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Coachella Valley Amateur Radio Club PRESIDENT'S CORNER

The world seems to be speeding up and I seem to be slowing down, so I am conducting a graceful departure from the Presidency. It's been a good year with members active in RACES, various bicycle and walking events, a great Field Day, and with more events ahead with the newly elected officers.

SK and 73 to all,
Alan W6FZA since 1932
President



Coachella Valley R.A.C.E.S.

ITEMS FOR SALE

ICOM 735, very clean, works great, with manual Daiwa, CN 250 SWR Bridge MFJ Tuner, 941-D, with manual Astron 20A Power Supply

Email reasonable offers to:

Harold K6TQM at: wittenhj@dc.rr.com or
Ken W6NEL at: w6nel@wildblue.net

Hi Folks -

As you know, Sam Eller/AD6UE and several VE's from YVARC sponsor a monthly amateur radio testing session at the Loma Linda EOC. Previously these test sessions have been held on the 4th Thursday of each month during the months of January through October and on the 3rd Thursday during the months of November and December, to accommodate for the holidays. Beginning immediately, all of Sam's future amateur radio test sessions will take place on the 3rd Thursday of each month, 12 months a year. We will no longer be conducting testing on the 4th Thursdays. This will make it less confusing for anyone wishing to test, knowing that it will always be on the 3rd Thursday, no matter what month it is! Please pass this information along to anyone you know who may be interested. Thanks very much.

73

Glenn A. Montenero/KJ6QB
Membership Director
Yucaipa Valley Amateur Radio Club (YVARC)



Desert Radio Amateur Transmitting Society

Clubs' Governing Board

At the November 27th, 2007 meeting the following members have stepped forward to act as the "Acting Governing Board" for the Desert Radio Amateur Transmitting Society:

President: Peter Reinzuch VE7REZ
Vice President: Gary Boskovitch KD6QLT
Treasurer: Chris Vance K6YNW
Secretary: Pat Case KG6NXC
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This month is the anniversary of the founding of a local Ham related internet Forum. Have a look! Check out your internet OPEN Forum for all Hams at . . . <http://desertrats.17.forumer.com/index.php>.

It would be great to see you join in and be a member of the Forum even if you no longer are participating in other club activities. This OPEN Forum is intended for all of the Deserts' Hams regardless of club affiliation, or not, as you will see when you review the site. It is kept current on a regular basis and has something for every Ham in California's desert areas. Check in and contribute often! Your participation will benefit all.

- ☞ Sign up and be an ELMER
- ☞ Read about the improvements made to 146.940- PL 107.2 Repeater! Join in the Monday night NET at 7PM.--- Net Control Chris Vance K6YNW. Chris always has something interesting for you to listen to at the end of each NET! Check in and hear first hand the improved signal!
- ☞ Read about Eric Goforth's N6GOF "APRS Depot Project" in the 'Cool Links' section and visit his excellent site at <http://www.aprsdepot.com/forum/>
- ☞ Read about how our own DR. Henry Richter W6VZA helped send the first USA's satellite into orbit and how Hams were first to hear transmissions from the satellite . . and many more topics.

Let other Hams know about the Forum and invite them to join in! Be a part of the evolution of Ham Radio!

Peter Reinzuch VE7REZ /W6 Administrator
Tom Becker KI6CDF Moderator
Gene Pentecost W4IMT Moderator
David Simpson W6OPS Moderator



**Peter Reinzuch
VE7REZ
President**



QCWA Chapter 154 DREEP's Droppings

D-Star has come to the Coachella Valley! The presentation by Doug Bornstein, W6DXX, and Eric Goforth, N6GOF, was outstanding. The quality and number of questions indicated a very high level of interest. The K6IFR D-Star digital repeater, located on Edom Hill, operates on 447.140 MHz, -offset, and is connected to the Internet. The Internet tie allows local voice and digital traffic to be tied seamlessly to other D-Star stations located around the world. The worldwide information website is: <http://www.dstarusers.org/>. Take a look. You will be impressed.

Be sure to get the annual Christmas Party on your calendar. Details are elsewhere in this issue of the Repeater. As in the past, **there will be no Chapter 154 December meeting!**

Leo, W0GFQ, and Abigail will arrive December 4. They have assured us they will be at the party.

73

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HOLIDAY PARTY NOTE

In conjunction with the New K6IFR D-Star digital repeater, located on Edom Hill, which operates on 447.140 MHz, -offset. (see the QCWA article above regarding "D-Star"), a raffle prize at the Dec 11th Holiday Pot Luck will be a 440 HT with D-STAR capability, provided by the CVARC Club. Be sure to get your tickets for a chance to join in on Digital communications.





