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South Bay Amateur Radio Club

WB6SBA

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A Community Service Organization
Dedicated to Amateur Radio Since 1970

Website: <http://www.w6sba.org>

President - Alex - KD6LPA

January 2008

Torrance Memorial Medical Center ROOM "B"

WEST TOWER 2ND FLOOR

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

with parking in the structure behind the WEST TOWER.

NEW OFFICERS FOR 2008

President - Alex-KD6LPA
Vice President-Program - Ed-KN6JN
Secretary/Treasurer - Joe-WB6MYD
Council - Trent-KG6MUU
Council - John-AE6LK

We thank you
for agreeing to serve the club once again in 2008.



Congratulations

Kostek, a long time club member, passed his Tech and General test and now is known as Kostek-KI6NNT.

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome Marilyn-KI6MNE and Donald-W6AGP. OM and XYL teams are the best and we look forward to working with you. Thank you for joining with us.

Pay your dues on time and
stay connected



BAKER TO VEGAS RELAY RACE

Joy - KD6FJV Will be the January speaker giving a rundown on the changes for the 2008 race.

This is #2 Council member John-AE6LK reminding you all that if you haven't finished with your New Years resolutions to make one more. A real easy one. How about committing to invite a friend to join our club and attend with them to help get them involved. Help with the club financial planning by writing that check for dues and giving it to Joe-WB6MYD. E-mail your new e-mail address to Joe (w6sba@arrl.net) so you will receive special notices and a notice when the ARCOVER is out on the website. This saves the club a lot of money on postage.

A parting thought is this, if you have a speaker in mind please let the Vice-PREZ know, suggestions are always welcome.

It Is That Time of Year Again ! Dues for 2008

Please mail or hand your dues to Joe - WB6MYD Secretary/Treasurer. 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

2008 NOTES FROM THE SECRETARY JOE-WB6MYD

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- **HOLIDAY PARTY**—What a party. There was so much to eat and such enjoyment to see so many of our members. It was fantastic. James - KE6BSS joined us with his girlfriend and dad, Joseph - AB6TK. We have not seen James in a long time - he was busy earning his BA in accounting, which was slightly more important than club meetings. From the little toddler when we first met him to the young man he has become, it is worth mentioning here. Thank all of you that attended for joining together for this social event of the year.
- **THE WINNER WAS**— MIKE - KI6LJM had brought his XYL and harmonics to the party. Kevin his son helped me with handing out the tickets to each and everyone of our guests. We asked him to pull the winning ticker HE DID! It was one of 4 given to his family. Needless to say we are looking at a new 10 year old HAM. Congratulations and thank you for attending.
- **VE PATCHES**— Joe presented the VE Team members with a special VE patch.
- **PAST PRESIDENTS**— The Club still has 7 active past-Presidents. Joe recognized them and presented them with a Presidents name badge: Scott - K6LEM, Bob - WA6KZF (not present), Joe - WB6MYD (2 times), Ray - WA6OWM, Ed - KN6JN.(2 times), Dorothy - KE6NYO, and Rich KG6JKJ.
- **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS** - John - AC6FB recognition for past years as Swap Meet chairman, Mary - KE6BBK for serving as Editor of the ARCOVER, Bob - WA6KZF for the use of his generator for Field Day.
- **POINSETIAS**— The flowers made our dinner tables look beautiful and after the meal John - AC6FB delivered the plants to every nurse's station (one to Security) in the hospital. The staff was very appreciative and said to wish you all a Happy New Year.
- **MEETING ROOM**— January 17, West Tower, 2nd floor ROOM "B." **SWAP MEET CHAIR**—Chairperson, John - AC6FB is unable to continue as our Swap Meet chairman. We are asking for someone to take this important function over. The Swap Meet is held 12 times a year at the old TRW location on the last Saturday of the month. It is an opportunity to meet people interested in ham radio and sell extra equipment to help each other improve our station.
- **DUES**— See pages #1 and #5 for information on the club dues and the repeater dues.
- **HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ONE AND ALL**

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W6TRW Swap Meet Space Manager -



VE Group ↑

Active Past Presidents





From the Prez:
Alex KD6LPA

Happy New Year! I certainly hope you and your family had a Merry Christmas and great holiday season! We had a great turnout at our December Christmas party and I wish to thank all of you for making it a big success. The food was absolutely delicious and was quickly devoured as many went back for seconds and thirds. We also had great accommodations in the new hospital wing and I wish to thank Mary and John Crocker for their continued efforts reserving these new rooms for our club activities. As a reminder, our JANUARY CLUB MEETING will be in ROOM B – which is in the new building, second floor – just a few steps down the hall from our previous location.

