



# ARCOVER

South Bay Amateur Radio Club

A Community Service Organization  
Dedicated to Amateur Radio Since 1970



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President - Richard - KG6JKJ

June 2006

## June Meeting

Thursday, June 15, 2006, at 7:30 p.m.

# FIELD DAY OPERATIONS

For a complete FD Package, 2006 Rules, W1AW Field Day Bulletin schedule, Entry Form, Log Sheets and Dupe Sheets, go to <http://www.arrl.org/contests/form/> and select items from the sub-file "Field Day."

Field Day planning and training will be the topic of discussion.

Please contact Ken-K6HRN and sign-up for Field Day operations.

Reports from: Ray-WA6OWM—Logging  
Ed - KN6JN— Food  
Ken - K6HRN—Work Parties

# HURRY! HURRY!



◆ Logging, Ray-WA6OWM will be training us on the logging program. If you need a refresher or if this is the first time you have worked Field Day, come participate in the training and planning. This emergency exercise will keep us ready when the time comes that we are needed for the real thing.

◆ Final decision on Field Day Class: 2A, 3A, 4A, 5A, 6A, or 7A.

◆ Equipment needed

◆ What to SAY on Field Day

◆ Cover ARRL/RAC Sections.

◆ We are in Los Angeles (LAX) Section.

The Field Day Chuck Wagon is getting ready to roll. The Wagon Boss Ed - KN6JN, will be returning with supplies for lunch, dinner, a midnight snack, and breakfast.

Now, if you have never tasted the *Home on Field Day* food, you have missed a special treat.

The menu includes: sandwiches made to order on fresh bread, fruit, chips, drinks, salad, steak, chicken, potatoes, veggies, pie, coffee, pancakes, eggs, bacon, and sausage, and maybe biscuits. Lunch will be served radio side so you can continue with radio communications.

To reserve your seat at the Field Day camp-out table, send a check or cash for \$25.00 per person to Joe or buy your ticket at the June meeting.

You can e-mail your reservation to Joe at [janphen@comcast.com](mailto:janphen@comcast.com) to reserve your seat.

## NEW MEMBER

Robert - KE6RUN has joined our group and is interested in QRP. All members interested in QRP let Bob know who you are and what frequencies you work.

**NOTES FROM THE SECRETARY JOE-WB6MYD**  
**e-mail address - w6sba@arrl.net · 310-328-0817**



- ◆ Torrance Armed Forces Day Parade — Ray received the information for this event at the last minute; but, as usual, the SBARC members came out and did a great job. There were not as many units as in years past but it is still a nice parade and the service men and women appreciate the help we give them in the staging area. The Torrance Police Department had Explorer people for each Division which was another first. Ray - WA6OWM and Joe - WB6MYD were control operators and the following members worked that day: Trent - KG6MUU, John - AC6FB, Mary - KE6BBK, Ed - KN6JN, Loyd - N6GDH, and Harlan - KC6YBJ. The staging went smooth and was ready in plenty of time. The fly-over of the big C-17, F-18s, smokers and the parachute jumpers at the grandstand area made this one fantastic parade in honor of our military.
- ◆ Field Day — Ray made a great presentation, using our new projector, at the May meeting on Field Day. The ins and outs are always interesting especially if you will use the information at the end of the month. Yes, Field Day is that close. It will be here before you know it. Our *Chuck Wagon Boss* presented the menu for the weekend and started a list of members wanting to eat at Field Day. Family and guests are welcome to join us and work the stations as well. We are asking for the usual \$25 donation to cover the meals. Families with small kids will be given a break on the cost. The \$25 will cover 3 meals and snacks. Please bring your money to purchase the tickets at the June meeting. It is important to have a list early so we can have sufficient food for everyone but not too much so it goes to waste. Alex - KD6LPA is planning a good working network for the logging so every contact will count. The logging program will be demonstrated, and you can get acquainted with its features. We are planning for 3A, allowing us both a GOTA station and a VHF station for free, so everything is falling in place except WHERE are all the operators? Please come and sign up for your favorite shift during this 24 hour emergency net operations from the top of the West Parking Structure at Torrance Memorial Medical Center campus. We thank Bob - WA6KZF for lending us his big generator for our power source and Joe - WB6MYD for storing all the equipment throughout the year and having it available at the Field Day site in the South Bay.
- ◆ Club Call — Dennis - WA6NIA brought to our attention, that according to ARRL Licensing Club Stations information, the club has no limit to the number of club station license grants that can be held by the same club. We are in the process of verification. If this is true we will have the best of both worlds, maintaining our present call-sign and gaining a very special call. Thank you for responding to the special survey. We are waiting word from the ARRL

