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Dedicated to Amateur Radio Since 1970

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April 2007

MAY Meeting

**Torrance Memorial Medical Center
Room 1 Health Conference Center**

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

with parking in the structure behind the WEST TOWER.

THURSDAY, May 17, 2007

FIELD DAY PREPARATIONS

By Alex - KD6PLA



Discussion and training on radios. Selection of Band Captains. Please come join us for this planning session, your input is valuable and will help to make Field Day Weekend run smoothly.



Attendance Drawing

The winner of the membership drawing in April was Harlan - KC6YBJ. Of course as always Harlan never misses a meeting, Congratulations Harlan!

Harlan donated the money back to the club so the kitty will be larger this month, \$20.00.

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

WILL YOU BE THERE?

President Ed Hinz—KN6JN



Vacation is over, Baker to Vegas is a fond memory, and Field Day is just around the bend. Is everyone ready to have fun? I know I am.

Check out Joe and his team's experience at Stage 14 during the Baker to Vegas relay race. They all had a great time. I supported Long Beach PD team 12 and was in their follow-van for the 1st 10 stages. Temperatures were warm during the daylight hours and cool, not cold, during the evening. I reported to LBPD race HQ (Las Vegas Hilton) at 12 noon for a drive out to Baker to meet our van. LBPD had two teams in the race, team 12 and 122. Team 122 started about 2:30 p.m., and we were scheduled to start at 5:00. My shift ended at 1:30 a.m. and I was driven back to Vegas and arrived at 3:30 a.m. On the van I brought a soft case with three Hts, extra batteries, and a number of flashlights. I also had my rulebook/charts/maps and schedule for logging in a binder. This year I brought a tool kit with some basic tools just in case. I had some food and two jackets. At some point during the race we needed 4 AAA batteries. I didn't have any except in my headlamp and that had 3, one short. We needed the manual for the stop watches. In our van I had the most accurate time of the race on my watch. Not a big deal since this year our time was being done via timing mats and chips on the runners' batons. Our driver and timer spent about an hour working on the stop watches when we could have been more focused on the runners and the race.

The awards ceremony was exciting. In our

category LBPD team 12 came in 2nd and received a beautiful plaque. At one point I was a couple of feet away from Sheriff Baca and LAPD Chief Bratten. I should have taken a picture. I saw Joy - KD6FJV and Rich - KG6JKJ, they both looked tired. Over 227 teams participated and most were in attendance at the ceremony. The team from the Southeast police agencies, for the first time in 9 years, won a plaque. Boy, were they excited. The Marines won their category and the challenge cup was won by Sacramento CHP.

The vacation to Washington DC was great. Our family saw so much. I presented my QSL card at the voice of America to the vice director of public relations who was our tour guide for the 45 minute tour. Another ham and his family joined us for the tour. In total there were eight people on the 1:00 p.m. tour. The highlight was watching the preparations at the broadcast studio for the evening news broadcast to Iran. The anchor was an attractive lady who was being miked and adjusted two minutes before the broadcast. She is famous in Persian speaking parts of the world and is recognized in the streets of DC. She has received many marriage proposals via mail and email. My son can do a 30 second imitation of her adjustment routine that just cracks me up. One in six people in Iran watch the Voice of America and one half of the people in Afghanistan listen to Voice of America radio. NBC would kill for those numbers.

That's about it from my QTH. Get fired up for Field Day.

73 and Happy Hamming Ed KN6JN

NOTES FROM THE SECRETARY JOE-WB6MYD
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- ◆ **B2V** - I am sure you'll see a lot of pictures from the event April 21-22, 2007 on the Website and in the ARCOVER. We had a good time and actually left a little early due to a well run race and just in time to miss a storm hitting the area. After some good sack time, we enjoyed our R & R at Stateline. We had dinner Sunday evening which was very enjoyable and marked the end of a busy weekend for all of us. We had a safe trip home on Monday and picked up our normal routine like all busy people must do. I want to thank Mary - KE6BBK and Nancy - KD6VRG for doing a lot of hard work all night long. John - AC6FB, Alan - KG6ZPL, and Charlie - AC6ZX thank you for taking care of the Early Warning Position. Gene - WB9COY (from Temecula) and Ray - WA6OWM took care of all the traffic going in and out of Stage #14 such as traffic from net control and chase vehicles and so on. I Joe - WB6MYD was joined by Dawn, girlfriend of Gene, for the official timing which was a lot trickier due to the electronic timing which was done this year. All in all we had a good time and no problems for which we were very grateful. Charlie's XYL Melissa and 3 girls joined us in their trailer for the weekend. We missed Mark - KA6ZTO since he had to work. This was a great group, and I wish to thank you all for making this once again possible. I am sure we all look forward to the B2V in 2008.
- ◆ **JACKETS** - I have contacted the jacket embroidery people, and this is what we decided. Jackets \$46.00 plus tax (\$50.00 will cover that) \$21 plus tax for polo shirts (\$23 will cover that), \$10 for hats (\$12 will cover that). The jackets will have the large logo on the back with your first name and call on the front right and the smaller logo on the front left. The polo shirts will have a pocket with the small logo on it. Hats will have the logo on the front. If you want any or all of these items please let me know ASAP. We have to place one order but there is no minimum. A total of \$83 for all three items. We DO NEED THE MONEY UP FRONT.
- ◆ **FIELD DAY** - Field day is coming up very fast. Plans are well under way under the supervision of Alex and as always we need your participation. Please check the website for updates on Field Day.
- ◆ **Convention HAMCON** - This year's convention will be right here at the Torrance Marriott. Let us show the entire country that we know how to put on the best convention. Watch for a request to assist with all the various functions as we are responsible for the W1AW Special Event Station and the Information desk. Lets us know you are willing to help with the convention.

