

Independent Radio Club WA6IRC Newsletter

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Presidents Corner

Comments from IRC President Leon KC6JAR

HamCon was a great success. The security detail we were assigned to went off without a hitch. The convention went very well and I saw a lot of familiar people there. I would like to thank everyone who chipped in with all of their diligent help with the convention. It was a good thing for the club and hopefully something will come out of it for us. We all had a very good time doing it.

Ham Radio Expo went very well despite a little bit of rain. The license testing went off without a hitch and we got some new hams and a few upgrades out of it. We also gave out a lot of information to the general public about what we do as ham radio operators. We got to show the fun we have talking around the world and also about what we do when a disaster hits. I would like to thank everyone who came to the fair and helped us show our stuff. Because of them Ham Radio Expo went very smooth and we got to have fun at the same time.

The October Technician license class and testing

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HamCon 2007

ARRL 2007 Southwest Convention

Our club helped run the ARRL Southwest Convention this year. The 2007 Southwest Convention was held September 7, 8 & 9, 2007 at the Marriott Hotel in Torrance. The convention was a lot of fun. There were many interesting speakers with topics from emergency communications to very technical ones. DXing, D-STAR and audio enhancement were big topics this year. There were many radio prize drawings. Amateur radio vendors were out in force to display their latest wares.

Our club job at the convention was to run security. We were responsible for taking tickets at the door and for monitoring the vendor's displays and equipment in the evening. A team of two members stayed up all night in shifts watching the vendor's equipment. We had a great turnout of people to help out. Thanks to the following members for helping out:

KC6JAR Leon	KG6GIK Steve
KF6MFU Kim	KF6RSF Chris
KG6AJF Lowell	KC1RON Ron
KG6GIN Shane	W6CPA Ken
AF6GD Chuck	W6TOB Toby
K6EJC Eric	KC6HMO Mark

The convention was a big success. Since our club provided seed money and convention labor, we are entitled to a share of the convention profits. We should know in January how much our share will be. Thanks again for your help with the convention. We could not have done it without your support.

session went extremely well. We had a great turnout for the class. Ken did a great job teaching. Everyone who came and took the class passed the test and we have a bunch of new hams. I would like to thank the VEs who helped us out, Ed KB6THO, Mr. Lowell KG6AJF, and Ken W6CPA. Without their help we could not give a testing session. Congratulations to all who came and took the class and passed the test. We know it's a lot of hard work but it's a great way to get started in the hobby. Feel free to contact members of our club or go to one of our meetings if we can help you get started.

A quick thanks to Mark KC6HMO, Steve KG6GIK, and Shane KG6GIE who came up to Blueridge to help us set up our new D-STAR system. Your help was greatly appreciated to help get the D-STAR system going. We would not have gotten it up and running in time without your help. That's what this group is all about. We have a bunch great people who make all of this work.

I would like to thank everyone who uses the repeater system. Your enjoyment and support is why we do all of this.

73 de Leon KC6JAR

December Holiday Party

It's time for the annual IRC Holiday Party

The 2007 IRC Holiday Party will be held at Eagle Rock City Hall Saturday December 8 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 Park

Summer Picnic was fun for all

Our annual summer picnic was held on Sunday August 5 and was a great success. The picnic was held at Crescenta Valley Park in La Crescenta. It was a beautiful day under the shady oak trees in the park. We had a great turnout and the potluck generated more food than we could eat! The club provided chicken and everyone brought enough other stuff to feed an army. Nobody went away hungry!

It was particularly nice to meet Rube W2LGF in person. Rube was down from Las Vegas with his wife Violet WA2SQU to visit their son in La Canada and stopped by to picnic with us. It's always fun to put a face to a voice on the radio. Mr. Lowell KG6AJF was kind enough to bring a "key to City Hall" cake in honor of you know who. We had several new members drop by along with many familiar faces.

It was nice to see everyone there. Thanks for coming and it was a great day to play radio in the park.

Congratulations

Significant Milestones of our members

KI6MGS – Joe Guerrero

We have a new Technician the son of James N6XKU and Connie N6XKT.

K6MDY – Amanda Guthrie

We have another new Technician, Mark KC6HMO's XYL Mandy.

AF6GD – Chuck Fisher

Chuck (ex KI6KEL) has upgraded to Extra and has changed his call sign.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

TECHNICIAN LICENSE CLASS

EAGLE ROCK CITY HALL
2035 COLORADO BLVD.
EAGLE ROCK, CA
SATURDAY OCTOBER 13 & SUNDAY OCTOBER 14 AT 9:00 AM

VE TESTING SESSION

EAGLE ROCK CITY HALL
2035 COLORADO BLVD.
EAGLE ROCK, CA
SUNDAY OCTOBER 14 AT 3:00 PM

OCTOBER CLUB MEETING

LAMPLIGHTER RESTAURANT
5043 VAN NUYS BLVD.
VAN NUYS, CA
FRIDAY OCTOBER 26 AT 7:00 PM

NOVEMBER CLUB MEETING

LAMPLIGHTER RESTAURANT
5043 VAN NUYS BLVD.
VAN NUYS, CA
FRIDAY NOVEMBER 16 AT 7:00 PM

DECEMBER CLUB MEETING /HOLIDAY PARTY

EAGLE ROCK CITY HALL
2035 COLORADO BLVD.
EAGLE ROCK, CA
Saturday December 8 at 7:00 pm

Bring an unwrapped toy for the Toys for Tots drive!

Amateur Radio Expo 2007

Radio Fun at the Los Angeles County Fair

This year our club participated in the second Amateur Radio Expo at the Los Angeles County Fair. Amateur Radio Expo 2007 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 22 and Sunday September 23. We operated an APRS station and a D-STAR demonstration station. Mark KC6HMO was kind enough to donate to us a computer monitor projectors which allowed us to display what was happening on the APRS computer to the public. We also performed a demonstration of D-Chat on the D-STAR radios. D-Chat is a keyboard to keyboard chat application that uses the low speed data port of D-STAR radios. We had two computers and two D-STAR radios running simplex chatting between radios.

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

KC6JAR Leon	KI6FXL Michelle
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/fairpics.htm>

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Independent Radio Club, Inc.

Statement of Income and Expenses

January 1, 2007 through September 30, 2007

Income:

Membership Dues	1,090
Donations	95
Class Income	241

Total Income 1,426

Expenses:

Bank Charges	122
HamCon Expense	200
Site Rent	1,050
Telephone	397

Total Expenses 1,769

Excess of Expenses over Income (343)
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Independent Radio Club, Inc.

Balance Sheet
September 30, 2007

Operating Funds	783

Total Cash	783

Total Assets	783
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Total Liabilities	0
Unrestricted Fund Balance	783

Fund Balance	783

Liabilities and Fund Balance	783
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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

W7EB/R repeater
224.480 MHz minus CTCSS 110.9
Las Vegas, NV

W6CPA/R repeater
224.480 MHz minus CTCSS 100.0
Blueridge

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