



The Coachella Valley Repeater



President: Tom Averett
AE6WL
760.329.1271

PO Box 11092, Palm Desert, CA 92255

Volume 18, Issue 8 - October 2008

Coachella Valley Dist Officer:
Ken Nelson W6NEL
760.219.7962



Leo Meyerson Chapter 154
President: Gene Pentecost W4IMT
760.568.3341



President: Peter Reinzuch
VE7REZ
760.318.0186

COACHELLA VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, P.O. Box 11092, PALM DESERT, CA 92255

PRESIDENT:	TOM AVERETT	AE6WL	EMAIL	AE6WL@AOL.COM
VICE PRESIDENT:	LOUIS PARKER	KA6BJO	EMAIL	KA6BJO@DC.RR.COM
SECRETARY:	ROBIN MILLAR	KA6HWT	EMAIL	ROBIN072@VERIZON.NET
TREASURER & MEMBERSHIP:	HAROLD WITTEN	K6TQM	EMAIL	WITTENHJ@DC.RR.COM
ACTIVITIES DIR:	MAUREEN HIEMSTRA	K6BSC	EMAIL	K6BSC@JUNO.COM
PAST PRESIDENT:	ALAN MARGOT	W6FZA	EMAIL	W6FZA@VERIZON.NET
EDITOR:	JOYCE WITTEN	KG6FHU	EMAIL	JOYCE-WITTEN@DC.RR.COM
		FAX		(760) 341-5701

CVARC IECARO DELEGATES: MAUREEN HIEMSTRA K6BSC & HAROLD WITTEN K6TQM

Whilst visiting in the Nashville area, we travel to the nearby town of Franklin where we lived before moving to Boise. There is a new upscale development called Westhaven. Homes are around \$1M. Some ham buyer negotiated a deal for a ham shack. There will be a beam antenna on top?



So there is hope! ;-)

73

Gene W4DMC ;-)

H A P P Y

B - D A Y



SUE EVANNS
KF6ZJK



NICK MUTASCIO
K6GQO



DON CLAUNCH
KG6CEK



RON LUTTRINGER
K6XC



COACHELLA VALLEY R.A.C.E.S.

THE MONTHLY MEETING WAS HELD AT CIVIC YARD, PALM SPRINGS ON THURSDAY 11 SEPTEMBER 2008 WITH SOME 36 ATTENDEES. THANKS ONCE AGAIN TO CITY OF PALM SPRINGS FOR ALLOWING US TO USE THOSE FACILITIES.

A SIGN-IN SHEET WAS CIRCULATED FOR THE STATE-WIDE "GOLDEN GUARDIAN" EXERCISE 9AM-2PM THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH. MEMBERS SHOULD GOOGLE 'GOLDEN GUARDIAN' FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THIS EVENT. PLEASE NOTE IN CONNECTION WITH THIS DRILL DATE THAT THE NORMAL NOVEMBER RACES MEETING WILL BE HELD ONE WEEK EARLIER I.E. ON THURSDAY 6 NOVEMBER 2008.

THE MEETING RECEIVED A PRESENTATION BY KEVIN BROWN, EMERGENCY SERVICES COORDINATOR RIVERSIDE FIRE DEPT. THIS DEALT WITH THE ISSUES SURROUNDING THE EARTHQUAKE ANTICIPATED FOR THE VALLEY AND HOW MUCH DEVASTATION THIS COULD CAUSE TO LIFE IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. SEE ALSO WEBSITE WWW.SHAKEOUT.ORG

KEN NELSON ALSO REFERRED TO THE TOUR DE PALM SPRINGS BIKE RIDE AGAIN SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 2009. HE WILL SOON BE COLLECTING NAMES OF VOLUNTEERS.

THE MEETING ENDED WITH A MOCK MESSAGE DRILL.

MEMBERS ARE REMINDED OF THE HUGE AMOUNT OF INFORMATION CONTAINED ON THE COUNTY RACES WEBSITE. [HTTP://WWW.RIVCORACES.ORG](http://WWW.RIVCORACES.ORG) THIS IS A FULLY REVISED WEBSITE. ALL QUERIES PLEASE REFER TO THE WEBMASTER TOM BAKER K16CDF.

