



# 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

April 2008

### Torrance Memorial Medical Center ROOM "B"

WEST TOWER 2ND FLOOR  
3330 W. Lomita Blvd., Torrance, CA 90505  
*On Medical Center Drive*

#### April SBARC Meeting "ANTENNA BUILDING DEMONSTRATION"

So you want to get on HF, or your VHF/UHF signal into the repeater needs a boost. Haven't built an Antenna. Ever!. This is the meeting to attend. Ed KN6JN, Ray WA6OWM, John AC6FB and a host of others will be demonstrating antenna building techniques at the SBARC April meeting.

Although moon bounce probably won't be demonstrated or discussed, don't miss the discussion and demonstration of VHF ground planes, HF dipoles, antenna tuners, and antenna analyzers. So come to the April meeting with some note taking material and your questions. Our club members are ready and willing to help with antenna related questions.



#### President's Message Alex-KD6LPA

Howdy one and all,

First, I'd like to thank our very own Chuck Lobb for his fascinating presentation on the history of Torrance Airport. For those of you who may have missed our last club meeting, Chuck had two slide projectors running in tandem loaded with rare photographs of vintage aircraft as well as the airfield during its infancy. He filled the room with history and humor that made for a fun-filled meeting. After the presentation, Chuck even signed a few copies of his now-famous book "Torrance Airport", as featured on [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com). The book did so well, Chuck recently purchased a brand new Toyota Prius from the proceeds.

Unfortunately, I think all of his recent success may have gone to his head. Just last weekend, I was driving on the back side of Palos Verdes and was shocked to discover Chuck running a red light while turning onto Hawthorne Blvd (see attached photo). The nerve of some people! Let me assure you, every horn was honking at 100+ decibels expressing their disapproval, but Chuck simply smiled and waved (well... I think he was waving...) as he prepared to take his new set of wheels up the rigorous inclines that makes Palos Verdes the exciting place it is for driving. No argument, I was definitely "excited" after

that little maneuver.

Chuck's car has 500+ horsepower and nearly as much torque. Although he euphemistically calls it his "Prius", it's actually one of the classic Toyota racecars that won many a championship during the mid 70's. Not long ago, Chuck invited me over to see his new "Prius". If I had only known his "Prius" was code for Formula 1 racecar, I would've been over in a heartbeat. Perhaps my inability to accept his kind invitation led to last weekend's "unpleasantness".

Well Chuck, I forgive you and I just have one question for you – what kind of radio are you going to put in that fast car of yours? At this point, I can only hope you're laughing at this ridiculous story. For those of you who visit [QRZ.COM](http://QRZ.COM) regularly, you may have noticed they had some April Fool's humor up there, so I thought it would be fun to do the same. Until next month, Alex



**2008 NOTES FROM THE SECRETARY JOE-WB6MYD**e-mail address - [jlanphen@ca.rr.com](mailto:jlanphen@ca.rr.com) 310-328-0817

- **DUES** - A Few of you have yet to pay your dues for 2008. Please take a moment of your time to write that check as soon as possible. Basic membership is \$15 for one year, \$25 for husband and wife teams, and a family membership with multiple member is also \$25.
- **AUTO PATCH** - The W6SBA repeater supports Auto patch capability for members. Please realize this is different from membership. The Auto patch dues are used to support the phone line needed to make auto patch calls. We will give you 1 or 2 auto dial numbers which we program for you. The dues are \$40 for one year . It is long distance limited. For more details cal Joe - WB6MYD at 310-328-0817
- **CLUB SERVICES** -
  - (1) **RENEW** ARRL membership for the same price as you would go direct to ARRL Give me a check include the envelope to help expedite your renewal.
  - (2) **NEW** ARRL Memberships—applications are available.
  - (3) **NAME BADGE** Cost is \$10 see me for details.
- **VE SESSIONS** - We give exams every other month on the 2nd Saturday at 0900 hrs in Room “A”. on the 2nd floor of the West Tower at Torrance Memorial Medical Center. The fee is \$14 for the test. Next VE Session will be April 12,2008
- **SURVEY** - The Survey form was revised to allow proper evaluation of all the information given. If you filled one out, all the info on it was recorded and so the information will be discussed at the Council meeting. I will report at a later time the tabulation of all that to you. If you haven’t turned in a survey in please do so. I will be calling those that have not returned a survey, as a reminder. Thank you to all who have submitted a survey. We have never put out a comprehensive survey before but think this survey will serve us all. I will report on the information gathered.
- **SWAP MEET** - Today’s Swap Meet was another big one. We saw more vendors with many more visitors than have been there in a long time. I want to thank John - AC6FB. for assisting with set and John - AE6LK, and Dick - W1MII for helping. Rob - KB6KMX came and relieved me so I could go to breakfast. Thank you. Having this help let me get away with some members, for a while. (Breakfast at Denny’s) with Kostek - K6MNA, Harlan - KC6YBJ, and Loyd - N6GDH, Paul - KK6BY and Joseph - AB6TK were there also but didn’t go to breakfast.