This time of year, it's quite common to hear our friends and family making New Year's resolutions. In keeping with this tradition, I would like to ask each of you to ponder one thing you would like to see the club do this year. It can be a new activity, or a specific topic presented at one of our club meetings, or even a suggestion enhancing one of our existing club services like the auto patch on the club repeater. Whatever your idea is, we would very much like to hear your input. And I want to encourage each of you to talk to me or any of the new 2008 council members, and come to the club council meeting so we make the SBARC club as enjoyable, informative and fun as possible. *See page 2 for the list of officers and their contact number.*

W6TRW SWAP MEET

January 26, 2008

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

2008 Swap Meet Chairperson needed

Please consider and volunteer



The last Swap Meet of the year. was well attended by club members. A group went to breakfast at Denny's and a nice eyeball QSL.Jim-W6CWM brought items to sell and helped man the space. Plan on dropping by for a chat and a little exercise. Maybe you will find that special piece of equipment or put your old equipment out for someone else to treasure.

Contact a council member if you are interested in becoming Swap Meet Chairperson.

**LA MARATHON
SUNDAY, MARCH 2, 2008**

Volunteer radio operators are needed to provide communication along the course, every mile, first aid stations, start and finish lines, and the command center.

Register to work at

<http://www.doitsports.com/volunteer/info.tel?job id=488>



ARE YOU INTERESTED IN TECHNICAL ARTICLES?
THE NEW QEX MAGAZINE IS OUR FOR JANUARY/FEBRUARY

The January/February issue of QEX is out, and it is full of theoretical and practical technical articles that you don't want to miss.

In this issue, Jack Smith, K8ZOA, presents "The Z100 CW (and RTTY) Tuning Aid." Thomas Baier, DG8SAQ, follows up his DDS-based VNA with "A Low-Cost, Flexible USB Interface" for those with computers that don't include a parallel printer port, and Jim Kocsis, WA9PYH, describes "A 2256 MHz PLL Local Oscillator."

Maynard Wright, W6PAP, explores ways to model transmission lines using lumped resistive, capacitive and inductive circuit elements in "More Octave for

Transmission Lines." J. R. Laughlin, KE5KSC, built "A Squeanalyzer as a receiver, while Contributing Editor L.B. Cebiklch Amplifier" to use his HP 8590A spectrum , W4RNL, looks at some larger choices for horizontally polarized omni-directional antennas in "Antenna Options."

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FOR SALE

Contact Joe-WB6MYD at:
jlanphen@ca.rr.com or w6sba@arrl.net - or - 310-328-0817

- 10a, 13.8vdc Astron power supply
- Hammerlund HQ 129-X Receiver
- CSR Rotor control, no wiring or motor
- Healthkit Grid dip meter
- National NC-155 HF receiver
- Healthkit HX-1681 and HR-1680 CW transmitter, power supply, and speaker, manuals included
- Ten Tec PM2/PM2A transceiver 80-40m; condition unknown

MAKE OFFER, CALL JOE

BATTERIES and AIR TRAVEL NEW RULES

To help reduce the risk of fires, air travelers will no longer be able to pack loose lithium batteries in checked luggage as of January 1. Passengers can still check baggage with lithium batteries if they are installed in electronic devices such as cameras, cell phones, laptop computers, and radios. If packed in plastic bags batteries may be in carryon baggage. The limit is two batteries per passenger. The ban affects shipments of non-rechargeable lithium batteries, such as Energizer and Duracell brands.

"Doing something as simple as keeping a spare battery in its original retail packaging or a plastic zip-lock bag will prevent unintentional short-circuiting and fires," Krista Edwards, deputy administrator of the Pipeline and Hazardous Material Safety Administration, said in a release. The Federal Aviation Administration has found that fire-protection systems in the cargo hold of passenger planes cannot put out fires sparked in lithium batteries.



TWO AMATEUR RADIO COURSES

FCC "Technician" Course (entree level)
FCC "General" Course (2nd level)

Each Course is 2 sessions

Saturday, January 26 2008
and
Saturday, February 9, 2008

- Technician 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- General 2:15 to 5:15 p.m.

The FCC test will be given February 23, 2008
10:00 until 12:00 noon



Hesse Park
29301 Hawthorne Blvd
Rancho Palos Verdes

- No pre-registration
- No fee for either course
- FCC Test \$14.00

Optional Material

Study book with FCC test questions \$15.00
Copy of Power Point Charts \$10.00

Students (thru grade 12) who take this course and pass their license will be reimbursed up to \$40.00 by the Palos Verdes Amateur Radio Club

For more information contact
Walt-K1DFO at walt.ordway@yahoo.com



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.

CALENDAR

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

Club Meeting - 3rd Thursday of the month
January 17, 2008 7:00 p.m.
Torrance Memorial Medical Center
West Tower 2nd Floor Room "B"

Palos Verdes School District

EMERGENCY NET

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

TRW Swap Meet - Saturday, January 26, 2008
7:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

VE Session - February 9, 2008
Health Conference Center Room 2

Amateur Radio Classes January 26, 2008
February 9, 2008
Technician Course 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
General Course 2:15 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.

LA MARATHON - Sunday, March 2, 2008
Register to volunteer
<http://doitsports.com/volunteer/info.tel?job id-488>

CLUB SERVICES

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

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