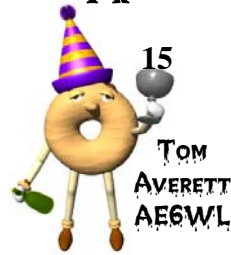
ALL MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO CHECK IT OUT BEFORE THE NEXT MEETING WHICH IS SCHEDULED FOR **THURSDAY 9 OCTOBER 2008**. I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE- BUT OF COURSE EMERGENCIES CAN HAPPEN IN BETWEEN TIMES. THIS IS A REGULAR REMINDER TO KEEP YOUR PORTABLE BATTERY AND A SPARE FULLY CHARGED. THAT 'QUAKE COULD HAPPEN FIVE MINUTES FROM NOW - HAS YOUR FAMILY GOT WATER AND OTHER SUPPLIES?

KEN NELSON W6NEL
RADIO AMATEUR CIVIL EMERGENCY SERVICES
DISTRICT OFFICER, COACHELLA VALLEY
HOME PHONE 951-849-7397
CELL PHONE 760-219-7962
PAGER 951-270-4705



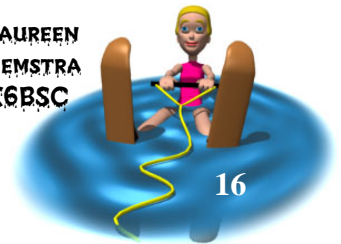
(ARTICLE SUBMITTED BY DAVID W6OPS)

H A P P Y B - D A Y



TOM
AVERETT
AE6WL

MAUREEN
HIEMSTRA
K6BSC



VIC
HANSEN
WB6SEL



GAIL
HOPKE
KF6UEY



RUNNING FOR CVARC OFFICE ?

A MEMBERSHIP LIST OF CLUB MEMBERS HAS BEEN LOOKED AT FOR THE COMING YEAR. A SELECTED FEW HAVE MADE THE SELECTION LIST. YOU MAY BE ONE OF THE LUCKY ONES. PLEASE DON'T COME UP WITH A REPLY THAT TELLS THE MESSENGER "NO". AGAIN, I'VE BEEN AN AMATEUR 55 YRS AND BELIEVE I'VE HEARD ALL THE GOOD ANSWERS. REMEMBER, YOU ARE ONE OF THE LUCKY ONES TO BE ASKED TO RUN FOR OFFICE, TO RUN THE CLUB ONE YEAR; NOT A LIFE TIME JOB. WE NEED NEW BLOOD AND NEW IDEAS TO KEEP THE CLUB RUNNING AND HAVING FUN.

WE ALL UNDERSTAND YOU HAVE OTHER INTEREST OTHER THAN HAM RADIO, (LIKE A JOB) BUT REMEMBER THAT HAM TICKET IN YOUR POCKET IS NOT ONLY A TICKET TO OPERATE, BUT TO COMMUNICATE, MEANING TO PUT YOUR IDEAS ACROSS THE TABLE AND HELP SOMEONE ELSE TO BE A GOOD HAM OR TO WORK WITH YOU AS A CLUB OFFICER. THIS CLUB PAPER IS A GOOD EXAMPLE OF HAM RADIO, NO RF BUT A LOT OF GOOD THINKING TO MAKE YOU WANT TO READ EACH MONTH WHAT IS GOING ON. DON'T TELL ME JOYCE IS NOT A BUSY LADY, AND YOU SURE DON'T WANT TO TRY TO TELL HER THAT EITHER.

