

# THE CIRCLE CITY COMMUNICATOR

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## THE 2M NET de W6TKV

The introduction of our Wednesday 2M net began with a nice sized group of our members checking in.

Before our first net, a member suggested we establish a fixed net format, e.g. opening message, role call, bulletins, announcements, close. I offered that an open net might serve our interests better as it allowed each member the opportunity to come up with his own style. And this could lead us to the best way of running our net pretty quickly.

I served as NCS for our first net which was about as loopy as they come. Before closing, however, I asked who would handle net #2, and Paul-KV6P raised his hand.

Our second net worked just fine, and a few members recognized minor problems they needed to address to assure a solid signal into the Repeater. Paul's query for an NCS netted Kim-N6KNL for the next net.

Our third net demonstrated a great idea which never crossed my mind - Kim made an initial announcement and then proceeded to call the role. So far pretty usual stuff, but then he moved the net to a simplex frequency which, of course, illustrated whether the members had to raise power and also showed who could hear who. Kim didn't ask for an NCS for the following week which suggested he might be "the man". Kim ran a fine business net - so who wouldn't be happy with that.

It seems to me I missed the next net due to a meeting commitment. I received an e-mail from Leon-N7TEB who said he had jumped into the NCS role for our fourth net, and hoped he hadn't been out of line. Well, I couldn't have been happier. If a member knows the net is supposed to start at 7:00PM, and no one is starting it, a member stepping up to the plate is exactly the right thing to do. No doubt about it. If a designated NCS shows up a few minutes after the net is underway, he has two choices: 1) break in and pick it up, or 2) let it run.

Discussion of our Wednesday net is on our Meeting Agenda. Ideas? Suggestions?

## OUR NEXT T-HUNT

Our next T-Hunt will take place on Saturday, May 3rd at 10:00AM at St. John's Church. Mr. Fox will be our April winner (*April hunt is 2 days before our meeting*).

We have 4 regulars - KN6CV, AE6GQ, W6TKV and KO6XB. Lunch most always follows the hunt at Norco's Best on Hamner Avenue (~ 4th to 5th Streets) in Norco.

All club members who ride along are really treated well. And, guess what? They even get a free ride back to their own cars about 1:00PM. Such a deal!

## APRIL MEETING PROGRAM

The program is titled *The History, Purpose and Benefits of QSLs & How the DX QSL Bureau System* and will be presented by Fred-W6TKV. Don't worry, the program is shorter than the title.

Fred was a 100% QSLer for about 20 years until being completely over-loaded by contesting. He served as the T-Segment Manager of the ARRL 6th District QSL Bureau for 12 years, has served as QSL Manager for a few DX stations, and presently is QSL Manager for the Mike & Key ARC (a Seattle club) where he has been a member for 10 years.

## THE CNARC STORY

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

Our next regular meeting will be at 7:00 PM on Monday, May 5th at the Norco Firehouse.

## A REMINDER

Last reminder members are able to have an added personal e-mail address using @w6pwt.org. Just contact Norm-KN6CV.

## ANY INPUT?

If you have any suggestions or items for the newsletter, please do send them along to your Editor and Rumor Monger. We can also include station pictures in this newsletter if they are in jpg format - the more the better. Ran short of time this month, so just one page.