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South Bay Amateur Radio Club

*A Community Service Organization
Dedicated to Amateur Radio Since 1970*



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President - Richard - KG6JKJ

January 2006

South Bay ARC Meeting

Thursday, January 19, 2006, at 7:30 p.m.

Torrance Memorial Medical Center

WEST TOWER AUDITORIUM FLOOR 2

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*Baker-to-Vegas
By Joy Marlock*

This
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only

Joy has put together a video showing the Baker to Vegas relay race and the volunteer Hams that make it work. We think you will find this interesting and informative. Several of the club members have worked this event for many years. Be sure to attend and find out how this event runs so smooth.



After the Holiday Party Alex-KD6LPA and John-AC6FB delivered the 14 poinsettias to the nurses' stations around the hospital to add a little touch of beauty to their area and let

them know we appreciate the care they give to the patients. We thank the members that remembered to bring a poinsettia to decorate our tables and then to give to the medical facility in appreciation for their allowing the club the use of the rooms.



2006 Club Officers



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- ATTENTION-The January meeting will be held in the WEST TOWER AUDITORIUM-floor 2.
- DUES-Pay your dues now and get the year off to a good start. See below for the information.
- ATTENDANCE DRAWING- The drawing will be for \$30.00 at the January meeting.
- IDEAS FOR SPEAKERS. If you know someone that would be a knowledgeable and interesting speaker please contact the newly elected VP, Ken-K6HRN, 310-316-3793 or any council member.
- The Holiday Party was fun and we had a good turnout. Many members brought poinsettias for decorations, and they were transported to the nurses stations at the end of the party. Everyone pitched to make it a great time. Sarah and Mathew entertained us with singing and acting. These two little harmonics from Glenda and Scott brightened the evening. John and Mary prepared the ham, Alex contributed the cider and large plates, and Joe as usual, brought the supplies needed to feed an army and a full coffee pot too!
- APPRECIATION AND AWARD-listing on snowflake paper were placed on the tables. This will be posted on the website and for those receiving the snail-mail ARCOVERS there will be an insert. Dick-W6ATT suggested this idea so everyone that participated in club activities would be mentioned. We did not forget anyone on purpose but things got kind of hectic this last year and we may have skipped some members. We apologize if we missed anyone. We thank Mary for getting this ready.
- The council thanks all members that participated in the community events. Your help makes this the best club in the South Bay.
- The following new members have membership certificates waiting for pick up at the January meeting: Jim-KG6ITN, Yoskio-KE6ACH, Albert-KD6PYI, Harrison-KG6ZPL, Dennis-WA6NIA, Chislaine-KG6RTM
- New Dialing procedure—As of December 31, 2005 the new 424 area code is in affect. Reset your automatic call numbers by adding “1” + area code + number for all calls made from land line telephones. For now the calls will go through but after July 26, 2006 you must dial all 11 numbers.
- CANADIAN AMATEURS TO LOSE 220-222 MHz—Barring an outpouring of “compelling arguments to the contrary,” Industry Canada will reallocate the 220-222 MHz portion of 22-225 MHz from the Canadian amateur service to the mobile and fixed services. Under the provisional reallocation, which will take effect January 25, the amateur service will be allocated to the 219-220 MHz sub band on a secondary basis. Additionally, the amateur service may be permitted use of 220-222 MHz “in exceptional circumstances on a secondary basis to assist in disaster relief efforts.”


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It Is That Time of Year Again ! Dues for 2006

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



GIVE A CALL

John-AE6LK had corrective hip surgery and is recovering nicely. He enjoys calls to help pass the time. John is back home so please give him a call 310-370-1654.



W6TRW SWAP MEET
Next Swap Meet
January 28, 2006

The December W6TRW Swap Meet morning was a very chilly and misty rain shut us down early but people came out anyway. We sold equipment and visited with people. The sales help to support the club activities.

As always a brunch followed at the local Denny's. This is a nice time to get better acquainted.

You are welcome to come sell your items. We do take a small commission. Call me the week prior to the Swap Meet, so I can arrange room for your items or for more information on the Swap Meet.



If you would like to try working at the space for a few months give me a call, 310-675-0732 or jcrochaw@pacbell.net

John - AC6FB

SPECIAL EMERGENCY NET



The Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District holds its emergency net on the SBAC Repeater the first Tuesday of the month at 0930 (9:30 a.m.) hours.

We ask that all repeater users allow them a clear frequency during these times. Also we encourage you to listen in on the drill. Thank you



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GERRITSEN CONVICTED ON ALL COUNTS IN RADIO JAMMING CASE

A US District Court jury has found Jack Gerritsen of Bell, California, guilty on six counts that included transmitting without a license and willful and malicious interference with radio transmissions. Gerritsen, 69, who briefly held the amateur call sign KG6IRO, will face sentencing March 6, according to the office of Debra W. Yang, US Attorney for the Central District of California. He could receive up to 15 years in federal prison.

"The Federal Communication Commission investigated illegal radio transmissions linked to Gerritsen for four years," said a statement from Yang's office. "According to court documents filed in this case, the FCC investigation revealed that Gerritsen transmitted his prerecorded messages, as well as real-time harassment and profanity, for hours at a time, often making it impossible for licensed radio operators to use the public frequencies." A federal grand jury indicted Gerritsen last spring.

Turning down the offer of a public defender, Gerritsen served as his own attorney. The government's case, presented by Assistant US Attorney Lamar Baker, went to the jury December 8, and the jury deliberated for less than an hour before returning its verdict December 9. US District Court Judge R.Gary Klausner revoked Gerritsen's bond, and the defendant was taken into custody following the verdict.

