



**South Bay
AMATEUR
RADIO CLUB**



April 2012

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*A Community
Service
Organization
Dedicated to
Amateur Radio
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President –
Alan – KG6ZPL

Happy Easter



HUNTING



President's Message

Hi everyone. Field Day is fast approaching and, as usual, we have changes to announce. Last month, I told you that we were probably going to have it at a Torrance City park. Well, the city, which has no official ties to the Centennial Celebration, has thrown up too many road blocks to allow us to seriously consider having Field Day at a city park. It wouldn't be a problem if we wanted to only operate during the day time and could do so without antennas. So we are back at the TMHC parking structure, our home away from home. We will do all in our power to publicize the event. If you all have any ideas how to do this more effectively, please talk to a council member. This is still a really big deal and we intend to support the Centennial Celebration as well as we can.

Notice: THE MAY MEETING WILL BE ON **WEDNESDAY MAY 16TH**, NOT ON THURSDAY MAY 17TH AND IT WILL BE **AT THE TOYOTA AUTO-MOBILE MUSEUM!!!!**

We have scheduled a picnic at Victor Park on May 12th. It will not be at Wilson Parks as was previously announced. Food, fun, games, and operating will be provided so please plan to attend. This will be instead of our normal monthly luncheon. The home brewing or DIY contest is on. I will make an official announcement of the rules at the next meeting. The prize pool will be up to \$100 so warm up those soldering irons and get to work! We have one PSK interface kit unspoken for. Talk to me or Ray if you want it. Speaking of DIY, we still haven't decided exactly what our club antenna project will be. We have three good candidates and we are building samples. We may end up offering several projects and you can pick the one you like. More on this later.

At the last general club meeting the purchase of a generator was approved. We are currently looking around to find the best deal. The council also approved buying a Harbor Freight tool kit which we have done. That's it for this month. Please plan to attend our next meeting and please support our Field Day activities. 73's

Alan

April Presentation:**Brian Thorson****presents:****Field Day Safety Around Power Lines
and Amateur Radio Microwave, 10 GHZ.**

Brian Thorson AF6NA is an active member of the San Bernardino Microwave Society (SBMS) an ARRL-affiliated technical organization, dedicated to the advancement of communications above 1 GHz. Thanks to the support and encouragement of many great friends at SBMS, I placed top 10 in the 10 GHz category of the 2011 "ARRL 10 GHz and Up Contest."



For over a decade, he has enjoyed getting out and presenting "RF Interference from Utility Sources" to many Amateur Radio clubs all over Southern California. Since receiving my Amateur Extra License in 2008, he has presented "Electrical Safety on Field Day," and "Intro to Amateur 10 GHz Microwave." He is currently working on a new presentation on "Radio Frequency Safety."

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ARMED FORCES DAY CLUB PARTICIPATION INFORMATION

The club will be asked to participate in the 2012 Torrance Armed Forces Day Parade, May 19, 2012. As we have each year, we will assist in the Parade Formation area. Our primary responsibility will be to maintain a communications link, via the club repeater, between the divisions and TARA. TARA will need to update the Public Address announcers of any changes in the parade based on our input. The three divisions form on Torrance Blvd starting at Madrid and continuing east to downtown. Each unit is assigned a position number. They first check in with their respective division, and then locate a position on Torrance Blvd in numerical order. We will check the division lineup to insure units are staged and ready to go. We have had units not show, or units that combined, or have arrived late. Each unit has prepared a written description for the parade announcer, and there may be a last minute addition or correction for us to forward. This is the information we need to pass on to TARA. Crenshaw Blvd is the start and Madrona is the end of the Parade. We will start at 10:00AM, and continue till 3:00PM or when the last unit crosses Crenshaw. We can expect to need between 10 and 12 members to cover net control and Divisions 1, 2 and 3. Signup with Ray - WA6OWM at the April 19th meeting, or via email: wa6owm@arrl.net or by landline [310-370-1913](tel:310-370-1913).

Do you live in a CC&R- restricted community? Do you participate in EmComm activities?

Have deed restrictions / HOA covenants prevented you from erecting amateur radio antennas? Have these restrictions prevented you from full participation in emergency communications activities during disasters?

If your answer is "Yes", ARRL needs to hear about your experience.

