



VICTOR VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

THE SPECTRUM

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January General Meeting

Date: Tuesday, January 8

Time: 7 p.m.

Location: Club meetings are held at the Mojave River Campus of the Lewis Center.

Directions: From Apple Valley Road, turn west on Tuscola (toward the river). Take the very first right turn, which is Mana. The campus is located at the very end of Mana Rd. We meet in Building C.

Program: It's a surprise!

Sunday Night Net

Remember that every Sunday at 7PM the Club conducts a Net on the 146.940 repeater. Get the latest club announcements and reminders. In the event that the repeater is down, turn to 146.5350 simplex.

Also, the Club needs volunteers to help run the Net. If you are interested, please contact any of the Board members.

Club Member News

Birthdays



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL

Lanny Creason	1/17
Tom King	1/6
Barbara LaGrange	1/6
James Pike	1/23
Joyce Pike	1/28
Bob Wilson	1/20

If anyone is missed, let us know. Our records probably need to be updated.



It has been reported that Ray Terry's wife, Jan, has had surgery and was in car accident. We understand she is doing well.

Continued fast recovery Jan.

Please let Sandi DeWeert, sdeweert@verizon.net, know if you hear of any of our members that may be under the weather or just need a little lift from friends in the Club.

New Members

Please join me in welcoming new HAM and new member to our Club, Henry Barnas, KI6MUY, email habarnas@yahoo.com; April Barton, KI6KWL, music1990@verizon.net .

Additionally, we want to welcome new member to our Club George Ward, KA6CIA, geobarb@sisip.net.

Let's make them all feel welcome and help our new HAMs in our hobby.

To our new HAMs

Are you aware of the ARRL? QST magazine?

In order for our Club to be an affiliated organization, we need to maintain 51% membership to the ARRL. The ARRL pays our Club a commission for new and renewing memberships.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact your Board members.

ELMERS

An Elmer is kind of like a mentor for amateur radio operators. New operators need the experience, knowledge, and guidance passed on to by those that have been practicing for some time.

Thank you to those members that have stepped forward and volunteered to help members with questions. Feel free to contact anyone on our ELMER list when you have questions.

The list of ELMERs is located on our web site at www.VictorValleyARC.com.

2008 Membership Drawing

Be sure and attend the general meetings for your chance of winning the membership drawing.

To be eligible to win, you need to be current in your Club dues and be present at the general meeting when the drawing takes place.

2007 members' names will remain in the drawing through the February meeting, but will be removed if membership dues are not paid by the March meeting.

Dues for 2008

Dues for the Club are on an annual basis. We appreciate your continued support. The dues remain the same as last year, \$18 for individuals, \$23 for families, and \$10 for youths, and new members.

We are continuing to offer a free membership to new HAMs.

Volunteers and Ideas Needed

Our Club is only as good as the membership makes it. Volunteers are always needed. Contact your new Board if you can help.

Also, if you have any ideas for programs, activities, club projects, etc. speak up. Pass your thoughts along to the Board members. They are always open to any suggestions.

VE Testing in the Victor Valley

The first Saturday of every odd-numbered month there is a GLAARG (Greater Los Angeles Amateur Radio Group) test session in Hesperia. Tests are held at the Fire Station at the corner of Olive and H. Registration starts at 8:30 AM. The cost is \$4.00. Walk-ins are welcome. Testing is available for all classes of license. All candidates must bring a picture ID, and if you are upgrading, you need the original and a copy of your amateur license and any CSCEs you hold. For more information, you can contact Jim MacRay, KW6V, at 244-1396. Directions to test site: From I-15 take Main Street, Hesperia exit. GO east on Main St. approx. 5 miles. Turn south on "H" to Olive.

Also, the Inland ARC tests on the 4th Thursday of each month, at 5 PM at 25541 Barton Rd, Loma Linda. Contact person is Sam Eller, AD6UE at (909) 796-2996. Location from going south on I-10: Exit Mountain View Ave, right on Barton, Left on Loma Linda Dr, Civic Center complex. Take driveway to your left immediately past the fire station.

Web Site Update

If you have any suggestions on what you would like to see, feel free to let Steve know, steve.ostrander@dcma.mil.

From the ARRL Reminder

Address or phone number change???

