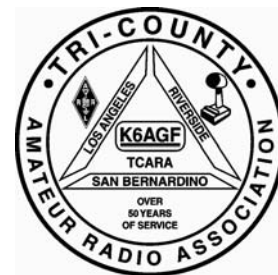




TRI-COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO Association

Los Angeles – Riverside – San Bernardino Counties
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VHF/UHF MOUNTAIN TOPPING and ROVERING

Presentation for March is on VHF/UHF Contesting, Mountain Topping, and Rovering: by Wayne Overbeck, N6NB

Wayne Overbeck, N6NB, was first licensed in 1957, Wayne has been active in many aspects of amateur radio. He has been interested in VHF Mountain topping since the 1960s and has done it from Vermont to Alaska. This slide show is a travelogue that covers everything from the first-ever successful moonbounce, Dxpedition 30 years ago, to a million-point "rover" expedition in the 2004 VHF Sweepstakes contest. Wayne is a newly retired professor at Cal State Fullerton whose specialty is communications law.

In February, Brian Levy W2BRI did a fantastic presentation on "AOR new Digital Modems." 73, Brian W2BRI

TO ALL TCARA MEMBERS

We wish to hear from each member what their favorite project of activity would be for the club.
Alvin Banman, W6EKZ - President

TCARA - holds a monthly cash drawing

at our meetings. \$10 will be added to the pot each month. All members' names will be put in the hat for the drawing. The member whose name is drawn must be present to win. If the member is not present the prize will be rolled over and added to the next month's pot. So plan to attend, the cash drawing will be \$20 this month.

CASH DRAWING WINNER

Jay Jones won \$10 at the February meeting, Jay decided to put his winnings back in the pot.
Thanks to Jay WB9FPM

MEETING PLACE

Brackett Airport Administration Building 1615 McKinley Ave., La Verne, CA. Exit I-10 at Fairplex, go North to the Fairgrounds, then turn left and follow the road along the South side of the airport to the Administration Building. The meeting place is in the Pilot's Lounge

MEETING:

Thursday, March 11, 2004 at 7:30 P.M., TCARA is an Amateur Radio Service Organization. Anyone interested is invited to attend. We meet on the second Thursday of every month.

TCARA OFFICERS

President ----- Alvin Banman, **W6EKZ**
Vice President ----- John Garcia, **KF6ZQN**
Past President ----- Chuck Phillips, **KQ6NX**
Secretary ----- Brad Rachielle, **KC6NV**
Treasurer ----- Jay Jones, **WB9FPM**
Program Chairman-Gabriel Provencio, **KG6HMN**
Publicity ----- John Montanaro, **KD6IOX**
Emergency Coordinator ---- Clint Stone, **KQ6NJ**
Contest Chairman ----- Dave Cioni, **KF6OQC**

TCARA INTERNET HOME PAGE

TCARA has its home page on the Internet, and the URL is: **<http://www.qsl.net/k6agf>**

SUNDAY CLUB 2M NET

The TCARA Sunday net is held at 7 P.M. on the Baldy machine repeater. **FREQ: 147.210 MHz, PL 156.7, & + offset.**

Listen to the latest ARRL Audio News. Club members, club announcements, and general check-ins. Visitor check-ins are always encouraged.

HEALTH AND WELFARE

Health and welfare information goes to Bob Embrey, KD6DKV, AT 626-339-3402.

If you have any ideas for a program, let one of the officers now about it.

Membership

The Tri-County Amateur Radio Association is open to any persons licensed and unlicensed. Members participate in a number of activities in the Amateur Radio community. Activities include club meetings, projects, special events, and any ARRL events.

The dues are \$15 per individual and \$20 for family memberships. Paid members will receive a monthly QRM newsletter published to keep the members informed of general information and events taking place in the amateur radio community. Please send your dues to P.O. Box 75 Claremont, CA. 91711

QRM Deadline

The QRM Newsletter deadline for **April issues** should be turned in by **March 18.**

Send News/ articles to Ken Berglof at E-mail address (Preferred) <kg6omz@arrl.net> Early submissions are always appreciated.

Ken Berglof, KG6OMZ, your QRM Editor

AMATEUR LICENSE TESTING

Last Saturday of each month, except December.

