (L). Remember, this is truly a training Net, typically operating at 12 WPM or less adjusted to the needs of the participating operators. During March, **SCN/CW** began exchanging training traffic that provides information on message formatting and net procedures. **SCN/V** (the VHF voice net operating through the Keller Peak repeater) meets M-W-F at 2100 (L). This Net has served Southern California for years, and continues with lots of activity; 13 sessions; 94 check-ins, handling 35 messages during March. This Net does need liaison stations from **LAN**, as it lacks outlets into Los Angeles County.

To put this activity in a larger perspective, in March the Sixth Region Net and the **NTSD** (PacTOR) handled a total of 254 messages within the Sixth **NTS** region, which includes California, Nevada and Hawaii.

Bill Myers K6IFF, Section Traffic Manager, **ARRL** Los Angeles Section.

NTS' new Yahoo! Group

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

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.

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.

What specifically is expected of us as **HAMs** and **ARES** members? That will be the subject of our next few meetings as we talk through various disaster scenarios and what we will be doing. We will be starting with **Olester Santos KI6RWR** talking about the function of the **Los Angeles County DHS Medical Alert Center (MAC)** and how we might interact and communicate with them. We will also cover the specifics of what to do from home and from the hospitals, what our roles are, what frequencies and modes will be used, who contacts who, etc. Maybe some cool flow charts. Bring all of your questions and bring a friend.

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

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.

If you want to participate or help out with the **ARES-LAX** Field Day, contact **Dean Cuadra WA6P**, DEC, at wa6p@arrl.net.

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 Oszuscik 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.

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.

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 next quarterly training for the **Los Angeles County Disaster Communications Service (DCS)**, will be held on August 7, 2010 from 8:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

The trainings are held in East Los Angeles at the L.A. County **DCS's** Emergency Operations Center 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>.

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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.

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, May 8, 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.

The next **FCC** testing session will occur on **May 15, 2010**.

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)

SCATS is conducting a General Licensing Boot Camp on May 18 and 21, 2010 from 7:00 P.M. to 9:30 P.M., and May 22 from 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. The **FCC** Licensing Exam will be held on May 22 from 12:00 P.M. to 2:00 P.M.

The fee is \$49.00 (Cash only). The fee includes a one-year membership in both **SCATS** and the **ARRL!** There is a \$4.00 fee for the **FCC** License Exam

The classes will be held at Pathfinder Park-Rowland Heights, 18150 Pathfinder Road (corner of Pathfinder and Fullerton Road, Rowland Heights, CA

Reservations are required. No walk-ins. Space is limited.

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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, May 27, 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, May 7, 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: 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, May 5, 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, May 13, 2010.

CVARC holds a monthly breakfast the first Saturday of each month. This month's breakfast will be held on Saturday, May 1, 2010 at 7:30 A.M. at Conrad's Restaurant in La Canada.

Website: www.qsl.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, May 6, 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 the **Lamplighter Restaurant**, 5043 Van Nuys Boulevard, Van Nuys, CA.

IRC's next monthly meeting will be held on Friday, May 28, 2010.

Websites: www.mrradio.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@arrrl.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, May 19, 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.

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: . 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, May 25, 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@yahoogroups.com files section, so you will know what to expect to hear. We will also upload an 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@arrrl.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, May 10, 2010. This month's program will feature a simplex drill on 2 meters. We will be sending out teams to practice sending and receiving messages from radio to radio without benefit of any repeaters, so that "when all else fails" we can get the word out by the lowest possible denominator!

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, May 21, 2010.

SFVARC's monthly luncheon on Saturday, May 8 will be replaced with its annual Picnic at the Northridge Recreation Center from 11:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.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, 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, May 19, 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	Linked
				Mountain	
51.860	- 500 KHz	82.5	N6KNW	Mad	Linked

445.300	- 5 MHz	100.0	KC6WG R	Mountain 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, May 20, 2010.

SBARC will host its second Saturday Social Event on May 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, May 19, 2010 for "Enter the World of Deep Space" with **Ron Logan KI6NPZ**. Ron will talk about **NASA's** Deep Space Network, and if conditions permit, work an amateur satellite.. 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, May 29, 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: **SCATS** is conducting a General Licensing Boot Camp on May 18 and 21, 2010 from 7:00 P.M. to 9:30 P.M., and May 22 from 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. The **FCC** Licensing Exam will be held on May 22 from 12:00 P.M. to 2:00 P.M.

The fee is \$49.00 (Cash only). The fee includes a one-year membership in both **SCATS** and the **ARRL!** There is a \$4.00 fee for the **FCC** License Exam

The classes will be held at Pathfinder Park-Rowland Heights, 18150 Pathfinder Road (corner of Pathfinder and Fullerton Road, Rowland Heights, CA

Reservations are required. No walk-ins. Space is limited.

See the **SCATS** website to register.

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, May 12, 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.

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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, May 14, 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 May 21, 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, May 1, 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 May.

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 **June 2010** issue will be May 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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