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South Bay Amateur Radio Club

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Dedicated to Amateur Radio Since 1970*

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June 2007

Special Field Day Edition. See pages 6, 7, 8, and 9.

June 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, JUNE 21, 2007

FIELD DAY PREPARATIONS

By Alex - KD6PLA

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.



From the PREZ—Ed - KN6JN

Howdy Partners! It's June, and that can mean only one thing, **Field Day**. I hope you are ready to operate until the wee hours of the morning.

- ◆ Do you have your tools marked?
- ◆ Are you prepared to help put up the antennas, set up the stations, and get organized for the big day?
- ◆ Have you collected your very own operating aids? Share them on Field Day. Who are you going to get on the air for the first time at Field Day?
- ◆ Have you downloaded a trial version of the N3FJP logging software to get ready?
- ◆ Who have you invited to come visit our set up?

At the next meeting our discussion will be exclusively Field Day. Most, if not all, of your question will be answered by Alex, our Field Day Chairman.

As far as the rations for Field Day, I will be serving lunch at noon Saturday, composed of sandwiches, salads and chips, Dinner Saturday, composed of Beef Tri Tip on garlic toast with beans, corn, salad, grilled veggies, and pie. We will have breakfast Sunday morning at 7:00 a.m. with pancakes, eggs, hash browns, and sausage. Drinks and snacks will be available throughout the day and evening. All this for the low, low price of \$25.00.



ARMED FORCES DAY PARADE

The day was beautiful and the line up of units went smooth with Ray and Joe at Net Control.

The flyovers were exciting and it was great to see all the young people out giving of their time.

I would enjoy some help at the lunch and at dinner. I will be sending out a reservation request about the time you read this. If you want the food please make a reservation via email or call me.

At lunch I need a couple of people to take orders and deliver the food. At dinner I need a person or two for prep and to monitor the long cooking items. As far as food items, special requests should be emailed to me. I buy most of the fresh food either Wednesday or the Friday before. At the May meeting I went over the menu and noted request for snacks and drinks.

That's it from 230th St. 73 from the back porch where we are practicing our field day recipes.



NOTES FROM THE SECRETARY JOE-WB6MYD
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- ◆ **Attendance Drawing** - The May winner was Richard - KG6SFK. He was present so congratulation to Richard winning the \$20 Kitty. The June Kitty will be \$15.
- ◆ **Jackets** - We are now taking orders for jackets, shirts, hats, and coffee mugs. I prefer to receive a check for the amount since there is a problem with a lot of cash (but I will take cash.). See the ad on page 9.
- ◆ **Field Day—Chuck Wagon Food** - The cost this year is \$25 and starts with lunch, then dinner, snacks, and a full breakfast. See the menu on page 8. Please give your check to Joe at the June meeting or put your name on the sign-up sheet and arrange with Joe to pay him.
- ◆ **Field Day 2007** - This month's meeting will be dedicated to our Field Day operation, and we will hear from the experts on all of it. This is fun especially if you've never worked on FD. We set up 4 or 5 antennas on nothing but concrete. This is what we've done for many years and have become real experts at it. You really do need to join us to appreciate all the hard work being done behind the scenes in preparation of putting up emergency antennas. Logging by computer is as easy as falling off a chair, if you know what you're doing. The procedure will be reviewed, so if you are new at this you will be an expert before FD. We will be located on the 5th floor of the Torrance Memorial Medical Center *WEST* parking Structure on Medical center Drive. Since we really are outdoors, it gets cool and windy in the evenings so plan to bring a good jacket. Please plan to join us.
- ◆ **Request** - Do we have anyone in our membership familiar with making a nice flyer? As you know our ARRL South West Division Convention is coming up and since it is being held here in Torrance, the SBARC will have a table to showcase our club. It would be nice if we could have a flyer available to pass out to showcase our club, mail to new members, and hand out at the Swap Meet? Please see me if you can do something or have suggestions. Joe 310-328-0817 or e-mail jlanphen@ca.rr.com.
- ◆ **DRAWING** - The last chance to buy your ticket will be at the June Meeting. The drawing for one **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.

See Chucks Article Page 4 →

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Catalina Fire.