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W6TRW SWAPMEET

NEXT date →

May 26, 2006

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



Last Saturday was a cool day so only a few members dropped by. Thank you for supporting the Swap Meet. John - AE6LK manned the Club table while I signed up people for the ARRL HamCon Convention and passed out information on the Club and the Convention. Matt - K1DCB came with items to sell. Thank you for all the help.

We will have reservation forms available for the 2007 ARRL Southwestern Amateur Radio Convention at the meeting.

The sales from the Swap Meet help to defray the cost of club expenses. We thank all of the members that participate by selling, donating equipment or giving their time to this effort.

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

John - AC6FB

TWO AMATEUR RADIO COURSES
FCC "TECHNICIAN" LICENSE COURSE
FCC "GENERAL" LICENSE COURSE

Course Sessions are on June 9 & 16
Technician Course from 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
General Course from 2:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The FEE test on June 30, 10:00 to Noon

Hesse Park
29301 Hawthorne Blvd
Rancho Palos Verdes

- ◆ **No pre-registration required**
- ◆ **No fee for either course**
- ◆ **Taking the FCC Test is \$14**

Optional Material

Study Book with FCC test questions \$15
Copy of my Power Point Charts \$10

**Students (through 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 - K1DFO at waltordway@juno.com

FIRST GOLDFARB SCHOLARSHIP
RECIPIENT WINS RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP

ARRL member Ben Schupack, NW7DX, the first-ever recipient of the prestigious ARRL Foundation William R. Goldfarb Memorial Scholarship, has won a \$120,000 graduate research fellowship from the National Science Foundation (NSF). The stipend will enable Schupack, a senior at Whitman College in Walla Walla, Washington, to undertake three years of research in Iceland and Greenland. Schupack says that he's planning to take Amateur Radio gear along when he heads into the field. "My graduate studies will not involve radio directly, but I will continue my involvement on the air, and I anticipate bringing along radio equipment to my proposed field sites in Iceland and Greenland," he told ARRL.

A geology and environmental studies major, Schupack, 22, plans to attend the University of Colorado -- Boulder in the fall, where he will be working within the Institute of Arctic and Alpine Research (INSTAAR). His research will focus on the interaction between volcanic eruptions and Arctic climate

Schupack says he believes Amateur Radio played a role in his getting the NSF award, which typically goes to graduate students. In one application essay, Schupack mentioned his interest in Amateur Radio and the infinite questions that stem from studying Earth sciences. "The atmosphere, geomagnetic variations and solar conditions are among just a few of the many threads that help unravel Earth's history and predict future dynamics," he explained. He also says his background in electronics and ham radio has come in handy on countless occasions, from installing remote solar panels to measuring battery discharge cycles and interpreting ground-penetrating radar surveys.

In addition to his scholarly endeavors, Schupack is lead trombonist in Whitman's jazz band, and he's a member of the school's award-winning cycling team. Last year Schupack took part in a semester abroad program in tropical marine ecology with the School for Field Studies in the Turks & Caicos Islands.

The Goldfarb award is the result of a generous endowment from the late William Goldfarb, N2ITP. For more information about ARRL scholarships, visit the ARRL Foundation scholarships Web page <<http://www.arrl.org/programs/scholarship>>. -- some information from Whitman College is also available.

Again Amateur radio plays a part in research and development and we should recognize the importance of continuing active participation in our hobby. Editor



FAVORITE WEBSITE
Check it out

My website of the month is Kevin Kelly's Cool Tools. www.kk.org/cooltools/ Good stuff in many different categories. On the site are recommended items from people who actually enjoy using the item. No stinkers so far. My personal preference is the materials category. The glues and sprays are useful. I like to see how others use them. In the work category I used Vista Print for some free business cards. Cards were good but I was flooded with emails about other offers. There are a number of things I would like to try which I have migrated to my Amazon wish list. I just hope someone would check it out and buy me a new Tuba. The picture of the nasal aspirator is disturbing, I just scroll right over it. You might want to get your scroll finger ready.

Ed-KN6JN

REGISTER NOW

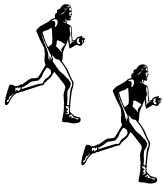
Registrations for the 2007 HAMCON Convention will be available at the Swap Meet and at the general meetings. Be sure to register early. Since the Convention will be local it is your opportunity to attend and keep the your cost low.

