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Hello W6SBA,

It's hard to believe 2013 is drawing to a close. The year passed by quickly but I feel we accomplished a lot as a club. Earlier in the year, Ray Wolfbrandt volunteered his hanger at Torrance Airport so club members could build custom 2m and 220mhz antennas. This event was a huge success! We also had several club BBQ's and worked DX with the club's newly purchased FT-450 radio and portable Buddipole antenna!

I also want to thank Jerry Cook – KJ6JJ for being the catalyst to bring Echolink connectivity to our club repeater. His positive can-do attitude and determination turned this dream into reality. Many club members have used the system to call into the repeater from around the world (including China, Korea, several European countries). I think his effort epitomizes what ham radio is all about – the spirit of giving and helping others.

We also did our normal activities, including Armed Forces Day, Field Day, as well as the recent JOTA activity at the Cabrillo Scout Center.

In short, I'm very proud of our club and its accomplishments this year – and am already looking forward to 2014! I wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Until next time, this is Alex saying 73!



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HOLIDAY PARTY

Thursday, December 19th
7:00 p.m.

Torrance Memorial Medical Center
West Tower, 2nd Floor Auditorium

A-G: Please bring a **SIDE DISH**
H-P: Please bring a **DESERT**
Q-Z: Please bring a **SALAD**



Your cooperation and participation is greatly appreciated. Holiday Party: December 19, 2013 in the Health Conference Center. **Please RSVP to Joe-WB6MYD with a number including guests** joining you at this end of the year; Installation of new officers, Door prizes and Thank you Pot luck extravaganza for South Bay ARC members and guest.



Please bring a poinsettia to our holiday party. While we enjoy them during our meal on each table, afterwards we take them to the Volunteer Office for distribution to the various Nurses Stations in the hospital. This is one way we can thank the hospital folks for the wonderful room

for our meetings during the year. Please thank about this and keep in mind that perhaps the best way to go is with the artificial poinsettia plant.



**Bring Your
Appetite Too!**

Santa Claus is Coming!



For the 8th consecutive year, the 3.916 Nets will be giving good boys and girls a chance to talk to Santa Claus via the magic of ham radio. The '3916 Santa Nets' will be held on 15 different evenings starting Friday, November 29

through Christmas Eve, December 24th. The Santa Nets are open to all licensed amateur radio operators who wish to invite kids to their shack to talk to Santa. Third party rules will apply.

Pete Thomson (KE5GGY), commented on The 3916 Santa Nets. He said, "Christmas is our favorite time of year on The 3916 Nets. Each year on the Santa Nets we are blown away by the response. It's incredible to hear the excitement in kids' voices as they talk to Santa Claus on Ham Radio. Once again this year we'll be having 15 different Santa Nets on 3.916 MHz. This should give everyone a chance to get involved." Thomson added that The Santa Nets are a great way to let kids experience both the magic of Christmas and amateur radio. He said, "We encourage hams to get their kids, grand kids and even neighbor kids into their shacks to participate in the Santa Net. The kids love talking to Santa and we get an opportunity to show a young person how amateur radio works."

Each evening, The 3916 Santa Net will start at 8:30 PM (Central) on 3.916 MHz. Pre-net check-ins will be taken on the air starting at 8:15 PM. You can also do a pre-net check in by emailing ke5ggy@gmail.com.

2013 Santa Nets Schedule

On 3.916 Mhz. Net Starts at 8:30 PM (Central)

Wednesday, December 11
Friday, December 13
Tuesday, December 17
Thursday, December 19
Friday, December 20
Saturday, December 21
Sunday, December 22
Monday, December 23
Tuesday, December 24

For more information on The 3916 Nets or The Santa Net, contact Pete Thomson, KE5GGY at ke5ggy@gmail.com.

Neat way to expose kids to Amateur radio with a holiday twist.

Glenda, KF6QFE

WORTH CHECKING OUT

Here's a couple of neat videos to watch via the computer. Take a moment of your time and use the addresses below to view these interesting videos.

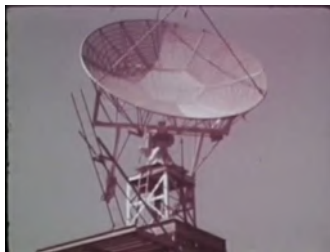
NEW VIDEO TOUTS AMATEUR RADIO



We can all stand to be reminded about our history as to what it means to be in Amateur Radio.

<http://www.kb6nu.com/new-video-touts-amateur-radio/>.

A VISIT TO MARS (1970)



Presents a look at the Military Affiliate Radio System, its history, its operations, and its part in our world-wide-network of communications.

<https://archive.org/details/gov.dod.dimoc.30256>

You will be surprised by the message it is trying to give us all. I assure you, you will not be disappointed.

They both are perhaps a little long, about 30 minutes each. While you might think this to be old hat it will do each and every one of us to stop and think about the message we should take to heart from both video's. Thanks Doug and Patrick.

Thank you so much
Joe, WB6MYD

An Amateur Radio Christmas

A nostalgic look at the amateur radio operator's Christmas Holidays. Keys pictured are courtesy of Morse Express

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EcAfKYxGNCo&noredirect=1>

Just a little something I came across. Thought this was a nice addition for this section and issue. Enjoy!

