



**South Bay  
AMATEUR  
RADIO CLUB**



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## FIELD DAY

# W6T & K6T

## JUNE 23 - 24



## President's Message

Hi everyone:

It's June and that means Field Day!!! It takes place June 23-June 24. We will be operating 2A this year which means two HF transceivers, a GOTA (Get On The Air) station and a VHF / UHF rig. This will somewhat simplify the antenna set up as we will only need one beam. Last year, we couldn't get all of our stations on the air by 11:00 AM and this should help. We will be meeting on Friday June 22 on top of the parking structure at the hospital at 5:00 PM to set up antennas. If you can do that, please show up as we need all the help we can get. On Saturday, June 23, we will assemble at 8:00 AM to complete the setup so that we can start operating promptly at 11:00 AM. This is a labor intensive process and we need all the help we can get, particularly from the younger more spry club members. Again we will feast well. Lunch on Saturday will be catered by that great restaurant Subway. Dinner will be tritip courtesy of Rob, KB6LMX. Breakfast on Sunday will be omelets, etc. The cost for food will be \$25 for all meals and snacks, \$20 for lunch and dinner on Saturday, and \$10 for Sunday breakfast only. Our meeting this month will concentrate on finalizing our Field Day plans so please plan to attend. Among other things we will review the logging software and operating procedures, and our new club radio. We also are ordering very nice shirts for the event. Their cost has not yet been finalized but will be in the vicinity of \$10 for 3-color printing on both sides of a good quality shirt. While we have already ordered them, there will be a few extras available so contact Joe, WB6MYD, ASAP if you want one.

For other activities in the future, we have the 220 antenna building project, another picnic around the end of Summer or early Fall, and a field trip. Details on all of these are still being worked out. At our last Council Meeting we also discussed having an event dedicated to operating rather than to socializing. We are thinking in terms of a club entry in a VHF/UHF contest as that would greatly simplify antenna setup. More on all of these activities as details are solidified.

After Field Day we are going to have some interesting meetings. While I don't have the complete list here, I am working on an antenna theory talk similar to the propagation talk I gave last year. Also, Paul, KK6BY, and I are discussing a "how to" talk on VOM's and the like including some "hands-on" experience. At some point, we are also planning a how to discussion of the club's antenna analyzer. Incidentally, the analyzer is available for short term loan if you have a need for one. Well, that's it for this month. I hope to see you all at the next meeting at the hospital on June 21 and at Field Day the following weekend. 73s to all,

Alan

## June Calendar

**June 14, 2012, Thursday:** Thursday Net, 224.380MHz-W6SBA/R Time 19:30-hrs  
Members and Guests welcome. General activity and club information

**June 21, 2012, Thursday:** General Membership Meeting, Subject the complete Field Day Program.  
Equipment, Logging, LAN Network, Messages, Band Plans, Scheduled hours,  
Generator maintenance procedures.  
Computer security precautions and restrictions.  
Cost for meals. FD Tee Shirts, and all your questions answered by local support experts.

Field Day Equipment: Yaesu FT450D 160-6M, Yaesu FT990 160-10M Icom IC-706MkIIg  
160M-70cm. Gota Station Yaesu FT-847 160M-70CM 100Watt All Mode transceiver.

All non-member visitors are welcome to sit with a club member at any of the stations.

If you would like to operate, the GOTA station will be available for Guest Amateur  
Operators and non-licensed guest. A licensed club member will assist and supervise.

**June 22, 2012, Friday:** Field Day Antenna work at the West Parking Structure. After 5PM till sunset.  
Special Net Night at 17:00-hrs and 20:00-hrs. on 224.380MHz., W6SBA/R and  
146.550MHz 2-Meters Simplex. Special Net Control Stations, W6T and K6T  
This years Field Day gives us an opportunity to celebrate the 100th year of the City of Torrance.  
Our club has secured the use of special 1 x 1 call signs, W6T and K6T.

ARRL Field Day Rules limit you from operating at both Field Day and from your home station.

Rule 6.1. states: A person may not contact for QSO credit any station from which they also participate.

Since our members would like to work log a contact with both special calls, we will operate two nets on  
Friday, one at 17:00-hrs and the second at 20:00-hrs using the calls W6T and K6T.

After Field Day we will print special QSL cards for these contacts and for others that worked us during field day.