Gerritsen was found guilty of interfering with a Military Affiliate Radio System (MARS) communication last March and interfering with American Red Cross communications last January--both misdemeanors--and with interfering with US Coast Guard communications in October 2004, a felony. He also faced three misdemeanor counts of transmitting without a license. Recordings of radio transmissions attributed to Gerritsen were played for the jury. Those familiar with this week's court proceedings said Gerritsen tended to focus on freedom of speech issues and sometimes confused those on the stand. Among those testifying at length on behalf of the government was FCC Senior Agent Steven Pierce, who discussed his use of mobile direction-finding equipment and techniques used to track the source of transmissions. Just days before the trial began, the FCC affirmed a total of \$42,000 in additional fines it had levied on Gerritsen, releasing two \$21,000 Forfeiture Orders (NOFs). In affirming the fines, the FCC rebuffed Every argument Gerritsen had offered in responding to each Notice of Apparent Liability, including his insistent

"freedom of speech" claim.

"His unlicensed operation on amateur frequencies is not protected by the US Constitution as it is well established that the right to free speech does not include the right to use radio facilities without a license," the FCC said in a footnote in one of the NOFs. The federal court jury in California apparently agreed.

In late November, Klausner denied Gerritsen's motion to dismiss the three unlicensed transmitting counts, turning away Gerritsen's argument that the FCC could not set aside his Amateur Radio license without a hearing. Klausner declared that the effect of the FCC's 2001 set aside of KG6IRO "was to treat the application as if it had never been granted." Since Gerritsen never held an Amateur Radio license, he never had the right to a hearing, the judge reasoned. Last March, the FCC upheld a \$10,000 fine against Gerritsen for interfering with Amateur Radio communications. The government has yet to collect. FBI agents, accompanied by FCC staff, arrested Gerritsen without incident last May and seized his radio equipment. Released on \$250,000 bond while awaiting trial, Gerritsen remained in home detention, barred from possessing any radio equipment.

Gerritsen's history of radio-related legal problems go back to 2000 when he was convicted for intercepting, obstructing and/or interfering with California Highway Patrol radio communications. In November 2001, the FCC's Wireless Telecommunications Bureau issued, then quickly rescinded, Gerritsen's Technician license, KG6IRO, because of his earlier conviction. While transmitting on various Los Angeles-area repeaters, Gerritsen continued to identify as KG6IRO, however. Radio amateurs on the West Coast complained for months about the slow pace of enforcement action in the Gerritsen case. Los Angeles-area repeater owners had taken to shutting down their machines to avoid the nearly constant barrage of malicious interference and lengthy political tirades attributed to Gerritsen.





THANK YOU

We wish to express our appreciation for the donation of equipment from the family of John A. Warne (no recent call sign).

He was an in-active amateur radio operator for the last few years. The family became aware of our club through the website. They were happy to know we were an active group serving within the local community.

One particular item was of great interest to the Fort MacArthur Museum, it is a World War II vintage Signal Corp Tape Keyer TG-34A MFP-LSD G51. The keyer is in good condition.

I had the pleasure of delivering the keyer to the museum.

John - AC6FB



WANTED

The volunteers at the Fort MacArthur Museum are looking for old items of interest, mess kits (with the U.S.A. imbedded,) uniforms, pictures, equipment of various types, radios and parts, a 40 millimeter antiaircraft gun, and more.

The Fort MacArthur Museum in San Pedro is getting ready for a big celebration of the February 28, 1942, Invasion of L.A.

Check out the website www.ftmac.org and click on the radio link. There are several pictures of the radio display and individual radios. They have many of the radios working and are continuing to restore the others.

The museum is open Saturday, Sunday, Tuesday, and Thursday, 12-5:00 p.m. Call 310-548-2631, for more information.

John - AC6FB



WHEN TELEPHONES FAIL

There was an outage of telephone service in southern California on Tuesday, October 18, and at least 150,000 customers lost telephone and Internet service for up to 12 hours. Many cell phones were cut off from service as well. The outage also disabled the 911 service in communities along the coast and through parts of Los Angeles and Orange counties. The Verizon backup system failed to activate; the telephone system had failed.

The Long Beach ECOC, which serves both Police and Fire, declared a communication failure protocol, and local Hams stepped in to provide emergency communications. Hams worked alongside Police chief Anthony Batts and Fire Chief David Ellis to support the departments with auxiliary communications. Hams also were stationed at 17 of the largest nursing homes in town. The emergency net successfully relayed traffic through the ECOC to the hospitals, nursing homes, and ambulance services. Hams provided communications when all else failed, and they ensured that nursing home patients had access to 911 and ambulance services.

The City of Long Beach built a new ECOC three years ago. The project was headed by Casey Chel-KD6DOV, Emergency Services Coordinator, who had the foresight to include a complete Amateur Radio Room for the rare times when all other communications might fail. Those plans paid off on October 18.



CALENDAR

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

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Club Meeting - 3rd Thursday of the month
January 19, 2005 7:30 p.m.
Torrance Memorial Medical Center
WEST TOWER 2ND FLOOR

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

Special VE Session - (Date to be announced)
at PV Library

TRW Swap Meet - Saturday, January 31, 2005
7:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Baker to Vegas April 1 and 2, 2006

CLUB SERVICES

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7:00 p.m. Thursday Evenings

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