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THE TRIANGULATOR

The Prez Sez:

HAPPY NEW YEAR! I hope everyone is ready for the new year and for an eventful one as we look forward to activities for our Club. My first concern is that I can do as well as Alan has done this past year. It certainly helps that Alan continues on the Board. He and I have switched sides of the table and continue to be able to exchange ideas which helps the continuity of projects we have underway. Also, any of you that understand how members of the Board seat themselves about the table (or in any other political chamber, too) can appreciate the humor underlying the swap of positions at the table that Alan and I have taken. But on to points of interest that I want you all to be aware of.

As pointed out in the December issue of the Triangulator, we ended up with 10 members on the GTARC's Board of Directors. It was the first subject discussed at the Board meeting on Tuesday, January 2nd. One Board member, Chris Patterson, still needs to be away because of his work requirements and Chris was asked if he would like to be relieved of duty. He so agreed; and the Board proceeded via e-mail within sev-

eral days after the Board meeting to Move, 2nd, and vote to accept Chris' resignation. Therefore, we are back to the required 9 members on the Board per the Club Bylaws. Chris should only be away over the next several months, and has assured the Board that he will be available after that period of time if needed. That offer of his gives me another reason to look forward to this year with optimism. It's been some period of time since the Club could not only have a full Board, but also have members willing to serve in the event a member of the Board would need to leave. That speaks highly of our club during a time when not only our Club, but a number of others in our region are experiencing problems with declining interest and membership. Good for our group!

Most of our members should be aware by now that the requirements for Ham Licenses have been changed to eliminate the Morse Code requirement. Regardless of sentiments about the FCC doing so, we need to look forward to the possibilities of bringing new members into the Club. I, for one, have reminded my wife that she no longer has an excuse for not getting licensed.

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One point about the changes being instituted by the new FCC ruling is the change in the band plan for Amateur Radio. You can read the FCC ruling (courtesy of Frank McCallum/AE6Q) at their website: http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/DOC-269012A1.pdf.

Probably the most important item for us is the new band plan which can be seen starting at the ARRL website: <http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/regulations/bandplan.html>.

Please take time to view the plan, and print them out, if like me you think they may affect you operating habits.

And coupled with the changes [in rules] are changes to the test exam question pool. The VE Team will have an update on that subject in the next Triangulator.

A general announcement and request for the membership has to do with the resignation of Allen Fletcher/AE6QN as a delegate to the IECARO meetings. Allen has assumed the duties of president of the Sun City [Amateur Radio] Club and will function also as their representative to IECARO. Therefore I would like to ask for a volunteer from the membership to replace Allen and attend the IECARO meetings along with me. And speaking of IECARO, for those who may have missed prior announcements, the drawing for the IECARO Raffle will be held on January 13th. Those of us who bought tickets can now begin to hold our breath. After the meeting, I'll work with Chuck to get the word out via e-mail so we can learn

who won. The winner, of course will learn within minutes after the drawing.

So, again, HAPPY NEW YEAR, and I look forward to being of service to GTARC. Bill Smith/KG6HKJ, President

Minutes of Board Meeting November 7, 2006

Call to Order: 7:07 by Alan Cook
Members present: Alan Cook, Bill Smith, Karl Gronbach, Dave Jones, Jack Watkin, Trace Willette, and Mike Risser.

Members Absent: Chris Patterson, Ed Sherman, and Mark Drake.

Minutes: November minutes read and approved using E-mail before 10 December, 2006.

Treasurer's Report: November Report read and approved.

Correspondence: Board renewed Club web server site with \$50 donation. Letter from Don Snyder/WB6QMN's daughter read to Board.

Letter from Dave Donnelly/KF6XA was read to Board; Alan Cook will follow up.

Committee Reports:

RACES: no report.

IECARO: Raffle tickets no longer available. Drawing January 13, 2007.

VE Team: Jack Watkin/WA6DAI announced he would pursue getting a team together.

Publicity: No report.

Repeater: The back-up battery was replaced after being down preceding week.

Website: Mike Risser/KG6ECW was introduced as new Club website manager.

Newsletter: No report.

Net Activity: No report.

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CLUB NEWS ITEMS

Future GTARC Meeting Presentations

Bill Harkins will again join us to present a preview of the new Microsoft VISTA Operating System.

Windows Vista is Microsoft's new operating system that will be available to the public on January 30th, 2007. Vista has been development since XP came out six years ago. Bill Harkins will give an overview of some of the interesting visual features of the program and demonstrate them. In addition, there are factors of what computers can best run Vista as well as variations of the program to be mentioned.

Bill's credentials include: Member of the Temecula Computer User's Group, of the Fallbrook PC User's Group, and of the Tri-cities Computer Club.

You may recall that Bill has given a number of interesting presentations of photography using a variety of computer programs to provide visual as well as audio shows.

We look forward to another enriching presentation. Be sure to plan to attend the next general meeting at 7:30 PM, Monday, January 22, 2007.

IN THE TRIANGULATOR FIVE YEARS AGO

The GTARC repeater was down for repair at this time and the then Editor, Harm Wijma/AC6VN, described how he became interested in the Merchant Marine as a vocation after reading of a storm at sea and the resulting loss of the ship, but not the brave Captain, who was ultimately saved by the salvage tugboat.

IN THE TRIANGULATOR TEN YEARS AGO

This issue was chuck-full of items of specific interest at the time, including remarks about the incorporation of the Club, QSL handling, a CW keyer interface for use with LOG-EQF and details regarding Packet Radio Hierarchical addressing.

Finally a reminder that annual dues are due— then as now!!

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.

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IECARO

Raffle Drawing will be held at the next IECARO meeting, January 13, 2006. Good Luck, everyone!