**SOUTH BAY ARC OFFICERS 2006**

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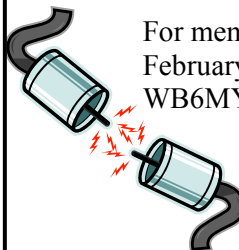
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W6TRW Swap Meet Space Manager - John Crocker -  
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- ◆ Club Services – Renew ARRL membership (the club receives \$2 for each membership) VE-Sessions to upgrade your license or help anyone take the test. name badges, jackets, caps, activities, and of course great presentations, tech sessions and all the latest on the various sides of Amateur Radio. Just see Joe for any thing and he will get it for you.

- ◆ We thank Harlan for transporting the Swap Meet items since John temporarily lost the use of his truck.

## MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION



For membership information please check out the February ARCOVER on the website or call Joe - WB6MYD at 310-328-0817.

<http://www.w6sba.org>

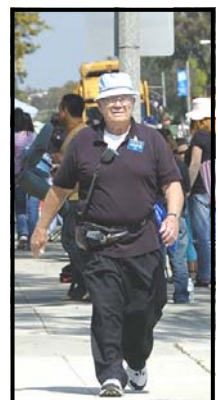
*Stay connected pay  
 your dues now!*

### Armed Forces Day Parade ABARC Communications



Joe  
Loyd  
Harlan  
John

*Pictures missing :*  
Ray -  
Ed  
Trent  
Mary



### Coming June 24, 2006 W6TRW Swap Meet



In May, Harlan once again transported the items for sale. I would like to thank him for going the extra mile and giving me a hand while my truck in out of commission.

We had a nice turnout of club members and other visitors. Brunch followed at the local Denny's. This is a nice time to get better acquainted.

For more information on the Swap Meet call:

John-AC6FB  
310-675-0732 or jcrochaw@pacbell.net



### Members

Please consider joining us at upcoming community events.

Contact Joe-WB6MYD or any council member.

## Membership Drawing

The winner of the May Membership Drawing was John - AC6FB. The kitty was \$20.00 because Ray-WA6OWM had declined the last drawing as he had won at the previous meeting. The June drawing will be for \$15.00.

Remember the attendance drawing is for members only, and you must be present to win. All members in good standing are automatically entered.



WILL YOU BE THERE?  
See you at the meeting!

### FOR SALE

**Yaesu FT-5100**

**Dual Band FM Transceiver 2meter-440**

**\$180.00**

**Contact - John AC6FB at 310-675-0732**

## TWO AMATEUR RADIO COURSES

FCC “**Technician**” Class course (entry level)

FCC “**General**” Class course (higher level)

The two courses will be on September 23 & 30

**Technician** course from 10:00 AM to 2:30 PM

*Bring a lunch/snack for the noon break*

**General** course from 2:30 PM to 5:00 PM

**The FCC tests will be at 10:00 AM on October 7**

**Held at Hesse Park**

**29301 Hawthorne Blvd.**

**Rancho Palos Verdes**

- ◆ **No registration required**
- ◆ **No fee for either course**
- ◆ **Books available with FCC questions, \$15**
- ◆ **Copy of my Power Point charts available, \$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: Walt, K1DF0, at [waltordway@juno.com](mailto:waltordway@juno.com)



**Re: Field Day, 24-25 June 2006****From Dan Henderson-N1ND, ARRL Contest Branch Manager:**

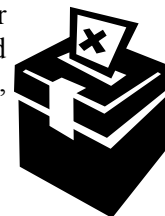
Each year thousands of individuals and groups spend months preparing for what to many is the most energetic, exciting 24-hours in the annual amateur radio calendar. The value of this intense preparation is the reason the event provides opportunities for so many bonus points. These bonuses are the reward for the time and talent it takes to test your abilities. The ARRL continues to promote the public relations and awareness aspects of Field Day. Site visits by state and local officials or representatives of served agencies are more than just a way to earn 100 points. Their value comes from the ability to build the working relationship with these officials – exposing them to the resources we bring to the community.

