Ham Radio Operators Assist in Catalina Island Rescue

Norm Goodkin K6YXH

Karl Tso KI6PCW, and his wife Deborah Ava KJ6CRZ were at a Scouting event at Emerald Bay on Catalina Island the weekend of October 24-25. They decided to climb a hill to see the view, and to see if they could get into the Catalina Repeater. They heard a sound, and Karl turned on his high-powered flashlight and pointed it toward the source. They saw a man bleeding and severely injured, who had fallen 48 feet to the rocks below.

Fortunately, Karl and Deborah had been given the details of the Catalina Repeater Association's wide-area repeater during their boat ride to the camp. They quickly made contact with Scott Bastian KD6QZX, who called emergency services, and Joyce Wood KD6HYO, who stood by in case further assistance was required.

The injured man was evacuated by Bay Watch, and airlifted to the mainland later that night.

"It was a surreal experience that Deborah and I will never forget," Karl explained. "We were horrified, yet very happy that we were there for the gentleman that was injured. At the same time, we strangely felt empowered, knowing that the HAM radio system works. As we hoped, the HAM community is, for the most part, made up of people who want to be helpful to others in times of need."

Through this experience, Karl is now passionate about soliciting others to consider getting involved in Amateur Radio. "Deborah and I are new to the HAM community, but would encourage others to become involved, especially in Topanga. Having grown up in Topanga, it is not if, but when we will need to rely on one another."

Karl and Deborah are members of the Topanga Disaster Radio Team (DRT), part of the Topanga Coalition for Emergency Preparedness (T-CEP). It was earlier in the week that they had attended a community class on how to program their radios—and their preparedness helped to save a life.

Karl may be contacted at (310) 413-8030.

Jennifer O’Connell KI6OIL

The purpose of the Great Southern California ShakeOut is to practice how to protect ourselves during earthquakes, and to get prepared at work, school, and home.

On October 15, 2009, from 8:00 A.M. to about 11:00 A.M., ARES conducted Table-top Drills at a number of local hospitals throughout the LAX Section, including Westwood, Santa Monica, San Pedro, and the San Fernando and San Gabriel Valleys. Jim Curio KI6FGV was Net Control at the Medical Alert Center (MAC). Traffic involved simulated emergency incidents which were passed back and forth through the MAC. Participants got a chance to practice translating frequencies from Repeater to Simplex, and passing formatted messages to the National Traffic System (NTS).

Although not everyone is mentioned here, thanks and appreciation were expressed through Jim Curio KI6FGV and Dave Greenhut, ARRL LAX Section Manager over the ARES-LAX Nets following this exercise.
Here are some pictures from the different hospitals, as well as highlights from Dean Cuadra WA6P, who was stationed at Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center.

Gary Apgar NY6Y and Harlis Brend WA6STJ operate from the parking lot of West Hills Medical Center.

Next to a radio, and an essential identifying sign, a HAM needs his/her coffee!

Larry Stegman KI6APC, Phil Reynolds W6MST, and Lynn O’Connell KG6DNY operate from Pacifica in Sun Valley.

Phil Reynolds W6MST passes a message to NTS from Pacifica in Sun Valley.

Jeff Donze KD8CGG operates from Cedars-Sinai Medical Center. Photo courtesy of Ryan Tuchmayer, Disaster Coordinator at Cedars-Sinai.

Ron Seixas NY2B brought his Diamond X-30 antenna with him to Hollywood Presbyterian Medical Center (in the background).

Chester Brown K6CRB’s cycle provided the mobility, and a perch for the ARES-LAX signage at the Hollywood Presbyterian Medical Center.

Chester Brown K6CRB is on the air at Hollywood Presbyterian Medical Center.
Dean Cuadra WA6P

Dean operated from the Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center in Westwood. His station consisted of a 2M/440 FM/Packet/APRS mobile transceiver, noise-canceling headphones, dual-band log periodic antenna, tripod, telescoping mast, coax, two handheld radios, a 35 Amp-Hour gel cell battery, PowerPole hub and cables, 11"x17" ARES signs and a notebook computer with radio programming cables. The complete station packs into a Pelican 1650 case, which has wheels and a handle.

In addition to the components listed above, the WA6P portable emergency station fits yet another radio—a 23cm D-STAR mobile transceiver. WA6P's next project is to perform surgery on the antenna, to split it into two sections. He opines, "I may need a stiff drink before cutting that nice Comet antenna in two."

The extra effort this year paid off. Hospital officials were impressed, as was a physician who stopped by to visit the station. The physician, who specializes in emergency medicine, expressed appreciation for ARES’ support of the hospital, and wanted to know more about Amateur Radio! WA6P happily obliged, jotting down his contact information, along with the URL of the ARRL's website for the doctor.

