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The Prez Sez:

Wow! What a great planning session we had at the Country Garden Restaurant today. We worked and ate our way through three plus hours of some excellent discussions on what GTARC could or should do as a club, what our priorities should be and how to implement the ideas/projects that made it to the top of the list. My thanks to all the great folks who took time out of their busy schedules to work on making GTARC a top notch organization.

IN ATTENDANCE WERE: Alan Cook, George Deveaux, Jeffry Doll, Mark Drake, Brent and Helen Foster, Dave Jones, Karl Gronbach, Ed Sherman, Bill Smith, and Jack Watkin.

After several hours of discussion we were able to identify three specific club goals for this year.

1. To involve GTARC as a club and our members as a whole in public service as emergency radio communicators.
2. To develop a program of social and technical events.
3. To create an ongoing educational and training program for ourselves as well as the non-ham community.

These goals will stay the same throughout the year. What will change about every three months are the individual programs and events that drive these goals forward. Our challenge was to have an action plan that prioritized the events and programs that we wanted to move forward over the next few months. Below is an outline of our action plan.

Action Plan (What, When, Who)

1. Public Service
 - a. GTARC joins Citizens Corps (end of April, Alan Cook)
 - b. Begin training programs, ARRL, SATERN, etc. (Bill Smith)
 - c. Encourage GTARC members to obtain SATERN memberships (Bill Smith)
2. Social/Technical Activities
 - a. Field Day information and training (May/June, Jack Watkin, Norb Dean, Brent Foster)
 - b. Citizens Corp and SATERN presentations with food (May, Alan Cook and Bill Smith)
 - c. Club picnic, possibly Pala Park (July/August, Mark Drake and Alan Cook)
3. Education/Training
 - a. Demo's of mobile/portable

- HF and VHF/UHF during picnic (TBD)
- b. Group code and/or upgrade courses (Jack Watkin?)
 - c. Technical presentation on PSK31, HF, Foxhunt, Geo Cashing, etc. (TBD)

It was also agreed that every event or activity should be looked at as an opportunity for increasing our membership and exposure to the community. In addition, nearly all of the events and activities we are working on will take place outside of our normal Thursday lunches and monthly meetings.

Below is a list of the ideas and topics that were on the table today.

1. Public Service Involvement by GTARC as a club
2. Business/Organization Operating Changes
 - a. Newsletter charges
 - b. meal charge on Field Day
 - c. If changes are made they should be published in the newsletter. [Board Meeting] Minutes read at monthly meetings and input solicited from members
3. Club Station
 - a. Remote station (secure location). Internet access preferable
4. Contest Weekends
5. Demonstrations
 - a. Club members, Public and High School (Have newspaper publicity as appropriate)
6. Yearly Picnic with outside clubs invited
7. Regular monthly breakfast so more people can attend
8. Set up repeater for voice announcement of all upcoming events. Other announcements could be broadcast. See

- if we can link our repeater with the Lake Elsinore for wider local coverage
9. Steering committee to follow through on all suggestions that the club is interested in
 10. Need additional fund raising to have additional events to increase interest and participation
 11. Increasing Publicity (Help for Judy)
 - a. New member packet
 - b. New flyer
 12. Education to assist with learning about HAM radio. Demonstration of different activities (I.e., microwave, moon bounce, HF, VHF, antennas, etc.)
 13. T-Hunts (Draw in the younger kids— Offer prizes)
 14. Monthly meeting drawing (Book on HAM radio, etc.)
 15. Increase membership

We have created a very ambitious action plan for the club and we are looking forward to your support as club members to make it happen. The first thing we can do as members is to make sure that we attend club activities. We could also use your help in planning events, etc. Remember, this is your club and it's up to you where we go from here.

73, Alan Cook/KG6TGF

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IN THE TRIANGULATOR FIVE YEARS AGO

Two field trips were announced, one for April to a local Hemet radio station and one for May to the Naval Surface Warfare Center in Norco. In addition it was revealed that Field Day would be held at the NEW Fire Station #28 in Sage.

IN THE TRIANGULATOR TEN YEARS AGO

Three neat articles from members Norb Dean, Bob Sherman, and Harm Wijma concerning DX from Japan, Nostalgic reminisces, and exciting satellite communications, respectively.

ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS

Please contact the Editor if you come upon information that is new or incorrect of interest to the membership. You are all eyes and ears of the Triangulator, so please pass on anything you feel is of interest to: nu6e@arrl.net. Thank you.

ITEMS FOR SALE

Kenwood TM-742A Tri-band UHF/VHF Transceiver. FM operation on 144, 220, & 440 MHz. 100 memories on each band.

Yaesu FT-990 HF Transceiver with SSB and CW filters installed. It was checked at Yeasu a few weeks ago for updates and proper operation.

Both radios are in perfect operating condition and like new appearance.

