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THE TRIANGULATOR

The Prez Sez:

One of the goals at our planning meeting this spring was to have more social events that included a ham radio activity, community outreach, education, and, of course, food and lots of it. So mark your calendar and reserve Saturday, August 5th for our first annual GTARC Summer Picnic and Radio Demo Day. The picnic will be at Pala Park in Temecula; cross streets are Pechanga Parkway and East Loma Linda, about a mile north of the Pechanga Casino.

We have reserved a covered BBQ and picnic area from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM. The Club will be providing hamburgers and hot dogs, and everything else is potluck. Since food has always been a high priority for us, I firmly believe that we can expect some pretty good side dishes and, as always, excellent company. Mark Drake/N0KII is spearheading this event and we will be putting together a sign-up sheet for who's bringing what. This picnic is a great opportunity to invite someone who is interested in ham radio or is already licensed but not a member of our Club.

On the radio side, we will be setting up

a battery powered, all mode station(s) with HF/VHF/UHF antennas for demonstration purposes. It would be great if one of our club members could use this radio to give us a quick class in one of the more unusual forms of ham radio. Anybody into PSK 31, satellite communications, or anything else you could share? Please contact me ASAP if you are willing to give your club buddies a hands-on demonstration. Even a quick 15 minute outline would be fine.

Additionally, I would like to have a mini-swap meet/auction. We have a lot of stuff that has been donated to the Club that I would like to give our members first shot at. If you have some equipment that you are no longer using, bring it along and you might get lucky!

In a recent e-mail Norb Dean/AD6F suggested that we all make a greater effort to use the repeater. This is an excellent idea and I would like to share his comments with the whole Club.

Norb wrote: "Alan, one of the emphases at your planning session was to encourage new members' partici-

pation and this suggestion is excellent. Several of our new members have come to me and said [that] they rarely, if ever, hear anyone answer a call on the repeater and naturally they think something is wrong with their new equipment. Perhaps more members could monitor the Club repeater and answer a friendly return to their calls and make them feel more a part of the organization. This would be easily accomplished if, when any of us are mobile, we could enjoy the trip more by simply stating our call letters and state that we are monitoring. Just a thought.

Norb/AD6F"

Thank you, Norb, for a good thought! Your Board of Directors (BOD) has taken your advice to heart and we have decided to do the following:

1. The BOD will use the repeater when in transit to and from our General meeting.
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3. The BOD will have a portable unit ON during our BOD meetings and announce a time when members can call in with comments, suggestions, etc.

The first two are easy enough. The third idea could become a little unwieldy, but we all thought that we should be so fortunate as to have too many people calling in with their two cents. So, until further notice your Board would like to invite the "peanut gallery" to join with the nuts on the BOD and we'll see what happens!

In the last month I have received a

number of calls and e-mails regarding Technician Level License Classes for people interested in becoming ham radio operators. If anyone in our club would be interested in helping develop a class for local folks involved in public safety, I would like to hear from you. This could be a real opportunity to add many new members to our roster, as well as to make new friends.

73, Alan/KG6TGF

[Monitoring the frequency (146.805 MHz) is something that we all could do when at home or on the road. It could catch on and become an informal net opportunity! ED]



Dinner at the Field Day Site, '04

[As Alan/KG6TGF suggests, we do this well! ED]

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IN THE TRIANGULATOR FIVE YEARS AGO

The Triangulator contained a wealth of interesting information, including details of the Christmas Dinner, of Dave Rotbart/W6ODF's presentation of Hughes satellite technology of the 1960's of planned Field Day activities, and of the planned Main Post Office tour in Rancho Bernardo.

IN THE TRIANGULATOR TEN YEARS AGO

.This issue also contained a number of interesting comments regarding Field Day, operating procedures for the Club 2M Repeater, and basic features of Packet Radio.

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.

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

IECARO NEWS



Bill Smith/KG6HKJ files the following report of IECARO's last meeting.

Points to Ponder:

1. Clubs' Treasurer's records should include a schedule for all annual payments needed for activities as well as insurance and corporate related items.
2. A RACES drill is coming up in June. Duane [Arnold] should tell us (GTARC) if he needs support.
3. IECARO has info to support ham groups participating in runs, walks, bike rides, etc.
4. Newsletter editors should set up a contact list for announcements of interest to all ham club members under the IECARO umbrella. They should share newsletter deadline. Example of one kind of information to share would be request to all editors to publish an invitation to all readers of newsletters to submit their e-mail addresses to the GTARC editor to receive a copy of the GTARC Triangulator.
5. Suggestion made that club boards should consider including procedural requirements into the by-laws.
6. IECARO delegates for each club should be listed along with their officers in each club's newsletter.

Discussions about what can be done when membership falls and meeting attendance falls below level where speakers can be induced to come to meetings. One club currently has only about 6 to 8 members attending meet-

ings. They hold informal discussion groups instead of having speakers. As usual, there is much to be learned about ham radio from other members.

