



VICTOR VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

THE SPECTRUM

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September General Meeting

Date: September 9, 2008

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: TBD

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

Henry Barnes	9/26
Tom Hoegerman	9/15
Larry Kendall	9/15
Carolyn Schow	9/19

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

September Meeting Winners

Half-Pot winner:

Door prize winners:



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

Congratulations

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 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.

Ham Radio & Electronics Swap Meet

From the Golden Triangle ARC Newsletter

The Triangulator is the voice of the Golden Triangle ARC in Wildomar, CA. Their August newsletter announced that the baseball program of Lakeside High School in Lake Elsinore, CA. is holding a Ham Radio and Electronics Swap Meet on the first Saturday of each month, starting **October 4th**, from 6:30 AM until noon. Spaces for seller cost \$10.

From I-15 take Hwy 74 to the High School on Riverside Dr.

From the Dusty Files

Looking at a friend's old family scrapbook of a friend, we found a newspaper story from the Greenfield News, the paper of Greenfield, CA. Here is part of the story that appeared;

“WB6JQA” Greenfield Retiree Takes to the Air

Louis Tommasini has talked with a lot of strangers in the last five years. Without ever leaving the comfort of his living room easy chair, he has spoken with people from all over the U.S. and such far away places as Australia, Japan, Sweden, Brazil, and Angola.

Tommasini's Greenfield living room is not as crowded as it sounds, however. Louis, 75, is a licensed ham radio operator who regularly powers up his 2,000 watt set to take to the airwaves.

Though Tommasini's first experience with radio came with 1942, when he served as a World War II radio operator for the Army Air Corps, he didn't take up ham radio until 1970, five years after his retirement. "I needed something to do," the retired rancher, machinist and welder explained recently. For Tommasini, who says his formal education ended after his graduation from the 8th grade "for being the best marble player," passing the exams was not easy. If it wasn't for my wife, Margaret helping me with the math," he said, "I'd have had a heck of a time. He explained that as an operator progresses from novice to general and on to expert, he is able to transmit at increasing power on more and more radio bands. Novices are restricted to code. "I failed the general test five times because of the code," he said, explaining that applicants for a general license must send and receive 13 works per minute" and you can't miss a number or a letter."

Tommasini journeyed to San Francisco once a month for five months to take the test until he passed. "I knew the code," he said, "but every time I'd get up there, I'd freeze up.... Why all the stringent test and requirements? "Oh, it's just to keep the boys out of the racket," explains Louis. "The "Racket," is carefully monitored by the FCC and a ham license is far from poetic. The potential penalties for violation of FCC regulations are stiff. According to Tommasini, a ham operator who runs afoul of the FCC risks confiscation of this equipment and a \$10,000 fine.

Tommasini estimates he talks to as many as 100 other radio operators a month.

Route 66 on the Air: Sept 13-21 2008

Our September Event - Operators Wanted

This year Route 66 on the Air runs from **13 – 21 September**. We are one of 17 groups participating and our group will be using the special event call **W6D**.

Our operators work out of their own "shacks" for this event. The only requirement is to keep a log of your contacts, using Zulu time. (And, of course, staying in the bands your license permits you to use)

Turn your logs into the Halls after the event, as they take care of the QSL cards. There are always hams out there trying to "collect" all 17 stations and we do need to have people on the air part of every day.

If you can help us out, or if you have any questions about this event, please let us know by e-mail, at kd6rdc@juno.com. And, since we have to cover for such a long stretch of time, we would welcome your suggestions for any local hams that you know who would like to participate.

Web Site Update

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.

Goldstone Tour

Goldstone tour set for Sat Oct. 25.

We will assemble and leave from the Apple Valley Super Target parking lot at 8:00 a.m. We should arrive at Goldstone by 10:00 a.m. Drivers should start out with a full tank of gas because the round trip is close to 200 miles and there is no gas available to personal vehicles at Goldstone.

Bring a picnic lunch. Ice chests are ok.

Let Jeff know if you will be joining us, so he can have some kind of a head count.

Note from the Spectrum Editor

A special thanks to the Halls for their continued support of information for the Spectrum each month. Without it there would be NO Spectrum.

Please send information that you would like to see in the Spectrum to me at sdeweert@veizon.net.

Radio Limerick for the Month

Limerick of the Month:

It's a tribute to our Mother Road,
But a week on the air is a big load.
If you'd like to play,
Just call us and say
"I'll help you from my abode."

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

- 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

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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 _____