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GET INVOLVED!

WELCOME TO THE AUGUST MEETING - IT WILL BE HELD ON:

CLUB MEETING: 8 AUGUST 1984 - 12 Noon
Bldg 238-543

Everyone is welcome to bring your lunch and enjoy
the scheduled program.

AUGUST BOARD MEETING: 22 AUGUST 1984 - 12 Noon
Bldg 238-543

Everyone is also welcome to attend the Board
Meeting. You don't have to be a Board member to
attend. Come and see the decisions being made
that will affect your club.

President's Message

June Meeting - Future plans of the club were solicited and discussed by the membership. The club is now in the process of developing a long range plan (hopefully not as long in generating it) which addresses activities, facilities, education, and club meetings. Several good suggestions were made regarding experimentation and monthly programs. The plan when completed will be made available to all club members.

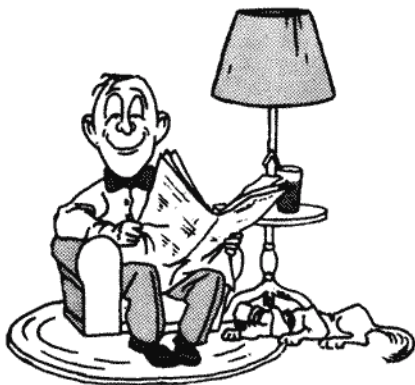
A BIG thanks to John Repar (WA6ULD) for coordinating the club Field Day activities. Without John's last-minute volunteer leadership and the assistance of the unsung participants we could not have done it.

While some of our club activities are not necessarily family oriented, this years site was chosen to promote more club participation. Maybe my boys will remember as I do, a Field Day of years gone past where my family took me to see my oldest brother in the middle of a rain drenched forest preserve trying to keep a generator running. I don't think I had any fun there and probably my boys didn't have any this time either, but for some reason I remembered it. Maybe because we did it as a family.

Reminder JPL picnic and our Club Hot Dog booth on July 21. Please contact Bruce Beaudry (WD6HEZ) at x7872 if you can assist.

Kerry (N6DSG)

DX NEWS by Bob, N6ET



DX NEWS

I haven't had a lot of time to personally listen to the ham bands this month; however, I see from my latest copy of the LIDX that the bands are full of "good stuff" as far as DX is concerned.

GLORIOSO ISLAND-This country was a rough one for the author. FR7ZD is active on the high bands through 30 June. Look for him on 14,236 kHz on INDXA net and late in the evening on 14,220 kHz on Jim Smith's net.

ISLE OF MAN-GD5AVF is being operated through 4 August on 15-80 cw and ssb.

RWANDA-9X5WP is active at 1900Z almost daily at 21,275 kHz. He also has schedules on Mondays and Wednesdays at 0430Z on 14,305 kHz.

SAN MARINO-Look for 9A1C from 0100Z on 14,015 to 14,035 kHz.

SOUTH SUDAN-TL8GE/STO is available daily from 1730 to 2100Z on 21,335 kHz. He also checks in to the INDXA net at 0330Z on 14,236 kHz.

TURKEY-TA1MN is active frequently from 0100Z near 14,035 kHz. Never use amateur radio call signs on QSL cards destined for Turkey.

Enough for now. This should keep all the avid DXers glued to their stations for the next month. Enjoy!!

Bob, N6ET

THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY

Do something nice for someone today. Bring your wife a flower, your child a pail and shovel, take the family to a movie, take a walk after supper, or take a minute and tell someone how much they mean to you. It won't hurt you and the rewards will be many. Don't wait until it's too late to say I Love You. Say it while they're around to hear the words. We always say "If Only" or "If I'd known" or "If I had it to do over again". WELL - TODAY IS A NEW DAY - DO IT NOW - DO IT TODAY - AND YOU'LL HAVE A HAPPIER TOMORROW BECAUSE YOU TOOK THE TIME.

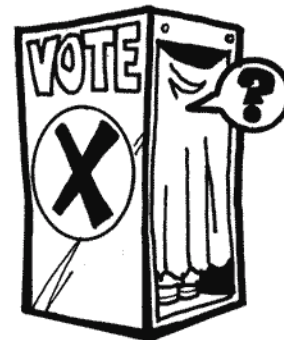
(Eileen KA6DGV)



W6VIO Work Party - Here's your chance to help rehabilitate the W6VIO Antenna System after last winter's disastrous wind storm. A work party will take place on Saturday, August 11th., starting at 8 AM to accomplish the following tasks:

- Install a new heavy-duty triband beam on the telephone pole tower. This is a Telnex TB6EM, a real monster, and should survive windstorms much better than its predecessors.
- Fix the Hy-Gain TH6DXX tribander, perform routine maintenance and re-install.
- Install a solar panel at the W6VIO for solar charging of the emergency battery system.