Glenda, KF6QFE





Patrick, K6PDG, asks: *What is our club's relationship to the ARRL, its administrative parts, and to the Los Angeles Area Council.*

This is an excellent question. Founded in 1914 by Hiram Percy Maxim, the ARRL (American Radio Relay League) is the national association for amateur radio in the US. Today, with more than 161,000 members, the ARRL is the largest organization of radio amateurs in the world. The ARRL's mission is based on five pillars: Public Service, Advocacy, Education, Technology, and Membership.

We, the South Bay Amateur Radio Club, are an affiliated ARRL club. To be so, at least 51% of our members must be full or associate members of the ARRL, at least 51% must be licensed radio amateurs, and we must have a club constitution. We are also a "Special Service Club". To attain this status the club must put an emphasis on public service projects and on service to the amateur community. Our work at the Torrance Armed Forces Day Parade, for the Boy Scouts JOTA event, our VE sessions, and other activities qualify us for this designation. To retain our affiliations with the ARRL we must submit an Annual Report to them each year delineating our activities for the year.

So what do we get out of this? Our benefits include the following:

- Club Liability and Equipment Insurance: We are eligible for reduced rate liability and equipment insurance coverage. We have the liability insurance and are considering equipment insurance.
- ARRL e-Mail Forwarding Service: We can get a W6SBA@arrl.org e-mail address. We have our own W6SBA.org
- Annual Report: We can get a complimentary copy of the ARRL Annual Report which contains the business reports of the staff and Directors.
- Referrals Of Prospective Radio Amateurs: The ARRL sends us lists of newly licensed amateurs in our area for recruitment purposes.
- Club Gavel Competition: We can compete in special club competitions as part of some of the ARRL's annual contests.
- 50% Discount on Club Ads in QST: We can purchase advertising in QST at one half the usual rate.
- Assistance with a convention: We receive assistance and advertising for our Hamcon which is put on by the LA Area Council.
- Special Service Clubs: In addition to other benefits, Special Service Clubs receive special recognition in QST and may appoint local Awards Managers. Awards Managers can check applications for awards such as Worked All States (WAS)
- Club Call Signs: The ARRL will assist in obtaining a club call sign.
- Tips For Preserving Your Club's History: The ARRL will provide help to preserve our club's history.

The ARRL itself gives direct responsibility to set ARRL policy to an elected Board of Directors. Fifteen Directors are elected on a regional basis, one per ARRL Division, to serve three year terms. Each director's area of responsibility is called a "Division". Ours is the Southwestern Division which consists of Arizona and the southern part of California.

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Divisions in term are divided up into “Sections” led by a “Section Manager”. We are in the Los Angeles Section (LAX). If we as ARRL members or as an affiliated club have a problem we can appeal to our section manager David Greenhut, N6HD for help. If the problem affects our Division or the ARRL as a whole or if we need to escalate our request for help, we can appeal to our Division Director, Richard Norton, N6AA.

The LAACARC (Los Angeles Area Council of Amateur Radio Clubs) is a nonprofit amateur radio organization, composed of delegates/representatives from amateur radio clubs within the Los Angeles County area of Southern California. It is a central source for information regarding amateur radio in the LAX area and is a unified voice for amateur radio clubs when we communicate with ARRL representatives. It assists amateur radio clubs by sharing ideas for membership drives, news about upcoming events (e.g. races, fairs, and Hamcons), and to assist clubs with club speakers.

The final organization that affects us is Hamcon. HAMCON Incorporation is an Amateur Radio organization formed several years ago to coordinate amateur radio conventions in the Los Angeles County area and is sanctioned in by the ARRL Southwestern Division. This (ARRL-S.W.D.) Convention HAMCON is held every four years. When the convention is held in Los Angeles, it is organized by a consortium of area clubs under the leadership of Hamcon. The participating clubs share in the organizing costs, staffing, and in the profits, if any, from the convention. The SBARC takes part in this activity and our tasks have included hosting the convention’s radio station as well as others, depending on need

Answered by Alan, KG6ZPL, James, KI6UPL, and Ray, WA6OWM

Please send questions to Alan Parks, thermic72@sbcglobal.net

Estate Sale Items Still Available

Last month we listed 3 items from the estate sale. 1 Item was picked up and the 2 others are still available. This time we can also add the other items for you. So please check it out and let us know if you're interested before the December 28th swap meet. **All items are as is.**

1. Kenwood TS-130 (no microphone, no manual) Average price was \$280.
2. Ten Tec Scout 555 with all the modules (80m, 40m, 20m, 17m, 15m) and microphone. Average price \$225.00
3. Ten Tec model 1340. Average price \$99.00. Ten Tec model 1254 shortwave receiver, Average price \$378.00
4. MFJ Versa Tuner 111, 1.5KW antenna tuner. Model MFJ 962C. Average price \$120.00
5. MFJ Deluxe Versa Tuner II, Model MFJ-949E. Average price \$100.00
6. MFJ Deluxe Electronic keyer II Model MFJ-408. Average price \$45.00
7. Kenwood TH-215A VHF FM Transceiver HT (no charger). Average price \$25.00.
8. Vibroplex Bug No 65321.
9. Vibroplex Bug No 186844.
10. No name bug. Average price \$ 62.00
11. No name 500W amplifier, No cover, Looks intact. Average price \$?

