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**CLUB MEETINGS:** Coastal Community Fellowship 10640 Slater Ave, Fountain Valley  
Corner of Slater and Ward. Afterglow at Lamppost Pizza.

**TALK-IN ON 145.260 – 136pl**

**VE TESTING:** 5:30 PM meeting nights at the meeting location

**WEEKLY NET:** Mondays, 6:00 PM on the Fountain Valley RACES repeater, 145.260 –600 136.5pl

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## EDITOR'S MUSE

Why did I get into Ham Radio? In the early 1950's one of my Uncle's was into Ham Radio and did many "phone patches" from Korea GI's to home. I marveled at how he could get the signal and then put the conversation on the phone line to his family here in the USA.

I tried and tried to learn Morse code for my Novice license, but could never master it. So my thoughts about Ham Radio went on a very long hold.

I have been in the Electrical Wire business for over 40 years and was in Connecticut for an Industry Award. The presentation was in March and my Wife went with me thinking we could visit museums. Unfortunately the museums do not open until April. My Wife suggested the ARRL headquarters in Newington since they were open. We took the tour of the Labs and W1AW. She suggested that I get the Technician book. When I returned home and after studying the book, I found that the West Coast Amateur Radio Club gave the exams each month.

To make a long story short, I passed the Technician exam and picked up the General Exam book, studied and passed my General the next month, then purchased the Amateur Extra Class book and passed it. Then remembering my Uncle, I asked his daughters if I could apply for his call sign. They said yes and now my call sign is W6SNX. A few months ago, I was checking out my HF rig and called CQ, to my surprise the response was "Walt, I have not heard you in a long time". Walt was my Uncle and the other Ham and he had been a great friend.

So now I am the Editor for the WCARC Newsletter.

Don Dodge

W6SNX

### **Last month's Presentation**

I did a talk on RF Radiation Safety. Also covered some cell phone/ cell tower radiation level risks. I have friend Jared Bigcraft who is bringing some drones for his presentation.

Jim

### **RAFFLE REVIEW**

**By Ken Simpson W6KOS**

HRO \$25 gift certificate: Brad Webber NO6S

2018 Repeater Location Guide: Charlie Basmajian KM6KCK

Flashlight: Jim Hansen KG6ZDP

Big Repeater Book: Bill Rose K6HMS

Batteries in a Portable World: Raji Shunmugavel KG6CCB

## THIS MONTH'S PRESENTATION/PROJECT

Contesting 101. Presented by Bob Naumann of DX Engineering.

Basically, I talk about what contesting is, what you can do regardless of what kind of station you have to get involved and where to learn more. Finally, a brief Q&A. Not too much depth in the presentation, but enough to get people thinking and maybe ask a question or two.

### About DX Engineering

At DX Engineering, Amateur Radio is what we know. From the pleasure of rag-chewing to the satisfaction of working that new, rare one—we understand your every need for top-performing and reliable products. It's impossible to overstate the importance of filling those needs.

Our goal is simple: Fulfill your needs with the best products and technical support.

**VE TEST REVIEW**

**VE Report**

Ken Simpson W6KOS

Welcome the May 2018 VE report. We had 14 candidates who all but one upgraded or obtained a license. When the eraser dust settled there were one General and twelve Technicians. Call signs were not available at the time of this writing and will be published next month.

**General**

Tim McQuoid - KM6??? - Tim came all the way up from San Juan Capistrano to pass both his Technician and General test. Way to go Tim!

**Technicians**

Golda McWhorter - KM6??? - Golda resides in Placentia.

Carlos Gonzalez - KM6??? - Carlos lives in Huntington Beach.

Shawn Choisser- KM6??? - Shawn resides in Santa Ana.

Matthew Caponera - KM6??? - Matthew is a Huntington Beach resident.

Wayne Brown - KM6??? - Wayne came up from Lake Forest for the test.

Michael Arneson - KM6??? - Michael is yet another Huntington Beach resident.

