



# QSO Party, N1MM Logging Overview, PSK Project Updates, Field Day Food Planning

For our May meeting, **Ray - WA6OWM** and **Alan - KG6ZPL** will present a talk about the new software we're going to use for Field Day this year (June 26-27). Ray will also talk about the upcoming QSO Party June 12-13. In addition, we'll also get an update on the **homebrew PSK circuits** we're building and decide on the next scheduled soldering sessions. Finally, we still need to plan out the food for Field Day. Do we want to cook, or do we want to "order out" for each meal?

Please join us for this important club meeting!

# "More PSK HomeBrew Sessions Coming Soon"



As most of you know, Alan, our Activities council member has kicked off the first of several training sessions that shows you how to build your own PSK-31 sound card interface. The circuit connects your computer's sound card to your radio so you can "read" and "type" messages to other amateurs over the air waves thru your computer. It's a lot of fun to communicate with other hams using PSK, and incredibly addicting!

I'd like to personally thank Alan for spearheading this initiative -- doing all the grunt work, researching the circuit design, and for spec'ing out and finding all the necessary project parts. I'd also like to thank Ray, our Vice President for graciously volunteering his home and time, and for mentoring the project soldering initiatives.

PSK is here to stay, and will definitely be used at this year's Field Day. If you'd like to sign up for the next session, please contact Alan, Ray or Joe for more information.

Future sessions will be discussed at the May club meeting.

-- Alex

## "Worked All Members" Award

Jerry Shaw, our Events Council member has proposed a new "Worked All Members" award for encouraging SBARC members to make contact with one another over the air. The PSK project we're currently working on is a great way to achieve this goal while have some fun learning about digital contacts. The details of the new award will be disclosed shortly. Stay tuned!!! We'll be talking about it at the upcoming May club meeting.

Jerry has also proposed a "Fox Hunting" expedition in the summertime. No, we're not going to be loading guns or shooting any animals! Fox Hunting in the Amateur Radio context means you're looking for a hidden radio transmitter, and it can be a lot of fun using your mind and body to deduce the location of the rogue transmissions.

Jerry has really been working hard to create these new events and I want to thank him for his efforts and helping the club find new ways to be radio active! Way to go Jerry!

# Below, our some pictures from our first PSK interface project held on May 8, 2010.

Building their circuits: James KI6UPL, Brian KI6ERR, Joe WB6MYD and Betty N6VZF.





I am pleased to report we have 4 new members who just joined the SBARC in May! Please join me in welcoming the following hams into our fold:

**Richard Fowell KJ6CBA**, Technician class. Richard is husband to Melody - KI6SPA. Kudos to Melody for getting her hubby interested in Amateur Radio!

**Jim Hill W6IVW**, General class. Jim has interest in CW on HF, and also enjoys using computers, checking out the swap meet and finding old radio. (We do have a Halicrafter S38 if you interested Jim!)

**Johnny Agustin K2JAA**, Technician class. Johnny is interested in VHF/UHF, antennas and propagations, the swap meet and computers.

**Jimmy Lankford KJ6GYL**, Extra class. Jimmy likes VHF and UHF as well as computers and is interested in various club activities and meetings.

To all of our new members, welcome and thanks for joining us!

-- Alex

# THANK YOU!!!

We wish to thank Chuck-KN6H for his contributions to the door prize pool. He also brought to our attention that Harbor Freight has free LED flashlights free with a coupon. (Posted in our April 2010 ArcOver).

We also wish to thank Dave Harmon-KE6OJN for the announcements in the TARA newsletter regarding the Thursday night net, VE sessions and SBARC Luncheons. Thanks Dave!

# **Upcoming: June QSO Party (VHF/UHF Contest) June 12 - 13.**

Ray will be discussing more about this event at the May club meeting. Learn where to operate, what modes to use, and the Grid Square Exchange. We hope this contest will help encourage our club member to get into "contesting" and go after those awards!

Those with extra CW/SSB rigs should contact Ray-WA6OWM.

Frequencies: All Amateur Bands 50 MHz and above, Modes: Phone, CW and Digital.

Check Out: 50.125MHz USB, 50.090MHz CW. Keep clear 50.110MHz (DX Calling Frequency)

144.100MHz to 144.280MHz, 144.200Mhz Calling frequency. for CW/Phone

All FM Simplex frequencies except for 146.520MHz. 222.500 CW/SSB Calling Freq., 223.500MHz FM Simplex 432.100-432.300MHZ for CW/Phone, 446.0MHz FM Simplex



Thank you to the following club members for making this years Armed Forces Day Parade a success! Our function is to help line up the parade participants in the right order and provide radio support to TARA for line-up changes, no shows, so the parade announcer has the right information to work with.

Net Control: Joe - WB6MYD, Alan - KG6ZPL.

Division I: Bill - KQ6Z, Brian - KI6ERR.

Division II: Betty - N6VZF, Kostek - K6MNA, James KI6UPL and John - AE6LK.

