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## THE TRIANGULATOR

### The Prez Sez:

It's kind of interesting writing this column on September 11, 2006. Just 5 short years after the now infamous hijackings and suicide missions that we now refer to as 9/11. Like many of you I first heard about aircraft hitting the World Trade Center Towers on AM radio. By 6:15 AM the whole family was glued to the TV, watching the tragic events unfold and listening to KFI as they broadcast nationwide. I knew then that life in this country was going to change. As the day unraveled I began to realize a couple of things: (1) This country is a lot stronger in many ways than we, our friends, or enemies imagined, and (2) when the opportunity came for personal sacrifice, many of our first responders and just plain citizens stepped forward and did not count the cost to themselves or to their families. Today, five years later we have all come to realize something else. This conflict isn't going to go away anytime soon and the chances of a 9/11 event occurring again are pretty good given the size of our country and the freedoms we enjoy.

In the last few months your Board has been pushing forward an agenda that

seeks to involve our Club in a wider range of public service activities. Our very own Dick Schmieter/KM6MH gave us an excellent introduction to the education that we are all going to need in order for us to be ready to do what we do best. But that's only the first step. In the next few months the Club as a whole will be offered opportunities to take our radio skills to the next level and to be prepared to use them when the next disaster strikes. Many of our members have been or are currently involved in SATERN, RACES, or the Citizen's Corp, and as a Club we are looking for you to provide the training we need to be ready. 9/11, the wildfires of 2002-2003, and Katrina have all made one thing very clear. The communication skills we have are desperately needed, and if we don't step up to the plate, who will?

On a lighter note, your Board is planning another Club event. Right now we are looking at a field trip/picnic in mid to late October. Destinations suggested include the Palomar Mountain Observatory with a behind-the-scenes tour or a road trip to an interesting destination in San Diego.

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## GTARC PICNIC PICTURES!



Waiting for the Food!



Enjoying the Food!



Cooking the Food!

These pictures were taken by Dave Jones/K6PYE during the picnic and represent just part of the crowd chatting, eating and having fun!

[The pictures were not available in time for insertion in the August Issue of the Triangulator. Sorry! ED]

## EDITOR'S COLUMN

A number of important items are coming up in the near future that are significant to the future of our Club.

The first is nominations for the 2007 Board of Directors. These are usually made at the October General Meeting.

The second is the actual election of the Board Members. This takes place at the November General Meeting.

The third is the announcement of the Time and Place of the Annual Board of Director's Installation Dinner. This usually takes place early in December in lieu of the General Meeting.

You will want to attend these critical meetings, so please set aside time to attend the October 23rd and November 27th General Meetings to enter your nominees' names and your votes for Directors.

Also you will want to keep open week-end dates in early December for the Installation Dinner, I am sure!

## IN THE TRIANGULATOR FIVE YEARS AGO

Among the items noted were recognition of ham action during the 9/11 disaster in NYC, the ARRL Convention in Riverside, and notice of the upcoming annual dinner in December to be held at Temeku Hills.

## IN THE TRIANGULATOR TEN YEARS AGO

This issue contained a two page article detailing the use of Digipeaters and Nodes in the digital communication world, together with announcement of the annual dinner at the Pala Mesa Resort, and the exciting news of visitors to the 10 Meter net from Oahu and Maui, Hawaii!

## 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 YAESU a few months ago for updates and proper operation and is in perfect operating condition and like new appearance.

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

An Icom IC-730 is for sale for \$375.00 OBO from John Wills/N6GUU. Contact at: jwills@electronumerics.com

## NEW MEMBER

Tim Crowder has joined us as an associate member. We welcome him and his wife Eileen aboard!

## ARRL NEWS



The Southwestern Division has announced their 2006 Convention in San Diego, September 22-24. See September QST, page 89 for details or contact kc6qls@cox.net

## PREZ SEZ *(continued from Page 1)*

If you have any suggestions, please give me a call or send me an e-mail.

Below is a copy of a letter I received asking for our participation in an upcoming Girl Scouts "Girlfest". Sound like a great opportunity to have some fun, play radio and generate some interest in our hobby. It also might be a great destination for our next Club-wide event. Let's have some feedback!

73, Alan/KG6TGF

"Calling for Amateur Radio Volunteers  
Girl Scout Girlfest  
Saturday, October 28, 2006  
California Baptist University, Riverside

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## Amateur Radio Expo 2006

GTARC member, Trace Willette/KI6DPN and SATERN member adds his invitation to contact him at [pshift@adelphia.net](mailto:pshift@adelphia.net) when responding to the previously published announcement below:

"We are looking for individuals and/or groups to provide information and staffing for a Ham Radio Exhibition that will be hosted by the 2006 LA County Fair.

Join us as we present Ham Radio to over 1 million visitors during the weekends of the LA County Fair from Saturday, September 9, 2006 to Sunday, October 1.

For Updates and Information visit:

**[Http://lafair.b2v.org](http://lafair.b2v.org)**

Contact Information:

Joy Matlack, KD6FJV, [rbvcom1@b2v.org](mailto:rbvcom1@b2v.org), or Rich Whited, KG6JKJ, [kg6kjk@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kg6kjk@sbcglobal.net), or Carl Gardenas, WU6D, [wu6d@scdx.org](mailto:wu6d@scdx.org)."

Thank you.

