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A FREE ICOM HT for the Next Young Ham



ICOM V8 Sport HT

RULES of the Game:

- ✓ **Must be Child or Grandchild of member in good standing with QCWA 154, CVARC or Coachella Valley R.A.C.E.S.**
- ✓ **1st one to get their TECHNICIAN LICENSE (If more than one winner [took exam at the same session], the one with the lowest call in sequence is the winner)**
- ✓ **Must be 18 yrs old or younger at time of testing**
- ✓ **Test must be taken out here in the Coachella Valley given by GLAARG or ARRL during one of their regularly scheduled test sessions**

Prize will be awarded at one of the group's regularly scheduled meetings. Prize includes ICOM V8 Sport HT with chargers and manuals. Just like new!

Donated by Susan Burton, widow of

Bill, K8ZZO

CONTEST IS STILL OPEN !!



**Coachella Valley
Amateur Radio Club**

The Coachella Valley Amateur Radio Club will meet on Tuesday **May 11** to plan Field Day Activities. There are various ways to participate, some that will seem "new", and some to be done prior to the big day. Field Day is officially an operating event not a contest and first and foremost should be a fun activity. See you at the Cathedral City Fire Dept., 32100 Desert Vista Road, Cathedral City at 7pm. Field car not required.

73,
Bill Crowl
WH6CUX
Vice-President



**QCWA Chapter 154
DREEP's Droppings**

Chapter member Dick Clark, K6GLB, responded to our request for an April luncheon program. If he had a month to plan it, it could not have been better. He described how the crew of one of Jimmy Doolittle's group of 16 aircraft that took off from the carrier Hornet to raid Tokyo, crash landed in the USSR rather than China. Their travels took them across Russia and to eventual freedom. Thanks, Dick, for a great description of a little known aspect of this famous WWII event.

There will be no more chapter luncheons until November 2010. Thanks to all who helped make our 2009-2010 season a great success. Try to stay cool!

73
Gene Pentecost W4IMT

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Happy Birthday



**Dick
Clark
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**Robin
Millar
KA6HWT**



07
**Deborah
Miller
WF4DEB**



09
**John
Beckenholdt
W6WFR**



**Dave
Simpson
W6OPS**

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

Earthquake on Easter Sunday - - - - it was heartening to hear so many check-in on the 146.025 after the shaker, thus indicating our Coachella Valley plans are working. In our case most reports were of rattled nerves but no damage, which was good news. A special thanks goes to Randy K6YFE, as he assumed net control and took all the reports. There was however some indication that some of us need more training in "net control" rules, but we can work on that easily. Interrupting net control for personal comments or to make other contacts without asking net control is not proper conduct of course.

Our neighbors in Imperial Valley were not so lucky. Their check-ins started reporting power outages, phone outage (LL & Cell) and some minor damage. (I was monitoring their radio frequency also) This prompted The Fire Capt. to activate their EOC. So their emergency Comm. plan worked well also. It was the first actual use, to my knowledge, of our Southern Regional Comm. Plan, utilizing a private linked vhf/uhf system that all of Southern Regional RACES/ACS groups have been practicing for some time now. While its use is for EOC to EOC only it does include the State EOC also, which enables a direct contact to the State for help when needed. This is unique to the Southern Region so far, which is an invaluable tool to say the least.

Since Imperial Co. activated their EOC the STATE activated their REOC in Los Alamitos for approx a 24 hr. period. Once again it was great support to the community by a group of dedicated Amateur Radio operators in an emergency following their action plans. Practice and training pays off every time, we must remember that.

Good Job folks.

Harold **K6TQM**

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<http://www.rivcoraces.org/deputy-chief-east.htm>

Happy Birthday



**Don
Guy
KC6WLF**



**Lee Beatley K6EVS
and
H.J. (Joe) Schneider
K6KQX**



**24
John
Polak
NF6N**

**Denny
Trunnelle
K6NET**



**Frances
Killingbeck
KP6THO**



**Kenneth
Hopke
AD6RN**

MAY 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 8:30 am RACES NET	3	4	5 7 pm VE Testing American Red Cross 42 nd & Corporate Way	6 7 pm CV RACES NET	7 11:00 am LUNCH @ Palm Desert Greens	8
9 8:30 am RACES NET	10	11 7 pm CVARC Cathedral City Fire Dept, 32100 Desert Vista Rd 	12	13 7:00 pm RACES Mtg 425 N. Civic Dr, Palm Springs 	14 11:00 am LUNCH @ Palm Desert Greens	15
16 8:30 am RACES NET	17	18	19	20 7 pm CV RACES NET	21 11:00 am LUNCH @ Palm Desert Greens	22
23 8:30 am RACES NET	24	25	26	27 7 pm CV RACES NET	28 11:00 am LUNCH @ Palm Desert Greens	29
30 8:30 am RACES NET	31					

NET(s) FREQUENCIES: Sundays 830 hrs - RACES Net (3.945 MHz)
 Thursdays 1900 hrs - Coachella Valley RACES Net (145.480-, 107.2 pl)