QSL Info: SASE - via W6SBA or SBARC PO Box 536, Torrance, Ca. 90508

Email: W6SBA at ARRL.NET

**June 23, 2012, Saturday:** Field Day

Setup: 8:00AM

Start Field Day Operation: 11:00AM PDT (1800 UTC) TMMC West Parking Structure

Field Day Class: W6T - 2A Los Angeles Section (LAX) 150-watt class

W6T - VHF/UHF Station (2A-LAX)

K6T - Get On The Air (GOTA) Station (2A-LAX)

Lunch: 13:00-hrs

Dinner: 18:00-hrs

**June 24, 2012, Sunday:** Field Day

Breakfast: 07:30-hrs

Field Day ends: 1100-hrs PDT, (1800UTC)

Remove equipment, replace table and chairs and clean up.

Return club equipment to storage.

**June 25, 2012, Monday:** Complete Field Day entry and mail to ARRL Headquarters.

**June 30, 2012, Saturday:** Swap Meet, Northrop Parking Lot

Meet for lunch following the swap meet, Dennys, Aviation and Artisa, Redondo Beach

## The ARRL

I would like to urge all of you to join or renew your membership in the Amateur Radio Relay League (ARRL). The ARRL is the national organization representing the interests of amateur radio licensees in The United States and is a member society and International Secretariat of the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) that helps set world wide amateur radio policy. At this time there is a constantly increasing demand for space in the radio spectrum. Commercial interests want our band space, and they want it bad. There is a constant fight to retain our spectrum privileges and to expand them. The ARRL is the main reason that we are able to retain as much of our spectrum as we do. They also work closely with the FCC on other regulatory issues and lend assistance to amateurs for such things as our right to erect antennas without undue interference from local authorities. If you love our hobby and can afford the \$39 per year, you SHOULD be an ARRL member. You also get an excellent monthly magazine that discusses all aspects of our hobby. I would also like to remind you that, for us to remain an ARRL Special Service Club, we must have at least 50% of our membership in the ARRL. If you do choose to join or to renew a membership, please talk to our Secretary, Joe, WB6MYD, and pay through him, as the club gets a small cut of the membership fees.

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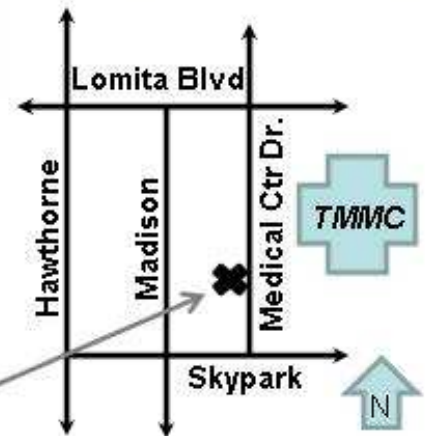


# South Bay Amateur Radio Club



**JUNE 23<sup>RD</sup> AND 24<sup>TH</sup>  
SATURDAY AND SUNDAY**

**WHERE: Top Floors  
West Parking Structure  
Torrance Memorial**



Special FCC callsigns:  
**W6T w6sba - FD**  
**K6T w6att - GOTA**

**KIDS WELCOME!**

**FAMILY MEMBERS**

**FRIENDS**

**NEW RADIO SETS**

Operating - Antennas - Emergency Practice  
Computers - Solar power - Pedal power - Generator

Commemorating the City of Torrance's Centennial Celebration

# You Know You Are A CW Addict If...

Jim Key (NT2F) on May 4, 2012

You know you are a CW addict if...

- 1) Rather than saying "Huh?" you say "didi dahdah didit."
- 2) You wake up in the middle of the night with a million crickets chirping and all you can think of is trying to bust the pile-up.
- 3) Rather than talk in your sleep, your fingers twitch out code.
- 4) The first time you heard Beethoven's 5th symphony all you heard was "V" being sent over and over and over and... Then it dawned on you why it is called the 5th symphony.
- 5) You find yourself saying "didahdit" rather than "Yes."
- 6) Someone calls you a "freak" and you yell back "Up 5."
- 7) Rather than make rude gestures at idiot drivers, using your car horn, you tap out that they are a "!!\*@@###!!."
- 8) You can pick out that QRP 3PY in a massive pileup but don't hear your wife calling from the next room.
- 9) On your honeymoon night, you pretended to go to the bathroom so you could work the Heard Island expedition on your RockMite.
- 10) You've gotten in a fist fight on field day over iambic A-mode versus iambic B-mode.