Last year, the bonus points were expanded to include a greater emphasis on youth involvement. In 2006, this trend is being continued – and expanded – to highlight the importance of the Get-On-The-Air (GOTA) station. The bonus structure for QSOs made by operators of the GOTA station has been enhanced, hopefully to give a greater incentive to clubs and groups to share the operating excitement with newcomers to the hobby. Think back to the excitement you felt when you made your first QSO. Hopefully through the expanded GOTA bonus you will be able to help many new participants capture that feeling – and hopefully inspire them to stay active in our hobby.

**From the Field Day Committee:**

Now it is our time to implement plans for Field Day 2006. We know we will be entered into the Club category, Class A, and we will need to decide on the number of transmitters. The minimum number of transmitters required to support a GOTA station is two transmitters. With the current level of propagation, two stations, one on 80-20-10 and a second on 40 and 15 meters, would be the quick approach. Station One would use a Dipole and one of the Cushcraft A3 beams. Station Two would use the Cushcraft A4 antenna. The GOTA station would use the other A3 antenna and a 40-meter dipole. Our fourth station would operate on 6M, 2M, 222Mhz 70cm and 1.2Ghz, and under the Two-Transmitter classification this station would be free. Or, we could increase the number of stations this year, for example: 80-15M, 40M, 20M, 10M/6M, and 2M/222Mhz/70cm plus GOTA, and enter the 5-transmitter Class. Or we could go all out and have a transmitter for 80M, 40M, 20M, 15M, 10M, 6M, VHF/UHF, and the GOTA for a 7-transmitter entry. The 2-A class is the quickest to deploy, while the 5-A class is still a manageable size. This would take a lot of planning and commitment from members. What do you all want to do?? VOTE for 2A, 3A, 4A, 5A, 6A or 7A. Call a Council Member, check the telephone/email address list in the ARCOVER.

Ray - WA6OWM *CW Forever*

**47<sup>th</sup> Annual Armed Force Day Celebration, Torrance, CA**

On Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, the South Bay ARC, TARA, and CERT assisted the City of Torrance by providing communications for the Armed Forces Day Parade. We had club members based in the marshaling area and along the parade route for communications and first aid support.

The following members were assigned to the marshaling area, WA6OWM, WB6MYD, KN6JN, KC6MUU, N6GDH, KC6YBJ, AC6FB and KE6BBK. KG6RPN manned the TARA Net and KG6RPM headed the

CERT members. Both TARA and CERT had members assisting from the club.

Operations started at 9:45 AM and lasted until 3:30 PM. The parade formed in the marshaling area and proceed west on Torrance Blvd. to the Civic Center.

Thanks to all the members that participated.



## CALENDAR

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

**Club Meeting** - 3rd Thursday of the month  
**June 15, 2006 7:30 p.m.**  
Torrance Memorial Medical Center  
Health Conference Center Room 2

### **Palos Verdes School District**

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

**QSL Card Sorting** - Call Ray - WA6OWM  
(310) 370-1913

**VE Session** - August 12, 2006

**TRW Swap Meet** - Saturday, June 24, 2006  
7:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

**ARRL Southwestern Division Convention**  
September 22, 23, and 24, 2006  
San Diego Marriott in Mission Valley, CA.

**Field Day** -  
Saturday, June 24 and Sunday, June-25, 2006

## CLUB SERVICES

HF Awards Manager	Mark - KA6ZTO
VHF Awards Manager	Cliff - K6LH
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VE Test Liaison	Joe - WB6MYD
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### **South Bay Amateur Radio Club Net**

224.38 MHz ·PL - 192.8 Hz Offset 1.6 MHz  
7:00 p.m. Thursday Evenings

### **NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION**

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