W6TRW SWAPMEET

JUNE 30, 2006

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

What a busy day! Eleven members dropped by the space and a prospective new member came and donated a LOT of amateur equipment and parts. The word was soon out and before long many of the items were in new hands ready to be put to good use. Thank you Jim - WB6CWM for your donation and help too. John - AE6LK was there also assisting with sales

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 FCC 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



ARMED FORCES DAY PARADE

The Flyover that thrilled the crowd. A beautiful day with clear skies and a nice crowd.

NET CONTROL

Net Control on wheels. Ray - WA6OWM and Joe - WB6MYD manned Net Control and kept the information flowing to the officials.



The club members arrived at 9:30 to get our marching orders and for Ray and Joe to set up the mobile radio and be ready to work net control. The Torrance Police and city workers put out the barricades to block off Torrance Blvd. to make it safe for the marching units and spectators.

The parade is broken down into three divisions. Each Division represents a Branch of the Service, Army, Air Force, Navy, Marines, and Coast Guard. The Prologue (all the important officials leads off and the line up is handled by Torrance Police. Then division 1, 2, and 3 were lined up with the help of our members and the police reserves. Each division included bands, Honor-guard units, hardware (tanks, jeeps, cranes, etc.).

Division 1 was manned by Betty - N6VZF, Dee - KE6ZBV, and Dick - W1MII. They had the units lined up in the correct order in plenty of time.

Division 2 was manned by Trent - KG6MUU, John - AC6FB, and Mary - KE6BBK. This group of units with included many ROTC units) lined up without any problems and they appreciated the support

Division 3 was manned by Harlan - KC6YBJ, Loyd - N6GDH, and Ed - KN6JN. They had several Coast Guard Units with their rescue boats.



CATALINA FIRE AND THE RESPONSE BY AMATEUR RADIO OPERATORS IN THE SOUTH BAY

The phone rang about midnight. Bill T-01 KB6FB sleepily answered. "We need three teams of three DCS hams each to deploy to Catalina," the caller stated. "The first team on the 0630 Boat, the second on the 1230 boat, the third at 1830." The object was to provide radio communication between County Fire and Sheriff Units at Avalon. Masks were recommended due to the pall of smoke.

Bill went to work rounding up Rich T-03 KG6JKJ who joined RDT's (Rapid Deployment Team members) mostly from the Carson sheriff station. Bill then called Chuck T-43 KN6H asking him to round up teams for the 1230 and 1830 boats. Chuck and Bill volunteered themselves for the 1230 boat, Stu T-61 K9STU, Mike T-109 KF6UCN and Dee T-115 KE6ZBV were pledged for the 1830 boat.

Rich got on the 0630 ferry at San Pedro in good shape with equipment of his own and from the Carson RDT. Bill and Chuck didn't fare quite so well. While driving to the ferry terminal, Station A advised that the 1230 ferry was departing at 1215 from Long Beach, not San Pedro. That resulted in a race across the Vincent Thomas Bridge, the length of Terminal Island and across the Gerald Desmond Bridge, plunging into Long Beach just in the nick of time to catch the Catalina Express.

The boat ride was a bit choppy through the afternoon whitecaps, and as we approached Catalina, dozens of little columns of smoke could be seen littering the hillsides, Small, vertical columns of white that would periodically shoot up, then die down looking much like little Yellowstone Park geysers. A few were spotted on the hillsides above Avalon. No heavy flames, however, for which we were thankful, but a very heavy pall of thick smoke hung low in the air to the north between Avalon and two harbors.

Upon landing, we were immediately whisked via golf cart to the Avalon Fire Department where the RDT's had established two base stations. The first maintained contact with Station a in East Los Angeles via the DCS repeater on Mt. Disappointment. The second base rig was for local handhelds between ourselves at the sheriff command post, the fire command post and the Avalon beach and dockside area. Interestingly, the Station A antenna that worked the best was a mobile mag mount just a few feet off the ground perched atop an upside down grocery cart.

The afternoon passed relatively quiet with Bill and Rich at the base station and Chuck on the Avalon docks reporting as each arriving ferry brought more returning residents. Tourists were not allowed and thus the majority of Avalon shops were closed and locked. The small community was virtually a ghost town, save a single pharmacy and the hotel.

But there was aerial activity aplenty. Literally dozens of helicopters filled their large buckets in the sea in front of the Casino, emptying them mostly in the canyon just north of Avalon. At one point, an enormous hovercraft from Camp Pendleton brought county fire engines and equipment from the mainland. The craft would run right up on the beach south of town, then lower a ramp and the engines drove off directly into town.