## Future GTARC Meeting Presentations (19:30)

Our guest speaker Monday, September 25, 2006 is GTARC member Ed Sherman/K6ERS. His presentation will be on Disaster Preparedness, a particularly timely topic these days. Ed has 30 years of public safety experience, 30 years of preparedness training experience,

five years of risk management experience, and experience in disaster planning, response, and recovery.

Ed will present a disaster preparedness primer. With information examples garnered from many sources, he will explain how to create a disaster preparedness plan, assemble a disaster kit, and maintain the plan and the kit. Ed will also show samples of well-stocked kits and will discuss disaster preparedness resources.

Please plan to attend this informative presentation at our next General Meeting!

## PREZ SEZ (Continued from Page 3)

"The Girl Scouts of San Gorgoino Council have invited the Inland Empire Council of Amateur Radio Organizations (IECARO) and their member clubs to participate in the second annual Girlfest, this year held at the California Baptist University. To quote the Girl Scouts, "Girlfest" is an exciting day for girls of all ages and their families to have fun and explore what local resources are available to help them lead safer, and more successful lives'. The San Gorgoino Council was very pleased with the response to the IECARO booth last year and would like to have us feature a booth on the amateur radio again. Our 40 meter station was very popular because the girls got to talk with amateur radio operators in Arizona, California, Utah, and Mobile Marine on the Pacific Ocean. I am asking IECARO member clubs to solicit 2 to 3 volunteers to help with the booth(s) and station(s). Please contact me via the Riverside County Amateur Radio Association W6TJ repeater, [kd6uvt@arrl.net](mailto:kd6uvt@arrl.net), or by phone at 951-780-5199 to volunteer.

Don Williams/KD6UVT  
IECARO Delegate for RCARA & RCARA  
Communications Director"

### Last Meeting Happenings

Dick Schmieter/KM6MH provided us with current information regarding training now available and required for essentially all personnel of the various disaster support groups such as the Red Cross, Salvation Army (SATERN), RACES, ARES and other similar organizations. Training for course provided at the local, state and federal levels are all available, but that from the federal level is understood to be acceptable to all organizations, while other training may not be acceptable to other organizations.

### Progressive Drawing

Tom Stillings/KG6T was drawn as the \$15.00 winner, but he was absent from the meeting. Too bad, Tom! Next month (September) the drawing is for \$20.00!

### 50-50 Drawing

Jack Watkin/WA6DAI won the \$20.00 prize this month. Way to go, Jack!

### Thursday Luncheon Locations

September 14: Oscar's on the Pond, Rancho California and Ynez Roads, Temecula

September 21: Penfold's, one block south of Jefferson and Rancho California Roads, near Old Town, Temecula

September 28: Hungry Hunter, Jefferson, south of Montezuma, Temecula

October 5: Chipotle, 40573 Margarita

Road, adjacent to the Mall area, Temecula

October 12: Cusi, 41493 Margarita Road, #109, adjacent to the Mall area, Temecula

October 19: Presto's Gourmet Express, Ranch California and Margarita Roads, near Albertson's Market, Temecula

October 26: Hooter's, 27345 Jefferson, Temecula

### 2006 Treasurer's Report

**Balance (7/31/06) \$5060.88**

#### INCOME

50/50 Drawing	21.00
Dues (New Member, Associate)	4.50
Interest	3.09
Name Badge	10.00
Picnic Raffle Tickets	94.00
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$132.59</b>

#### EXPENSES

Triangulator Printing	18.48
Stamps	38.75
Picnic Items	401.94
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$459.17</b>

**Balance (8/31/06) \$4795.95**

**Dedicated Funds in above \$2230.36**

**Net Spend able Funds \$2565.59**

#### GTARC Picnic Recap

Raffle income	\$94.00
Donation from 50/50 Drawing	26.00
GTARC Raffle prizes	-97.78
Food & Misc. Supplies	244.16
Site Rental (City of Temecula)	-60.00
<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>\$281.94</b>

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### Treasurer's Report (continued)

Rancho California Water District donated the water  
Hewlett Packard donated the Raffle Prize Printer

### 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.

Thanks, Karl Gronbach/N6XSZ, Treasurer

### Miscellaneous Item

Frank McCallum provides the following website information from [usrepeaters.com](http://www.usrepeaters.com) containing over 19,000 repeater sites.

Their Forum is at: <http://www.usrepeaters.com/forum/>.

Google Map Program is at: same address with /maps after ".com."

Their listing by frequency band is at: [http://www.usrepeaters.com/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=##&Itemid=##](http://www.usrepeaters.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=##&Itemid=##) (where ##, respectively, are: (for **144-148MHz repeater list**, 17 and 28; for **29.5-29.7 MHz list**, 20 and 31; for **51-54 MHz list**, 21 and 32; for **222-225 MHz list**, 22 and 33; for **420-450 MHz list**, 18 and 29; for **902-928 MHz list**, 23 and 34; for **1240 MHz plus list**, 24 and 35; and for the **IRLP list**, 28 and 40. We are adding an Echolink list currently.

Visit the site and let me know what you think, 73, AB9IF.

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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

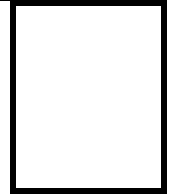
**\$25.00** per year (January through December) for the first regular membership; **\$9.00** for each additional member residing at the same address. **\$9.00** per year for "Associate" membership (non-Ham). Dues after July 1st are prorated (\$12.50/\$4.50).

### 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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