

THE CIRCLE CITY COMMUNICATOR

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JUNE PROGRAM

This month, our meeting will address our plans for Field Day - the 4th weekend in June. Many items have to be covered and they include:

- 1- Becoming familiar with FD logging.
- 2- Decision of which bands/modes to use. Bands include 80M, 40M, 20M, 15M (maybe), 2M and 440MHz (maybe), a possible GOTA station. Do we need band filters (W6TKV has filters for the HF bands noted.)
- 3- Sign-up sheets for operating time on each of the bands noted above. The total operating time is 24 hours, from 11:00 AM on Saturday to 11:00 AM on Sunday.
- 4- Set-up happens on Saturday from 8:00AM until the opening CQ at 11:00 AM.
- 5- Shut-down happens on Sunday from the last QSO at 11:00 AM until clean-up is completed - probably from Noon to 1:00 PM.
- 6- There has been discussion on adding a 40M dipole in parallel to the 80M antenna, and we need to resolve this idea. If yes, we have to install this additional dipole.
- 7- Determine if there any benefit in putting up a temporary 20M beam on the roof? If so, we have to install the mast, rotor and beam - and steal one of the coax lines and existing rotors for use on a temporary basis.
- 8- Determine the number of over-nighters, and arrange for there sleeping cots.
- 9- Following the June meeting, the Operating Schedules will be available to all members either by 1) sending them an e-mail copy, or 2) notifying them of their posting on our web site. If you cannot attend this meeting, this will be important to you as it will allow you to sign up via e-mail. And, if you do attend the meeting, the same information will act as a reminder of your commitment.

The Field Day objective is to make as many contacts as possible in a 24-hour period. It serves as an excellent learning experience for all, especially the newest hams in our club.

PACKING FOR FIELD DAY



Back in the olden days, when CNARC packed up for Field Day it was a tough job. This picture was taken about 20 years ago, and everyone of our current members have to be grateful for the radio room in the EOC.

My goodness, how times have changed. Our radios are much smaller and weigh a great deal less. Can you imagine what it must have been like to operate HF mobile - with vacuum tubes and 2-300 volt power supplies. Wow, are we lucky now or what?

THE CNARC STORY

Our repeater – 147.060/+ MHz, PL-162.2 Hz

WebSite – <http://www.w6pwt.org>

Our next meeting will be at 7:00PM, on Monday, June 2nd.

OUR NEXT T-HUNT

Our next T-Hunt will take place on Saturday, June 7th at 10:00 AM at St. John's Church. Mr. Fox will be Norm-KN6CV, our May winner who was first in finding Perry-AE6GO who was parked in a b-i-g hole in the ground.

Our 3 hunters will be AE6GQ, W6TKV and KO6XB, and all members are welcome to ride along with one of the hunters. Lunch always follows the hunt at Norco's Best on Hamner Avenue (~ 4th to 5th Streets) in Norco.

AN INVITATION

For those who may not know it, the ARRL has divided the United States into 15 Divisions, our's being the Southwestern Division which includes all of California and Arizona. Each Division is divided into ARRL Sections, ours being the Orange Section which is 1 of 5 sections - the others are the counties of Los Angeles, San Diego, Santa Barbara and Arizona State.

Each ARRL Division has a Director and a Vice Director - both being elected positions. Each of the Sections also have elected Section Managers. The Directors are directly responsible for "ARRL policy matters", in effect running the ARRL. They attend regularly scheduled Board Meetings - most being in Newington, CT. Also, for your information, each of the 71 Section Managers are responsible for helping ARRL members in their sections, i.e. "Your Section Manager is the person to contact when you have news about your activities, or those in your club. If you need assistance with a local problem, your Section Manager is your first point of contact."

Many ARRL members are totally unaware of the very different jobs assigned to the Director and to the Section Manager - your Editor has been an ARRL Member for 50+ years, yet just recently became aware of these two different assignments. The Section Manager does not report to the Director - they are separate.

In any event, back to the invitation! Vice Director Marty Woll, N6VI is the guest speaker at the upcoming Riverside County ARA meeting on Thursday, June 12th at 7:30 PM. Their club meetings are held at the La Sierra University Church which is very close to Norco (just check the map on the RCARA website - www.w6tj.com).

Marty is serving his first term as our Vice Director and his broad background is definitely going to be of tremendous benefit to both the ARRL and its Members.

CNARC members (and their spouses) are invited to attend this meeting.

Marty's program is titled *Being DX - Tales of a Contest Expeditioner*. Marty notes, "This collection of anecdotes from a dozen contest operations outside the 'lower 48' describes both the unique aspects and common threads of my expeditions." This program is one your XYL will enjoy just as much as any licensed ham.

In any event, this is an excellent opportunity for you to meet our new ARRL Vice Director. Your Editor met Marty several months ago, and was very impressed with both his business background and what he has contributed to the amateur radio in his community.

To get a broader picture of Marty Woll, just take a look at his web site www.n6vi.com - you won't be sorry.

DX AND QSL CARDS

As a member of CNARC, you are entitled to send your outgoing DX QSL cards via IECARO without any cost to you. The Inland Empire Council of Amateur Radio Organizations picks up the tab for the individual members of every Member Organization of the council - and CNARC is a Member Organization.

WEDNESDAY EVENING NET

Please give some thought to participating in our Wednesday Evening 2M Net. As a member you can tell everyone of your most recent ham activities and experiences.

Like Chicken Soup, it couldn't hurt! So why not pick up your 2M radio and key up when asked.

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For those who don't notice anything unusual, it is recommended that you not fly commercially.