Please contact Brent Foster/WA6BFW at 951-600-9950 or wa6bfw@arrl.net

IECARO NEWS

Bill Smith/KG6HKJ reminds us that he has IECARO Raffle Tickets now for sale. He says, "Anyone wanting tickets can purchase them from him, and he'll deliver them to your door if you CAN'T be present at any of the club activities." Prices are \$1.00 each, \$5.00 for 6, \$10.00 for 13, and \$20.00 for 27.

Contact Bill at 951-678-9120 or smith5365@comcast.net.



IECARO RAFFLE

First Prize . . . \$1,100.
ICOM IC706MKIIG
Transceiver
 160MHz to 6M, 100W + 2M, 50W + 440MHz, 20W
 —plus—
 LDG Electronics Z-100 Auto Tuner

Second Prize . . \$260.
MFJ 259B
Antenna Analyzer
 1800 KHz to 170 MHz

Estimates on the operation will be provided by IECARO. An invoice for charge will be issued. Tickets are offered for sale only to the members of IECARO. Member participation and all proceeds are used exclusively for purchase of prizes complete membership for the next raffle.

Drawings for raffle will be held on the 2006 IECARO Meeting for Registration on Thursday 4/20/06. All prizes will be delivered to the winner's address for presentation at a raffle ticket meeting.

\$1 each, 6/\$5, 13/\$10, 27/\$20

SATERN NEWS

Bill Smith/KG6HKJ reminds us that SATERN is accepting new members who are interested in public service opportunities. [This is also a priority item in the 2006 Club Plan. ED]

Minutes of GTARC Board Meeting April 4, 2006

Meeting called to order at 19:15 by President Alan Cook

Board members present: 1st V.P. Bill Smith, 2nd V.P. Ed Sherman, Treasurer Karl Gronbach, and Directors Jack Watkin and Dave Jones.

Absent Board members: Secretary Chris Patterson and Director Mark Drake.

Minutes: Reading, amendment, and approval of March minutes to be held over until next meeting of the Board.

Treasurer's Report: Karl Gronbach submitted current treasurer's report. Approved by board. Karl asked that one of the officers contact newspaper editor day after Board meeting to confirm that report was approved. This is so membership has current report published. 1st V.P. Bill Smith volunteered to do this.

Correspondence: None

Committee Reports: RACES: No report.

IECARO: Bill Smith discussed raffle ticket sales and prizes to be awarded at close of fundraiser. He also brought and distributed an IECARO Member Data Base publication showing the position and responsibility of the Officers and Committee Heads of all member clubs. This is designed as a networking tool between clubs to help each other (position counterparts) resolve issues.

VE Team: No report.

Programs: Ed Sherman [noted that] programs with a little diversity seems to bring out more spouses and guests. Aim is not to get off ham radio topics, although occasional related subjects may be introduced.

Publicity: Alan Cook for Judy Dean. Judy is notifying news media of meetings and upcoming events.

Repeater: Alan Cook for Dave Donnelly. Possibility for HF repeater was discussed and research into feasibility to be carried forth.

Website: Alan Cook. Situation where updates to website not updated now resolved.

Newsletter: Karl Gronbach for Chuck Neumann. Send minutes and all other items to be published in a timely manner so Triangulator can be published on time.

Net Activity: No report.

Old Business: Still need a volunteer to fill board vacancy.

New Business: GTARC Planning session. April 8 Forum. Attendance is urged and input requested.

A motion was introduced to fund Judy Dean's care and condolence program known to the Board as "Flowers and Cards". It was seconded and approved with the reservation that funds for this program, not ham related, must come from donations and not the general fund. It was also noted what a great

job Judy is doing in the social aspect of the club.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned 21:45 by Alan Cook, President. Next meeting 19:00 May 2, 2006.

Minutes prepared by Karl Gronbach, Treasurer

Last Meeting Happenings

Bob Glass/KE6YWS described the training and use of Bloodhounds for finding lost people or escaped criminals and brought two trained hounds with him! These were extremely well mannered and were quite disinterested in the proceedings until Bob displayed their "working harnesses". Then they both jumped up and were ready to go. It was an interesting presentation and the dogs were great! Thanks, Bob.

Progressive Drawing

Bill Smith/KG6HKJ was drawn for the \$10 prize, and he gave it to the Club treasury. Thank you, Bill! Next month the prize will again be \$5.

50-50 Drawing

Judy Dean/NB6J was drawn and she received \$21. Good going, Judy!

VE Testing

Chris Patterson/KQ1Z and Frank McCallum/AE6Q will host a VE testing opportunity on April 22nd 2006, from 9:00 AM until 12:00 Noon at the Salvation Army Facility, 40270 Los

Alamos Road, Murrieta.

Walk-in candidates are welcome. Applicants should bring photo identification; current license plus a photo copy if upgrading; supporting documents if seeking credit for any element or proof of any previous license class held; and a check for \$14 made payable to ARRL/VEC.

