

# Independent Radio Club WA6IRC Newsletter

Volume 4, Issue 2

Spring 2006

## Presidents Corner

*Comments from IRC President Leon KC6JAR*

I'd like to welcome some new hams who have joined the system, Scott KI6CYS, Carolyn KI6DHN, and Bill KG6WJH. Scott and Carolyn just passed their test and they are sounding great.

We have a lot of activities coming up soon. The first is our technician class and VE session on Saturday May 20 and Sunday May 21 as well as our general class in July. This year our summer picnic will be August 6 at Vogel Flats. It's easy to get to, has a running stream, fishing, wading, and will be a lot of fun.

The most important upcoming event is Field Day. A quick reminder for Field Day, be sure you provide for any special needs like medicine. If you have a radio you want to try out, bring it. Bring extra fuses, power cords for your radio, headphones and a chair. We can always use batteries, rope and firewood. Remember our Saturday potluck. The club will provide the main dish and you need to supply a side dish and your own drinks. We have a great group of people who help out

*continued on page 2*

---

## INSIDE THIS ISSUE

- 1 President's Corner
- 1 Field Day in the Pines
- 2 Club License Classes
- 3 Using IRLP
- 4 Congratulations

## Field Day in the Pines

*Field Day at Table Mountain*

Spring is in the air and it's time for Field Day. Field Day is Saturday June 24 & Sunday June 25. Setup will begin at 11:00am Friday and operating will begin at 11:00am Saturday. This year we will be operating at Table Mountain campground in Broken Blade loop. Table Mountain campground is located in the Angeles National Forest about five miles west of the town of Wrightwood.

Campsites are on a first come first served basis and cost \$15 per night. Leon KC6JAR will hold one for you if you contact him at [kc6jar@ircradio.org](mailto:kc6jar@ircradio.org) or on the repeater. Everyone should bring camping gear and your own food. You will not want to miss our traditional potluck dinner on Saturday night. The club will provide the main course and you need to provide your own drinks and a side dish.

We plan to operate on all bands from 160 meters to 23 centimeters. Table Mountain has enough space to run some nice antennas. We plan to run a 3A battery station which will have 3 HF transmitters and a VHF/UHF weak signal station. We will be running 2 HF phone stations and 1 HF digital/CW station. We will be operating SSB, FM, PSK-31, SSTV, RTTY and APRS.

We need to round up batteries, rope and some portable shade. If you can help with any of these items, let Leon or Ken W6CPA know. We should have plenty of rigs to use but feel free to bring your to try if you wish. For more details and a map go to our website <http://www.ircradio.org/fieldday2006.htm>.

We will also be holding a VE testing session after Field Day at 1:00pm Sunday June 25 at the campground. Field Day and an upgrade. What could be better?

and make Field Day a good time for all so you won't want to miss it.

I would like to thank everyone who has helped out with the club. Several members have stepped forward to become VEs. I'd like to thank Mark KC6HMO for helping us out, making a special trip up the back side of the mountain to check out a noise problem. Thanks to Steve KG6GIK for helping me out with a mike problem one of our members had. That's what this group is all about, helping each other out and having a good time.

As far as the system goes, the 900 machine should be fixed in a couple of weeks. The 220 side is working well. The Glassell voter receiver has a problem where the audio keeps bouncing up and down. We should have it fixed shortly. On the 440 side, we have some upgrades planned which will even out the tx and rx patterns.

It's my pleasure to work with such a fine group of people. Hopefully we will be around for many years to come.

73 de Leon KC6JAR

## The Nets Need You!

*Show your support for the club*

One of the best ways to keep up with what's going on with the club is to check in to one of our nets. We always discuss what we're doing and the current system status. We have two nets:

Tuesday Night 6 pm

Newsline at 6:00 followed by check ins.

Net Control: Lowell KG6AJF

Thursday Night 8 pm

Check ins at 8:00

Net Control Ed KB6THO

Please help show your support for the club by checking into one or preferably both of the weekly nets. Hope to see you there!

## Club License Classes

*Our next Technician license class is in May*

Our next technician license class will be held on Saturday May 20 and Sunday May 21 at Eagle Rock City Hall. Eagle Rock City Hall is located at 2035 Colorado Blvd in Eagle Rock. The class will run from 9am to 5pm on Saturday and 9am to 3pm on Sunday.

On Sunday May 21 at 3:00pm, we will sponsor a VE testing session. The VE session will be open to the public so we encourage you to come by if you want to upgrade. To take a test you need to bring \$14 in exact change or check, a picture ID, a pencil and a copy of your license.

The cost of the class is \$50 which includes the study book and the testing fee. We have found that a weekend class with a test session directly after the class is the most effective way to get a license.

If you know of anyone who is interested in getting a ham ticket, please let them know about our class. This will be one of the last chances to take the technician test before the question pool changes on July 1.