Honoring Our Nation’s Veterans

Nancy Aguilar N4NCY

In observance of Veterans Day, the SCATS crew (Southern California Amateur Transmitting Society—WB6LRU) will once again take to the airwaves by hosting a Special Event Station to honor our nation’s veterans on Saturday, November 14, 2009. The event will be held from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. at the West Covina Veterans of Foreign War (VFW) Post 8620, located at 2328 W. Merced Avenue in West Covina. SCATS encourages members of the public and HAM radio to honor our Nation’s Veterans by filling out an online message form. The form can be found at the SCATS website (see below). You can also leave a tribute to your favorite Veteran—or all Veterans—who have served this Country. These messages will then be collected and given to the VFW as a show of support for our Veterans.

Guests are welcome to attend. To learn more about this event and about SCATS, visit the website at www.SCATS.org.
**Official Observer (OO)**

The **Official Observer (OO)** program has been sponsored by the League for more than 50 years to help amateurs help each other. Official Observer appointees have assisted thousands of amateurs to maintain their transmitting equipment and operating procedures in compliance with the regulations. The object of the OO program is to notify amateurs by mail of operating/technical irregularities before they come to the attention of the **FCC**.

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

The OO performs his function by listening rather than transmitting, keeping an ear out for such things as frequency instability, harmonics, hum, key clicks, broad signals, distorted audio, over deviation, out-of-band operation, etc. The OO completes his task once the notification card is sent.

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

1. Must take and pass examination to be certified as a member of the Amateur Auxiliary, an FCC requirement, based on study of the ARRL’s Amateur Auxiliary Training Manual.
2. Must be an ARRL Full Member and have been a licensee of Technician Class or higher for at least four years.
3. Must report to the OO Coordinator regularly on FSD-23.
4. Maintain regular activity in sending out advisory notices as needed.

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

FSD-110 (2/97).

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**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
Upcoming Events

Visit the ARRL-LAX Section website www.lax-arrl.org for up-to-the minute events for the month of November.

FCC Licensing and Upgrades

ARES-LAX/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.

Palos Verdes Amateur Radio Club (PVARC)

PVARC will conduct licensing exams on November 21, 2009 from 10:00 A.M.—12:00 P.M. for Technician and General class licenses.

PVARC also 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.

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.

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

This month’s breakfast/VE test session is on Saturday, November 14, 2009 at the Home Town Buffet at 8629 S. Sepulveda Boulevard in Los Angeles (Near the LAX).

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.

Southern California Amateur Transmitting Society WB6LRU

Licensing classes will be taught by Loren Kizzia KI6JUU on November 7, 2009 from 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. at the Community Presbyterian Church, 540 Vine Street, West Covina, CA.

Each student must bring an ARRL Q&A, 3rd edition and an ARRL General Class Manual, 6th edition. The sessions will be taught from these books. Students must also bring notepads and pencils. It is strongly recommended that each student bring a basic hand held calculator, capable of performing logarithmic as well as "power of ten" calculations, such as the Casio scientific calculator. Water and snacks are advisable.

Classes are FREE to SCATS members. The non-member fee is $40.00, payable on the first day of class. CASH ONLY.
Licensing Exams will be held on **November 7, 2009** at 1:00 P.M. FCC Exam fee is $4.00 for members and non-members. **CASH ONLY.**

**Tri-County Amateur Radio Association K6AGF**

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

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

**United Radio Amateur Club (URAC)**

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

See the website [www.k6aa.org](http://www.k6aa.org) for more details.

**ARES-LAX News and Nets**

**Northwest District**

The **ARES** Northwest District conducts a Net every Thursday at 7:00 P.M. on the **DARN** repeater system. **DENNIS OSZUSCH K6UNC** 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.

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**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)
**NTS News and Nets**

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 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.

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**Affiliated Club News and Upcoming Events**

**220 MHZ Spectrum Management Association**

The **220SMA** is a NOT FOR PROFIT Association of Amateur Radio operators dedicated to education about, and technical and operational management of, the Amateur Radio 220 MHz. Bands. The Association represents all modes of operation and develops Band Plans intended to facilitate the maximum practicable use of the spectrum. Membership in the Association is open to individual Amateur Radio Operators in an effort to allow for maximum representation from all interest segments, and minimize the influence of any one special interest area. A Coordination Board operates within the Association to perform the formal coordination activities associated with the 219 MHz. Digital Linking and 222 MHz. Repeater Coordination activities.

General meetings are held quarterly, on the third Saturday of each month. The next general meeting is Saturday, January 16, 2010 at 10:00 A.M. See the website for location details.

Website: [www.220sma.org](http://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.

Website: [www.avarc.av.org](http://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, November 6, 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 Café of Long Beach, 2099 Bellflower Boulevard, Long Beach, CA. The next monthly breakfast is on Saturday, November 14, 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.

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, November 4, 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.

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 Thursday, November 12, 2009.

CVARC holds a monthly breakfast. This month’s breakfast is on Saturday, November 7, 2009 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).

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 will be held on Friday, November 20 at 7:00 P.M.

