

Independent Radio Club WA6IRC Newsletter

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Presidents Corner

Comments from IRC President Leon KC6JAR

Amateur Radio Expo went great. I want to thank Ed, Ken, John, Russell and Lowell for helping out with Expo. I want to especially thank Ed for doing an awesome job on the story boards and Ken for doing a great job on the fair testing sessions. He did a testing session every weekend of the fair on Sunday. The sessions got us some new hams and even a guy who had wanted to be a ham for twenty years who showed up and passed the test. It was a job well done and a lot of people stopped by to check out our hobby.

A lot of things are happening with the club. We are changing buildings at our Blueridge site. We are getting into a better building which is much more ham friendly. The gentleman helping us out is a ham who is very into his hobby. We will have much better coverage out in the Antelope Valley area after the move. Unfortunately the move will mean that the Vegas link will be down for a few weeks. Unless we get lucky with the weather, it could be down for months. If we get lucky and the

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HamCon 2007

Help us at the 2007 Southwest Convention

Our club has agreed to help run the ARRL Southwest Convention for 2007. The 2007 Southwest Convention will be held September 7, 8 & 9, 2007 at the Marriott Hotel in Torrance. This is a great opportunity for us to participate in the convention and raise money for the club. By agreeing to help and providing some seed money, our club will share the profits of the convention. In the past the participating clubs share of the profits have been quite substantial.

Our club job at the convention will to run security. We will be responsible for taking tickets at the door and for monitoring the vendor's displays and equipment in the evening. We will need a number of volunteers to help us do our job at the convention. Please keep your calendar open for that weekend next September. As we get more information about the staff we will need and about the time required, we will announce it on the nets and at our meetings. Help us to support the ham community as well as our club.

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21st Century Radio

Exciting new technology coming soon to IRC

We are about to start a project that will bring 21st century radio technology to the Los Angeles area. This new technology will bring us capabilities way above and beyond our current state of affairs. This is great stuff that you won't want to miss. Stay tuned to the nets to learn the details as we move forward.

weather holds, the Vegas link should work much better than before. One of the great things about the move is that we will also get to put a 440 machine on the site as well. That should give us coverage out into the Antelope Valley and maybe all the way to Vegas. I want to thank everyone who has been helping us with the move and thank everyone for waiting on us while we finish this thing up.

Our Tech class was kind of a bust. We only had one person show up but we did the class anyway because that's what we are here for. Tell your friends that whenever we have a class we do it no matter how many show up as we are here to promote ham radio. The gentleman who took the class passed the test which made it worthwhile. The testing session on Sunday went well. Thanks to Ken, Mr. Lowell and Ed for helping out as VEs. We have a great group of people here.

Stayed tuned for the exciting world of digital communications coming soon to IRC. We are about to start doing some exciting stuff so listen to the nets to keep up with what's new with IRC.

73 de Leon KC6JAR

December Holiday Party

It's time for the annual IRC Holiday Party

The 2006 IRC Holiday Party will be held at Eagle Rock City Hall Saturday December 9 at 7:00pm. Eagle Rock City Hall is located at 2035 Colorado Blvd, Eagle Rock, CA. Our web master Larry KG6EJT has a map on the web site for directions.

We will be having fun, playing games and having a desert contest. The best desert wins a prize. Dinner is on the club, but we ask you to bring an unwrapped toy (or two) for the Toys For Tots program. The Marine Corps will be sending a representative to pick up the toys.

Please let us know you're coming so we can plan properly. To tell us you're coming e-mail Ken at w6cpa@ircradio.org or call Lowell KG6AJF at (818) 243-8672. See you at the party!

Picnic in the Forest

Annual Picnic was fun for all

Our annual summer picnic was held on August 6 this year and was a great success. The picnic was up in the Angeles National Forest at Vogel Flats. It was a nice day in the mountains and the creek was flowing as well. We had a great turnout and there was more food than we could eat! The club provided chicken and everyone brought enough other stuff to feed an army.

We would like to give special thanks to Mark KC6HMO and his family for getting us a great spot and for their help coordinating with the Forest Service. It was nice to see everyone and it was a great day in the forest.

Las Vegas Link Status

The link is temporarily down

As of the publication date of this newsletter, the Las Vegas link is down. The link is down because we are in the process of moving the link equipment and the 220 repeater from one facility at Blueridge to a more ham friendly facility on the same hilltop.