Sun City ARC has formed and submitted their application to IECARO. It was accepted and they will be sending delegates to the meetings from here on out [the next IECARO meeting is July 8, 2006. ED].

73, Bill Smith/KG6HKJ

FIELD DAY 2006

Our 2006 Field Day Chairman, Jack Watkin/WA6DAI provides the following schedule information:

In an effort to maximize the operating time and band coverage, I am asking that you forward to me (watkin22@verizon.net) the days and times you will be available to participate in any or all of these activities.

1. Equipment checkout– Saturday, June 17 from 8:00 AM to about 4:00 PM
2. Field Day site assembly– Friday, June 23 from 8:00 AM to ??
3. Field Day operation– Saturday, June 24 from 11:00 AM to Sunday, June 25 11:AM
4. Site tear down and equipment storage– Sunday, June 25 from 11:00 AM to ??

I am counting on your help to make this a successful FIELD DAY 2006!

73 and Thank you
Jack Watkin/WA6DAI
Field Day Chairman

FIELD DAYFIELD DAY FIELD

Field Day is rapidly approaching and there still is time to sign up to help with set up, operation, and takedown efforts. Even an hour or two would help to provide some break time for your fellow hams who will be working the bands for hours and hours on end. Even if you don't sign up, don't let that be a deterrent . David Jones/K6PYE will be sending e-mails to everyone with a form to indicate your preference of band, voice or CW, time and day of participation. Your help will be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions or would like to help, please contact Jack Watkin/WA6DAI at watkin22@verizon.net or 951-852-9033. Thank you and I hope to see you at Field Day.



One of the Few!

[Ron Pollack/K2RP operating CW! ED]

Last Meeting Happenings

Fred Roberts/W6TKV, President of IE-CARO, gave the presentation entitled "IS FIELD DAY A CONTEST OR NOT?" in which many tips were offered to enhance a club's performance during Field Day. Perhaps the most illuminating tip was that CW operation was twice as good as SSB!

Progressive Drawing

Judy Dean/NB6J was draw and she received \$10.00. Congratulations, Judy! Next month \$5.00 is offered.

50-50 Drawing

Ed Sherman/K6ERS was drawn and he donated the \$28.00 to the "Cards & Flowers" fund. Way to go, Ed!

Future GTARC Meeting Presentations (19:30)

Our guest speaker for June is Bill Harkins. You may remember that he made a previous presentation a few months ago about photography basics; this time, his program is "Creating Digital Audio Visuals" and he will discuss using digital pictures to create slide shows. He will start with a very basic sequence of images with no sound, moving to the same subject with sound (the audio part) and on into how to use Photoshop to enhance slide shows. Bill will present two slide shows that use pictures he took in Europe which include both film and digital images showing how they are created.

Bill is a member of Temecula Valley Computer Users Group, Fallbrook PC Users Group, and TriCities Computer Club.

He has been interested in photography since 1950 while in college.

He has been a freelance photographer for Motor Trend magazine in the 50's and 60's.

His first digital camera was obtained in 1998; current cameras are the Canon EOS 300 SLR and the Canon G6 Powershot.

He has been a "student" of Photoshop for the past two years, and has plenty more to learn!

He is an avid movie buff, particularly the old classics from the 40's through the 80's.

Contact Ed Sherman/K6ERS at 1-800-596-0615 for further information.

Thursday Luncheon Locations

June 15: Rancho Grande Café, Jefferson, just south of Montezuma, Temecula

June 22: Presto's Gourmet Express, Rancho California and Margarita Roads, near Albertson's

June 29: Home Town Buffet, Winchester and Margarita Roads, southeast of Lowe's

July 6: Peonie's, Rancho California and Margarita Roads, near Albertson's

July 13: Home Town Buffet, Winchester and Margarita Roads, southeast of Lowe's

July 20: Mexico Chiquito, Old Town Temecula, just north of Penfold's off Jefferson

2006 Treasurer's Report

Balance (4/30/06)	\$5470.38
INCOME	
50/50 Drawing	28.00
Donation of 50/50 Drawing Winner To "Cards & Flowers"	28.00
Interest	3.06
Member Dues	25.00
Name Badges	30.00
Sub Total	\$114.06
EXPENSES	
Triangulator, Printing	20.89
Equipment Insurance	70.00
Testing Site Rent	50.00
Name Badges	21.57
Progressive Drawing	10.00
Speaker's Fuel Reimbursement	15.00
Sub Total	\$187.46
Balance (5/31/06)	\$5396.98

Dedicated Funds in above \$2230.36

Net Spend able Funds \$3166.62

REMINDER!!

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.

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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.

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

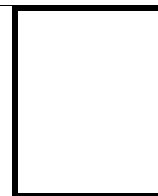
\$25.00 per year (January through December) for the first regular membership; **\$9.00** for each additional member residing at the same address. **\$9.00** per year for "Associate" membership (non-Ham). Dues after July 1st are prorated (\$12.50/\$4.50).

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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