

Independent Radio Club WA6IRC Newsletter

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Summer 2007

Presidents Corner

Comments from IRC President Leon KC6JAR

Well another Field Day has come and gone and we all had a great time. The potluck dinner went very well. The potluck dinner is always a lot of fun. It was great to see everyone, sit down, shoot the breeze and talk about the hobby. We'd like to thank everybody who pitched in to get Field Day running, getting the equipment together, doing the setup and take down, Ed KB6THO, Mark KC6HMO, Russell KI6RUS, Peter WB6MYP, John KC6SAD, John KG6WNM and of course Mr. Lowell KG6AJF our commentator and pain in the rear. Our VE session turned out great. We had a good turn out and had a few people pass. We really enjoy putting on these VE sessions let all of your friends know when we do them.

Our D-Star system is up and running, but we are still trying to get the internet gateway going. As Mr. Lowell says we were working on it. I'd like to thank Mark KC6THO, Ed KB6THO and Barry N6HOG for helping

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Big Time Fun at Field Day

Field Day at the beach

El Capitan State Beach was alive with RF at the end of June when we set up shop for Field Day 2007. We had 4 HF stations and a VHF weak signal station running off emergency power all weekend. We filed as a 4A Santa Barbara operation. We operated on all of the FD bands from 80 Meters to 23 cm and made a lot of contacts. We operated phone, HF digital, SSTV and APRS.

We ran a 40 meter Moxon rectangle, a 20 M vertical ground plane and an 80 Meter ladder line driven dipole 40 feet up. We also had beams for all of the VHF/UHF bands.

The Field day Participants were:

AF6BK	Amy	KF6RSF	Chris
KB6THO	Ed	KG6AJF	Lowell
KC1RON	Ron	KG6VEP	James
KC6HMO	Mark	KG6WNM	John
KC6JAR	Leon	KI6FXL	Michelle
KC6JSM	Scott	KI6RUS	Russell
KC6SAD	John	N6XKT	Connie
KD6RJE	Jackie	N6XKU	James
KF6MFW	David	W6CPA	Ken
KF6MFU	Kim	W6IE	David

The potluck dinner was fantastic. There was a tremendous variety of great food. We would like to give special thanks to Ed KB6THO for making all of the arrangements, smoothing our way with the authorities, and giving a talk about amateur radio at the campground campfire.

The weather was great, the scenery was awesome and the company was even better! Everyone had a great time getting together to play radio at the beach. Thanks to everyone who participated!

us figure out how to get the gateway going. We will get the gateway going soon by hook or by crook. Pay attention to the web site www.ladstar.org to track our progress.

Our picnic will be here soon. We will be relaxing in the shade at Crescenta Valley Park. Be sure to come out and have a good time with us.

Stay tuned, check into our nets and pay attention to our web site to see what's coming up on IRC radio. We have a lot of things going on, Blueridge, Las Vegas, D-Star, 900 MHz, 1.2 GHz, we are doing a little bit of everything. Stick around and have some fun with IRC. Invite your friends to come and visit. Invite your new hams to come and visit. We can teach them and we will all have a good time as that's what the hobby is all about.

Fall Beach Trip

Avocados and radios...

The IRC is sponsoring a family beach trip to Carpinteria State Beach Friday October 5 through Sunday October 7. We will have some radios set up but this is primarily a trip to relax and enjoy the beach. The Carpinteria Avocado Festival is going on all weekend and the festival is in walking distance from our campsite. You can find out more about the festival at their web site www.avofest.com. You won't want to miss this one.

You can start camping Thursday October 4 at 2 pm and we have to leave the site on Sunday October 7 at noon. You can camp in RVs or tents. The campground has potable water, flush toilets, hot showers (for an additional fee) and a fire pit. No RV hookups are available.

We are going to have a potluck dinner on Saturday night so be sure to bring a side dish and your own drinks. The club will provide the main dish.

The cost of the trip is \$30 per night. If you want to reserve space, e-mail Ken at w6cpa@ircradio.org. See you at the beach!

Summer Picnic

Cool off with us at the park

This year we are holding our annual summer picnic Sunday August 5 12:00 noon at Crescenta Valley Park. Crescenta Valley Park is located in the 3500 block of Honolulu Avenue in La Crescenta. Bring your whole family. Talk in will be on the repeater. Leon will set up a cross band repeater so the people can talk through the system easier.

We will be serving a potluck lunch. 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. Contact Leon at (818) 720-8331 or e mail him at kc6jar@ircradio.org to let us know how many are coming in your group.

Southwest Convention

Help us work the convention.