This move will allow us to update the equipment for better performance. It will also allow us to have a more stable position on the hilltop which should allow us to operate there over the long term. The position we had with the former landlord was untenable in the long term so this move is a big plus for us.

We are working hard to complete the installation in the new facility as the site is inaccessible during ski season. We expect to have the equipment back on line shortly, weather permitting.

The best way to keep track of our progress is to check in to one of our nets on Tuesday at 6:00 pm and Thursday at 8:00 pm.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

TECHNICIAN LICENSE CLASS

EAGLE ROCK CITY HALL
2035 COLORADO BLVD.
EAGLE ROCK, CA
SATURDAY OCTOBER 7 & SUNDAY OCTOBER 8 AT 9:00 AM

VE TESTING SESSION

EAGLE ROCK CITY HALL
2035 COLORADO BLVD.
EAGLE ROCK, CA
SUNDAY OCTOBER 8 AT 3:00 PM

OCTOBER CLUB MEETING

LAMPLIGHTER RESTAURANT
5043 VAN NUYS BLVD.
VAN NUYS, CA
FRIDAY OCTOBER 27 AT 7:00 PM

NOVEMBER CLUB MEETING

LAMPLIGHTER RESTAURANT
5043 VAN NUYS BLVD.
VAN NUYS, CA
FRIDAY NOVEMBER 17 AT 7:00 PM

DECEMBER CLUB MEETING /HOLIDAY PARTY

EAGLE ROCK CITY HALL
2035 COLORADO BLVD.
EAGLE ROCK, CA
Saturday December 9 at 7:00 pm

Bring an unwrapped toy for the Toys for Tots drive!

Amateur Radio Expo 2006

Fun at the Los Angeles County Fair

This year our club participated in the first Amateur Radio Expo at the Los Angeles County Fair. Amateur Radio Expo 2006 was a very large display of many different aspects of amateur radio. The Expo occupied over twenty booths worth of space and displayed many different aspects of amateur radio including, several clubs, emergency communications groups, specialty communications, things of interest to kids, and several individual stations.

Our club ran a display all day on Saturday September 23. We operated a SSTV/PSK31 station, an APRS station and a HF station. We got a lot of interest from the fairgoers on the SSTV and APRS station. Mark KG6RJQ and Mark KC6HMO were kind enough to lend us a pair of computer monitor projectors which allowed us to display what was happening on the computers to the public. The HF station was a little challenging as the background noise level at the fair was 40 over in the morning! It subsided somewhat at night but it made HF work almost impossible.

We would like to thank all of the members who chipped in to help run the display:

AG6NC	Bill	KB6THO	Ed
KC6JAR	Leon	KC6SAD	John
KF6MFU	Kim	KF6RSF	Chris
KG6AJF	Lowell	KG6WNM	John
KI6RUS	Russell	W6CPA	Ken

The organizers of Amateur Radio Expo have received many favorable comments about the Expo and they hope to make it an annual event. Our exhibit came off very well and all of the participants were excited about participating in Expo next year. If you have some ideas about a way to make our exhibit better next year, please let Leon KC6JAR know. You can check out pictures of our set up at <http://www.ircradio.org/fair1.htm>

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Independent Radio Club, Inc.
Statement of Income and Expenses
January 1, 2006 through September 30, 2006

Income:

Membership Dues	625	
Donations	95	
Class Income	297	

Total Income		1,017

Expenses:

Bank Charges	92	
HamCon Expense	200	
Site Rent	750	
Telephone	288	

Total Expenses		1,330
Excess of Expenses over Income		(313)
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Independent Radio Club, Inc.
Balance Sheet
September 30, 2006

Operating Funds	1,212	

Total Cash		1,212
Other Assets:		
Books	206	

Total Other Assets		206

Total Assets		1,418
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Total Liabilities		0
Unrestricted Fund Balance	1,418	

Fund Balance		1,418

Liabilities and Fund Balance		1,418
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Club Repeaters

KC6JAR/R repeater
445.340 MHz minus CTCSS 103.5
Contractors Point

K6VE/R repeater
224.480 MHz minus CTCSS 110.9
Contractors Point

W6DMV/R repeater
927.9625 MHz minus CTCSS 100.0
South Pasadena

W6CPA/R repeater
1282.850 MHz minus CTCSS 123.0
Contractors Point

KK6KU/R repeater
224.480 MHz minus CTCSS 100.0
Blueridge

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