

THE CIRCLE CITY COMMUNICATOR

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NEW YEAR GREETINGS

CNARC's Annual Christmas Dinner was a great success, and everyone had a great time together. It was really good to have almost all of the gorgeous women in our lives together with us – we were, however, missing two.

A special thanks to Lloyd-W6HXS for arranging such a nice time at the Norco Senior Center. And, the Gift Exchange added a touch of excitement – it appears the ladies were more skilled at “arranging” (or conniving, if you will) to have for a particular gift arrive in front of them by a circuitous route. Men have almost no skill in this area at all.

Our “family picture” is included as our wish to all club members and the wonderful ladies in their lives a **Happy 'n Healthy New Year**. May 2008 be a really good year for all!

THE NEXT T-HUNT

Our first T-Hunt of the year will take place on Saturday, January 5th at 10:00AM at St. John's Church. Mr. Fox will be our own Norm-KN6CV.

We have 4 regulars (KN6CV, AE6GQ, W6TKV, KO6XB) – if any other club members would like to ride along with one of the hunters, they are most welcome to join in the fun. Lunch follows the hunt at Norco's Best on Hamner Avenue near 5th Street in Norco.

WHY OPERATE QRP?

The January 7th meeting will feature a program by Fred-W6TKV. His topic covers what QRP means, what it means to the majority of hams, what it means to some, and his experiences in operating QRP. This program may open QRP to those hams who in the past may have said, “QRP is not for me.”

For background, in prior years one of the club's stalwarts has always answered the question, “How much power is enough?” with a very thoughtful response ... “MORE!”

This program on QRP presents a slightly different insight on the question, “How much power is enough?” One obvious, but uninformative answer is “It all depends.” But – there are other interesting answers and W6TKV's story will provide a few answers.

EOC INFORMATION

Jim Avina, our EOC Coordinator, asked for about a half-hour at our January meeting to present EOC-related information to us, so he will be first on our agenda. Be sure to bring whatever you need to take notes – a small hard-cover pad might serve well as a long term log for such information sessions.

We have work ahead of us in becoming an efficient and effective EOC communications unit. A lot has already been accomplished, but there is more work ahead.

RECRUITING MEMBERS

We are all aware of the need to recruit additional club members so as to have enough available hams to respond to all potential future emergency communication demands.

There are 98 hams in Norco. After deducting CNARC members and a few others, there are 88 candidates. The plan is to invite 22 Norco hams to attend a club meeting, see the EOC, get to know us and to join us. Letters will be (or have been) mailed for the January, February, March and April meetings.

An important matter for us is to greet all newcomers with enthusiasm – this means wear a badge (stickers available), invite them to sit next to you, showing them the radio room, introduce them to other members and so on.

A warm greeting will do wonders – whereas no greeting is a recipe for failure.

MEETING PROGRAMS

In an effort to provide more substance at our club meetings, a regular program will be included as an integral part of each Monday evening meeting. Both subjects and speakers will cover a wide range of amateur radio interests. Those members who are interested in presenting a program should contact committee member – Fred-W6TKV.

BAKER TO VEGAS RACE

For those unfamiliar with the Annual Baker to Vegas Race, it is a 100-mile relay race for U.S. Police Departments. Most entrants are from Southern California, but there are several from afar.

Those who run, do so at all hours of the day and night with each team having their own support group and chase team including a number of hams for the very necessary communication links to be a part of every runner's well being.

The speaker at the Riverside club meeting on Thursday, January 10th, 7:30PM at the La Sierra University Church will be Sandi Taylor, KD6HCI who is a great speaker. You are invited to attend and learn all about this annual run - KD6HCI, will invite you to be part of the 2008 event. It is a most interesting event whether or not you participate – the meeting location can be found on www.w6tj.com – click on *General Information* and read the first paragraph. Hope to see you there!

ARRL SSB SWEEPSTAKES

de Fred-W6TKV

Decided to get into the Phone Sweepstakes this year and managed to log 219 QSOs in 64 of the 80 Sections on 15M, 20M and 40M. Of the 50 states, I missed five – Maine, Delaware, Kentucky, West Virginia and North Dakota. I worked 3 of the 6 Canadian Provinces - the Maritimes on the east and British Columbia on the west – plus Alberta. My total score was 28,032 points.

The exchange in this contest is one of longest of any contest. Each exchange from and to my station included a) the serial number, b) the operating class, c) the callsign, d) the year first licensed, and e) the ARRL Section. So, my last report given this year was 219 – A – W6TKV – 52 – ORG and that's quite a mouthful no matter how you say it.

Contesting is a great way to get a better idea of propagation, work toward your WAS (Worked All States) and other awards. Every contest involves a specific data exchange – each one being a little different or a lot different. You can check the Contest Rules at www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/weeklycont.php.

You just gotta give contesting a whirl!

THE CNARC STORY

Our repeater – 147.060/- MHz, PL-162.2 Hz
WebSite – <http://www.qsl.net/w6pwt/>

Our next regular meeting will be at 7:00 PM on Monday, January 7th at the Norco Firehouse.

DUES ARE DUE

Our \$15. annual dues are collected at the beginning of each year. Because some new members joined us in mid-2007, it was considered more equitable if our dues were scaled based upon when the member signs up.

So, those who joined us in mid-2007, will be asked for less than \$15. dues which will get us all on the same page. Future members joining us in February-December, will be asked for an adjusted dues amount.

ABOUT THE ROSTER

The Roster is currently distributed to 13 members and to our EOC Coordinator, Jim Avina. An updated Roster is e-mailed as each change is made, so everyone always has the latest information. As your e-mail address changes, don't forget to tell you know who.