**March speaker:**

If you missed last month’s meeting, you missed a good one. Our very own Chuck Lobb - KN6H gave a presentation on the history of the Torrance Airport and its role in the training of fighter pilots during World War II. Chuck has done hundreds of hours of research on the topic. He has attempted to contact every pilot that was stationed at the Torrance Airport which began its life as the Lomita Flight strip during World War II. His research began in 1994 when the Torrance Air fair was planning a celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of D-Day in Normandy. He wasn’t able to find much from local sources including local military facilities, so he contacted the Air Force repository for history and got many records. From there the research got its start.

Pilots at the Lomita Flight Strip trained on P-38 Lightnings, a 2 engine fighter, used in the pacific and in 1943 and early 1945 in Europe. Pilots who arrived in Torrance had already been through flight school and flight training in a number of training aircraft. Torrance was their last training stop before being deployed in Europe

Chuck showed how the Lomita flight strip evolved in different stages from low lying farmland to an airstrip with a wartime mission, then to post war business and then general aviation hub.

Chuck was able to sell a number of his books and DVDs after his presentation. His presentation was warmly received. Thanks Chuck!

**SOUTH BAY ARC OFFICERS 2007**

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W6TRW Swap Meet Space Manager -



### MEMBERSHIP DRAWING

The winner of the members drawing was Albert - KD6PYI. Since Albert was not at the meeting the kitty at the April meeting will be \$20.00. Attendance drawing is only for members in good standing and you must be present at the meeting.

WILL YOU BE THERE?

**VE SESSION – APRIL 12, 2008 at 0800**  
**Torrance Memorial Medical Center**  
**Room “A” 2nd floor of the West Tower**  
*parking behind the West Tower*  
**Sponsored by the**  
**South Bay Amateur Radio Club**

### AMATEUR RADIO COURSE FCC “TECHNICIAN” COURSE” (entree level)

The course is 2 sessions  
 Saturday, June 14, 2008 - 2:00-5:30 p.m.  
 Saturday, June 21, 2008 - 10:00-2:00 p.m.

**FCC VE SESSION**  
*Date to be announced*

**Hesse Park**  
**29301 Hawthorne Blvd**  
**Rancho Palos Verdes**

- no pre-registration
- no fee for the course
- \$14.00 for the VE Test

#### Optional Materials

- Study book with FCC questions \$15
- Copy of my Power Point Charts \$10

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

For more information contact  
 Walt - K1DFO, at [walt.ordway@yahoo.com](mailto:walt.ordway@yahoo.com).

### COUNCIL PERSON NEEDED

If you are interested in becoming more involved in the planning of the club activities .

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### "HINTS AND KINKS":

"Hints and Kinks": Do you have an idea or a simple project that has improved your operating? Maybe you've taken something commonly found around the home and developed a ham radio use for it? Why not share your hints with fellow hams in "Hints and Kinks," a monthly column in QST.

If we publish your hint, you will receive \$20. Send your hints via e-mail to [<h&k@arrl.org>](mailto:h&k@arrl.org) or to ARRL Headquarters, Attn: "Hints and Kinks," 225 Main Street, Newington, CT 06111.

Please include your name, call sign, complete mailing address, daytime telephone number and e-mail address.

Items in "Hints and Kinks" have not been tested by QST or ARRL unless otherwise stated. Although we can't guarantee that hints published will work for every situation, QST makes every effort to screen for harmful information.



**THURSDAY NIGHT NET.**  
**GET OUT YOUR 220 HT**  
**OR ON YOUR HOME BASE**  
**CHECK IN AT 1900 HOURS.**

### South Bay Amateur Radio Club Net

224.38 MHz · PL - 192.8 Hz Offset 1.6 MHz

### W6TRW SWAP MEET

**April 26, 2008**

**7:00 a.m. through 11:30 a.m.**

**2008 Swap Meet Chairperson needed**  
**Please consider and volunteer**

The day started out overcast but ended up sunny and a nice turn out lots of vendors. Joe - WB6MYD delivered the sale items and set up with the help of John - AC6FB. Rob - KB6KMX, John - AE6LK and Dick - W6MII relived Joe so he could go to breakfast. A good discussion on grounding a station was held. Drop by and check out I-18 on April 26, the next Swap Meet Day.

## CALENDAR

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

**Club Meeting** - 3rd Thursday of the month  
**April 17, 2008 7:00 p.m.**  
Torrance Memorial Medical Center  
West Tower 2nd Floor Room "B"

**Palos Verdes School District**  
**EMERGENCY NET**  
1st Tuesday of the month  
09:30 Hours on the W6SBA repeater

**TRW Swap Meet** - Saturday, April 26, 2008  
7:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

**VE Session** - April 12, 2008  
**WEST TOWER ROOM "A"**  
**2ND FLOOR**

**B2V (Baker to Vegas)** Saturday April 19-Sunday 20  
Call Joe if you can come and work this Relay Race event.

**Field Day** June 28 and 29  
Antenna set up Friday June 27

## CLUB SERVICES

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