THE CLUB HAS TWO MONTHS OF OFF TIME DURING THE SUMMER. FIELD DAY, THE LAST WEEKEND IN JUNE IS OUR REALLY BIG GET TOGETHER FOR CONTEST AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS WITH THE HELP OF THE ARRL. THE SELECTION OF NEW CLUB OFFICERS WILL BEGIN IN OCTOBER AND VOTING WILL TAKE PLACE IN NOVEMBER. AT THE XMAS PARTY NEW OFFICERS WILL BE INSTALLED FOR THE COMING YEAR. YOU NOW HAVE THE AGENDA OF WHAT OUR CLUB WILL BE DOING WITH YOUR HELP NEXT YEAR. THE PRESIDENT AND VP THIS YEAR WERE BOTH NEW OFFICERS. IN FACT THE POSITION OF EACH OFFICE WILL BE OPEN FOR NOMINATION SO PLEASE CALL HAROLD ON THE PHONE OR EMAIL HIM TO SAY YOU WISH TO BE ON THE LIST OF OFFICERS. GET A BUDDY TO PUT YOUR NAME ON THE LIST SO YOU CAN BE VOTED ON IN NOVEMBER. YOU KNOW WHO YOU ARE. DON'T MAKE ME CALL YOU BEFORE THE NEXT MEETING. SAVE ALL OF US THE TROUBLE.

73, BILL DEWS K6AWO



COACHELLA VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

IT'S THAT TIME, ELECTIONS ARE COMING UP. IT'S TIME TO NOMINATE YOUR CHOICE FOR OFFICE. ELECTIONS WILL BE IN NOVEMBER. I WILL NOT BE RUNNING FOR OFFICE THIS ELECTION.

THE FIELD DAY AT HEMET LAKE WENT WELL AND EVERYONE HAD A GREAT TIME, EVEN THOUGH TWO OF US DID SOME FALLING ON OUR BACK SIDES, GIVING THE CREW A FEW GOOD CHUCKLES. ALL IN ALL, IT WENT WELL. THANKS TO THE COOKS, THEY DID A GREAT JOB. IF YOU MISSED BEING THERE, YOU LOST OUT ON A GREAT MEAL OR TWO.

I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE CLUB GET INTO SPONSORING YOUNG PEOPLE IN A CLUB, I.E. CAR CLUB, ETC. WE NEED TO BRING IN NEW PEOPLE TO KEEP THIS HOBBY GOING. ANY IDEAS WILL BE HELPFUL.

TOM AE6WL, PRESIDENT



ANOTHER COOL WEB SITE . . .

[HTTP://BIGBEARSCANNER.COM](http://bigbearscanner.com)

YOU CAN LISTEN TO THE FIRE INCIDENTS, LIVE CAM'S DISPATCH AUDIO, AND ALL KINDS OF THINGS. IT'S NOT BUSY ALL THE TIME; IT'S JUST LIKE YOUR SCANNER. IT COMES AND GOES . . . IT'S FUN FOR THOSE WHO USE THEIR SCANNERS.

MAUREEN K6BSC

H A P P Y B - D A Y

28

SHAUN
PRESTON
K16MIX



29

RONNA
SAMBOL
KE5PBA



29



FRANKIE
MATHIS
KD6FXO

31



LINDA
NELSON
KG6EYN

31



DAVID
SAMBOL
KE5LLM



THE DESERT RATS

IT WAS NICE TO SEE FAMILIAR FACES AND NEW FACES AT THE FIRST MEETING OF THE YEAR FOR THE DESERT RATS. THERE WAS A DISCUSSION ABOUT IECARO (INLAND EMPIRE COUNCIL FOR AMATEUR RADIO ORGANIZATIONS) WHICH WE HAVE BEEN A MEMBER OF SINCE 1995. THERE WILL BE A MEETING OF THE CLUB PRESIDENTS AND DELEGATES TO DETERMINE IF THEY WILL HOST A 2009 ARRL CONVENTION. CHRIS, K6YNW, GAVE AN IN DEPTH REPORT ON THE ARRL CONVENTION IN MESA, ARIZONA. HE ENJOYED MANY OF THE TALKS AND SAID IT WAS A VERY GOOD CONVENTION.

