



# CIRCLE CITY COMMUNICATOR

## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

N6LLV & myself had a very successful meeting with SGT. Henry Aja and Norm Schultz, both of the Corona Police Department, this past January 20th. The agenda was as follows:

- Discussion of the Corona/Norco ARES/RACES plan
- Workspace at the Corona PD Emergency Operations Center.
- Purchase of Amateur radio equipment for the Corona Police Department EOC
- Corona PD recognized ID cards for Corona/Norco ARES/RACES operators

Many of the items that we addressed are personally going to be reviewed by Chief Cleghorn himself. I feel very confident that CNARC has built a very strong foundation with CPD and that our relationship with CPD will continue to improve.

CNARC has been requested to participate in the 1987 Corona Community Hospital accreditation drill next month. Chief Herb Jewell the Norco city fire chief and the author of the scenario for the drill will be our February guest speaker. It is very important that we show Chief Jewell that CNARC is a strong valid resource in the time of emergency. Please make plans to attend the February general membership meeting. A strong turnout is very important! The February meeting will be held Monday February 2nd at 7:30Pm Southwest Savings & Loan in the Corona Mall. See you all at the meeting.

73's Mark...KB6GNZ

## EMERGENCY COORDINATOR

On Thursday, February 26th, Corona Community Hospital will hold their annual 'readiness drill'. The Westcom District and the Corona/Norco ARES/RACES members will again be an active participant in this exercise. The drill will be held in the evening from 6:00 to 8:00 Pm, and I hope that you will reserve that evening to volunteer a couple of hours for public service via amateur radio.

Norco Fire Chief Herb Jewell, who is setting up the emergency preparedness drill will be at CNARC's next regular membership meeting on February 2nd. He will explain our role in the drill. I encourage you to attend what promises to be a very rewarding meeting!

CNARC president KB6GNZ and myself recently met with several department heads at the Corona Police Department to discuss the possible improvements to our emergency communication capabilities at the police station facility. More details will be forthcoming as results are known.

73's Garry, N6LLV

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VICE-PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Is there life after Extra Class?

If you don't have an Extra Class license read on anyway. This article is intended for everyone. The Extra Class license is something that most hams dream of having someday, and many take years to achieve it. Statistically, only 8-9% of all U.S. hams hold the highest class license. Why only 8-9%? I would speculate it is because the Extra is a quantum leap in both technical and code proficiency, and the additional privileges granted are not as great as those for upgrade to Advanced. Most of those who achieve it did so because they wanted to have it, not the privileges granted with it. This is a different motive from the one that normally inspires upgrade to the lower classes. So what happens after a ham finally achieves the pinnacle of licensing? One would think there should be total ecstasy and everyone lives happily ever after. The ecstasy lasts about a week and then the shock of reality hits home. There aren't any nigher classes of license to dream about and aspire for. The first thought that comes to mind is rather depressing: There is no life after Extra!

It has all been done and there is nothing left to achieve. The real answer is good news, but it is not very obvious. There is life after Extra Class with one requirement that makes it tougher than any license test the FCC could ever develop. Life after Extra is what you, yourself, make it. The goals are no longer conveniently set forth in a government rule book. You have to design the 'examination', study for it, and then pass it. The kind of examination I am talking about is not a new written or code test. It is the establishment of goals, and then setting about to achieve them. There are plenty of them out there to choose from too! DXCC, WAS, WAZ, new equipment and antenna design, or software development for some aspect of amateur radio. The list of things to do is nearly endless and very diverse. There is no time limit and just like the FCC exams, if you don't pass the first time you can retake it as many times as you want to. The

best part is that YOU DON'T HAVE TO HAVE AN EXTRA CLASS LICENSE to do this. Anyone can. Is there life after Extra Class? You betcha! You'll find it's only the beginning.  
73's, John, KD7XG

TECHNICAL FORUM

I'm John, WA6BFH, your newly elected Secretary/Treasurer. I'm 35 years old, and have been a ham since 1967. I am also you local area 'Assistant Technical Coordinator' with the ARRL. My particular interests are antenna design and propagation studies. Mark, KB6GNZ, has asked me to prepare an article for each months newsletter on the technical or operational aspects of our hobby. My first of these articles next month will be on suggested procedures on 'Tips on FM simplex and repeater operation'. This will I hope be doubly appropriate with the clubs present plan to have our own local Corona/Norco area repeater. So until next month look for me on 160 meters through 70 centimeters all modes or 146.535 MHz FM simplex. Say HI at the next meeting.  
73's John, WA6BFH

DEAR ABBY-

I have two brothers and two sisters, one brother is a Ham, the other was just sentenced to death for murder. My mother died from insanity when I was young. My two sisters are prostitutes, my father sells narcotics to feed the family. Recently I met a girl who was released from a reformatory where she served time for smothering her illegitimate child and I want very much to marry her, my problem is this: If I marry this girl, should I tell her about my brother who is a Ham?

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