The ARRL Southwest Division is putting on the annual Southwest Convention this year in Torrance. The convention will have classes, speakers, W1AW/6 operating, a vendor display and much much more. You can find out more about the convention by checking out their web site at www.hamcon.org.

Our club has volunteered to help put on the convention. In exchange for our labor and support, we get a chance to share in the convention profits. Our job is to provide security. We need to have two people at the door to the vendor display area checking tickets, two people monitoring the vendor equipment unloading on Friday, and two people to walk the vendor display area at night. The more people we have to help the easier it will be. If you can help us please e-mail Ken at w6cpa@ircradio.org or mail in the coupon on the web site.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JULY CLUB MEETING

LAMPLIGHTER RESTAURANT

5043 VAN NUYS BLVD., VAN NUYS, CA

FRIDAY JULY 27 AT 7:00 PM

SUMMER PICNIC

CRESCENTA VALLEY PARK

3500 BLOCK HONOLULU AVENUE

LA CRESCENTA, CA

SUNDAY AUGUST 5 AT 12:00 NOON – SEE ARTICLE ON PAGE 2

AUGUST CLUB MEETING

LAMPLIGHTER RESTAURANT

5043 VAN NUYS BLVD., VAN NUYS, CA

FRIDAY AUGUST 24 AT 7:00 PM

ARRL SOUTHWEST CONVENTION

MARRIOTT HOTEL

3635 FASHION WAY.

TORRANCE, CA

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 8, 9 & 10 - SEE ARTICLE ON PAGE 2

AMATEUR RADIO EXPO

LOS ANGELES COUNTY FAIR

POMONA, CA – SEE ARTICLE ON PAGE 3

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 22 & 23 AT 10:00 AM

SEPTEMBER CLUB MEETING

LAMPLIGHTER RESTAURANT

5043 VAN NUYS BLVD., VAN NUYS, CA

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 28 AT 7:00 PM

BEACH CAMPING TRIP

CARPINTERIA STATE BEACH

CARPINTERIA, CA – SEE ARTICLE ON PAGE 2

Saturday October 6 & 7 at 10:00 AM

TECHNICIAN LICENSE CLASS

EAGLE ROCK CITY HALL

2035 COLORADO BLVD.

EAGLE ROCK, CA

SATURDAY OCTOBER 13 & SUNDAY OCTOBER 14 AT 9:00 AM

Help with radio at the Fair

Amateur Radio Expo 2007 at the LA County Fair

We have just been notified that Amateur Radio Expo 2007 has received the ok from the fair committee to display Amateur Radio on the same street as last year. We will have eighteen booths worth of Amateur Radio on display at the Los Angeles County Fair. It will run on each weekend of the fair Sept 8 & 9, Sept 15 & 16, Sept 22 & 23 and Sept 29 & 30. We plan to demonstrate amateur radio and to spotlight different clubs and activities with in the hobby. They are looking for clubs and/or individuals to man the booths, to operate different types of radios and to demonstrate of the kinds of things we do with amateur radio.

We have agreed to help them out as a club. We have agreed to make and man a booth on the weekend of September 22 & 23. If you help us out and give us at least six hours working the booth, then you are free to visit the rest of the fair. Volunteers will receive an exhibitor's badge which allows free admission to the fair and free parking. We would like to hand out club literature and do some kind of operating. If you have some ideas of what kind of operating we should do please let us know your suggestions. We are looking for some kind of demonstration which is interesting to the general public and will spotlight our hobby.

If you would like to help out at the fair as an individual on any of the weekends, they would love to have you. The organizers have set up a web site <http://lafair.b2v.org> with basic information and contact information if you want to volunteer. You can also contact them at rbvcom1@b2v.org. They are also looking for ideas of ways to demonstrate amateur radio to the public in a way that is interesting and relevant.

If you would like to volunteer to help design, construct or man the booth, please e-mail Ken at w6cpa@ircradio.org. What a great way to have fun at the fair and show off your hobby at the same time!

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Independent Radio Club, Inc.

Statement of Income and Expenses

January 1, 2007 through June 30, 2007

Income:

Membership Dues	610	

Total Income		610

Expenses:

Bank Charges	45	
Dues	10	
Field Day Cost	127	
Site Rent	600	
Telephone	254	

Total Expenses		1,036
Excess of Expenses over Income		(426)
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Independent Radio Club, Inc.

Balance Sheet

June 30, 2007

Operating Funds	798	

Total Cash		798

Total Assets		798
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Total Liabilities		0
Unrestricted Fund Balance	798	

Fund Balance		798

Liabilities and Fund Balance		798
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Club Analog 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
446.860 MHz minus CTCSS 82.5
Blueridge

W6CPA/R repeater
224.480 MHz minus CTCSS 100.0
Blueridge

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