



ARCOVER



South Bay Amateur Radio Club

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*A Community Service Organization
Dedicated to Amateur Radio Since 1970*

Website: <http://www.w6sba.org>

President - ALEX - KD6LPA

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**TORRANCE MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER
ROOM "B"
WEST TOWER, 2ND FLOOR**

3330 W. Lomita Blvd., Torrance, CA 90505
On Medical Center Drive

With parking in the structure behind the West Tower

THURSDAY, January 15, 2009

TOPIC:

"Energizing Hams and Encouraging Volunteerism"
Presented by Carl Gardenias, WU6D

ABOUT THE SPEAKER:

Extra class operator Carl Gardenias, WU6D, was first licensed as WB6RMN in 1981, and is currently the ARRL Section Manager for the Orange section. Carl and his wife Kathy, K6VC, have been public ambassadors for Amateur Radio for many years. Together they have organized conventions such as the Visalia DX convention and were the originating inspiration behind Amateur Radio Expo, and have continued to be a big part of it. Lately the pair have been on a mission to energize and guide new amateur radio operators and also bring a fresh spark and new ideas to those who have had their tickets for a while. Carl and Kathy strive to encourage operators and clubs to be more involved with their members and their communities at-large, by showcasing the enthusiasm of the hobby and combining new ideas with the best of amateur radio's past. Please join us for an entertaining and educational evening with them.



DIGITAL TV IS ALMOST HERE! OR NOT???

February 17, 2009 **was** the day marked for turning off analog TV broadcasts for good, and switching exclusively to digital TV. However, that date may now change due to funding issues with the federal coupon program. The program provides \$40 vouchers for consumers to buy digital conversion boxes, which enable existing televisions to continue working with the new digital TV signals.

President-elect Obama's transition team is asking Congress to push back the date, as the \$1.5 billion coupon program is out of money. To get on the list for coupons, visit:

<http://www.dtv2009.gov>

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**By Alex Marko, KD6LPA**

It is my sad duty to report that we lost long-time member Loyd Napier, N6GDH on December 10th, 2008. Loyd was a very dear friend of our group, and his willingness to help out with all kinds of projects will not be forgotten. Loyd -- rest in peace.

The family has asked us to help sell Loyd's ham equipment. We have published some of the equipment along with minimum bids in this ARCOVER. A complete inventory of items will be distributed at the January club meeting. All items are being sold AS-IS, no refunds. Please submit your bids to Joe. Bidding for all items will end January 30, 2009. Any items remaining will be sold at the swap meet. The club will retain a 15% commission on all items sold, and the rest of the proceeds will be given to the estate. For those items sold at minimum bid prices, paid club members for 2009 will be offered a 10% discount. (Manuals and original boxes are available for a few items, but not all). Any bidding questions should be directed to the club secretary, Joe - WB6MYD.

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CLUB SERVICES:

- a. ARRL Membership renewals will be handled by the Secretary/Treasurer and of course new memberships will also be provided.
- b. Name Badges can also be ordered for you by the Secretary/Treasurer.
- c. License upgrade and or new license testing is handled by Joe-WB6MYD.
- d. All other problems, well let us know and we will see if we can help you including technical assistance with problems with your operation and much more. Someone may have experienced the very same problem, the question needs to be asked in order to see if we can help or not.
- e. New member assistance is always available but must be asked as usual.
- f. Swap meet Service to help you sell your old gear, just let us know.
- g. Elmering is available to all members, ask any officer for your particular issue.
- h. If anything not listed above, ask your officers to help with it.
- i. e-mail notices regarding meetings and any other interest are yours for the asking. You must keep your e mail address updated with the Sec/ Tres.
- k. Alex-KD6LPA has taken on the duty of Editor as well. Please let him know if you would like to make an announcement or something of interest for the whole group for posting in the Arc Over or on our Web site.

We must remember you're a member of one of the best clubs in the area and so we want to help-ask us and we will work on it.

“The Public Face of Ham Radio”

By Joy Matlack, KD6FJV

There are more and more opportunities for us as Emergency Communicators and Disaster Service Workers to present ham radio to the general public. If we choose to take advantage of these, we need to really look at what we are presenting. The public is not generally interested in the same aspects of radio that we are. We get excited about the why's and wherefore's and comparing how good our signal is in a contest or as a participant in a net. The public, especially if they have not been exposed to radio, hear more bad than good about the hobby. Interference and unsightly antennas will usually be the first to be brought up. Instead of getting defensive and dismissive we should welcome these comments as an opportunity to share what we really do with those antennas.

The more we include ourselves in conversations with people, the higher the chance that we might be able to recruit them to our way of thinking. One of the biggest fans of Ham Radio I know is Pete Demetriou. Some of you may know Pete from his work in radio and on KFWB. I have had the privilege of knowing and working with Pete for over 10 years and he is one of the most enthusiastic supporters that we have in the general public. Pete has his own reasons for not getting a ham radio ticket, but he loves to talk about the support and resources to the communities that ham operators give. The reason I bring him up is that when you work an event or public presentation you never know who you are talking to or who they know. Can you imagine the impact that someone in Pete's position can have in all the subsequent conversations about what he learns from a presentation. A few minutes of careful reflection is all that is needed to convince us that a great presentation to the public is always a good thing for the reputation of ham radio operators and what they do.