The small Avalon Fire Station with just four units was taken over by the county. The engines were pushed out and the space used for shift briefings. It was amazing to watch the Incident Command System in action with Section Chiefs from Operations, Planning, Logistics, and Finance conducting the briefing from printed briefing assignments distributed to all in attendance. It was an impressive and well coordinated

briefing from these sheets and from a large wall map indicating the fire perimeter outside Avalon.

Food was in abundance and of incredible quality. We later learned it was from a wedding reception that had been canceled when the wedding party was evacuated. Rest assured, the food found food use with dozens of tired firefighters.

As the day wore on and the fire danger steadily reduced, Chuck and Rich decided to catch the 1955 boat back to Long Beach. Bill opted to remain overnight with the incoming shift of Stu, Mike, and Dee. Ahead of them was the final fire containment plus communication support for the Two Harbors area that remained without power, telephones or water. The fire had destroyed the lines and poles between Two Harbors and Avalon.

Would we do it again? You bet! Ham radio communication experience in a large scale event like this was a wonderful exercise of our skills, our equipment, and our ability to plan quickly and stuff a knapsack with clothing, food, and water for an extended stay in the field.

Did we learn anything? What do you think? How about you? Are you ready to go?

Submitted by Chuck - KN6H

Editors note: Many of our members wear many hats, CERT, ARES, DCS, and local city volunteer groups beside the community activities we participate in. Stay ready; to keep an emergency bag ready with food, water, batteries, change of clothes, and your radio ready to go.



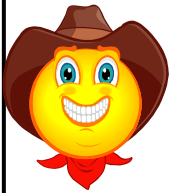
Hovercraft with firetrucks

**Field Day
Save the weekend
June 22, 23, 24**

Torrance Memorial Medical Center West Parking Structure



- ◆ Friday afternoon secure the base for the mast.
- ◆ Saturday morning 7:00 put up antennas.
- ◆ set up computer network and radios.
- ◆ Saturday morning 11:00 get on the air.
- ◆ Saturday noon lunch
- ◆ Saturday Dinner 6:00 p.m.
- ◆ Sunday morning breakfast 7:00 a.m.
- ◆ Take down.
- ◆ Nap time



CHUCKWAGON FIELD DAY MEALS

\$25.00

**Make your check payable to the So Bay Amateur Radio Club (SBARC)
give your check to Joe at the June meeting.**



FIELD DAY—CHUCK WAGON BOSS ED-KN6JN

COFFEE

LUNCH	Sandwich	Soft Drinks	Chips	Apples	Soft Drinks
DINNER	Tri-Tip Steak	Garlic bread	Corn	Veggies	Pie
			COFFEE		
SNACKS	Chips	Fruit			
BREAKFAST	Pancakes, syrup	Juice	Eggs	Hash-browns	Sausage

Hurry get your reservations



More Armed Forces Day Parade

ARRL Southern Division HAMCON 2007 Convention

**September 7, 8, and 9, 2007
Torrance Marriott Hotel**

**Registration forms are available on the website:
www/hamcon.org**

- ◆ The hotel Code HAMCON
- ◆ Pre-registration \$18.00
- ◆ At the door \$20.00
- ◆ Breakfast Tickets \$20.00
- ◆ Luncheon Tickets \$25.00
- ◆ Banquet Tickets \$40.00

**Short Ribs, Salmon, Chicken, or
Vegetarian**

See John - AC6FB at the meeting.