THE OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER MEETING DATES WERE REPORTED IN ERROR IN THE LAST REPEATER. THE OCTOBER MEETING WILL BE ON OCTOBER 21, 2008, AND WILL BE ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS FOR CLUB OFFICERS. WE WILL ALSO BE DISCUSSING ACTIVITIES FOR THE FOLLOWING YEAR, INCLUDING WINTER FIELD DAY AT THE END OF JANUARY. WE WILL ALSO BE DISCUSSING THE POSSIBILITY OF A CLASS FOR TECH AS WELL AS FOLLOWING WITH A CLASS FOR GENERAL. THE NOVEMBER MEETING WILL BE ON NOVEMBER 18, 2008, AND WE WILL BE HAVING ELECTIONS. BOTH ARE ON THE 3RD TUESDAY. THE REMAINING DATES WERE REPORTED CORRECTLY. PLEASE REVIEW WEB SITE FOR ALL UPDATED INFORMATION.. SEE CALENDAR OF EVENTS AT [HTTP://ICAL.MAC.COM/PETER.R/DESERT%20RATS%20EVENTS%20CALENDAR/](http://ical.mac.com/peter.r/desert%20rats%20events%20calendar/)

DUES NOTICES WILL BE GOING OUT BY THE END OF THE YEAR FOR JANUARY RENEWAL. PLEASE WATCH FOR THESE NOTICES AND GET YOUR MEMBERSHIP IN EARLY.

HENRY, W6VZA, GAVE A REPORT ON THE DESERT RATS REPEATER. HE ALSO REPORTED ON ERICA (EASTERN RIVERSIDE COUNTY INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY). HENRY HAS BEEN WORKING HARD ON THIS PROJECT. SO FAR PALM SPRINGS, CATHEDRAL CITY, DESERT HOT SPRINGS, INDIO, AND BEAUMONT HAVE JOINED FORCES IN ERICA FOR COMMUNICATIONS FOR THE EFFECTIVE RESOLUTION OF MANMADE OR NATURAL DISASTERS. IT WILL COORDINATE THE POLICE, PUBLIC WORKS AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS. PLANS ARE BEING MADE FOR ALL OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA INCLUDING IMPERIAL, SAN DIEGO AND ORANGE COUNTIES. EVENTUALLY SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY AND THE REMAINDER OF RIVERSIDE COUNTY WILL JOIN. THERE IS EASE OF EXPANSION TO MANY ADDITIONAL GROUPS.

LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING ALL OF YOU AT THE NEXT MEETING.

Board members of the Desert R.A.T.S.

PRESIDENT: PETER REINZUCH VE7REZ-
PETER.R@MAC.COM

VICE PRESIDENT: GARY BOSKOVICH KD6QLT
SBOSKOVICH@DC.RR.COM

SECRETARY: PATRICK CASE KG6NXC
RIDERT40@JUNO.COM

TREASURER: CHRIS VANCE K6YNW
W6YNW@W6NRY.ORG

TRUSTEE OF CALL: HENRY RICHTER W6VZA
HENRYRICHTER@EARTHLINK.NET

CLUB WEBSITE - [HTTP://DESERTRATS.X.AM](http://desertrats.x.am)
REPEATER - WD6RAT 146.940- PL 107.2

OCTOBER 2008

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 7 pm VE Testing Red Cross (42nd & Corporate Way) 	2 7 pm CV RACES NET	3	4
5 8:30 am RACES NET	6 7 pm RATS NET	7	8	9 7 pm CV RACES NET 7:15 pm RACES Mtg 425 N. Civic Dr, Palm Springs 	10	11
12 8:30 am RACES NET	13 7 pm RATS NET	14 7 pm CVARC Mtg Cathedral City Fire Dept, 32100 Desert Vista Rd 	15	16 7 pm CV RACES NET	17	18
19 8:30 am RACES NET	20 7 pm RATS NET	21 7 pm RATS Mtg Palm Spgs PD Trng Ctr, Library @ Civic Way 	22	23 7 pm CV RACES NET	24	25 9 am VE Testing Cathedral City Fire Dept, 32100 Desert Vista Rd
26 8:30 am RACES NET	27 7 pm RATS NET	28	29	30 7 pm RACES COMM. TEST 146.025+ pl107.2	31 HAPPY HALLOWEEN 	

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)