



ARCOVER

South Bay Amateur Radio Club



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Dedicated to Amateur Radio Since 1970*

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NOVEMBER 2007

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2007

**Torrance Memorial Medical Center
WEST TOWER AUDITORIUM
2ND FLOOR**

3330 W. Lomita Blvd., Torrance, CA 90505
On Medical Center Drive

with parking in the structure behind the WEST TOWER.

**COUNTY HUNTING
by Walt Ordway - K1DFO**

Walt gives a lot of time to share ham radio with others and get them excited about a new (to them) facet of the hobby. Walt is very knowledgeable and has many interesting antidotes to share. If you like a challenge, be here on time and learn more about County Hunting.



The view from 230th Street

As I am writing this, the fires in Southern California are winding down in most areas. Twelve fires fanned by intense Santa Ana winds did a number on Malibu, Santa Clarita, Santiago Canyon, Escondido, and just north of Mexico. Many hundred of thousands of people had to evacuate from their homes in short order. Civilians died during these fires. Some ignored the evacuation orders. A couple tried to get the cars loaded with everything and got caught by the flames.

How can we prepare? The Daily Breeze, October 30, 2007 edition had a nice preparedness page.

1. Have a plan to evacuate and take with you important documents and items.
2. Have an emergency backpack or bag with general emergency equipment.
3. First Aid is important and think of fire and smoke possibilities. Have eye wash, dust masks, and gloves.
4. Take care of and plan for any special needs and medicines.
5. Plan for your pets. One person interviewed on TV took ten of his larger pets when he evacuated, but left over one hundred birds and reptiles at the house.

SAVE THE DATE

The Holiday Party December 20, 2007

The party will be held in the West Tower Auditorium. Watch for more information in the December ARCOVER.

Remember to invite your spouse and kids, give a count to Joe, and give some thought to what sidedish you want to bring.



With the change in daylight saving time on November 4, 2007, we should all take the opportunity to change the batteries in our smoke detectors. I also use this time to rotate food and water stocks. It is also a good time to review your entire kit for expiration dates and non functioning equipment. For those of you preparing a Christmas list for Santa, you can get some of the necessary items on your list.

As ham radio operators, we should take the ICS Classes. These classes are important. We need to be on the same page as the people we are supporting. DCS has Fire Department Classes. Get trained so you can support the Fire Department.


Ed - KN6JN, President

Watch for a good sale and purchase a couple of poinsettias for the December Holiday Party and to decorate the nursing stations.



NOTES FROM THE SECRETARY JOE-WB6MYD
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- **Elections:** On Thursday, November 15th your new officers for 2008 will be elected. If you want to be part of this and wish to nominate someone, you must be present and have permission from the person you wish to nominate. The floor will be open for further nominations prior to the elections.
- **Holiday Party:** The annual Holiday Party will be held at the December meeting. While we have always had a good turn out for this social event of the year, it would be nice to have more of you join us. This is a POTLUCK event so bring a bowl of your favorite food. The Council has agreed to have something special this year, and we hope you agree. Each member present will receive a ticket, so one lucky person will receive the brand new Alinco DJ-V27T 222 MHz HT. This is the latest state-of-the-art HT from Alinco. So, show up with your XYL and kids for our annual social bash. Your presence is enough, no tickets to buy, donations, or other charges - just be a member in good standing. Remember reserve the date, December 20, at Torrance Memorial Medical Center, in the West Tower 2nd floor Auditorium.
- **Party Food:** The club will provide the ham and drinks so all we ask is for you to bring one dish. Please select your favorite dish.
- **Poinsettia:** We ask that you bring a poinsettia (live or artificial) to decorate the tables and after our party we will deliver them to the nurses stations throughout the hospital. This is one way we can show our appreciation to Torrance Memorial Medical Center for allowing us to have our meetings including the FCC VE sessions in the facility. 
- **Thanks:** Dave - N6TEB was our speaker at the October meeting with a presentation on DXing and Roving. Dave showed plenty of pictures showing the extent to which so many of our fellow hams go with this aspect of our hobby. Dave, thank you for a excellent presentation.
- **Name badges:** Please let me know if you wish your own name badge. For only \$9 everyone will be able to identify you as a member of the one and only SBARC.
- **ARRL membership:** If you need to renew your ARRL membership we ask you to let your secretary know,
- We receive a small commission from the ARRL. New memberships are even better of course, so let me know.