B2V Baker to Vegas

WEATHER REPORT:
 Warm Saturday, mild breeze.
 3:00 a.m. Sunday a swirly/
 gusty breeze
 6:00 a.m. rain and gusty wind
**AND WE WERE HEADED
 TO THE HOTEL**



Stage #14 Net-Control - Ray-WA6OWM
 Ray and Mary-KE6BBK
 cross checking Team numbers



WAITING - Joe - WB6MYD Stage 14 chute. Keeping warm with helper Dawn (Gene's girlfriend).

Nancy - KD6VRG AND Mary - KE6BBK— "Spotters" Snug in Joe's SUV



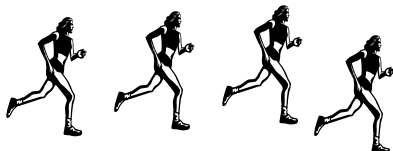
Bill - N6ES, Nancy and Mary Alan - KG6ZPL and John AC6FB
 Winding down after the race in Bill and Nancy's 5th Wheel.

The group minus Prez-Ed, at breakfast before grabbing some shut-eye. Rt; Ray, Nancy, Bill, Lt: Alan, Joe, Mary, John



Caught up with the Prez - ED - KN6JN for lunch at Barstow Station Food for the trip home.

Lunch at Barstow





B2V Baker to Vegas

April 21 & 22, 2007

Preparation: Wow!

Our group is good at getting the supplies to make an event comfortable and go smoothly; flashlights, Coleman lanterns, tables, clipboards, whiteboards, coats, gloves, hats, rain gear, radios, and the comforts of home.

We left Saturday morning stopping in Barstow for food and ? . On to Stateline to check in at the hotel where we caught a short nap, had dinner and took off for Stage #14 at 8:30 p.m. The weather was nice and comfortable. We had a discussion on how to set up the needed jobs under the new situation with the chip reader.

We were joined by Charlie - AC6ZX, Gene - WB9COY, and Dawn from Temecula making the job easier.

Alan, Charlie, and John went off to the "ONE MILE" warning site where they set up a table, light, sign, and radios ready to call in traffic info with the team number of the advancing runners.

Ray and Bill set up a traffic station in the 5th wheel and Gene set up the traffic station and a radio to contact Net Control outside of his trailer near the chute. This attracted a lot of spectators and some radio feedback which was resolved by only operating one station and a whiteboard so people could see the number of the approaching runner.

Nancy and Mary were the assigned "Spotters" with Bill as rover. They stayed in the truck with a bird's eye view of the chute, baton, and the exchange flag. A few runners

were winded and fell into the arms of their catchers, and one fellow went down in front of the truck and needed the EMT team. Most of the runners appeared to be in great shape.

We finished by 6:30 a.m. packed up and headed for the hotel. When we arrived at Spring Mountain the rain and wind hit. OH, the poor runners on the last legs of the race. Vegas airport was shut down for 6 hours because of the blowing sand and gusty winds. We were glad to be in the car and ready to eat and get some rest.

Ed-KN6JN supported Team #12 from Long Beach in the chase vehicle. The rest of us met up with him for lunch on the way home, Monday.



The highlight of the weekend was our dinner together. This group is a funny group of people with a sharp sense of humor. Bill - N6ES ordered a dinner salad which was delivered promptly. Wife Nancy glanced over and said "SPIDER CRAWLING" Sure enough we could all see this black spider walking across his croutons. The waitress was walking behind Bill and promptly grabbed the dish screeching as she ran through the restaurant to the kitchen. She returned to the table with a new salad and assured Bill the croutons were from a newly opened package. A funny ending to the day.

The Editor

WIN! WIN!

A NIGHT AT THE ARRL SW Division Convention

One night's lodging on banquet night at the Marriott. Tickets are: \$15 each or 2 for \$25. The drawing will be held at the July 19, 2007, SBARC meeting. The winner need not be present. See John - AC6FB at the club meeting Thursday night or the Swap Meet, April 28, 2007.

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April Meeting

SKIP - KJ6Y



The April meeting was held in the West Tower auditorium where SKIP BOLNIC - KJ6Y gave a talk on "IOTA" (ISLANDS ON THE AIR). He had many interesting pictures of the trips his group has gone on. The equipment they use, the preplanning and the unusual way they have transported the supplies. Rich came with him and shared some anecdotes. They also eat well like it seems all amateur groups do.

Skip encouraged us to try an adventure to an island, turning a hobby into a vacation extraordinaire.

He is the past president of the Southern California DX Club, and has a professional Antenna and Tower business. Need antenna work, call Skip.

Thank you for a good meeting.

CALENDAR

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

Club Meeting - 3rd Thursday of the month
May 17, 2007 7:30 p.m.
Torrance Memorial Medical Center
BACK IN THE HEALTH CONFERENCE CENTER

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

TRW Swap Meet - Saturday, May 26, 2007
7:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

VE Session - June 9, 2007

Armed Forces Day Parade Saturday, May 19, 2007

Special Olympics at Cal State Long Beach
June 15, 16, & 17

Field Day - June 23 and 24, 2007

2007 HAMCON SW DIVISION CONVENTION
September 7, 8, and 9, 2007 at the Torrance Marriott

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