IRC’s Holiday Party will be held on Saturday, December 5.


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 224.020 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 PL 100.0

D-STAR- Contractor’s Point, WA6IRC 145.605, 447.040, 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.

site: 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.

**LAACARC**’s next meeting will be held on Monday, November 2 at the **Los Angeles Maritime Museum** in San Pedro, CA. See the website for additional meeting information.

**Website:** [www.qsl.net/laacarc](http://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, November 18, 2009.

**PVARC**’s Holiday Party will be held 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](http://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:

- **November 7**, 14 from 10:00 A.M.—2:00 P.M. (Tech Class)
- **November 7**, 14 from 2:15 P.M.—5:00 P.M. (General Class)
- **November 21** 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 licensing exams on November 21, 2009 from 10:00 A.M.—12:00 P.M. for Technician and General class licenses.

**PVARC** also 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.

**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.

On **Tuesday, November 24, 2009**, **William E. (“Bill”) Fletcher AA1OU** will speak on "22,000 Miles on the Water with Ham Radio".

**Website:** [www.qsl.net/w6ka](http://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.

The **Baker to Vegas Relay** will occur on **April 17-18, 2010**.

**Website:** [www.b2v.org](http://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, November 9, 2009.

**Website:** [www.rharc.org](http://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.

On **Friday, November 20, 2009**, SFVARC will hold its annual elections, along with its **Electronic Treasures Auction**. This is a golden opportunity to pass along your HAM-related treasures that you wish to sell to others that will appreciate them just as you do!

Auction forms will be available at the meeting. Plan to arrive at 6:30 P.M., so that your items can be properly categorized and priced.

**SFVARC** holds a monthly luncheon on the second Saturday of the month at 11:30 A.M. On **Saturday, November 14, 2009**, the club will be dining at Marie Callender’s Restaurant, 19310 Business Center Drive, Northridge. (818) 993-0704.

On **Sunday, December 6, 2009**, SFVARC will host 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!

- A BuddiStick – great for portable ops 10m-40m
- A starter kit of Anderson-Power Poles and crimpers, twenty-five foot zip cord,
- A variety of connectors, and a distribution panel for five.
- Yaesu FT1802 2 meter FM
- $500.00 HRO gift certificate

Tickets are $25.00. Both dinner and raffle tickets will be sold at the **SFVARC** club meeting in November.

For more information, contact **Steve Rudolph W6OFV** at steve-w6ofv@lycos.com.

**Website:** [http://www.w6sd.net](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 held on Wednesday, November 18, 2009.

Website: www.w6jw.org.

Nets: The Santa Clarita Emergency Communications Team conducts a weekly Net on Mondays at 7:30 P.M. SCARC conducts a weekly Net on Mondays at 8:00 P.M. Designated repeaters are listed below:

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

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 club meeting will be held on Thursday, November 19, 2009.

SBARC will host its second Saturday Social Event on November 14, 2009, at 12:00 P.M. at Billy’s Deli, 5160 W. 190th Street, Torrance CA.

Website: www.w6sba.org.

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

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

HAM Exams: See website for details.

Southern California Amateur Transmitting Society WB6LRU
Southern California Amateur Transmitting Society (SCATS) is part of the Southeast District. SCATS meets the third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 P.M. at the VFW Post 8620, 2328 W Merced Avenue, West Covina, CA.

SCATS next meeting is on Wednesday, November 18, 2009, where they will hold their annual elections, and hear guest speaker Joe Vega talk about the wonders of Digital communications.

SCATS will host its yearly membership dinner on Wednesday, December 9, 2009 at 6:00 P.M.

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: Licensing classes will be taught by Loren Kizzia K6JUU on November 7, 2009 from 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. at the Community Presbyterian Church, 540 Vine Street, West Covina, CA.

Each student must bring an ARRL Q&A, 3rd edition and an ARRL General Class Manual, 6th edition. The sessions will be taught from these books. Students must also bring notepads and pencils. It is strongly recommended that each student bring a basic hand held calculator, capable of performing logarithmic as well as "power of ten" calculations, such as the Casio scientific calculator. Water and snacks are advisable.

Classes are FREE to SCATS members. The non-member fee is $40.00, payable on the first day of class. CASH ONLY.

HAM Exams: FCC Exams will be held on November 7, 2009 at 1:00 P.M. The FCC Exam fee is $4.00 for members and non-members. CASH ONLY.

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, November 11, 2009 at 7:30 P.M.

Website: www.tcara.org.

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

Education: See website for details.

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

The fee is $15.00.

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

Valley Good Guys K6VGG

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

K6VGG’s next monthly meeting is on Friday, November 13, 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, November 20, 2009.

URAC holds a No-host Breakfast on the first Saturday of every month at 8:00 A.M. at the Think Café, 2 W. 5th Street, San Pedro, CA. The next Club breakfast will be held on Saturday, November 7, 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.

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