This is an ambitious program. WE REALLY NEED YOUR HELP!!! If you only participate in one Club activity per year, let this be the one. Please call me at X2625 to indicate your interest. We will meet at the east Mesa gate, and refreshments will be served. Let's See You There!! (Stan N6MP)



JPL AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

27 JUNE 1984

PRESENT: M. Stewart, R. Malm, J. Repar, N. Chalfin

A quorum was not in attendance, therefore the meeting was never called to order. All items of business were deferred until the next scheduled meeting in July.

R. Malm, KF6FK
Secretary



FIELD DAY

We had wind, calm, heat, coolness and a slight short drizzle to provide meteorological variations for Field Day.

There were only a total of 20 to 25 people who showed up to participate or visit. We operated in Category 2A with one transmitter on VHF and another on the high frequencies. The Novice Station was also active.

Norm Chalfin videotaped and photographed everything in sight. Mike Stewart and Ralph West with an assist from Kerry Erickson and family, catered the food.

Stan Sander did his rapid fire CW in his customary exemplary fashion. Skip Reymann and Jim Longthorne spent many hours at the mike. Carl de Silveria held up the Novice end.

One of my most vivid recollections was Stan Sander working CW through OSCAR 10.

I know I'll miss someone if I try to name every participant individually. However I want to thank all those who lent a helping hand: Mushagian-antennas, Beaudry-power supplies, Weaver-transportation. If I missed anyone, it's my memory and not your invisibility. (John Repar WA6LWD)

VOLUNTEER EXAMINATIONS

Merv MacMedan, N6NO

Most of you know that the FCC is discontinuing the administration of amateur radio operator exams at the start of the coming year. Instead, FCC-appointed "Volunteer Examiner Coordinators" will provide teams of "Volunteer Examiners" to administer ham radio examinations. To maintain integrity, it must be a rather formally controlled system, with prepared exam questions and lots of record-keeping. A number of clubs have already been appointed as VEC's and are starting to give exams under the rules. The JPLARC did not consider becoming a VEC because one of the requirements is that a VEC must coordinate exams throughout the call area in which it is located, not just locally. This would be too big a burden for us, since our membership is essentially local.

However, ARRL itself is also getting set up to be a VEC in all 13 call areas. Many hundreds of potential examiners have already signed up with ARRL to administer exams as soon as the program is in place. Since, in general, the examiners must have a higher class of license than the examinees, the most critical need is for VEs holding Advanced and Extra Class licenses. Since our club has an unusually high proportion of Extras, it would seem most appropriate for our club to organize a Volunteer Examiner team to provide a pool of examiners to periodically give exams locally, working as part of the ARRL operation.

To register as a potential volunteer examiner, you must apply to ARRL HQ. They will send you an application to register your intent to participate, and (as soon as it is ready) you will receive from ARRL an "examiner's package" of rules for administering the exams. You must complete an "open book" exam on these rules, and upon passing you will be registered as part of the ARRL examiner pool.

It seems to me that it would make good sense if the JPLARC had its own pool of official examiners for the club to draw upon when coordinating local periodic exams. I have applied to ARRL to become a VE; how many other members have done the same? If you are interested in more information about becoming a Volunteer Examiner or if you have already signed up with ARRL to become one, please let me know so we can coordinate our efforts within the club. Drop me a line at 233-208, Telemail me at MMACMEDAN or phone me at X7004.

FREE CENTURY RIDE T-SHIRT

Get your free JPL Century Ride "T" shirt! Call Bruce Beaudry to support the Century Ride up Angeles Crest, Saturday September 8, 1984. Need operators to monitor the repeater to make LL calls, and to man checkpoints along the route. Even if you can only spare AN HOUR it will be helpful.

P.S. What size "T" shirt do you want?
(Bruce Beaudry Work 354-7844 or
Home 896-7294)

WITH HEAVY HEARTS WE REGRET PRINTING THIS SILENT KEY

JPL'S LOSS IS HEAVEN'S GAIN



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GLENN BERRY, K6GHJ

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It is with great sadness that we must report the passing of Glenn Berry, K6GHJ, on June 11, 1984, at the age of 47. Glenn had been a continuous member of the JPL Amateur Radio Club since its reactivation in 1969. Glenn will be sorely missed because he was a true friend of the club. Although he preferred to keep a low profile and work behind the scenes, he was very influential in helping the club accomplish many significant goals.

Back in 1969, when things were just getting organized, he helped the lab communications people site the NASA Emergency Radio Station (NA3XT) in Building 171, which, with NASA's blessings, then became the official JPLARC club station.

Glenn also was influential in achieving lab approval for the present trailer site of W6VIO at Bailey Bridge (East Gate) and helped install the towers, antennas and hardline feeders at the top of the mesa some 700 feet above the trailer. He was also instrumental in getting the club's two VHF repeaters approved and installed.

At various periods in his 15 years with the club, he was the club's delegate to the LA Council of Amateur Radio Clubs, served as club secretary in 1969 and Emergency Communications Manager from 1976 through 1981. Many times, through his position as JPL Safety Manager, he was able to cement mutually beneficial relationships between the club and the Laboratory.

