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AMATEUR
RADIO CLUB



May 2012

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Annual **A** **Armed**
2012 **F** **Forces**
D **Day** CITY OF
TORRANCE
Celebration



President's Message

Hi everyone:

I sometimes wonder if any one actually reads these things. On the assumption that you do, here goes. You have been told this before and will be again but, just in case, the May meeting will take place on WEDNESDAY, May 16 at the Toyota Car Museum. It is not on Thursday, May 17 at the health center. Our next activity is a PICNIC on Saturday, May 12th at Torrance's Victor park. We will get things going around 10:30 in the morning and it will run until 3:00 in the afternoon. Hotdogs and hamburgers will be provided by the club as well as operating opportunities. We hope to see you all there. On the following weekend, we have the Torrance Armed Forces Day Parade on Saturday, May 19th. Those of you who have signed up for the parade will be receiving more information as it becomes available. Of course our major activity of the year is Field Day on the 26th and 27th of June with antenna set up on the preceding Friday. Rob will once again cook his world famous tri-tip for us!!! We will be devoting the next two meetings largely to Field Day preparations. Among other things that will be covered is (as usual) the logging software and the operation of the club's new radio.

We have narrowed the antenna project down to two possibilities: A ground plane antenna and a vertical dipole, both for 220 Mhz band. Our goal is to enable our members who have trouble using the repeater for the club net and other activities to get on the air more easily. We are currently building prototypes of the two antennas and will be evaluating them soon. We may well end up offering both to you all. A club excursion for the Fall is still in the works. We have tried talking to several commercial radio stations regarding the possibility of a tour but have received no replies. If any of you know any one at a commercial radio station or have other ideas for a field trip, please let us know. While it would be nice to have the trip oriented towards a radio activity, that is not a requirement. I believe we all enjoyed our visit to the maritime museum last year. We are also always interested in suggestions for club meeting topics. Bill and others have made some good suggestions recently which we are considering.

We recently had our Baker-to-Vegas race activity supporting the LA Sheriff's Carson Substation. I would like to take this opportunity to give a special thanks to Nancy and Alex who were instrumental in getting aid to a team runner who went down with heat stroke. Thanks to their superior communication skills, help was rapidly obtained for the runner and his life was saved. It was very serious as he spent three or four days in the ICU. For many of us, being able to provide help in emergencies like this is the reason that we came to amateur radio. It also points out that we are not just "window dressing" when we volunteer for activities like the race. So, three big cheers for Nancy and Alex!!!!

I'm sure that I'm forgetting something but that's all I can think of for now. I look forward to seeing you all at our coming activities. 73's to all,

Alan

April Presentation:**FIELD DAY...FIELD DAY...FIELD DAY...**

We will be discussing the Field Day schedule and the setup for the weekend. We will also be talking about the call-logging software and the antenna setup on the roof. Bring your questions and be ready to find out what's planned for FD.

We have the callsigns of W6T for Field Day and K6T for GOTA.

We have some Field Day fliers being distributed, and hopefully we'll be getting some visitors from the effort. This is the reason we would hope you put the FD operation on your calendar and join us. All members are encouraged to be there.

We'll be at the Toyota Automotive Museum for this month's meeting.

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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

May 12, Saturday, 2012

**Club Picnic at Victor Park, 4727 Emerald Street,
Torrance, 10:30am to 3pm**

Radio setup demo and Club Picnic

May 16, Wednesday, 2012

CLUB MEETING @ TOYOTA AUTOMOTIVE MUSEUM 7:30pm
FIELD DAY Information and presentation

May 19, Saturday, 2012

Armed Forces Day Parade

See information in this issue

May 26, Saturday, 2012

Swap Meet at Northrop Grumman

Then...Lunch at Denny's in Redondo Beach - 11:00 am

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.

Two elderly hams had been friends for many decades. Over the years they had shared all kinds of activities and adventures on the ham bands. Lately, their activities have been limited to meeting a few times a week to play cards.

One day they were playing cards when one looked at the other and said, "Now don't get mad at me.....I know we've been friends for a long time.....but I just can't think of your name and your call.! I've thought and thought, but I can't remember them.

Please tell me what they are."

His friend glared at him. For at least three minutes he just stared and glared at the gray haired old man..

Finally he said,

"How soon do you need to know?"

Join us on Facebook! Just search for W6SBA.

**If you need help with finding us on Facebook, drop Mike KI6LJM an email at
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A HUGE 'THANK YOU' to all who have paid their dues. Your membership and participation in your Club are what keep us going strong. We look forward to a successful rest of the 2012 year! - SBARC Council.