As you are probably aware, Congress has directed the FCC to conduct a study of the uses and capabilities of Amateur Radio Service communications in emergencies and disaster relief. The FCC was directed to identify "impediments to enhanced Amateur Radio Service communications, such as the effects of unreasonable or unnecessary private land use restrictions on residential antenna installations". Finally, the study is to make "recommendations regarding the removal of such impediments."

The FCC has issued a Public Notice - DA 12-523- soliciting input from the public as part of their study. The ARRL is gathering comments from the Amateur Radio community to present as part of its comments on the public notice.

The ARRL is looking specifically for input in two specific areas:

- * Recent Amateur Radio involvement in actual emergency communications and disaster relief;
- * Specific details about how CC&Rs and other private land use restrictions have impaired licensed Amateurs to participate fully in these disaster relief communications.

If your ability to participate in ARES, RACES, SKYWARN, CERT, or other emergency and disaster relief communications has been limited because the inability to have adequate antennas due to CC&Rs, you are asked to provide that information to the ARRL.

To assist you in sharing your information with the ARRL, please visit the special ARRL website built to allow you to readily provide the pertinent information at: www.arrl.org/ccr-study-information

This page will present you with an overview of what we are asking and have links to the two forms for you to complete. Please be as factual as you can with the information you provide and please **provide only information about events and activities in which YOU were directly involved.**

If you wish to write out the details of your situation in advance, please do so. Then, they can be either uploaded to the website or they can be sent as an email attachment to an email sent to CCRinfo@arrl.org

UP AND COMING EVENTS

April 19, Thursday, 2012

CLUB MEETING @ TORRANCE MEMORAIL 7:30pm
FIELD DAY Safety presentation

April 28, Saturday, 2012

Swap Meet at Northrop Grumman
 Then...Lunch at Denny's in Redondo Beach - 11:00 am

May 12, Saturday, 2012

Club Picnic at Victor Park, 4727 Emerald Street,
Torrance, 10am to 3pm
 Radio setup demo and Club Picnic

May 16, Wednesday, 2012

General W6SBA Meeting
Held at Toyota Automobile Museum - Mark your calendar!

May 19, Saturday, 2012

Armed Forces Day Parade
 More info to come

CLUB SERVICES:

License upgrades and / or new license testing
 VE Sessions are held the 2nd Saturday of every even month
 Need to sell something at the Swap Meet?
 ARRL Membership renewals or new registration
 Club Name Badge / Jackets

Club Operation
 Need something posted on the web site, or newsletter?
 Ideas for Club Speakers, Field Day Planning
 Membership, Health & Welfare
 Upcoming Club Events
 Club Activities

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If you have questions about your ham equipment, please feel free to ask any of our club members for help. Or, if you'd like, please talk to any council member, and we'll do our best to help you.

The following members have renewed their SBARC membership for 2012. Thank you so much, it's a pleasure to have you all back as members in good standing for 2012.

Ken	K6HRN	551624	Melody	KI6SPA	551625
Richard	KJ6CBA	551626	Mike	KI6LJM	551627
Nancy	NJ6S	551628	Bill	N6ES	551629
Martin	KG6FOQ	551630	Russell	KI6HBG	551631
Glenda	KF6QFE	551632	Scott	N6LEM	551633
Bennie	W6ZAC	551634	Esmeralda		551635
Dean		551636	Emy		551637
Josie		551638			

Join us on Facebook! Just search for W6SBA.
If you need help with finding us on Facebook, drop Mike KI6LJM an email at
KI6LJM@gmail.com.

Remember, if your online banking supports it, you can set up the club as a 'payee' and send your dues as an on-line payment. You just need to send the check to:
SBARC Membership, P.O. Box 536, Torrance, CA 90508-0536