Coachella Valley R.A.C.E.S.

Remember----- There will be no individual Club or RACES meetings this month. In place of the standard meetings will be a combined Christmas/Holiday Pot Luck as usual here in the Coachella Valley. This year's event will be held in Palm Springs at the usual site of the RACES meeting. See details on pg. 4 of this newsletter. All Valley Hams from the local clubs are invited; bring the family.

Our C.V. RACES TEAM has grown significantly (by at least 15) this year. It has been great to see so many interested in supporting the community with emergency communications when a disaster strikes.

The next step for all of us is to be prepared. This includes maintaining our radios, being familiar with the radio functions, becoming familiar with the Emergency Communications' Plans here in Coachella Valley, and proper radio etiquette; the do's and don't of radio communications in an emergency. Become as knowledgeable as you can about emergency communications at the time of need. A lot of this can be learned by participating in the required training, attending local meetings, checking in on local "Nets", and participating in the practice Drills, for starters.

There is a major State wide drill being planned for November of 2008. So our goal should be, to be as prepared as we can to participate in this event. It is currently scheduled for Nov. 12th -15th of 2008.

I want to send a special **"THANK YOU"** to all the RACES operators who worked the RED Flag event over the Thanksgiving Holiday. RACES was activated on the 21st, 23rd & 24th. The Anza, Mountain, Pass, and Coachella Valley Districts were all active here in the Eastern portion of the county as well as several districts in the west. In the Eastern region of the county, some 30 operators were active during this event; eight of the local C.V. Districts' folks included. Ken Nelson W6NEL coordinated the C.V. Team. A job was well done, by all.

Also a special thanks to Peter Lent KG6CJM our County Fire OES Supervisor for an excellent job of planning, organizing and coordinating this event. I understand the County Fire Chief Hawkins was pleased with our help.

Merry Christmas, and A Happy New Year to all

Harold K6TQM
Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Services
Deputy Chief, East
Riverside Co. Fire O.E.S.



ITEMS FOR SALE

Kenwood SW-200A SWR/POWER Meter,
Kenwood TS-711A 2 meter Transceiver,
Kenwood SP-430 Speakers 2 each,
Kenwood TS-811A 70CM Transceiver,
Kenwood HS-5 Headset,
Kenwood SWT-1 Antenna tuner,
Kenwood SWT-2 antenna tuner,
Kenwood SWC-2 Directional Coupler,
Kenwood TS-940S HF Transceiver,
Kenwood SP-940 Speaker,
Kenwood MC-43S Microphone,
Kenwood TL-922A 2KW Amplifier,
Kenwood SM-220 Station Monitor,
Kenwood TM-741 2M/220/440 Transceiver,
RTH-Ham IV Rotor w/controller (used),
RTH-Ham IV Rotor w/controller (New in Box),
Kenpro KR500 Elevation Indicator
G5RV 10-80 Meter Antenna,
CS-401 4 position Coax Switch,
Nye Viking 020-001 Nye Viking 50 LHM 3KW s filter,
Nye Viking C-1.8-30 5K, Coupler,
Nye Viking MB-V-A 3000 Antenna Tuner,
Nye Viking RFM-003, 300-3000 Watt Power/SWR Meter,
AEA Dummy Load 1.5 KW,
Thurline RBI-43 Watt meter SO 239,
Thurline 50C element, 50 watt 100-250 MHz,
Thurline 25E Element 25 watt 400-1000MHz,
Thurline 250H Element 250 watt 2-30 MHz,
Thurline 1000H Element 1000 watt 2-30 MHz,
Thurline CC-1 Carry Case,
Thurline 100C Element 100 watt 100-250 MHz,
Thurline 50E Element 50 watt 400-100 MHz,
Wireman X-4XL, .590" Solid Center
Wireman CQ R5 2-12, 6-16 rotor cable,
Mirage D1010 430-450 100 watt amplifier
Belmore BM388 DC 20 AMP power supply,
Astron RS 12 12-Amp power supply,
Comet CF 4160 Twin Cabin System Duplexer

PLEASE MAKE ALL OFFERS FOR ANY OF THE ABOVE ITEMS DIRECTLY TO JERRY PERKINS, N7HAL, jerry@karststage.com

Submitted by Duane Ehrlich, AD5E

You and Your Family are Invited to the 2007 R.A.C.E.S. & All Coachella Valley HAM Holiday Party / Potluck