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8. New Members: On April 14, 2012 Steven tested with us at our regular VE session and was invited to our meeting and passed his Tech test. Upon receiving his KJ6VWN call mailed his SBARC Membership application so thank you Steven for joining us. We also received an application from Martin-KJ6TSK, Tech. membership application, thank you Martin for joining us. To give you some details; Steven lives here in Torrance and is interested in HF, VHF, and UHF, CW, computers, DCS/RACES/ARES and Public relations. Club activities he would like to participate in are Field Day, Public Events, Club Meetings and Social Activities. This is a good time to come on board we have the Parade and picnic both in May and in June of course field Day. As for Martin living in Topanga and is interested in DCS/RACES/ARES and would like to participate in Field Day and Public events you to Martin are welcome to assisting us with the parade and of course Field Day. No better time to learn and get hands on practice by joining us at these events. Thank you very much Gentlemen for joining us and please don't hesitate to ask for any clarifications or assistance. We wish to Elmer you all the way.

9. Membership roster updates: Dorothy-KE6NYO email address: doro-thyob@hotmail.com Add the following: Martin-KJ6TSK, 310-455-3236, email: mtreedy@verizon.net. Steven-KJ6VWN, 310-755-1688, email: swojtak@juno.com These are the only correction and additions brought to our attention for May 2012. Please add them to your roster.

NOTES FROM THE SECRETARY - JOE-WB6MYD
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- 1. Attendance drawing:** We had a lucky winner this time at our April meeting, Darryl-W6JII name was drawn and he was present. Congratulations Darryl, have you thought about this, we actually set your lucky streak in motion with this? You attended the Visalia DX convention your luck stayed with you, congrats on winning all those neat prizes. The May Attendance drawing will start over with 20 dollars in the kitty.
- 2. May meeting date and location:** Our May meeting is scheduled for the Toyota Museum location and is on Wednesday May 16th. Please note this so we can enjoy your smiley disposition that evening at the Toyota Museum location. This is on Van Ness and if you are North bound on Van Ness it will be your 1st entrance on your right after you cross Del Amo Blvd. **May 16, Toyota Museum.**
- 3. Picnic:** Yes we will have another picnic this month for us all at **Victor Park, 4727 Emerald Str., Torrance 90503.** Victor park is located between Torrance Blvd on the South and Del Amo on the North right off Anza, Time to be announced later (reserved from 9:00am to 3:00pm. Please join us with your family and friends.
- 4. Torrance Armed Forces Parade:** We once again will do the staging of the Armed Forces Parade in the down town area of Torrance as in so many years past. While the assignments have been made we can always use more help. Please see Ray or Joe for more details.
- 5. Field Day 2012 and Torrance Centennial:** As you know we will be back at Torrance Memorial for our Field Day operation this year. This years FD will be special since we also wish to celebrate with the city the Torrance Centennial. We have been given 2 Special Event calls which we will use including for the GOTA station. Plans are under way to see about special QSL cards for this and a lot of publicity. We welcome any suggestions you might have to accomplish especially the publicity end of things. If you know of a printing place with good prices please let us know ASAP. Other suggestions as to posting special posters on bulletin boards or locations to bring all this to the attention of the general public will be greatly appreciated. This is going to take a lot of work but with everyone taking a little bit we can accomplish so much. Please be part of this.
- 6. Membership rosters:** At our April meeting the Secretary handed out membership rosters to all present. If you did not attend and want a membership rosters please let Joe know and he'll see to it that you to can get one. You must let him know. Also, if you did not get a membership renewal card from Joe please let him know.
- 7. B2V (Baker to Vegas):** We supported the LASD Carson Station in this annual Relay Race from Baker to Las Vegas. This years race was especially very brutal since the temperature got up to 105-110 degrees. One of the Carson Team members went down as he had the end of his run in sight. Due to the fast action by Nancy-NJ6S and Alex-KD6LPA we made it possible to get him the needed help as quickly as possible and may have saved him since he suffered from heat stroke. Thanks for keeping your cool Nancy and Alex during these critical moments which we as communicators need to under those difficult circumstances.

CALENDAR

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

Club Meeting - 3rd Wednesday of the month
May 16th, 2012 - 7:30 p.m.
Toyota Automotive Museum
19600 Van Ness Ave., Torrance

Club Nets - Room "A"
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,
May 26, 2012, 7-11 a.m.

VE Session - Contact: Joe WB6MYD
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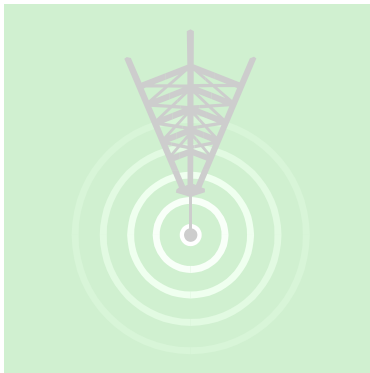
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