**Yaesu FT-897D HF+6M, 2M, 70CM
CW/FM/SSB**



Icom IC-706 MkIIIG HF+6M, 2M, 70cm CW/SSB



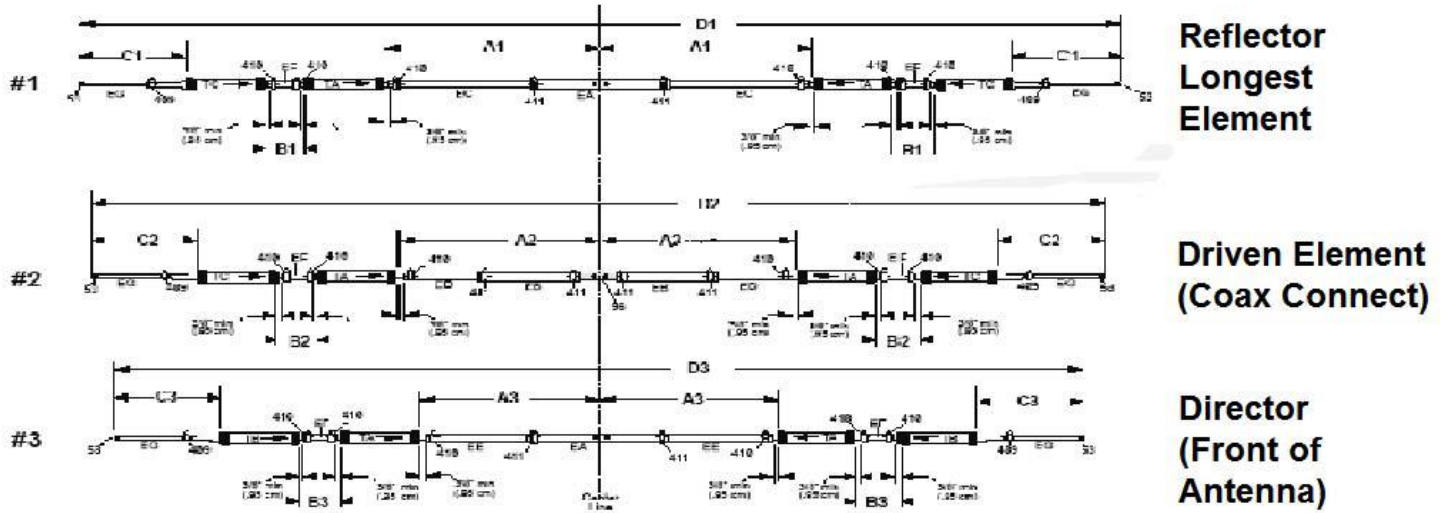
Items to put in your Field Day bag

JACKET	CAP/HAT	WORK GLOVES
PEN/PENCILS	NOTE PA	TOOLS
SPILLPROFF CUP	BATTERIES	HARD HAT (FOR ANTENNA WORK)
MEDICINE	BLANKET	CHANGE OF CLOTHES

Yaesu FT-990 HF CW/SSB



Cushcraft A3S 3-el Triband Yagi




**Magnetic Vehicle Signs
Banners**

JOSEPH LAI
autopill@gmail.com

950 Sampson Way 108 San Pedro, CA 90731

Attendance Drawing



The winner of the membership drawing in April was Richard - .KG6SFK and he was there.

The kitty will start over at \$15.00 in June

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

Kenwood TS-450SAT 160-10M CW/SSB



Kenwood TS-930



Icom IC-746



Place your order now

Club jackets, polo shirts, caps, and coffee mugs.



Club Jackets with a large logo on the back, small logo on the left front and your name and call on the right front.



Jacket \$50.00

Polo Shirts \$23.00

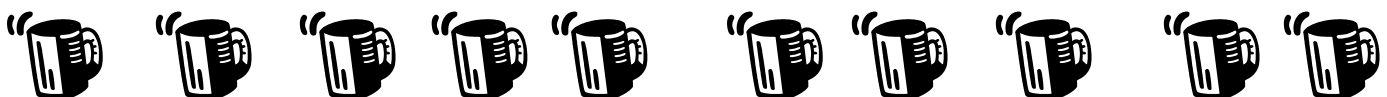
Cap \$12.00

Coffee Mug \$ 3.00

Total for all four items \$88.00 (includes tax).

Name	Callsign	Quantity	Size (CIRCLE)	Amount
JACKET			S M LG XLG XXLG	
POLO SHIRT			S M LG XLG XXLG	
CAP				
MUG				
TOTAL				\$
Telephone #		E-mail		

Make your checks payable to SBARC and give your order and check to Joe - WB6MYD.
 jlanphen@ca.rr.com or w6sba@arrl.net - 310-328-0817 or mail to
 South Bay Amateur Radio Club - Post Office Box 536 - Torrance, CA 90508-0536



CALENDAR

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

Club Meeting - 3rd Thursday of the month
June 21, 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, June 30, 2007
7:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

VE Session - June 9, 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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