



VICTOR VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

THE SPECTRUM

December 2008

The VVARC Officers for 2008

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December General Meeting

Date: December 9, 2008

Time: 6 p.m.

Program:



ANNUAL
CHRISTMAS
PARTY

Location: John's Incredible Pizza

Directions: Bear Valley Road just east of Mariposa.

John's Incredible Pizza on Bear Valley Road starting around 6 PM

DO NOT PAY AT THE DOOR but come on back to the room that we have reserved where the money will be collected. The cost is the same as last year:

Adults \$11
Seniors \$10
Ages 7 – 12 \$7
Ages 3-6 \$6
Under 3 is free

Price includes food, drinks (non-alcoholic), and taxes. There are a lot of food items to pick from, including salad, soup, pizza, of course, pasta, and deserts.

PRIZES!! There will be door prizes galore; no family will go home empty handed. Door prizes will include 2 World Radio subscriptions, a gift certificate for Marie Calendars, holiday items, and batteries, of course

For anyone who wishes to participate, there is a gift exchange with the suggested limit of \$5.00. Those who bring a gift will receive one. The club membership drawing will be conducted at the party until there is a winner, and the amount this year is \$10.

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

* Jerry Grunden 12/18 *

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

November Meeting Winners

Half-Pot winner:

Door prize winners:

Lee Weast
Richard Durant
Gary Haldiman



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

Ernest "Lee" Weast
KI6KZK
Tech
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Henry Rivas
KV6F
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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.

(Due to web site difficulties, contact any of your board members for the ELMER list.)

Membership Dues

Yes, it is that time again. Club dues are for the calendar year and become due in January. They remain at \$18 for individual members, \$25 for families, and \$10 for new members, and youths. You can pay at the club party.

We appreciate your continued support.

We also need to update the Club's information on our members. Please fill out a new application when renewing your membership this year, even if your information has not changed from 2008. Indicate whether you are an ARRL member and, if yes, when you joined.

Membership Drawing

The November membership drawing was for \$40.00. The name drawn was Robert Barton

who was present. December drawing will be \$10.00.

Remember you have to be an active member and be present during the 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.

Web Site Update

Well we are back on-line. Thanks to the Board for their work on reestablishing our web site.

New web address in VVARC.org.

With the end of the year and information that will need to be updated for the new year, changes will be done in January.

If anyone has information they would like to see on the web site or any comments or corrections, notify our webmaster Dale Thompson, thomp_01@yahoo.com , or Sandi DeWeert, sdeweert@verizon.net.

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.

Club Officers for 2009

We are happy to announce a full slate of candidates for 2009. Out current slate of officers is:

President: Robert Barton
Vice President: Dave Deards
Secretary: Jonathan McDonald
Treasurer: Larry Kendall
Board Members: Jeff LaGrange
Jerry Grunden
Web Master: Dale Thompson
(Backup: Sandi DeWeert)

Elections will be held after dinner at the club party and nominations will be taken before the elections are held. Many thanks to the folks who have volunteered to serve!

Radio Waves in the News

CNN recently gave a news report on studies being done to better understand how radio waves function, especially inside structures. The study is part of the ongoing effort to get better radio communications for emergency

responders. Waves were being tested in basements, building, and tunnels.

Using radio maps of buildings, the hope is to design more robust communications systems with the biggest concern being communications between the inside and the outside of structures.

Jeopardy Question

The subject of Morse Code came up on a Jeopardy question a month or so ago. The question was to identify the latest symbol added to Morse Code.

The clue stated: The symbol “dot dash” is the letter A. “Dot dash dash dot dash dot is ?”

The answer: What is @?

Now, the question and answers all came too quickly for me to get all the information copied down. Bob found the symbol for me by Gogging “Morse Code Symbol for @” He got the information from <http://scphillips.com/> who has the topic of Morse listed, although he says he is not involved in amateur radio and doesn't even know Morse Code.

Radar Humor

Two California Highway Patrol officers were conducting speeding enforcement on I-15, just north of the Marine Corps Air Station at Miramar. One of the officers was using a handheld radar device to check speeding vehicles approaching the crest of a hill. The officers were suddenly surprised when the radar gun began reading 300 miles per hour. The officer attempted to reset the radar gun, but it would not reset and then turned off. Just then a deafening roar over the treetops revealed that the radar had in fact locked onto a USMA F/A Hornet which was engaged in a low flying exercise near the location.

Back at the CHP Headquarters, the Patrol captain fired off a complaint to the Base

Commander. The reply came back in true USMC style: Thank you for your letter. We can now complete the file on this incident. You may be interested to know that the tactical computer in the Hornet had detected the presence of, and subsequently locked onto, your hostile radar equipment and automatically sent a jamming signal back to it, which is why it shut down. Furthermore an Air-to-Ground missile aboard the fully armed aircraft had automatically locked onto your equipment location. Fortunately, the Marine pilot flying the Hornet recognized the situation for what it was, quickly responded to the missile system alert status and was able to override the automated defense system before the missile was launched to destroy the hostile radar position.

The pilot also suggest you cover your mouths when cussing at them, since the video systems on these jets are very high tech. Sergeant Johnson, the officer holding the radar gun, should get his dentist to check his left rear molar. It appears the filling is loose. Also, the snap is broken on his holster.

Thank you for your concern. Semper Fi.

Radio Limerick for the Month

We continue with this little part of our newsletter, striving to be clever. Again, you are invited to join in! We will give you credit—or you can be anonymous if you wish! Help wanted.

Kudos in Limerick:

Who's helped us too much to tally?
With Stage 14 right up his alley.
President twice,
And once, too, a vice
Thanks, Jeff from Lucerne Valley

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 _____