TCARA ARRL TESTING SESSION:

Next session will be Saturday, March 27, 2004 at the Club's meeting place at Brackett Airport in La Verne). Technician through Extra. Call **Carl Sanders, WJ6N, (909) 820-3442,**

For reservations (if you have Caller ID blocking enabled, press *82 before dialing the number to unblock your number for the one call). Leave on the answering machine the class of the test you want to take, your name, address, and telephone number. Bring your current license and a copy, any CSCEs and copies, and a picture ID, and a **\$12 FEE.**

SOME REPEATERS & EMERGENCY GROUPS IN THE AREA

COUNTY Los Angeles County

Disaster Communications Services:
145.300 MHz (-) offset PL 100 Hz (Mt Disappointment)

224.300Mhz (-) offset PL 100 Hz (" ")

Azusa –

ACS/RACES net Mon. 7:00 PM **144.970** MHz
Johnstone PK.

Glendora –

ACS/RACES net Tues. 7:00 PM 144.970 MHz
Johnstone PK.

Local Groups:

La Verne - La Verne Emergency Communications Team, K6LVN.

Nets Tuesday @ 7:30 PM, 144.970, Johnstone Peak.

Meeting 3rd. Tuesday, 7:30 PM @ La Verne Police Station.

For more information contact:

Jack Swank, W6FAM

Jay Jones, WB9FPM

Claremont "CARDS" net - Mon. 7:15 PM
147.210(+) PL156.7 Hz Sunset Ridge.

Contact person:

Harvey Sprigg - N6HS or John Davis - WB6ASH

Johnstone PK Emergency & Red Cross

146.820Mhz (-) PL 100 Hz.

Western San Bernardino County - SATERN

(Salvation Army) net Sun. 8:PM 146.985 MHz (-)
146.2 Hz Keller PK.

Rancho Cucamonga ACS/RACES Monday Net.

7:00 PM 147.300 MHz PL123.

Contact:

John Garcia KF6ZQN

Chino Hills - Chino Hills Auxiliary Radio Team

(CHART) net is every Thursday except the 3rd Thursday of the Month, at 7:00 p.m. CHART's tactical frequency is 145.510 simplex. The City's 220 MHzZ repeater frequency is 224.720 PL 127.3-offset.

If anyone has anything to add to the Emergence group list, please contact Clint Stone KQ6NJ at: cstone1@juno.com

Emergency Communications

S.A.T.E.R.N (Salvation Army Team Emergency Radio Network) of Riverside/San Bernardino Co's is looking for Amateur Radio Operators in Ontario, Rancho Cucamonga, Corona and the surrounding areas. Contact Tony Stephen at (909) 628 2843 or E-mail at: ke6jzf@surfside.net for info.

Check in on the SATERN Net Sundays at 8 P.M. on -146.985 PL 146.2 (Keller PK).

Clint KQ6NJ

All Ham's are welcome to use IRLP NODE 7170 POMONA

Every Ham Operator is invited to experience and meet people all over the world at IRLP NODE 7170, FREQ 145.755 FM-T with a PL 162.2 no offset.

Contact Alvin Banman, W6EKZ for more info at: w6ekz@arrl.net

All Ham's are welcome to use ECHOLINK - POMONA

All HAM'S are welcome to join use on EchoLink to experience the fantastic communication it has to offer on FREQ 145.785 FM-T PL 162.2 no offset.

Gabriel KG6HMN and Annie N6BOP would like to invite every one to join us every Tuesday night at 11 p.m. for the worldwide RED EYE net on EchoLink node # 138445.

There are nice people from all walks of life & all over the world, excited to meet every one, and are already getting to know one another.

If you are interested & want to try it out, Don't hesitate, contact Gabriel Provencio KG6HMN or Steve KG6SOF on 145.785 FM-T PL 162.2 no offset.



Division Convention

August 27-29,
2004

Phoenix,
Arizona

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If you need more information, go to web site:
<http://www.hamradio2004.com/SWDC2004/>

Queen Mary's Wireless Room Bulletin

If you are one of our many operators who belong to clubs other than ARALB, we have made arrangements with the Queen Mary Officials to give your club, an opportunity to spend an evening as guests of W6RO.

Your club members will have an opportunity to work W6RO for a Guest Operator Certificate and/or get a QSL card.

On that night, special arrangements have been made for free parking. Visiting hours will be from 1900hrs to 2200hrs local time on a Monday night.

