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Dedicated to Amateur Radio Since 1970

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Torrance Memorial Medical Center ROOM "B"

WEST TOWER 2ND FLOOR

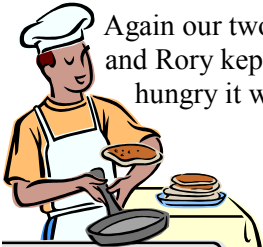
3330 W. Lomita Blvd., Torrance, CA 90505

On Medical Center Drive

with parking in the structure behind the WEST TOWER.

THURSDAY, July 17, 2008

**HONDA GENERATORS-FROM REDONDO MARINE HARDWARE
and
FLASHLIGHTS AND HARDCASES FOR YOUR LAPTOP FROM PELICAN**



Again our two Great Field Day Chefs Ed - KN6JN and Rob - KB6KMX with the help of their crew Blair, Max, and Rory kept the kitchen running and the food ready for breakfast, lunch, dinner, and snacks. If anyone went hungry it was their own fault.

**We all thank you
for the
GOOD EATS!!**



**GENERATORS, FLASHLIGHTS,
AND HARDCASES FOR SENSITIVE
EQUIPMENT.**

At our July meeting, Redondo Marine Hardware will be showing off the latest in Honda Generator technology. Also Pelican will have many of their almost indestructible cases and lights for your inspection.

As described in your June 2008 QST, Honda has a full line of modern portable power generators. They are compact and reliable. They provide inverter based power which has revolutionized the industry and made portable power better in every way for those who need to operate sensitive electronics in the field. Here are two links you might want to review along with the June 2008 QST article before attending the July 17, 2008 meeting: <http://www.arrl.org/files/qst-binaries/QS0608Kleinschmidt.pdf> and QST members only <http://www.arrl.org/members-only/prodrev/pdf/pr0211.pdf> The first article has a technical discussion of the inner workings of these generators.

If you are at all planning to purchase a generator

in the near future, Redondo Marine Hardware is our local premium dealer. They have the entire line of inverter generators in stock. It seems to me that rock solid low distortion 120 V 60 Hz AC with portability, low emissions, long run time and low noise would be on many of our wish lists. Pick up one and be ready for the next brown out, rolling black out, or disaster.

Keith Swenson from Pelican will be on hand to go over the Pelican product line. They are a go-to manufacturer of hard plastic cases for sensitive equipment. They also produce a full line of lighting products and flashlights. Both product lines include the military and police. See their web site at: www.pelican.com I use a pelican case to store a weeks worth of medicine and a spare pair of glasses in case of an emergency. Pelican is a local manufacturer right across the street from Torrance Memorial Medical Center.

Ed - KN6JN, Vice President

2008 NOTES FROM THE SECRETARY JOE-WB6MYD
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- HF Manager - Congratulations, Cliff - K6LH has been approved as our new HF Manager. If you have worked all states, Cliff is the one you want to see to verify the results. Congratulations Cliff.
- Field Day has come and gone. I am not sure about the number of contacts made throughout this weekend, impressive is the best way to describe it at this time. Band conditions sure did not help, however, CW had more contacts as of this Sunday morning which you would expect. More on the actual numbers later. Special thanks need to go to a few of our members. Our new members Matthew - KI6MNP and Bob - KI6MNK experienced Field Day for the first time and spent most of the time with us setting up as well as breaking down plus during the operations of the stations. Thank you so much. We also wish to thank both Rory and Max for helping with the cooking again. These are Ed - KN6JN's kids and a special thanks to Blair, Ed's wife who helped in so many ways. The food was out of this world. Thank you so much. I can go on, of course, but we all know that none of this would be possible without out Field Day Chairman Ed - KN6JN, Ray - WA6OWM, and Antenna captain Joy - KD6FJV, Network Captain Betty - N6VZF, and yes even myself for hauling, storing and maintaining all the equipment, Chuck - KN6H for the publicity and information set up including the interview by the City of Torrance Cable TV crew, and BOB - WA6KZF for the use of his faithful generator. And thank you to all the other unnamed members that worked so hard and did what was necessary to setup—work the event and then take it down and pack it up again. Alex - KD6LPA again supplied the computers thanks to Toyota. Thank you to Joy for the educational materials, John - AC6FBfor setting up the dipoles, and Kostek for the HF 1 tent camper.

Study now and prepare to take your test

VE SESSION – August 9, 2008 at 0900
Torrance Memorial Medical Center
Room “A” 2nd floor of the West Tower
parking behind the West Tower
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W6TRW Swap Meet Space Manager -

	CW		Digital		Phone	
	QSO	Power	QSO	Power	QSO	Power
160	0	150	0	150	0	150
80	0	150	0	150	75	150
40	318	150	0	150	27	150
20	42	150	0	150	99	150
15	0	150	0	150	8	150
10	0	150	0	150	1	150
6	0	150	0	150	39	150
2	0	150	0	150	35	150
1.25	0	150	0	150	6	150
70	0	150	0	150	2	150
33	0	150	0	150	0	150
23	0	150	0	150	0	150
GOTA	0	150	0	150	0	150
Total	388	CW	0	Dig	292	Phone

Station I (40-15-10M) = 424 QSOs (FT-990/Dipole-A3S Yagi)

Station II (80-20M) = 174 QSOs (TS-440SAT/Dipole-A3S Yagi)

Station III (6-2-1.25M, 70CM) = 82 QSOs

Thanks Alex and Ray for the logging totals.