## 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

## CONTACT:

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President  
 Webmaster  
 Vice President  
 Editor / Member  
 Council Member  
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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.

**NOTES FROM THE SECRETARY - JOE-WB6MYD**  
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1. Attendance drawing: Bob-WA6KZF was the lucky winner at the May 16 meeting. Unfortunately Bob was not present and so our kitty for June will be at 25 dollars.
2. Thank you: I wish to thank all those helping with the Torrance Armed Forces Parade on May 19<sup>th</sup>. This was an exciting day, being nice and sunny and hot, we had it nice and easy. Only 2 divisions needed to be organized and as it turned out to be only one unit was scratched, all other reported in. We wish to thank all of you for your dedication in providing the know how to get all the units lined up in proper order. Rob-KB6KMX, Jim-W6IVW, Kostek-K6MNA, Scott-N6LEM and Mike-KI6LJM took care of Div 1. Rich-KG6JKJ, Steve-KJ6VWN, Bill-KQ6Z and Tom-KI6RC covered the 2<sup>nd</sup> Div for us. Alan-KG6ZPL and myself Joe-WB6MYD covered the Net control position and we also had James-KI6UPL help us. We actually had 2 other club members assist us in that Alex-KD6LPA got us copies of the unit make up with further support from Gary-KE6KG on his motor scooter trying to get us the latest updates. The final though was from the 4 F16 planes come for a fly over towards the end (we had nothing to do with that of course). Thank you one and all, it was pleasure working with you and I am sure we all look forward to doing this again next year.
3. FD T-shirts: I made every effort possible to offer you this classic SBARC FD 2012 T-shirt and have them for us on FD. If you failed to let me know your request and size on time none had been ordered for you. I apologize if I failed to impress you with this but this is what happens at times. Thanks.
4. Picnic: This picnic was great, I am sorry I was not able to attend the entire thing with you all, family birthday party with the family trumped it all. The picnic as you know was on May 12<sup>th</sup> at Victor Park right here in Torrance. The turn out wasn't as expected, but it was enjoyed by all of those attending. Thanks for all the hard work by Anita, Nancy, Jane, James, Ray and myself for making this possible.
5. Centennial Field Day 2012: A lot of preparations are still needed and it is hoped to get the finishing touches done on Wednesday June 6<sup>th</sup> at the Council meeting. While I am trying to prepare the stuff that is being stored in my garage here ready for delivery to our FD site on June 22<sup>nd</sup>, others are working on the computer network, Food preparations, and organization of all kinds of details to make this our best FD ever. Remember this is a special Torrance Centennial FD in which we have been asked to participate. If you have some extra time please give Joe or Ray a call and we will be happy to have you give us a hand. Computer savvy people are needed to set things up since Betty and Dick are out of town. Transportation people are needed to get the tables and chairs up to the 5<sup>th</sup> floor of the TMMC West parking structure. Food people are needed to help with food preparations and distributions. Set up people are needed to help with setting up of antenna's and so many other tasks. Look at it this way, it would be nice to be able to go on the air at precisely 1100 hrs on June 23<sup>rd</sup> with all stations which we can do if we all work together. It is hoped that we get all this information to you in plenty of time. If it seems as though I am bugging you with too many e mails that is because we are running out of time, I apologize but we need to get this done. Your cooperation as always is much appreciated and we thank you.

We thank you for your continued support and really do look forward to your participation.  
Thanks, Joe-WB6MYD

## CALENDAR

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

**Club Meeting** - 3rd Thursday of the month  
**June 21st, 2012 - 7:30 p.m.**  
Torrance Memorial Med Center  
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,**  
**June 30, 2012, 7-11 a.m.**

**VE Session** - Contact: Joe WB6MYD  
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**Social Event** - Contact: Joe WB6MYD  
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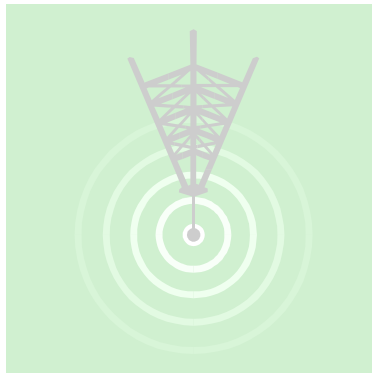
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(See Calendar for Weekly Net Times)

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