Gregory Unruh - KM6??? - Gregory came up from San Clemente for the test

Matthew Carlson - KM6??? - Matthew came up from Rancho Santa Margarita for the test.

Randy Carlson - KM6??? - Hmmm. We seem to have a Carlson family affair.

Another Rancho Santa Mararita resident in the same household.

Kalvin Koczwarra - KM6??? - Alta Loma! Wow Calvin came a long way for his test.

## **BOARD MEETING**



### **Monthly Board Meeting at Denny's**

#### **2017 Board Members:**

<b>Vacant</b>	<b>TBD</b>	<b>President/Public Information Officer</b>
<b>Jim Miller</b>	<b>K6ARM</b>	<b>Vice President</b>
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<b>Donald Dodge</b>	<b>W6SNX</b>	<b>Member at Large</b>

### **May 2018 Business Meeting**

Opened at 7:05 pm May 9, 2018.

Treasurers Report by Jim Hansen - \$813.40.

Possible activities for 2018 discussed. These included the yearly picnic and Field Day participation with another group.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

We will have a list of Field Day sites at the meeting

## WC6ARC

### Our 7th Annual HRO Ham Jam is coming up!

Saturday, July 7, 2017 is the date, store hours are 10AM-5:30PM, and once again we will be hosting our local clubs and communications specialists in the store parking lot for another educational and fun event.

Come see local communications vehicles, learn about Hospital Disaster Services, and see how many of the local clubs make various activities available to local hams. We look forward to hearing from any local group who would like to reserve space for this event. However, space is limited and will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Unfortunately, we cannot accept any last minute requests out of respect for our neighboring businesses and the limited parking space here in our strip mall.

The hotdog lunch this year will be hosted by Big Brothers Big Sisters of Orange County courtesy of NCG Co.

Mr. Gordon West and many manufacturer representatives (including Yaesu, Kenwood, Icom, Comet/Daiwa, ABR Industries, and Bioenno among others) will be available for questions.

Seminars will be scheduled on various subjects, including D-Star, C4FM System Fusion/Wires, and the hot new ZUMspot.

License testing will also be available most of the day; if interested in testing, please call Janet at the store at 714-533-7373 with name and contact information so that we may plan for appropriate seating.

Two prize drawings will be held during the day at 12 noon and 3PM. Winners will need to be present to win goodies from many of our suppliers who have donated some really great stuff!

Come join us for a fun-filled Saturday of ham radio; make it your goal to leave having learned at least one new thing and/or shared your own knowledge with at least one new ham.

Janet Margelli, KL7MF Manager

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**WEST COAST AMATEUR RADIO CLUB**  
**Membership Application**  
**MAIL TO: P.O. Box 2617**  
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**Check one: TODAY'S DATE:**



☐ **New Membership**

☐ **Membership Renewal**

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**Applicant-1 Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Call/Class:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Home Phone:**(\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ **Work:**(\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ **Fax:** (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
**Cell:** (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
**E-Mail Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Occupation:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Birth Date:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**AARL Member? Y or N** (\_\_\_\_)

**Applicant-2 Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Call/Class:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**E-Mail Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Occupation:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Birth Date:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**AARL Member? Y or N** (\_\_\_\_)

**Applicant-3 Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Call/Class:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**E-mail Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Occupation:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Birth Date:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**AARL Member? Y or N** (\_\_\_\_)

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**Publish phone numbers in membership roster? Y or N Home-[ ] Work-[ ]**  
**\$** \_\_\_\_\_ **WCARC Membership (\$25.00).**  
**\$** \_\_\_\_\_ **Additional Family Members, same address (\$5.00 ea).**  
**\$** \_\_\_\_\_ **WCARC Badges (\$8.00 ea).**  
**\$** \_\_\_\_\_ **Total enclosed.**

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## WC6ARC

ACTIVITY CALENDAR	
2018	
Jun 13	Board Meeting
Jun 21	Monthly meeting
Jun 23-24	ARRL Field Day
Jul 7	HRO Ham Jam
Jul 11	Board Meeting
Jul 19	Monthly meeting
Aug	Board Meeting

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