



VICTOR VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

THE SPECTRUM

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June General Meeting

Date: NO GENERAL MEETING THIS MONTH

Time:

Location:

Directions:

Program:

Annual VVARC Picnic

Date: June 14

Time: 4:30 p.m.

Location: Brewster Park

Directions: From Highway 18 in Apple Valley, turn north on Dale Evans Parkway. Drive north 1/7 miles and turn right on Otoe Road. The park entrance is on the left. Enter the driveway follow it to the right, to the far end of the parking lot. The picnic area is on the right.

Program: Short program is planned to update members on the Field Day preparations and HF operations.

Park Facilities: There are a couple of smallish, park-variety charcoal grills that the Club will be using for hamburgers and hot dogs. There is also a handful of tables, restrooms, and near the picnic area horseshoe pits. Bring your own shoes and have a fun tournament.

It may get cool in the evenings, so you might want to bring a jacket. Bring your own chairs!

This is always a fun event. Be sure and join us.

LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING EVERYONE!

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.

In April we had 26 check-ins on the 6th, and 13th, 21 on the 20th, and 18 on the 27th.

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

Dale Thompson 11

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



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 and New HAMs

New Members: Richard Durant, James Fosse, Elton Moody, and George Ward.

New HAMs: Henry Barnas, April Barton, and Dana Durkee

Welcome to VVARC.

To 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.

Membership Drawing

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 CSEs 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.

Route 66 on the Air

The request for our club participation for the 2008 Route 66 on the Air has come and we have signed up. As always, this event occurs in the first half of September, at the time of all the Route 66 events in San Bernardino. It runs for a bit over a week and requires that our club have someone up on the air every day. We who participate operate out of our own homes, using the special 1X1 call sign given to us for the event. It is fun to be the one "hunted."

This is a popular event. With about 17 clubs all along Route 66 participating, many HAMS out there are trying to contact all of them. You have to keep a log, but the Halls take care of all the QSL cards, so that is no work for our operators. More details to follow, but we will be contacting members with HF privileges and asking for their help.

BEWARE OF PAPER STUCK TO THE REAR WINDOW of your vehicle

Submitted by Denny Wells

This is not a joke! Heads up everyone! New way to do car jacking.

You walk across the parking lot, unlock your car and get inside. You start the engine and shift in reverse. When you look into the rear view mirror to back out of your parking space, you notice a piece of paper stuck to the middle of the rear window. So you shift into park, unlock your doors, and jump out of your car to remove that paper (or whatever it is) that is obstructing your view.

When you reach the back of the car, that is when the car-jackers appear out of nowhere, jump into your car and take off.

They practically mow you down as they speed off in your car. And guess what, ladies? I bet your purse is still in the car.

So now the car-jacker has your car, your home address, your money, your credit cards

(disaster), and your keys. Your home and your whole identify are now compromised!

BEWARE OF THIS NEW SCHEME that is now being used.

If you see anything stuck to your back window, just drive away. Remove it later and be thankful that you read this.

Lieutenant Tony Bartolome

You Might be a Ham Operator if....

(Continued)

- You have driven onto the shoulder of the road while looking at an antenna
 - The local city council doesn't like you.
 - Your HF amplified puts out more power than the local AM radio station.
 - The wife and kids are away and the first thing that goes through your head is that no one will bother you while you call "CQ DX" a few hundred times.
 - You have Ham radio magazines in the bathroom
 - When you pull into a donut shop, the cops there on their coffee break ask if they can see your radio set-up.
 - You refer to your children as your "Harmonics"
 - When you see a house with a metal roof, your only thought is what a great ground plane that would be!
 - Every family vacation includes a stop at a Ham radio store.
 - Your wife has had to ride in the back seat because you had radio equipment in the front seat.
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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.

Radio Limericks

Here's a message that we hope will encourage you to participate in the June events: 1) The annual club picnic and 2) Field Day. The more, the merrier at both of these happenings!

The challenge continues for limericks to use. Surely someone out there can come up with one! We will give credit or, if you prefer, you can stay unidentified. It can be fun to do.

Here we are! June's come around!
Now club activities will abound
A picnic with food
Is all very good,
Plus Field Day at the Fairground

Tune into the Sunday night net
So the details you all can get
I'll say it in rhyme
Seven is the time
Listen! Join in! Get your plans set.

Note: Help wanted in creating a limerick; we are running out of ideas, so pass one along if you can.

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

Calendar of Events

June

- 14 Annual BBQ
Brewster Park
- 27-29 Field Day
San Bernardino County Fairgrounds
Victorville

July

- 1 Board Meeting, 6:30 pm
Green Tree Inn Coffee Shop
- 8 General Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
Program: Ice Cream Social
Lewis Center Mohave River Campus
- 12 Member Breakfast, 8:00 am
Green Tree Inn Coffee Shop
Followed by Build-It Session

August

- 5 Board Meeting, 6:30 pm
Green Tree Inn Coffee Shop
- 12 General Meeting, 7:00 pm
Program: TBD
Lewis Center Mohave River Campus
- 16 Potluck Dinner

September

- 2 Board Meeting, 6:30 am
Green Tree Inn Coffee Shop
- 6-14 Route 66 On the Air
- 9 General Meeting, 7:00 pm
Program: TBD
Lewis Center Mohave River Campus
- 20 Camping Trip
Table Mountain

October

- 7 Board Meeting, 6:30 pm
Green Tree Inn Coffee Shop
- 14 General Meeting, 7:00 pm
Program: Potluck Dinner
Lewis Center Mohave River Campus
- 18-19 Jamboree on the Air
(VVARC assistance requested)

- 25 Member Breakfast, 8:00 am
Green Tree Inn Coffee Shop
Followed by tour of Goldstone Deep
Space Communications Complex

November

- 4 Board Meeting, 6:30 pm
Green Tree Inn Coffee Shop
- 11 General Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
Program: Military Radio, New Office
Nominations
Lewis Center Mohave River Campus

December

- 2 Board Meeting, 6:30 PM
Green Tree Inn Coffee Shop
- 9 VVARC Christmas Party & Election of
Officers
Time and location TBD

Victor Valley Amateur Radio Club

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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 _____