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THE TRIANGULATOR

The Prez Sez:

This month's letter is as much or more to me as it is to the Club. The past few months have been extremely busy for my family. I have moved my business out of my home and into an office suite, our kitchen remodel is finally happening, we have been visiting colleges with our daughter (UC Berkeley is her choice), and a host of other items that seem to impact the time I can spend fooling around with radio. I can't remember the last time I actually checked in on our 2 meter net [It was January 20, 2006. ED]. I often think that if I wasn't a member of GTARC I wouldn't be involved with ham radio at all! It has been months since I switched vehicles and my radios are still waiting to be installed. It is true that the antennas are mounted but a couple of tin cans and a piece of string would work better. I'm not looking for sympathy here, particularly from a group of mostly retired folks. Based on what I've heard about retirement and keeping busy, I've probably got more free time than most of you. But with anything you do, there needs to be a reason to move it from the "if I get around to it" category to the "I'll schedule it now" category. For me that reason is looking more and

more like making it a priority to get involved with the public safety aspect of our hobby. Amateur radio offers a host of ways to get involved from S.A. T.E.R.N. and R.A.C.E.S. to our local Citizen's Corps.

Many of our Club members have spent years as volunteers for these organizations and have a wealth of experience and knowledge that could be passed on to those of us new to amateur radio or it's public service possibilities. In the next few months we will begin focusing on offering training classes to Club members interested in public service. For those of you already involved, please make it a point to contact me or any other Board member on how you can help educate the rest of us. If you have ideas we want to hear them.

73, Alan J. Cook
KG6TGF

Minutes of GTARC Board Meeting April 4, 2006

No Minutes have been furnished prior to publication

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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

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.

The radio is in perfect operating condition and a 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.

SATERN NEWS

IECARO RAFFLE

First Prize . . . \$1,100.
ICOM IC706MKIIG
Transceiver
 160M 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

Each prize or its equivalent will be awarded by IECARO. In no instance for change will be honored. Tickets are offered for sale only at the meetings of IECARO member organizations and all proceeds are used exclusively for purchase of prizes. Prizes remain on hand for the next raffle. Drawings for all prizes to be held at the IECARO Meeting in September or November 2006. All prizes will be delivered via the winner's designee for presentation at winner's club meeting.

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

Bill Smith/KG6HKJ also 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]

EDITOR'S CORNER

FIELD DAY PREPARATION?

Although no official information has been received by your Editor regarding Field Day plans, It seems appropriate to speculate about these plans this month, since the Triangulator will not be published until after the second week-end of June..

Traditionally, two week-ends prior to Field Day, volunteers gather to assemble the antennas and cables to be used and then the next week-end check out the equipment operationally. Then the Friday before Field Day (June 23, this year) they move the equipment to the Field Day Site and set it up., including the tents and generators.

Last minute details are handled Saturday morning by volunteers just prior to the start of Field Day at 11:00 AM PDT.

Therefore, the expected days for volunteer effort prior to Field Day are Saturday June 10 and June 17. Since the necessary Field Day items are stored at the Oak Meadow Ranch where Norb/AD6F and Judy/NB6J live, it is presumed that assembly and check-out will occur there. Actual times of work have not been announced yet.

Although no official word has be received, it is further expected that the CDF #28 Fire Station will be the setup site.

Although your Editor has volunteered to help with the Field Day efforts, he is not in charge of these efforts and will,

in fact, be unable to assist during the June 10 workday due to a family commitment. Also he will be out of town the week beginning June 28.

It is supposed that announcement of these plan details will be made known to the membership at the next General Meeting, May 22, 2006. Of course, only a fraction of the total membership attends these meetings, so heroic effort will be required to alert those who do not attend.

Please do not forget that tear-down on Sunday, June 25 also requires considerable effort by volunteers to carefully take apart the facility items and re-store them to their storage places and to clean up the site to its original condition.