Phone or E-mail any questions to Alvin Banman
W6EKZ at w6ekz@arrl.net
PHN: 909-622-9930

LOCAL SWAP MEETS

(Hrs for Swapmeets are usually 7 A.M. to 11 A.M.)

Second Saturday of each month - Fontana Swap Meet run by the Inland Empire ARC at A. B. Miller High School on Highland and Oleander in Fontana, 7 AM to 11:30AM.

Directions: take I-10 East to I-15 North, get off at Highland/Cherry Ave exit, and go East on Highland. A. B. Miller HS is about 2.5 miles down the road on the South side of the street. Talk-in is 145.480, down 600kHz, PL=77.0 Note: best place to park is on the East side of the school.

Third Saturday of each month - Cal Poly Pomona Swap Meet. (right across the freeway from the old DeVry). "The location of the Cal Poly Swap meet is in the parking lot at the corner of South Campus Drive and Kellogg." Again at S. Campus Drive parking lot "B."

Plan to arrive early for the closest parking.

Admission and parking are free. Take the I-10 and exit Kellogg Drive. For recorded information call: (714) 537-4230. Ask for Hugh or Greg at the gate.

Last Saturday of each month - The TRW Swapmeet is located in Manhattan Beach, on the Northwest corner of Marine Ave. and Aviation Blvd. South of LAX, West of the 405 FWY. Take the 105 FWY. West to Aviation Blvd., South on Aviation 2.5 miles to Marine. Talk-in 145.32, down 600 kHz, PL=2A (114.8).

First Sunday of each month The Electronics Swap meet is located in Chino Hills, South side of 71 FWY right at Chino Hills High school, 16150 Pomona Rincon Rd. Hours 6:30 a.m. through 11:30 a.m.

"If your traveling South East on HWY 71 turn off on Soquel Canyon Rd. exit, then turn right, and then turn left at the next stop light that is "Pomona Rincon Road." Just one block more, then look to your right.

"Need more information regarding the Swap Meet? Contact Alan Sanders at (909) 597-3893 or visit our web site at:
HTTP://WWW.CHSMUSIC.COM/ELECTS WAP.HTML

FIELDAY FOR TCARA

2004's field day is slowly peaking its head around the corner - Field Day is always the fourth full weekend of June, beginning at 1800 UTC Saturday and ending at 2100 UTC Sunday which would make this years event on June 26-27.

Before field day there are a few other ARRL events in June for everyone to take a look at, most importantly is Kids Day. Kids Day is a great way to show young people the fun and exciting world of Ham Radio, and help them learn about our hobby.

I encourage everyone to take some time and make a few contacts with the youngsters, even invite them to attend our field day if they are local or encourage them to find and attend a Field day in there own area. This will also be a great chance for our newly licensed members to get a small taste of contesting and even a chance for others to brush-up on their multiple contact skills before field day.

Kids day will be held on June 19th and more info/rules can be found on ARRL's website at:
<http://www.arrl.org/contests/rules/2004/kd-rules.html>

Also in June is the ARRL June VHF QSO Party, the dates for this event are June 12-14th, for more info on this event and others, check out the web site at: **<http://www.arrl.org/contests/calendar.html>**

If any one would like more info about these events but do not have internet access just ask Steven KG6SOF anytime on the air and he will bring you the info at the next club meeting.

Over the course of the next few club meetings we will begin taking requests for Field day and also start putting together a volunteer list for items needed to help make this years field day happen. With every ones help and support will make this yet another great Field day get-together filled with great friends, great fun, great food, and great Radio.

73' Steven KG6SOF

Brad KC6NNV

Gentlemen,

Took the opportunity to forward Alvin's e-mails to Art Goddard as a matter of interest. He in turn has sent to ARRL Public Relations dept.

This may or may not end here, but felt that Art may want to see what he participated in.

73, Brad KC6NNV

----- Forwarded message -----

From: "Art Goddard"

<w6xd@comcast.net>

To: "Bradley Rachielles"

<kc6nnv@juno.com>

Date: Thu, 19 Feb 2004 14:56:05 -0800

Subject: Re: Problems with url of Ham Radio story

Thanks for the head's up, Brad. I finally got the URL to work, then forwarded the link to ARRL's PR person at headquarters. That's the way it is with news, they take a lot of notes, but choose just the public interest angles for their story. Great job in getting the Amateur Radio story delivered to the public!

73, Art W6XD