In July we will be holding a weekend general license class with a VE testing session directly after at Eagle Rock City Hall. The cost of the class is \$50 which includes the study book and the testing fee. Hopefully by then we will know what the FCC intends to do about the code requirements. When the FCC announces the new code requirements, we will try to do a General class on the fly.

We have one more technician class this year in October at Eagle Rock City Hall.

Currently there is a shortage of VE testing sessions in the San Fernando Valley. We would like to start doing regular testing sessions in the future. If you have an idea for a place we can hold them, please let us know. You can also help out by becoming a VE.

Start thinking about upgrading now!

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL CLUB MEETING  
LAMPLIGHTER RESTAURANT  
5043 VAN NUYS BLVD.  
VAN NUYS  
FRIDAY APRIL 29 AT 7:00 PM

MAY CLUB MEETING  
LAMPLIGHTER RESTAURANT  
5043 VAN NUYS BLVD.  
SHERMAN OAKS  
FRIDAY MAY 19 AT 7:00 PM

TECHNICIAN LICENSE CLASS & VE TESTING SESSION  
EAGLE ROCK CITY HALL  
2035 COLORADO BLVD.  
EAGLE ROCK, CA  
SATURDAY MAY 20 & SUNDAY MAY 21 AT 9:00 AM  
VE TESTING SESSION SUNDAY MAY 21 AT 3:00 PM

JUNE CLUB MEETING  
EAGLE ROCK CITY HALL  
5043 VAN NUYS BLVD.  
SHERMAN OAKS  
FRIDAY JUNE 16 AT 7:00 PM

FIELD DAY  
TABLE MOUNTAIN CAMPGROUND NEAR WRIGHTWOOD

SETUP FRIDAY JUNE 23 11:00 AM  
SATURDAY JUNE 24 - SUNDAY JUNE 25 AT 11:00 AM

VE TESTING SESSION  
TABLE MOUNTAIN CAMPGROUND  
SUNDAY JUNE 25 AT 1:00 PM

## IRLP Operating

*Talk around the world with your handheld*

The Contractors Point repeaters have access to IRLP node 3030. IRLP (Internet Relay Linking Project) allows you to connect the repeater to a repeater or simplex radio in another location through the internet. You may have heard stations from distant locations operating through the repeater.

To talk to a station coming into the system via IRLP, just use the repeater normally. When working an IRLP station, you should leave long pauses between transmissions to allow links to clear.

To initiate an IRLP connection from the repeater you need to send a code to set the controller to receive IRLP commands. You then send the connect code for the node you want to visit. You can see the nodes available at <http://status.irlp.net>. If you would like to give the IRLP a try, e mail ken [w6cpa@ircradio.org](mailto:w6cpa@ircradio.org) and he will send you the codes.

## Summer Picnic

*Join us for fun in the forest*

This year we are holding our annual summer picnic Sunday August 6 in the Angeles National Forest at Vogel Flats. Vogel Flats is located six miles north of Tujunga off Big Tujunga Canyon Road. Bring your whole family.

There is a stream running through the picnic area where you can wade or fish. (Any fisherman over 15 years old needs a license) We will be serving a potluck meal. The club will provide the main dish and we ask that you provide a side dish and your own drinks.

To help us plan better, we'd appreciate it if you would let us know you are coming. E mail Ken at [w6cpa@ircradio.org](mailto:w6cpa@ircradio.org) to let us know how many are coming in your group.

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Independent Radio Club, Inc.

### Statement of Income and Expenses

January 1, 2006 through March 31, 2006

#### Income:

Membership Dues	165
	-----

Total Income	165
--------------	-----

#### Expenses:

Bank Charges	23
Site Rent	225
Telephone	98
	-----

Total Expenses	346
----------------	-----

Excess of Expenses over Income	(181)
	====

Independent Radio Club, Inc.

#### Balance Sheet

March 31, 2006

Operating Funds	1,284
	-----

Total Cash	1,284
------------	-------

#### Other Assets:

Books	266
	-----

Total Other Assets	266
	-----

Total Assets	1,550
	====

Total Liabilities	0
-------------------	---

Unrestricted Fund Balance	1,550
	-----

Fund Balance	1,550
	-----

Liabilities and Fund Balance	1,550
	====

## Congratulations

*Significant Milestones for Members*

Becky KI6CRN

Congratulations Becky! Ed's daughter Becky just passed her technician license. She worked at it for a long time but she was finally successful. She's been checking into the nets regularly. Way to go Becky!

### 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**

### Club Contacts

[www.ircradio.org](http://www.ircradio.org)

Information:

Leon (KC6JAR) [kc6jar@ircradio.org](mailto:kc6jar@ircradio.org)

Ken (W6CPA) [w6cpa@ircradio.org](mailto:w6cpa@ircradio.org)

Webmaster:

Larry (KG6EJT) [kg6ejt@ircradio.org](mailto:kg6ejt@ircradio.org)

Net Control:

Lowell (KG6AJF) [kg6ajf@ircradio.org](mailto:kg6ajf@ircradio.org)