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Slate of candidates for 2008 CVARC Board:

OFFICIAL BALLOT COACHELLA VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

(Paid Members in Good Standing May Turn in their Ballots at the Nov 11th Meeting)

OR

(If you choose to mail it to the PO Box, it MUST be received no later than Nov 25th)

DAVE HARRISON, WB6OUJ.....	PRESIDENT	<input type="checkbox"/>
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LOUIS PARKER, KA6BJO.....	VICE PRESIDENT	<input type="checkbox"/>
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CVARC MEMBER: _____

Please PRINT & SIGN (ALL BALLOTS MUST BE SIGNED TO BE VALID)



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

Following Introductions at the Oct 9th RACES meeting, Harold K6TQM briefed all in attendance on the "Golden Guardian" State-wide Exercise scheduled for Nov 13th through Nov 15th, 2008. Further details on this big event can be found at: "www.ShakeOut.org".

Henry Richter W6VZA took some time to share a new Motorola Digital Communications System, called E.R.I.C.A. The installation and use of this new system is planned for six (6) cities. All Government entities will be using this system. It will have a full "911" Center. All cities will have this except for Desert Hot Springs. With eleven (11) channels having a capability of 500 different talk groups, there will be approximately 700 radios, gearing up to 4,000 radios eventually. This is a fully encrypted system and each city will have their own repeaters. Everything will be done digitally and is I.P. based.

The 1st Monday of each month is the County Wide Drill. Total check-in's from five (5) Eastern Districts are called in to the Riverside PEOC on UHF/VHF using three (3) radios. We are looking for another volunteer to help with this monthly event at the AEOC. Currently, this tasked is maintained by Randy K6YFE along with the help of Bruce AE6SP. Please contact Randy, if you are able to help.

Congratulations to Tom Becker KI6CDF, who has been appointed Assistant E.C. to Ken Nelson. Tom is also our RACES Web Master. Tom discussed the newly redesigned website "www.RivCoRACES.org". Tom has converted the site to establish a new platform to allow us to do some additional things that we weren't able to do in the past. Tom is also looking into setting up the system with a security log-in. If you have not checked out the website, PLEASE do. It has 'lots of links to other OES websites, a FEMA link, and much, much more! **THANK YOU TOM** for your dedication and efforts on this project!

Following a Message Handling Exercise, the meeting adjourned.

IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT EVERYONE ATTENDS THE NOV 6th MTG; PREPARATIONS for GOLDEN GUARDIAN WILL BE DISCUSSED!

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Coachella Vly Amateur Radio Club

Come join us at The Coachella Valley Amateur Radio Club Meeting:

- ☐ Day/Date: Tuesday, November 11th
- ☐ Time: 7:00 p.m.
- ☐ Topic: Safety Proofing Your Home for an Earthquake
- ☐ Location: Cathedral City Fire Dept.
32100 Desert Vista Road
Cathedral City

ELECTIONS, ELECTIONS, PLEASE VOTE



QCWA Chapter 154 DREEP's Droppings

The Fall QCWA Journal

features an article titled "Leo Meyerson and the Golden Age of Amateur Radio" written by Chapter 154 member Dick Clark, K6GLB. Members can read the article in the magazine. Others may request a copy by e-mailing me.

K8ZZO estate sale continued during the summer!

I wish to thank Ken, W6NEL, Harold, K6TQM, and Jerry, N6CRI, whose efforts resulted in about \$2,500 more for Bill's estate.

The first meeting of the season will be Thursday, November 20, 2008, 11:00 AM, Palm Desert Greens Country Club. **It's election time**, so come prepared to nominate from the floor and vote. Remember: Only members of both our chapter and QCWA national are eligible to hold office and vote. See you there.

73

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THE DESERT RATS

CQ CQ CQ QRV ...