"The FCC requires you to maintain a valid current mailing address in their database at all times. This is so that they can contact you by mail if needed. If you move or even change PO boxes, be sure to update your information using the FCC ULS online system. If you do not maintain a current address and mail to you is returned to the FCC as undeliverable, your license can be revoked and removed from the database."

Don't forget if you need to renew your membership or join the ARRL, contact Larry Kendall (larrykendall@charter.net) and pay your dues through the Club. VVARC receives a commission for each renewal or new joining fee.

Christmas Party: Fun for All

Thanks to all who came out to the Christmas party. It was fun to have time to visit and relax with each other. There were more gifts for the gift exchange than we've ever seen! With lots of door prizes for everyone, no one went home empty handed. If you weren't able to make it this past year, try to make it next time.

Hidden States

There are the names of at least 30 states hidden in this silly story; that's how many were found by my "source." How many can you find? Have fun:

"Miss, our ice is the best in town," boasted the iceman as he picked up some small pieces to fill in. O, isn't it now?"

"Oh, I only have your word for that, replied the Virgin. I am not as sure of it as Sister Louis. I analyzed some of it and when I saw its muddy color a doubt arose as to foreign substances mixed in. Diana's complexion is its turn. Yesterday half of it melted, and today there is more gone. Its color when melted is florid, and the flowing rivulet forms a veritable vortex, as glacial streams are apt to do. Dad said a hot brick would be about as clear and cooling. It's displeasing to Ma in every way. The icebox was all filled but a hole between two blocks. To make then connect I cut a piece in two and found withal a skate-strap in it. Cousin Eva dares me to offer you a glass of lemonade made with it, but while the little miss is sipping hers I'll show you what cinnamon-tan a shade it has. And a poet's tribute to its odor would be no myrrh ode? Is land a chief ingredient of your ice?"

"Now Miss," he hotly retorted, "Pro's had his innings. It now is con's in this argument. My competitor brought that ice. Not I. O, wait! Here is a city map. Thus far I zonally divide with him, but here we overlap. See that silver "M" on the label? That's his trade mark. Answer, as you please, but when you blame me for his poor ice you violate every trade law. Aren't you ashamed of yourself?"

"But," she backfired, "Oh, you comic! Hi! Gangway! Give me room to dodge the stream. Since you've so heatedly spoken, tuck your canvas cover quickly

over the wagon's edge, or giant cakes of ice will soon be spouting geysers! But I can't talk longer. I must do my washing tonight yet."

Calendar of Events

January 8: General Meeting; 7:00 p.m.

Ron Covington, KD6SNC, Silent Key

We are saddened to report that club member Ron Covington passed away on the evening of December 24.

Ron was a member of RACES with the Apple Valley Fire District. The past few years, Ron, along with other club members, helped at Stage 15 of the Baker to Vegas relay race. As most of you know this is a huge event with over 200 teams, each team with 20 runners. There, Ron and the Halls were, all bundled up, out in the middle of nowhere along Blue Diamond Road between Pahrump and Vegas. We were working as early warning, announcing the number of each team as the runner passed by. This was the early morning, in the darkest and coldest hours--an experience that makes friends even closer.

We will all miss him.

Radio Limericks

New officers will serve, have no fear,
And the first monthly meeting is near.

 We hereby resolve

 A problem to solve:

We'll come to support you this year.

Note: We invite you all to create your own little limerick and send it along. It isn't that hard to play around with little rhymes. Give it a try.

E-mail to Virginia at kd6rdc@juno.com.

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Membership Application

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Date: _____

Check One: New Member New HAM: Renewal: Member Since _____

Check # _____ Cash Receipt # _____

ARRL Member No Yes If yes, since (date) _____

Membership Type:

Individual (\$18) Family (\$23) Youth (\$10) New (\$10)

Name _____

Birthday _____ Call Sign _____ Class _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone (____) _____ Work Phone (____) _____

Fax (____) _____ E-Mail Address _____

Spouse Name _____

Family Membership:

Name _____ Birthday _____

Call Sign _____ Class _____ Email _____

Name _____ Birthday _____

Call Sign _____ Class _____ Email _____

Packet Home BBS _____

Repeaters Operated _____