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- ◆ Congratulations: I also received a letter and a 40 year membership pin from ARRL for 40 years of ARRL membership, congratulations Joe-WB6MYD. The difference between Ray and myself is in that I never took out an Lifetime membership which is too late now of course.
- ◆ Social Activity: Yes another picnic is scheduled for your enjoyment. Please mark your calendar, the date is May 12, 2012. Location as in the past at Victor Park, 4727 Emerald Street, Torrance 90503. This is between Torrance Blvd and Del Amo right off Anza Ave. The club will provide the food and drink. We also will make the opportunity to do some radio activity one way or another, mark your calendar please.
- ◆ Field Day 2012: We have been telling you about the special intentions for this years Field Day and especially the Torrance Centennial celebration. The public exposure we looked for needed us to relocate from our usual safe heaven at TMMC to a park such as Wilson Park. Lots of people and easily accessible and all the benefits we had hoped for to show Amateur Radio at its best. To make a long story short, too many restrictions and requirements have made this impossible for us to be pull off. Some things we accepted having to limit ourselves with versus the public exposure which we were looking for, however, limiting the original goal and intent was too much. So we are back at TMMC West parking structure. We still will use our Special Event calls and hopefully publicize this publicly enough to have the public exposure we are looking for. More on this at a later date and especially at the upcoming meetings, stay tuned please.
- ◆ May meeting Location: Yes I know it's only 1 month and half away from the time I am writing this which is the reason that we use TMMC. However; this requires special talking and making this as painless as possible. So things have changed already. We are asking all our SBARC members and its staff to make this May meeting date for our Torrance Centennial Armed Forces Day parade. Lot of plans are being formed to reach our goal in getting as many people as possible involved. The publicity is still very important for which we are asking your help. Talk this thing up for this years FD. As it states in the Arc Over for March, 2012. No transmissions are being heard or seen of course for that matter. We are counting on you all to have your family join us for a bit, talk this up among your friends especially those with kids.

NOTES FROM THE SECRETARY - JOE-WB6MYD
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- ◆ Attendance drawing: We had a winner, Chuck-KN6H name was drawn and was present to receive the kitty. Congratulations Chuck. The kitty for our April meeting will be \$ 20.00. Remember you must be a member in good standing (Paid up) and be present to receive the money in the kitty.
- ◆ Membership renewal: I want to thank all of you having renewed your 2012 SBARC membership. To put that into some numbers if you will, 92% of our membership is continuing to support our club. Actually this will be nearly 100% once I receive the remainder from those for some reason or another find it difficult to renew on time. Thank you one and all for your continued support and your participation.
- ◆ Renewal Information: So many of you had outdated information with me which has always been of such great concern to me. I was happy to update those records with the correct information such as phone number, e mail address and such. We must do this on an annual basis to avoid you missing out on any of our correspondence or notifications. Thank you so much and please keep me updated with any changes you have.
- ◆ Congratulations: Ray-WA6OWM has received several very nice Certificate of Appreciation for his 50 year as a member of the ARRL. It also included a nice pin which he will be happy to show you all I am sure. Thank you from all of us in the SBARC for your outstanding support for our National Organization which continues to make our common goal to keep our granted privileges for us all to enjoy .
- ◆ Condolences: It was with heartfelt sadness that we learned of your mother's passing suddenly last week Mike-KI6LJM. We wish to express our deepest sympathy to you and your family Mike, our thoughts and prayers are with you all. The SBARC will make a donation in her name to one of her favorite charities.
- ◆ Thank you: We wish to thank Mr James Head from SoCal Edison for an excellent presentation on safety as well as many other aspects of our use of electricity. He cleared up many questions we all have with so many things in our life depending on the electricity being delivered to our homes and so many other places. The safety issues we as hams must be aware of around the use of electricity for our radio's was also brought up as well of course. A very enjoyable evening was had by all. Thank you.
- ◆ TRW Swap meet: Since being unable to be present for the March 31st swap meet, Bill-KQ6Z was able to take over, thank you Bill. We had a rather unusual donation made to us. Matt-W1DCB a member of the SBARC in the mid 2003 (I need to look it up in the old rosters) and had moved out of the area passed away a few years ago (we did not know that). His friend Seppo Hurme called me and asked if he could drop some of Matt's old stuff which we were happy to accept of course. He dropped it by at the swap meet last Saturday for which we are very grateful so thank you Seppo. Bill thank you for taking care of the spot at the Mar 31st swap meet.
- ◆ Torrance Armed Forces Parade: The annual Torrance Armed Forces parade is on, the date is May 19th. This means we are looking for members to help us support this. Please let Joe-WB6MYD know if you're available to assist.

CALENDAR

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

Club Meeting - 3rd Thursday of the month
April 19th, 2012 - 7:30 p.m.
2nd Floor of the West Tower
Room "A"

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,
April 28, 2012, 7-11 a.m.

VE Session - Contact: Joe WB6MYD
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