The Get On The Air (GOTA) Station

Left to right, George Deveaux//KN6DF, 2004 GTARC President, Frank McCallum/AE6Q, and Norb Dean/AD6F, Field Day Chairman

Last Meeting Happenings

Paul Dorey/WN6K gave a presentation of his Panama Adventure, roughing it on the Pacific Coast of Panama. His description was illustrated with pictures of the radio site and environs. A very interesting presentation, Paul. Thank you!

Progressive Drawing

Roy Shlemon/K6GVG was drawn, but he was absent. Sorry, Roy! Next week the amount is \$10.00

50-50 Drawing

Alan Cook/KG6TGF was the winner of \$24.00 which he immediately donated to Field Day expenses. That was very nice, Alan!

Future GTARC Meeting Presentations (19:30)

This month our guest speaker will be Fred Roberts/W6TKV. His Topic is "IS FIELD DAY A CONTEST OR NOT?"

This program provides an insight into having both a wonderful time during field day and making a respectable number of QSOs. Some hints for old timers, some ideas for first timers, the difference between 2M FM and HF SSB, thoughts on getting prepared for the event, and a view of where

Fred

Roberts/W6KTV, really would prefer to be on field day.

Fred Roberts bio includes:

- Extra class Amateur radio operator
- Member of Corona Norco ARC, Riverside County ARA, Mike & Key ARC in Seattle, Twin City ARC in Minneapolis, Southern California DX Club, Southern California Contest Club, Quarter Century Wireless Association, Northern California DX Foundation, TAPR, MARAC (club for county hunters) and ARRL
- Primary interests are DX, contesting, field day, and t-hunting
- Holds DXCC (315 countries), DXCC/QRP (4 watts on SSB), 8 band WAS (80M-10M)WAZ, USA/CA (all 3077 U,S, counties)
- Has chaired the W1AW/6 special events stations at the Southwestern Division Conventions held in Riverside in 1997, 2001, and 2005
- Has held K2AMN and F0TB and has operated from 4U1ITU, HV3SJ, 4U1`WB, W6RO, W1AW, and a number of states including KL7

Thursday Luncheon Locations

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

June 1: Souplantation, Temecula Mall

June 8: Hungry Hunter, Jefferson, south of Montezuma, Temecula

Rancho Grande Cafe, Jefferson, Just south of Montezuma, Temecula

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

June 29: Home Town Buffet, Margarita, south of Lowe's

HOT CLUB NEWS New Members

We had another new member join us in April, George Svet/KE8OH. George, an Extra Class licensee moved back here to God's country from a time in Ohio and we welcome him aboard!

Two additional new amateur radio operators have joined GTARC, as Technician Class licensees. They are Trace/KI6DPN and Arta/KI6DPO Willette. Congratulations and welcome aboard, folks! Trace and Arta first visited us at last year's Field Day and are soon to be neighbors' of Norb/AD6F and Judy/NB6J Dean.

On a sorrowful note, Trace's brother, Ed/KG6ZWC, who also visited us last year at Field Day and was a neighbor to the Deans, became a Silent Key April 28, 2006. He was nearly 47 years old. We offer our most sincere condolences.

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2006 Treasurer's Report

Balance (4/1/06)	\$5459.77
INCOME	
50/50 Drawing	24.00
50/50 Donation	24.00
Interest	3.18
Member Dues	25.00
ARRL Renewal	4.00
Sub Total	\$80.18
EXPENSES	
Triangulator Printing	20.89
P.O. Box Rental	46.00
Planning Meeting	24.03
Sub Total	\$90.92
Balance (4/30/06)	\$5470.38
Dedicated Funds in above	\$2230.36
Net Spend able Funds	\$3240.02

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

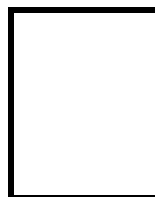
\$25.00 per year (January through December) for the first regular membership; **\$9.00** for each additional member residing at the same address. **\$9.00** per year for "Associate" membership (non-Ham). Dues after July 1st are prorated (\$12.50/\$4.50).

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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