For information, call Chris at 294-0630 or Frank at 678-7756.

Future GTARC Meeting Presentations (19:30)

The guest speaker for April is Paul Dorey/WN6K.

He is a licensed amateur for 30 years, highly interested in DXing and contesting. He has participated in more than 77 contests in the last 2 years and tutors other amateur radio operators.

His presentation describes his 2 week trip to Panama in 2005. While tutoring a Panamanian ham radio operator in the art of contesting, Paul decided that it might be interesting to visit the country and operate from a different part of the world. Paul will share details of his "field day style" radio experience that turned out to be a unique and entertaining adventure. For additional information, call Ed Sherman/K6ERS at 1-800-596-0615.

HELP!

Our Club Historian, Lenita Arnold, asks if anyone has any articles, pictures (such as Field Day, or any other items

involving GTARC members that could be included in the History Scrap Book for 2005? Please call Lenita at 951-304-7321.

Thursday Luncheon Locations

April 13: Daphne's Greek Café, Tem. Mall near Edward's Theaters, Tem.

April 20: Valentino's, Winchester and Murrieta Hot springs Roads. In Albertson Center, Murrieta

April 30: European Deli, Mercedes Rd. in Old Town Temecula

May 4: Black Angus in Tower Shopping Center, 27735 Ynez Rd.

May 11: Home Town Buffet on Margarita Road east of Lowe's

May 18: Roadhouse Grill, Mall area on Ynez near Winchester Road

May 25: Mekong River, back is on Margarita Road, east of the Original Pancake House

HOT CLUB NEWS

Don't forget, January 1, 2006 is the time for GTARC Membership Renewal! Individual membership is \$25, Family member (licensed or unlicensed) is \$9, and Associate member (unlicensed) is \$9.

Please send your dues to the Club address on the Masthead. Thank you!

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2006 Treasurer's Report

Balance (2/1/06)	\$5459.77
INCOME	
50/50 Drawing	21.00
Donation	10.00
Interest	2.60
Member Dues	50.00
ARRL Renewal	4.00
Sub Total	\$87.60
EXPENSES	
Triangulator, Stamps & Printing	56.25
Door Prize Drawing	10.00
Sub Total	\$66.25
Balance (2/28b/06)	\$5481.12
Dedicated Funds in above	\$2230.36
Net Spend able Funds	\$3250.76

G.T.A.R.C. INFORMATION SHEET**LOCAL REPEATER INFORMATION**

Repeater Frequency: **146.805 PL 100.0 Call Sign: W6GTR**

Simplex Frequencies: **146.550 and 446.000**

Nation-Wide FM Simplex: **50.525, 146.520, 223.500, and 446.000**

Repeater Trustee: **Dave Donnelly/KF6XA**

Emergencies: **Please make a general call on 146.805 for assistance.**

The Fallbrook ARC repeater operates on the following frequencies:

146.175 (+600) PL 107.2 Red Mountain

146.175 (+600) PL 103.5 Fire Station

445.600 (-5000) PL 107.2 Red Mountain

The Temecula Fire Station #84 repeater operates on **445.300 (-5000) PL 127**

G.T.A.R.C. MEETING DATES/TIMES & NET FREQUENCIES

G.T.A.R.C. MONTHLY MEETING FOURTH MONDAY OF EACH MONTH 7:00 pm (Social),
7:30 PM (Meeting) at Rancho California Water District, 42135 Winchester
Rd., Temecula

G.T.A.R.C. BOARD MEETING FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH 7:00 PM (Rancho Springs Medical
Center Executive Board Room, 25500 Medical Center Dr., Murrieta)
[Members are always welcome to participate]

G.T.A.R.C. WEEKLY LUNCHEON EVERY THURSDAY 11:30 AM (See Future Luncheon Locations for Venue)

G.T.A.R.C. VHF NET EVERY THURSDAY 7:30 PM ON 146.805 MHz (Repeater Output)

G.T.A.R.C 10 METER NET EVERY WEDNESDAY 8:00 PM ON 28.360 MHz (+/- QRM)

G.T.A.R.C. ANNUAL DUES

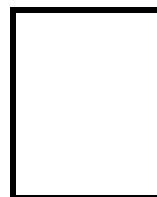
\$25.00 per year (January through December) for the first regular membership; **\$9.00** for each additional member residing at the same address. **\$9.00** per year for "Associate" membership (non-Ham). Dues after July 1st are prorated (\$12.50/\$4.50).

ARRL MEMBERSHIP DUES

The Board of Directors of GTARC encourages membership in ARRL. If you are not currently a member (or have allowed your membership to lapse for two or more years) and want to rejoin through the Club, GTARC will receive \$15.00 of your first year's dues and \$2.00 of renewals, but the cost to you is the same and you will receive all the privileges of ARRL membership. Please discuss your situation with the Club Treasurer or the Club ARRL Representative for additional details.

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