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ARRL Southwestern Division

Convention 17-19 September 2010 in San Diego

Hi all,

Here are some pictures from the ARRL Southwestern Division Convention 17-19 September 2010 in San Diego. I had a great time at the show. Heard some great presentations and saw (and touched) a lot of new ham equipment. And, oh yes, I bought some of it, including the ELECRAFT K3 Kit. No, I haven't finished it yet. Slow and steady – no mistakes.



The 3 YLs in the pictures operating the rigs show that you are never too young to be a ham. L-R Heather 8 ½ & Margaret 10 ½ are the daughters of John Matterson KJ6TTF, Alexandra 13 is their friend. Joseph did not want to publish the full call of the girls with pictures. I said we would honor that. Joseph is an officer in the El Cajon Amateur Radio Club.

In the ELECRAFT Picture below, Lerma is the spouse of Eric the CEO. Eric is taking my order online using an APPLE I-done that online too, but Eric & Lerma patiently answered all of my technical questions over Saturday and Sunday about the K3 assembly, operation, and its accessories <http://www.elecrafter.com/>



Carl Gardenias is demonstrating a kit used at the fair to young ham hopefuls.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call or email.

73s
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Coachella Valley Amateur Radio Club

It's going to be a wet one as the Coachella Valley Amateur Radio Club meets on Tuesday October 12th and welcomes speakers from the Coachella Valley Water District: Mike



Herrera, Assistant Director of Operations and CVWD's Liaison for Emergency Services; and Kevin Hemp, Education Specialist. Kevin will provide a short overview of the district; who they are and what they do. Mike will discuss what the district has done to prepare for an emergency and how it will respond to one, as well as offer personal advice for emergency preparedness specific to water. Kevin will wrap up with some details about their radio communications.

See you at the Cathedral City Fire Dept., 32100 Desert Vista Road, Cathedral City at 7:00 p.m.

73,

Bill Crawl WH6CUX

Vice President

Coachella Valley Amateur Radio Club



p.s.

The Club is planning a T-hunt here in the near future. Those interested in a T-hunt, combined with a picnic most likely following the hunt should attend the next meeting and get in on the planning. If not able to attend the next meeting, at least give the Club President, Bobby Grassi (818) 419-3169 a call and let him know of your interest in the event so he can plan accordingly.

Volunteer & Support your Club . . .

I would like to suggest anyone who receives QST October 2010 to read page 9, The ARRL president said Yes and it would be good if a few of our members did the same for the club. John POLAK NF6N, and myself Bill DEWS K6AWO have volunteered to find club officers for the coming year. This year a few of the present officers are continuing for another year, anyway try to get involved this 2011 for a year. Your phone may be ringing.

73

Bill K6AWO



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| October | 05 | Michael Brenn | KA6PGN |
| October | 05 | Sue Evanns | KF6ZJK |
| October | 09 | Don Claunch | KG6CEK |
| October | 09 | Ron Luttringer | K6XC |
| October | 14 | David Harrison | WB6OUJ |
| October | 15 | Tom Averett | AE6WL |
| October | 16 | Maurenn Hiemstra | K6BSC |
| October | 26 | Gail Hopke | KF6UEY |
| October | 26 | Vic Hansen | WB6SEL |
| October | 29 | Ronna Sambol | KE5PBA |
| October | 31 | David Sambol | KE5LLM |
| October | 31 | Linda Nelson | K6LSA |

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DISASTER PREPAREDNESS FORUM FEATURING UTILITIES

The City of Palm Desert invites residents, business owners, and the general public to the City's Great California Shakeout Public Utilities Forum on Thursday, October 21, from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Council Chamber at City Hall.

The forum will feature representatives from Southern California Edison, The Gas Company, and the Coachella Valley Water District talking about what to do before, during, and after an earthquake or other disaster.