Holiday Party / Potluck

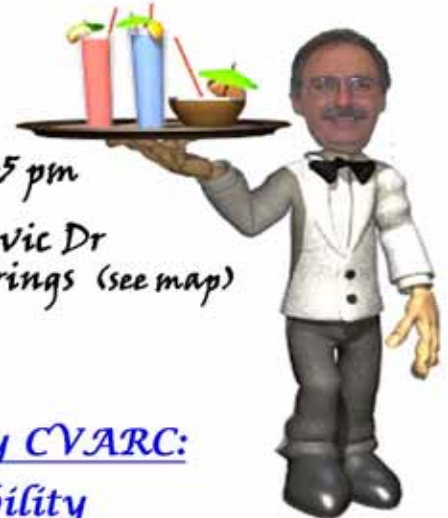
Date: Dec 11th, 2007

Day: Tuesday

Time: 5pm

(eat ~5:30 - 5:45 pm)

Place: 425 N. Civic Dr
Palm Springs (see map)

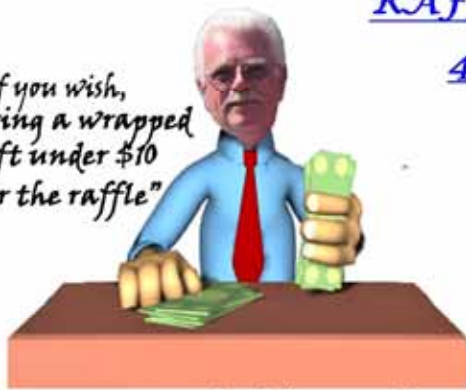


RAFFLE PRIZE DONATED by CVARC:

440 HT with D-Star Capability

Ref: New K6IFR D-Star Digital Repeater
located on Edom Hill which operates
on 447.140 MHz, -Offset (See QCWA
article in Dec Repeater/Newsletter)

"If you wish,
bring a wrapped
gift under \$10
for the raffle"



\$5.00 per Couple / \$3.00 Single



Bring your favorite dish, or consider the following:

A to G = Salad Dish (Hot or Cold)

H to R = Main Dish

S to Z = Desserts, Bread and Butter



Coming From the East:

Ramon Rd towards the Airport, turn right on El Cielo Rd. Turn left on Tahquitz Cyn. Make a 1st Right at N. Civic Dr. Turn Left on the 2nd Street which is E. Civic Dr. It Dead ends at N. Civic Dr. Follow the street around to your Right. The Building is on your Left. Pull through the Gate and park.

Coming From the West:

Go South on Farrell Dr, Turn Left on Alejo Rd, your 2nd Right will be N. Civic Dr. The Building will be on your right. Pull through the Gate and park.

Hope to see Everyone there!



December 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 8:30 am RACES NET	3 7 pm RATS NET	4	5 8:30 am HAM Breakfast @ Goody's on Monterey & Country Club	6 7 pm CV RACES NET	7 11:00 am LUNCH @ Palm Desert Greens	8
9 8:30 am RACES NET	10 7 pm RATS NET	11 Everyone Invited POTLUCK DINNER Holiday Party	12 8:30 am HAM Breakfast @ Goody's on Monterey & Country Club	13 7 pm CV RACES NET	14 11:00 am LUNCH @ Palm Desert Greens	15
16 8:30 am RACES NET	17 7 pm RATS NET	18	19 8:30 am HAM Breakfast @ Goody's on Monterey & Country Club	20 7 pm CV RACES NET	21 11:00 am LUNCH @ Palm Desert Greens	22
23 8:30 am RACES NET	24 7 pm RATS NET	25 Merry Christmas ... Happy Hanukah	26	27 7 pm RACES COMM. TEST 146.025+ pl107.2	28 11:00 am LUNCH @ Palm Desert Greens	29
30 8:30 am RACES NET	31 HAPPY NEW YEAR					

H A P P Y B - D A Y S

ROGER KC6UZQ,
FRED AD6HB &
BOBBY KI6JIZ



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HAROLD
K6TQM



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JOE KO6LV,
GARY KD6QLT &
BARRY N6JHB

PAT
K6PJC



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ARMOND
N6WR

DOTTIE
KG6FUY



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NET(s) FREQUENCIES: Sundays 830 hrs - RACES Net (3.945 MHz)
 Mondays 1900 hrs - Desert RATS Net (146.940-, 107.2 pl)
 Thursdays 1900 hrs - Coachella Valley **RACES** Net (146.025+, 107.2 pl)