Please let me know before the December 28th swap meet. SBARC members have first choice, 2nd swap meet and 3rd we are willing to put it on Ebay.

Joe—WB6MYD



From The Secretary

JOE-WB6MYD

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1. **Attendance drawing:** We had a lucky winner once again except for the fact Robert-N6QA was not present to collect his kitty from the Nov. meeting. There will be no attendance drawing in December so our kitty starting in January 2014 will be for 25 dollars.
2. **Question of the month:** Remember our question for our November meeting was "Where would you like us to meet for our monthly Social luncheon?". This was discussed at length with our membership present. Both Billy's and BJ's and others had been talked about with the majority wanting to return to Billy's. When this was checked into further we found that December is a very peculiar month for restaurants. Too many people are popping back and forth during the busy season and so we could not get a reservation for Saturday December 14th. We are going back to **Hoff's Hut** in Torrance. So our Question of the month for December 2013 is "**Do we Continue our W6SBA Century Club Contest?**" Think about this will you. The purpose was and is to create activity on the repeater and get members really radioactive. Well this has not worked as well as we had hoped, only 3 members have turned in their log to be considered in this contest. We know more of you have participated, 2676 contacts have been made on the Thursday night nets. Yes some of those were 5 points per contact on Thursday nights but this should be a whole lot better. Questions which come to mind are is this too long? Too much paper work involved? or how would you want us to do it? and we can go on and on but what is it you would want us to do? So we are going to pop this question at our holiday party (as far as I am concerned at least).
3. **Holiday Party:** As we know our annual Holiday party will be held on December 19, 2013 in the **Auditorium in the West Tower , 2nd Floor**. This is a potluck affair with the club providing the Ham and turkey, drinks and all your plates, napkins etc. You are asked to provide a dish based on the first letter in your last name. You are encouraged to provide your dish for about 5 people and can be for your family as well as friends which you may invite. Remember this is you social event of the year. We are grateful for your commitment to the SBARC and wish as we've done in the past enjoy your family and friends as well at 7:00pm. We also have the installation of new officers for the year 2014, awards being presented and guess what the final tally of the W6SBA Century Contest. Help us celebrate another successful year for the South Bay ARC.

4. **Happy Holidays:** We wish you and yours a very **Merry Christmas and a Happy and blessed New Year**. It is always such a pleasure to be privileged to wish all of our dear members and friends this every year. We are all getting on in years and I am very happy to do this. We made it another year and hope to do this for at least another year or many more in good health and happiness. We've had our losses this year and for that we wish the families all the very best in bearing this loss. Those of us continuing may you enjoy these later years and be happy with your good health and happiness and enjoy your good fortune.



5. **New members for 2013:** We've had the privilege to welcome 5 new members into the South Bay ARC this year. Patrick-K6PDG, Brian-KK6BDF, Tom-KG6SFR, Bob-W6QAM and Heidi-KJ6TLM we thank you for joining us. I hope we are making you feel welcome into the SBARC Family. Please feel free to ask for assistance and or guidance on any of the officers and or members. All our other members wish to provide you with support as well and wish getting to know you and provide you with the guidance you might need to enjoy our hobby as much as all of us do. Thank you again.

FREE TRANCEIVERS TO A GOOD HOME

The club has acquired two transceivers which we want to give away. The first is an all mode 250 watt HF transceiver, a Kenwood TS930S. The power supply is built in but it does not come with an antenna tuner. The second is a Kenwood TR 9130 2 M transceiver. It is a mobile unit, not an HT. It comes with an external power supply for home use. If you are interested in these contact Alan Parks at thermic72@sbcglobal.net. I will also take phone calls at 310-558-8718 but prefer that you e-mail. To be eligible to get one of these you must describe how they will be used, proposed antennas, etc. We want them to be used, not put into a closet or sold on E-Bay.



CALENDAR

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

Club Meeting - 3rd Thursday of the month
December 19, 2013 - 7:30 p.m.
Torrance Memorial Med Center
West Tower, 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,
December 28, 2013, 7-11 a.m.

VE Session - Contact: Joe WB6MYD
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Answers to Mr. Wave's face on page 5: Eyes = Amplitude modulation;
Mouth = Frequency modulation

CLUB SERVICES

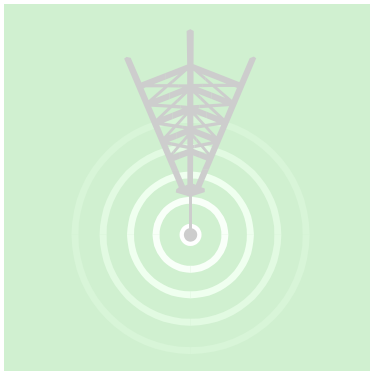
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224.38 MHz · PL - 192.8 Hz Offset -1.6 MHz
(See Calendar for Weekly Net Times)

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