Anybody who uses gas, electricity, or water can benefit from this educational event hosted by Palm Desert Risk and Disaster Manager Gary Rosenblum. No RSVP is required for the program, which will bring the utilities together as a one-stop source of information for individuals, homeowners associations, and businesses of all shapes and sizes.

The forum compliments the 2010 Great California ShakeOut, an annual statewide earthquake drill which is taking place at 10:21 a.m. the same day. Millions of Californians each year participate in the drill, which includes city and county fire departments across the state and is held annually on the third Thursday of October. More than 6.9 million Californians took part in the Great California Shakeout in 2009 by practicing Drop, Cover, and Hold

Palm Desert City Hall is located at 73-510 Fred Waring Drive at the corner of Fred Waring and San Pablo Avenue. For more information about the Great California ShakeOut, visit www.shakeout.org. To learn more about Palm Desert's utilities forum, please call 760-346-0611, ext. 336.

Courtesy of: Brett Romer, N6NLN



Doris Ericksen of Lacey, Washington passed away on September 18th, 2010. She was the partner of Paul Leach, N7GGX who passed away a few years ago. She was quite active in the Ham community here and Washington.



ARRL Southwestern Division Election

Recent events here in the Coachella Valley amateur radio community have prompted us, the undersigned, to strongly recommend ARRL members vote for Dick Norton, N6AA, as Southwestern Division Director. If you are not an ARRL member, encourage your friends who are. Although ARRL members do not constitute a majority of licensed radio amateurs, the ARRL is the dominant organization representing our national community. Like it or not, you have a stake in this election.

Directors determine policy and strategy. Effectiveness in this job requires a broad background of capability and experience. It is not just about shaking hands and promising to be all things to all amateurs. To contrast the two candidates go to Dick Norton's web site: <http://n6aa.com>. He doesn't promise. He clearly defines what it takes and how his experience has well equipped him to do the job! Then look at: <http://www.wu6d.com>.

Finally, from Dick's web site:

Those who have held the position of Southwestern Division Director understand what is needed to function effectively in the position. Three of the previous Directors are again publicly supporting Dick Norton as the overwhelmingly best choice for the office. Dick Norton offers a broad background in amateur radio, with real depth. His long-term experience, record of achievement, level of interest, and availability assure that he will continue to perform effectively in the job -- on your behalf.

The qualifications of the two candidates are in sharp contrast. Check them out and vote!



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

Welcome to the Coachella Valley RACES notes – and a special thanks to Lisa KJ6DZU for taking excellent and comprehensive notes to help us. The first regular monthly meeting of Coachella Valley RACES District for the new season was held at Civic Yard, Palm Springs at 7pm on Thursday 9 September 2010. Some 45 members were present with three new members signing up.

Kevin Brown, Emergency Services Coordinator of Riverside County OES, Indio Office was in attendance. Ken Nelson N6HR had asked Kevin to speak on what he (Ken) should do if a major incident occurred locally and all the infrastructure was damaged to the point that it was not possible (in fact absolutely impossible) at the time to make contact with OES or the Duty officer in order to get a activation Incident number. Kevin stated that, that would be covered under what the Fire Department refers to as “situational awareness”. He spoke of “situational awareness” i.e. being totally aware of your surroundings in great detail, and then proceeding with what has to be done at the time, while highlighting the compelling need to be able to report coherently to EOC or other centers when, and what kind help is actually needed. He drew the team’s attention to two websites in particular - <http://www.shakeout.org> and <http://www.earthquakecountry.info>.

He reminded us that Emergency preparedness and response planning now, can save a life later, and that life could be your own or that of your family.

Kevin spoke of the County’s and State resources that can be made available very quickly when needed. He talk was very much appreciated by all in attendance; a lot of good questions were asked and answered with great detail, by Kevin. It was an enjoyable meeting.