#### FINAL REMINDER: ANNUAL DUES

The following members have renewed their membership in addition to those listed in the April issue:

Jim	KE6GXS	551483	Yoshio	KE6ACH	551484	Paul	KK6BY	551485
Joe	NZ6L	551486	Martin	KG6FOQ	551487	Kathleen	KG6RPM	551488
Chuck	KG6RPN	551489	Melody	KI6SPA	551490	Richard	KJ6CBA	551491
Nancy	NJ6S	551492	Bill	N6ES	551493	Richard	KG6SFK	551494
Alfonso	KI6ULD	551495	Johnny	K2JAA	551496	Gary	KE6KG	551497
Mike	KI6LJM	551498	Jim	W6IVW	551499	Glenda	KF6QFE	551482

The cost for an individual membership is \$20. For two members of the same family is \$30. Three or more members (family membership) is also \$30. However, the family membership is a special case where only one person in the family gets to vote. Other family members are eligible for attendance drawings and all other privileges. If you have any questions, please contact Joe, WB6MYD.

If your name did not appear in any of the ArcOver's thru May, that means the Secretary hasn't received your annual dues. Please take a moment of your time and renew your membership in our club. Your continued support and participation is greatly appreciated. As an added bonus, we are issuing membership cards for you to carry in your wallet which will be distributed to you during club meetings.

Please make your check payable to the SBARC and mail to the following address:

## South Bay Amateur Radio Club Post Office Box 536 Torrance, CA 90508-0536

CLUB SERVICES:	<b>CONTACT:</b>	POSITION:
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	Joe, WB6MYD Joe, WB6MYD Joe, WB6MYD Joe, WB6MYD Joe, WB6MYD	Secretary / Treasurer Secretary / Treasurer Secretary / Treasurer Secretary / Treasurer Secretary / Treasurer
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	Alex, KD6LPA Alex, KD6LPA Ray, WA6OWM Brian, KI6ERR Jerry, KI6RRD Alan, KG6ZPL	President Editor / Webmaster Vice President Council Member Council Member Council Member

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.

"Elmering" is available to every member, please ask any officer, and we will find a knowledgeable club resource for you.

You're a member of one of the best clubs in the area, and we want your help to make it even better. If you have a suggestion or an idea for improvement, we want to hear from you. Please feel to contact any council member by phone or email.

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# NOTES FROM THE SECRETARY JOE-WB6MYD e-mail address - jlanphen@ca.rr.com· 310-328-0817



- 1. **Attendance Drawing:** Thomas-KG6SFR name was drawn at our April meeting but unfortunately was not present, sorry we missed you Thomas. The kitty for May will be 25 dollars. Remember, you must be present to win, and be a member in good standing.
- 2. **Projects:** The first Do-It-Yourself PSK circuit building event occurred May 8. Additional dates have been scheduled and we will confirm times and dates scheduled for you soon. If you're interested in attending a future session, please sign up as soon as possible, so we can order the necessary parts ahead of time. The location for the PSK soldering sessions will be at Ray's QTH. Contact Alan, Ray or Joe for more information.
- 3. **Special Olympics:** This worthy annual event at Cal State Long Beach will be held on June 12 and 13th, 2010. E-mail Mark Lidikay: <a href="mailto:mlidikay@holdenandrew.com">mlidikay@holdenandrew.com</a> to sign up.
- 4. **ARRL SW Division Convention:** The plan for the 2010 ARRL SW Division in San Diego on September 17-19, 2010. Remember 2010 is in San Diego and of course we are next with the 2011 SW Div convention in our area.
- 5. **Attendance Drawing:** John AC6FB was the lucky winner for the \$30 kitty in March. Congratulations John! Since the winner was present, the kitty will be reset to \$20 for our next meeting. Remember, you must be present to win, and be a member in good standing.
- 6. **Services:** Please remember to renew or become an ARRL member through the club. (Contact Joe for details). The club benefits by getting a commission, so please help us out. Also, if you'd like to order a name badge, they can be ordered for \$10. Phone patch subscription is available for \$40 annually.
- 7. **Weekly Net:** Join us every Thursday night at 7:30PM on the W6SBA repeater to hear all the latest and enjoy the conversation by your fellow SBARC members. (No net occurs on the day of club meetings)
- 8. **Reminder:** Remember the Club Services available to you as shown in the ArcOver are for <u>you!</u> Please feel free to ask for and seek the assistance from any of the officers and anyone you think might be able to help you! We're all in this together!

#### **CLUB OFFICERS FOR 2010:**

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### **CALENDAR**

Council Meeting - 1st Wednesday of the month

Call Joe - WB6MYD (310) 328-0817

**Club Meeting -** 3rd Thursday of the month

May 20, 2010 @7:30 p.m.

Torrance Memorial Medical Center West Tower, 2nd Floor, 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, April 24, 2010 @7-11am

**VE Session** - **June 12, 2010, 9-11am** 

West Tower, 2nd Floor, Room "A"

Contact: Joe WB6MYD Phone: (310) 328-0817

jlanphen@ca.rr.com or w6sba@arrl.net

Social Lunch - 2nd Saturday, June 12, 2010, @12pm

New York Deli 2424 Sepulveda Blvd

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#### **CLUB SERVICES**

Awards Manager (HF/VHF) Cliff - K6LH

Health & Welfare Brian - KI6ERR

Swap Meet Chair Joe - WB6MYD

VE Test Liaison Joe - WB6MYD

VE Test Sessions Joe - WB6MYD

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