Thursday Luncheon Locations
(Contact Judy Dean/NB6J for details
at 951-767-0449)

December 21: Mekong River, on Margarita outside the Mall area

December 28: Road House Grill, on Ynez outside the Mall area near Souplantation

January 4: B.J.'s, corner of Ynez and Overland, Temecula

January 11: Tony Roma's, 27464 Jefferson, Temecula

January 18: Honeycutt Farms, 40477 Murietta Hot Springs Road Near Sizlers

January 25: Taste of China: 32413 Hwy 79 South, Temecula

February 1: Filipies Pizza Grotto, 27309 Jefferson, Temecula

February 8: Mexico Chiquito, 41841 Morino Road, Temecula (north of Penfold)

February 15: Hungry Hunter, 27600 Jefferson, Temecula

February 22: Roadhouse Grill, Ynez & Winchester, Temecula (near Souplantation)

March 1: Mekong River, 41377 Margarita Road, #108

March 8: B.J.'s Ynez and Overland, Temecula (across from Costco)

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Minutes of Board Meeting
November 7, 2006

Old Business: The Annual Installation Dinner arrangements and entertainment were reviewed. The Board assignments for 2007 were discussed and undertaken by the members. Bill Smith agreed to be President, Ed Sherman to be 1st Vice President, Jack Watkin to be 2nd Vice President, Karl Gronbach to remain Treasurer, and Dave Jones to be Secretary.

New Business: None.

Adjournment: 8:15 PM by Alan Cook/KG6TGF.

Good News!

Don Snyder appears to be recovering nicely from his recent hospital experience. He was seen with the "Lunch Bunch" last week. Great to see you, Don.

The Amateur's Code

FRIENDLY...slow and patient operating when requested; friendly advice and counsel to the beginner; kindly assistance, cooperation and consideration for the interests of others. These are the hallmarks of the amateur spirit.

New Members

The brothers, Doug/K6DAF and Ed/K6EDY Ferris, recently joined the Club. Welcome aboard, Doug and Ed. We hope that you will enjoy our members and activities and we hope to hear you on the nets (see Page 7 for details).



ARRL

Recent rule changes affect licensing and operation.

In summary, Frank McCallum/AE6Q offers the following:

1. While the R&O was announced last Friday in a Public Notice, it does not go into effect until 30 days from the time it is printed in the Federal Register. That generally occurs anywhere from a few weeks to up to 60 days after the Commission announces its decision.
2. Once it is effective, Technicians will have all of your current frequencies and also will have access to the Novice/Technician Plus frequencies on HF, which include:
 - 3535-3600 KHz- CW only
 - 7025-7125 KHz-CW only
 - 21025-21200 KHz-CW only
 - 28000-28300 KHz-CW,RTTY, and Data
 - 28300-28500 KHz- CW,RTTY, Data, Phone and Image
3. The only band on which the Technician Plus class currently has phone privileges is 10 Meters. The FCC did not make any additional HF Phone allocation for that class
4. If you have a non-expired CSCE (dated no more than 365 days ago) for Element 3 credit, you will need to go to a VE test session with the CSCE and have them do the paperwork to submit for your license upgrade
 If the CSCE for Element 3 credit has expired, or if it expires before you attend a test session to process your up-

grade, you will have to retake the element in order to receive the upgrade. The test session fee will apply.

5. There is no grandfather provision for Novice licensees. In order to upgrade to Technician, you will need to pass the Element 2, 35 question written exam
6. This change does not impact your Advanced license. While no new Advanced class licenses are being written, current Advanced class licensees still have the same privileges they had in the past. License renewals will affect the Advanced class license for another 10 year term- as Advanced class
7. Anyone who wishes to may use Morse on the amateur bands

Additional information below has been excerpted from ARRL Letter Vol. No. 49, Dec. 15, 2006:

New Band Plan

75/80 Meters

3590 KHz	RTTY/ Data DX
3570- 3620 KHz	RTTY/ Data
3790- 3800 KHz	DX Window
3845 KHz	SSTV
3885 KHz	AM Calling Freq.

40 Meters

7040 KHz	RTTY/Data DX
7080- 7125 KHz	RTTY/ Data
7171 KHz	SSTV
7290 KHz	AM Calling Freq.

15 Meters

21070-21110 KHz	RTTY/ Data
21340 KHz	SSTV

Treasurer's Report

Balance (11/30/06) \$5168.68

INCOME

Interest	4.10
Annual Meeting	540.00
Prepaid Dues	193.00
Donations	10.00
Sub Total	747.10

EXPENSES

Triangulator Printing	15.52
Name Badges	15.24
Annual Meeting Drawing	75.00
Annual Dinner Balance	284.95
Flowers and Card Fund	6.11
QSL.net Donation	50.00
Sub Total	\$446.82

Balance (8/31/06) \$5468.96

Dedicated Funds (Repeater)	\$2174.35
Prepaid Dues (2007)	987.00
Total Dedicated Funds	\$3161.35

Net Spendable Funds \$2307.61

REMINDER!! Your 2007 Dues are late if not yet paid!!

Please join or renew your ARRL membership through GTARC and we get a small commission. Send info or renewal form and check to GTARC. For any questions, please call Karl at 600-9018.

Thanks, Karl Gronbach/N6XSZ, Treasurer

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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

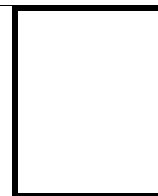
\$25.00 per year (January through December) for the first regular membership; **\$9.00** for each additional member residing at the same address. **\$9.00** per year for "Associate" membership (non-Ham). Dues after July 1st are prorated (\$12.50/\$4.50).

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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