We will sorely miss Glenn, but through his efforts he has left us with a vibrant, dynamic club that will live on. We won't forget K6GHJ! (N6NO)

◆ INTERNATIONAL ◆ HAM OLYMPIC PICNIC

The INTERNATIONAL HAM OLYMPIC PICNIC will be held on Sunday, July 29th from 10:00 AM until about 3:00 PM, at the El Dorado East Regional Park in the city of Long Beach. It is an event at which all Amateur Radio Operators from out of state and from other countries who are visiting Southern California will be welcomed as guests of local amateurs to get acquainted and share mutual interests.

The picnic will be held in the Sycamore Grove area of the park. The park is located northwest of the intersection of the 405 freeway and the 605 freeway. Entrance to the park can be reached by exiting at Studebaker Road for travellers southbound on the 405 freeway.

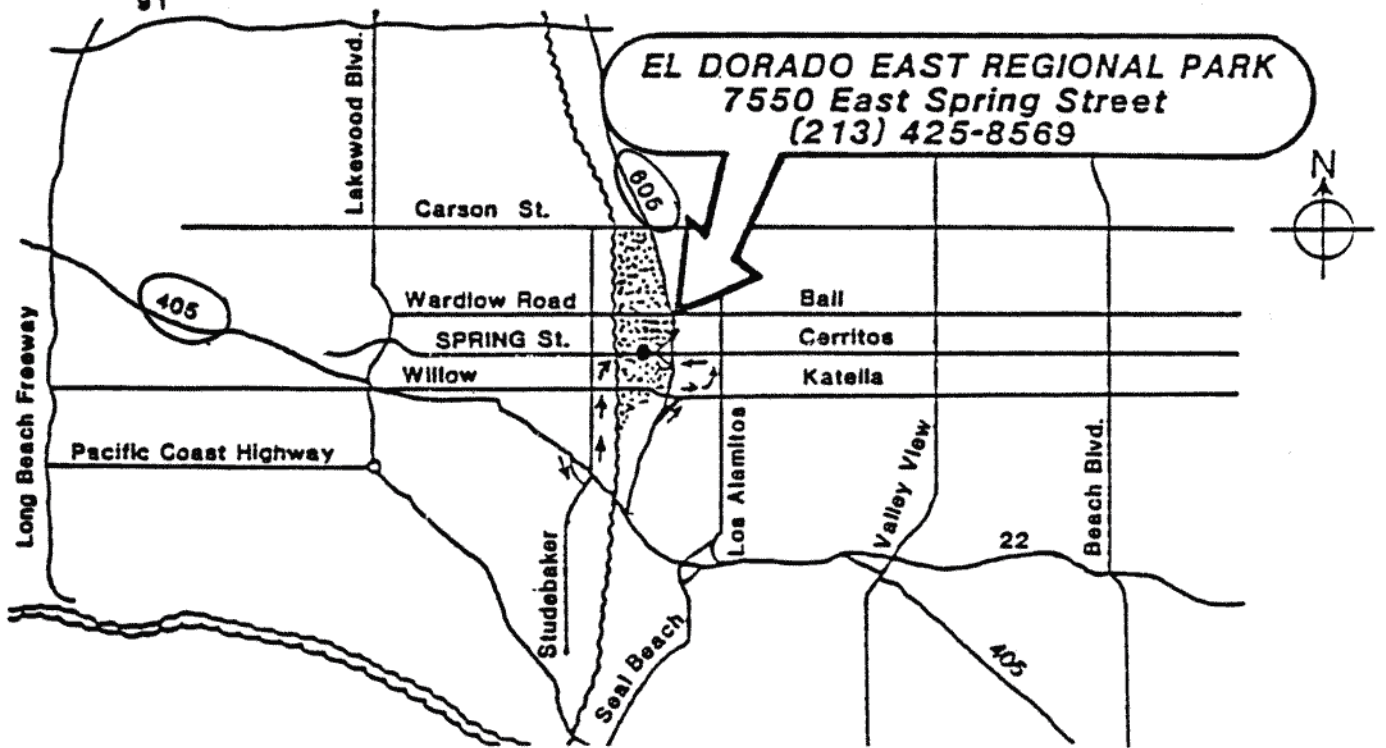
Local participants are encouraged to bring picnic tables and chairs, as there are only a few available at the site. There is a fishing lake adjacent to the picnic area, which youngsters might enjoy as well.

The idea for the picnic was conceived by Sandra Blumenkranz, KA6WAH, president of the Ladies Amateur Radio Association (LARRA) of Orange County. Organization of the picnic is being shared by Sandra, Kathy Schaffstein, WA6FAH, of the Mount Wilson Repeater Association (MWRA) and Warren Hoffnung, KF6VV, of the West Coast Amateur Radio Club (WCARA).

The organizers welcome all local amateurs and clubs to participate by spreading the word about the picnic, and by showing up with extra food to share with our out of town guests.

RSVP's would be greatly appreciated, in order for us to be prepared for the event. RSVP's and requests for further information may be addressed to Kathy, WA6FAH, in care of: MWRA, P.O. Box 1552, Monrovia, CA 91016. Please enclose an SASE with requests for information.

◆ Sunday, July 29, 1984 ◆



El Dorado East Regional Park