At the last meeting we spoke of the difficulty experienced by some members in getting in on simplex from several locations in the valley. The intention is to do monthly tests on simplex to evaluate this more thoroughly and set up a contact list or tree which will ensure that members are not “lost” in the event of repeater failure. Every member should now have 145.480 simplex programmed into their radio. Every city also has a primary and secondary simplex station.

If your radio is versatile enough this should be programmed for 107.2 PL on transmit but carrier squelch on receive. Simplex frequencies to be used by your city in an emergency are also on the RACES website – see below.

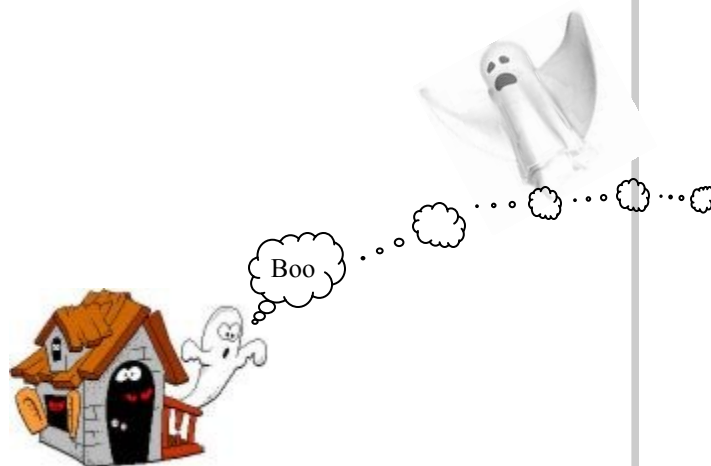
We are again indebted to Gene W4IMT for the following news item. As reported last month, Tom, KI6CDF, was operating a temporary APRS I-Gate. This has been replaced by one hosted by Doug, K6JV, in Rancho Mirage. It is performing superbly! Our thanks to Doug for this, hosting the EDOM and INDIO digis and for his analog and D-STAR open repeaters.

Our next RACES meeting will be held on Oct 14, 2010 at 7:00 PM in the Palm Springs City Yard building Members – especially new members - are once again reminded of the huge amount of information including uniform (essential for RACES authorized events) contained on the County RACES website. <http://www.rivcoraces.org>. All licensees / RACES members are encouraged to check it out before the next regular meeting. We look forward to seeing you there– but of course EMERGENCIES CAN HAPPEN in between times. And remember if we have an earthquake go to 145.480 (Tram 1 repeater PL107.2). First operator on the air becomes the control point and must note down the brief feedback from other stations about what has happened in their neighborhood – short, informative and to the point please – we don’t need a saga.

(Article Submitted by: Lisa Kordich KJ6DZU & David Simpson W6OPS)

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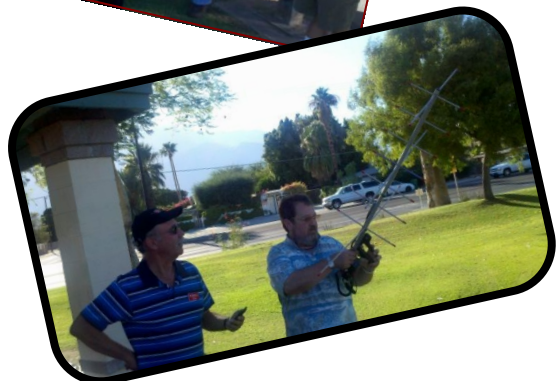
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| 17 8:30 am RACES NET | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 7 pm CV RACES NET | 22 | 23 CERT REFRESHER FIELD DAY @ Ben Clark Trng Ctr |
| 24 8:30 am RACES NET | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 7 pm CV RACES NET | 29 | 30 |
| 31 8:30 am RACES NET |  | | | | | |

Here are some pictures of the Amateur Satellite demo by Clint Bradford, K6LCS for CVARC members before the meeting on Tuesday 14 September 2010:



Photos: Courtesy of John Polak NF6N