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For Sale

RINGO RANGER ANTENNAS

The Torrance schools have replaced their two-meter Ringo Ranger antennas with all-band Discones. The Ringo are therefore being offered to the ham community for \$15 each. This includes the assembly manual. All the antennas have been checked and are clean and in good working order.

Contact Chuck - KN6H at 310-325-3184 or KN6H@arrl.net.

Good Hint:

How to tell if your TV is digital

- ◇ Check labels and manuals
- ◇ Labels for integrated digital tuner, receiver, HSTV, ATSC, and DTV mean your set is OK for digital TV
- ◇ Beware: Labels saying digital monitor, HDTV monitor or even digital ready do not indicate your set has a digital tuner or is ready for digital reception.
- ◇ If you cannot tell what kind of TV you have, check with the manufacturer or an electronics retailer.

Website of the month: Popular Mechanics

<http://popularmechanics.com>

The August 2007 print issue of Popular Mechanics was titled: Survive Anything; Tornadoes, Hurricanes, Floods, Earthquakes.

Much of that article is online at their website. The foldout emergency checklist (centerfold) included in the issue is online as a pdf file. There are sub articles,

- 50 steps to get ready for a disaster
- 22 steps to save yourself
- 7 steps to eat, drink, and be smart
- 4 steps to power your home. Included is a taste test of emergency ration bars

It all applies to someone somewhere. If you plan on traveling this year or next, do a little planning and be ready if disaster strikes while on vacation.

My mom, just last week, was evacuated to the basement of her hotel in Ohio because of a threatening tornado. Think of all the tourists in Cancun in August that were affected by a hurricane.

The "This is my job" feature is interesting. They take out of the ordinary jobs and explain some of the requirements and tools necessary to do that job. There are 16 stories on the site. I like the information about the baseball bat maker.

Jay Leno has a feature about his car collection. Surprise! I find it must-reading and have looked at all of his information on the site. He is humorous, interesting and the cars are something from another time and place. His garage is huge. His article on the Tank car, a 30 liter V12 was great.

Check out his musings.

Ed - KN6JN
or *Google Jay Leno Cars*



“DXING AND ROVING TO THE MAX!”

Dave Glenn - N6TEB gave a very interesting lecture. How did you like the Antenna farm-car? It made me wish I was younger and had started enjoying Amateur Radio a few years ago.

There was a lot of interesting and creative ideas put out there for us to think about. Check out his logging program N6TEB/R

The July 2006 QST (page21) had a nice article about Dave.

The Mount Airy VHF Radio Club, Inc. (Pack Rats) had presented Dave with the first Rover Recognition Award given annually in memory of Bill - W3IY/R.

Dave, thank you for a good talk.



Attendance Drawing

The winner of the members drawing was Bill - N6ES, but he was not present. The kitty for the November meeting will be \$40.00.

Remember you must be a member in good standing and be present at the meeting to win!

WILL YOU BE THERE?

ARRL AND MFJ TEAM UP TO OFFER 40 METER TRANSCEIVER KITS

ARRL Letter Vol 26 # 44

Earlier this fall, ARRL introduced the third edition of its "Low Power Communication" book, written by Rich Arland- W3OSS. This new edition includes the complete assembly manual for a 40 meter transceiver kit produced by MFJ Enterprises.

ARRL has also bundled the book with the kit, giving readers a first hand experience at project-building and operating," said ARRL Sales and Marketing Manager Bob Inderbitzen - NQ1R. This is the first time ARRL has offered a publication bundled with a radio kit. Inderbitzen said orders for the kit have been brisk. "We're delighted that MFJ agreed to collaborate with us on this unique publication and product undertaking. The initial surge of interest exceeded our expectation, and we've already gone back to MFJ a couple of times for more units." With such a high demand for these kits, the ARRL has experienced a large number of orders and the League regrets any inconvenience with order delays.