MEMBERSHIP DRAWING

The winner of the members drawing was Marjorie - KG6HPR. Since Marjorie was not at the June meeting the kitty at the August meeting will be \$25.00. Attendance drawing is only for members in good standing, and you must be present at the meeting.

WILL YOU BE THERE?



Torrance Mayor Frank Scotto checking out the event. Ken doing the honors, John and Trent working the station.



all set to QSO and log



Torrance Cable interview with Betty and Kostac





Lots of parts to put together

2 dipole, 5 beams, and one vertical



food and more food



William checking directions on the snap together kit.



W6TRW SWAP MEET

Saturday, July 26, 2008

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

**2008 Swap Meet Chairperson needed
Please consider and volunteer**

There was no Swap Meet in June because of Field Day. Come join us in July and go to a late breakfast with Joe and other members at Denny's to complete the morning.

If you have anything to sell give Joe a call 310-328-0817.

Stopping by and support our spot at the TRW swap meet.

Two Amateur Radio Courses

FCC **“Technician”** course (entrée level)
 FCC **“General”** course (2nd level)

Each course is 2 sessions

The 2 sessions are on Sept 27 & Oct 11

Technician 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM both Saturdays
General 2:15 PM to 5:00 PM both Saturdays
 The FCC tests given on Oct 18 from 10 AM to noon

The location is 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 (thru 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 walt.ordway@yahoo.com



Todd - KF6SRW and new member
 Bob - KI6MNK



Chuck and grandson Christopher
 making contacts.



Chuck and new member
 Matt working VHU/UHF



Tool shed
 all the supplies and tools
 you need. Thanks Joy

human power
 at work





Young and old, new to amateur radio, and friends all sharing the experience of Field Day on the West Parking structure of Torrance Memorial Medical Center.



From the President,

I want to extend my congratulations to each of you for another successful Field Day! We had a lot of positives this time around, including a best ever number of guests coming to check out our operation! Another first was media coverage from the

Torrance City Cable (thank you Chuck Lobb), and if that wasn't enough, a visit from the mayor of Torrance, Frank Scotto (thank you Ken Carr).

Part of the emphasis in the ARRL Field Day instructions was to reach out to the community, especially the younger generation. I was very pleased to see a strong presence of kids this year. They were operating radios, riding the bike which powers light bulbs, and experimenting with the electronic snap-together circuits (provided by Joy Matlack and Rich Whited -- thank you!!!).

We did an excellent job in this area, and need to continue our efforts in this area. Attracting more youth into amateur radio is a high priority for the hobby as well as our club, and I can't emphasize enough about the important of outreach. Keep up the good work.

Now, as most of know, putting up those antennas is hard work, and it's easy to work up a healthy appetite. This year's food was no disappointment. Our chef (Rob Lefton) along with our club VP (Ed Hinz) did a great job cooking and feeding us with that delicious red Meat cooked just right! When both the lunch and dinner bell rang, the picnic tables were quickly packed -- a testament to how good the food actually was, as well as the cooks we're so lucky to have.

Before I venture too far, got to thank everyone who came Friday night to help with the antenna preliminary

setup, as well as Joy -- who offered to take the lead of Antenna captain relatively late in the game, despite family difficulties. Ray also played a key part in helping diagnose issues with the antenna stubs. Rich also helped in this area by experimenting with his own Gap Titan attached to the back of his pickup truck. His Antenna allowed us to compare signal strengths and identify some configuration issues against our main antennas.

Okay Alex, what about the points? The points!!! Well, at the time of this writing, it looks like we have 1,000+ points from QSO's, and another 600-1000 bonus points coming for some of the "extra credit" assignments! We'll have to wait for official confirmation before we release the final numbers. Special thanks to our CW kings (Ray Grace) and (Jim Feldman) for working through the night cranking out those digital contacts! Way to go guys! Remember CW contacts count twice as much as regular phone QSO's. Personally, I think they deserve more than 2 points for each contact. They're sending and receiving morse code so fast, I barely have time to blink. It's absolutely amazing to watch them in action!

Last, but certainly not least, I want to thank our computer logging captain (Betty Barch) for setting up the logging software, overseeing the network setup/teardown, as well as ensuring our precious computer log gets backed up! Special thanks also to Bob Avakian for letting us use his generator for emergency power.

Thank you all for a job well done! Each of you gave of yourself to make this year's Field Day the success it was. This is the essence of teamwork and the potential we have when we work together towards a common goal. You guys (and gals) rock! Until next time,

Alex



**THURSDAY NIGHT NET.
GET OUT YOUR 220 HT
OR ON YOUR HOME BASE
CHECK IN AT 1900 HOURS.**

South Bay Amateur Radio Club Net

224.38 MHz ·PL - 192.8 Hz Offset 1.6 MHz

Field Day really showed how our members work together to get a job done. Everyone pitching in makes the event so smooth and fun for all.

Keep your skills sharp and your equipment ready. In a real disaster this is how we would all pull together to help our community

CALENDAR

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

Club Meeting - JULY 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, JULY 26, 2008
7:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

VE Session - AUGUST 9, 2008 at 0900
WEST TOWER ROOM "A"
2ND FLOOR

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