So what exactly makes up a great presentation to the public? The first thing that I have always tried to do is present the face of the radios to the public side of the table. The face of a talking, lit up radio makes people stop. It is a magnet and a great way to start a conversation. At the last public event that we worked, I took out a couple of my handhelds, a stack of mobiles that I use for a portable command station, and a brand new Yaesu 857 that I had never had out of the box. No one was talking on the local repeaters so we broke the seals and drug out the new one. Not having planned ahead we had not brought an antenna for it. Not to let that stop us as part of the demonstration of the magic of radio we hooked up a wire to the center pin and had the other side linked to the canopy we were using for shade. That canopy let us hear conversations from Georgia and Florida during the entire time we were set up. What a great way to start a demo about radio! The HT's are used for extremely local conversations, a mobile will extend the range to region or state, and then the 857 was hearing across the country. I know that this might seem simplistic to some hams, but remember we are presenting to a non-technical public here. I realize that I have more options than some operators about radios to demo but my point is that it doesn't really take more than one. The key is to have it doing something that makes someone walking by look at it. Once they look you have the opportunity to start a conversation. That is one thing that someone playing with a radio with his back to the public cannot do.

In addition to the radio it also helps to have something to hand out to folks. Whether they take it or not is of no consequence. By having it available it shows that you are interested in giving them something to think about later. I generally try to have a few catalogs from HRO and/or some manufacturer brochures about radios. A list about some of the local clubs and of course if you are representing an organization some of those brochures are a must if they exist. Unfortunately, a lot of clubs do not have brochures, but a few copies of a recent newsletter can be just as good or better.

These are just some suggestions on things that I have found to be effective. There are many more people and groups that have worked public events - and most are happy to share their ideas and experiences. I hope the next time you get an opportunity you will take advantage of it. It is a great reminder for us all, as to why we chose to become ham radio operators in the first place.

South Bay Amateur Radio Club
N6GDH Estate, December 2008



ICOM IC-551D
50MHz All Mode

Item - 1
Min Bid: 150.00



ICOM IC-271H
144 MHz All Mode

Item - 2
Min Bid 200.00



ICOM IC-471H
430 MHz All Mode

Item - 3
Min Bid: 200.00

Item - 4
Min Bid: 85.00



Standard C228A
144/220 FM Twin Bander

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Alinco DJ296T
VHF FM Transceiver

Icom IC-SM6
8-pin Round
Microphone

Item - 6
Min Bid: 65.00



Item - 5
Min Bid: 90.00

EEB TR Dip Meter
Model DM-4061
Range: 1.5 - 250 MHz

Item - 7
Min Bid: 40.00

Kenwood TS-940

1.8-29.9 MHz

All Mode Transceiver

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Item - 8

Min Bid: 600.00

Kenwood MC-60
Microphone



Yaesu FT-847

1.8-450 MHz

All Mode Transceiver

MH-31 Mic



MFJ Versa Tuner

Model MFJ-969



Item - 9

Min Bid: 65.00

Item - 10

Min Bid: 700.00

Amateur Radio Course

FCC “Technician” course (Entry Level)

It is a 2 session course

The sessions are on Jan 17 & 24

From 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM both Saturdays

The ARRL test is on Jan 31 from 10AM to 12PM

The location is Hesse Park

29301 Hawthorne Blvd.

Rancho Palos Verdes

- No pre-registration required -**
- No fee for either course -**
- Taking the FCC Test is \$14 -**

Optional Material

- Study book with FCC test questions, \$20 -**
- Copy of my Power Point charts, \$10 -**

Students (thru grade 12) who take this course and get their license will be reimbursed up to \$40 by The Palos Verdes Amateur Radio Club

**For more information contact
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CALENDAR

Council Meeting - 1st Wednesday of the month
Call Joe - WB6MYD (310) 328-0817

Club Meeting - 3rd Thursday of the month
January 15, 2009 7:30 p.m.
Torrance Memorial Medical Center
West Tower, 2nd Floor, Room "B"

Club Nets - **W6SBA WEEKLY NET**
Every Thursday @7:30pm
(except the night of club meetings)
PVUSD EMERGENCY NET
1st Tuesday of the month
09:30 Hours on the W6SBA repeater

TRW Swap Meet - Saturday, January 31, 2009
7:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

VE Session - February 14, 2009
West Tower, 2nd Floor, Room "A"
Contact: Joe WB6MYD
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Social Event - Saturday, January 10, 2009, 12pm
Billy's Deli
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South Bay Amateur Radio Club Repeater

224.38 MHz ·PL - 192.8 Hz Offset -1.6 MHz
(See Calendar for Weekly Net Times)

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