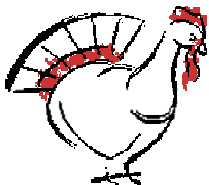
The kit selected for this offering is the MFJ 40 Meter CW Cub Transceiver Kit. The project includes some pre-assembled parts such as surface mounted components. Kit builders get to solder on connectors, inductors, trimmer capacitors and potentiometers. It takes only a few hours to complete the kit and get it on the air. "Building the kit is a natural application for someone enjoying this book," said Inderbitzen. "ARRL is committed to developing active radio amateurs. I can't think of a better way to encourage more hams to experience low-power operating, and to help grow the community of active QRPers."

Visit the ARRL on-line catalog <<http://www.arrl.org/catalog>> for more information about "ARRL's Low Power Communication--third edition," the Cub Transceiver Kit and other new publications.

REMEMBER



THE NOVEMBER AND THE DECEMBER MEETINGS WILL BE HELD IN THE WEST TOWER ON THE 2ND FLOOR IN THE AUDITORIUM BRING A POINSETTIA AND A BOWL FULL OF OUR FAVORITE SIDE DISH OR DESSERT FOR THE DECEMBER HOLIDAY PARTY.



THE SWAP MEET IS THE SATURDAY AFTER THANKSGIVING



THE LAST VE SESSION OF THE YEAR IS DECEMBER 8, 2008 IN ROOM "A" ON THE 2ND FLOOR OF THE WEST TOWER



HAPPY THANKSGIVING

From the Swap Meet Chairman:

- ◇ Do you enjoy talking to people?
- ◇ Do you like to bargain?
- ◇ Do you like to meet new hams?
- ◇ Learn about the old equipment (someone will explain it to you.)
- ◇ Then this is an opportunity for you.

I am resigning as of the last Swap Meet of the year. It has been my pleasure to work as Swap Meet Chairman for several years with the help of Harlan - KC6YBJ, John - AE6LK, and others.

The club holds Space I-18 at the TRW Swap Meet the last Saturday of each month, 7:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Will you consider talking to one of the council members and offering to take on this job? I will help as much as I am able.

For more information call me at 310-675-0732.

John AC6FB

**The New Year is fast approaching
DUES will be due January 1**

It Is That Time of Year Again ! Dues for 2008

Please mail or hand your dues to Joe - WB6MYD Secretary/Treasure. Joe will be glad to accept your dues at the general meeting or you can mail them to:

The South Bay ARC

P. O. Box 536, Torrance, CA 90505.

Make your check payable to: The South Bay ARC

Class of membership:

- **Regular Membership** \$15.00
- **Associate Membership** \$10.00
Full voting privilege (wife or husband)
- **Family Membership** \$25.00
One family member has voting privileges
(multiple family members)

For more information call: Joe - WB6MYD (310) 328-0817



W6TRW SWAPMEET

November 24 , 2006

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



Only three more months until the end of the year. You have three months to sell your extra gear and be ready to purchase that special amateur gift for yourself during the holidays.

I want to again thank Harlan for assisting with the Swap Meet so I could take care of personal business. Several club members also came by to chat and help. It was a beautiful day.

If you have items to sell, please call John - AC6FB at 310-675-0732 or e-mail at jcrochaw@pacbell.net.

John - AC6FB

AUTOPATCH DUES

As a Club member you are invited to participate in the privileges provided by the AUTOPATCH unit of the repeater.

AUTOPATCH dues are separate from club dues.

Annual dues are \$40.00. For your convenience, your membership allows you three (3) auto dial slots on the repeater as well as the ability to dial local numbers directly.

See Joe - WB6MYD at the meeting with your check and the three telephone numbers you wish assigned to the automatic dial system.

Yard Sale

Skip Bolnick - KJ6Y

Hugh Ham Radio Yard Sale, antennas, towers, 30 years of stuff. check out the website. <http://www.k6rix.com>

CALENDAR

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

Club Meeting - 3rd Thursday of the month
November 15, 2007 7:30 p.m.
Torrance Memorial Medical Center
Health Conference Center Room #

Palos Verdes School District

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

TRW Swap Meet - Saturday, November 24, 2007
7:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

VE Session - December 8, 2007
West Tower 2nd floor Room "A"

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