The Theme I'd like to promote this Fall-Winter in the local Ham Community is <<PARTICIPATION>>

In events like RACES has... like the State wide disaster drill "Golden Guardian", the CVARC Holiday Party, the RATS invitation to participation in Winter Field Day, the next monthly Ham breakfast, the Quarter Century Club Luncheons, the bike charity event and more are there to have some serious good fun at!

I think we all need to talk more on the radio~~ most of us don't! (I'm guilty) It's time for a change not only in politics but in our mindset as Hams here in the Coachella Valley. Let's quit the behind the scenes bickering; it's nothing but nonsense in the greater scheme of things. Times are changing fast, not only in the Stock Market but also in our wallets. Come on lets get into the 21st Century! With less money to spend we all should consider actively getting back into the hobby instead of wasting it doing other things. One of my favorite sayings is " Time is precious waste it wisely!" Most of us have a few dusty 2 meter radios kicking around; it costs nothing for most of you to get back on the air. Cheap fun can be had even if the Stock Market is killing our dreams of retirement. Right? . . . so come and discuss this or any point you want after Monday night or Thursday NETs. Both the Monday night RATS and Thursday Coachella RACES NETs seem to be slowly losing folks. Some are silent keysdedicated guys like KING KA6MGB will surely be missed; there are hundreds of Hams in the Valley that need to sit on their butt, key that mike, and participate like he did! Like Chris says he was always reliably there on Monday nights. Corral someone you know who hasn't participated in a while and have them "check in' to one or both of these excellent NET nights. Let's get some ACTION going here you guys! While you're at it pat a few people on the back like Joyce KG6FHU (our editor), Chris K6YNW (Monday Night) and Harold K6TQM (Thursday Night) put a lot of effort into being Net Control . . . they tirelessly contribute to the ham community. Let's make their efforts feel worthwhile to them. I'll be listening for some of you that I know only by your name/call sign on a roster.

NEWS FLASH! . . . quoted from the Ham Forum for all desert Hams <http://desertrats.x.am>

"Mondays NET Night takes off with a new twist" - Don't forget the valleys most popular NET NIGHTit's about to get better!
7PM MONDAYS 146.940 - PL 107.2

NET Control Chris K6YNW always has something of interest to all! (Tune in to his new format! or is that next week.... well check them both to hear for yourself)

Welcome back Art N6RKS, he recently came back from a stint in Bagdad, Iraq doing some important communications related work!

It's good to hear Ken W6NEL is recovering from a very serious operation!

It's good to see IECARO has been revived with a new purpose . . . read all about it at <http://desertrats.x.am>. **It's good to have some good news once in a while!**



73

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New RATS SKYPE phone #760-536-4272

Leave a message about questions or comments to the Desert RATS Club and I'll get back to you.

New members always welcome!

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Glenn
Tobey
AB6PA



Roy
Cheatwood
KA6UIO



Brenda
Helliwell
K16PFA



Stephen
Preston
K16MJG

November 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 8:30 am RACES NET	3 7 pm RATS NET	4	5 7 pm VE Testing Red Cross (42nd & Corporate Way) 	6 7 pm CV RACES NET 7:15 pm RACES Mtg 425 N. Civic Dr, Palm Springs 	7	8
9 8:30 am RACES NET	10 7 pm RATS NET	11 7 pm CVARC Mtg Cathedral City Fire Dept, 32100 Desert Vista Rd 	12	<b style="color: red;">GOLDEN GUARDIAN State-Wide Drill		15
16 8:30 am RACES NET	17 7 pm RATS NET	18 7 pm RATS Mtg P.Spgs PD Trng Ctr, Library @ Civic Way 	19	20 11 a.m. QCWA Mtg @ Palm Desert Greens  7 pm CV RACES NET	21 11:00 am LUNCH @ Palm Desert Greens 	22
23/30 8:30 am RACES NET	24 7 pm RATS NET	25	26	27  7 pm RACES Comm TEST 146.025+ 1107.2	28	29

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)