

# THE CIRCLE CITY COMMUNICATOR

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## VE TESTING AT CNARC

CNARC's current list of VE's consists of Tim AI6DX, Dick AF6F, Perry AE6GQ, Fred W6TKV - and Max AB6NS is signing up. This job requires an Extra Class license for most testing, and so our possible VE candidates are Extra Class members and they are: Frank KE6NZB (now a resident of the Temecula area), and Paul KV6P. If Paul will step forward, all of the current Extra Class operators will be on board.

In addition, we have a few members holding the Advanced Class license, and we urge you to upgrade to Extra Class. The benefits are more bandwidth - always useful for both Contesting and DX - plus you get bragging rights.

We currently have 4 (going on 5) members who hold VE credentials under the Greater Los Angeles Amateur Radio (GROUP), and we can test for Technician, General and Extra Class licenses. Since we must have 3 examiners at each testing session, we need additional VE's to insure we can always field 3 examiners.

Our testing will always be 12:30PM on the first Saturday of each month after the T-Hunt, and anyone wishing to take a test must make a reservation at least 2 days in advance. We will require all those taking a test to obtain an FRN number prior to the test session. Just click on <https://fjallfoss.fcc.gov/coresWeb/publicHome.do> and follow the directions, i.e. register and receive your FRN, Check Individual and "yes" (inside US), and you will then be at FRN Registration - just complete the form and an FRN will be assigned to the applicant. Having the FRN removes the need for us to record your Social Security Number which provides a level of personal security for the applicant.

## NEXT T-HUNT: SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7th

Our next T-Hunt will be held on Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup>. Joe, KO6XB will be hiding.

T-Hunts are held on the first Saturday of each month and begin at 10:00 AM at St. John's Episcopal Church located at Ontario and Magnolia in Corona. Bring your own t-hunt equipment, or come to ride along with a seasoned hunter. Following the T-Hunt the FOX and the hiders meet at Norco's Best to swap tales of the hunt.

## T-HUNT CHALLENGE TO ALL CNARC MEMBERS

CNARC T-hunters have an open invitation to all club members to join them in the monthly T-Hunt. A few have gone on ride-alongs, and one new hunter has joined, but there are still a lot of others that have yet to experience the thrill of the hunt.

Norm proposes the following challenge to all CNARC members: ***try to find a hiding spot where the t-hunters cannot find the hidden "T"***. To participate, the member accepting the challenge would use the club's transmitter and agree to abide by the existing rules, available on the [T-Hunt web page](#).

The only other requirements are that the hider be a licensed amateur, have a mode of transportation to the hiding place and a source of power, either 13.8 VDC from a car cigarette lighter or 120 VAC to power an adapter. If you feel up to the challenge and think you have of a great place to hide the "T" where the hunters won't find it, let Norm know and we will schedule a date.

## ANTENNA RELOCATION PROJECT UNDERWAY

On Saturday, January 17, 2009 Larry Michalski, Jim Cresap, Carlos Fontes, Jeff Bredehoff and Norm Musselman participated in an antenna relocation project at the Norco Fire Station. The purpose of this meeting was to evaluate a position on the roof of the building to determine if it would be suitable to install the new antenna masts.

Jeff has donated 2 x 10' sections of struts which will be bolted to the parapet to provide the means to mount the masts and the PVC coax down carrier. The original location for the struts was ruled out because it required that the hole in the roof would be in a low spot and would be a potential for water leaks. So it now appears that the struts will have to be mounted further north on the parapet closer to the high portion of the roof. Also the location that the PVC will enter the roof cannot be a straight down run, as we believe there is a beam under the parapet which would be very difficult if not impossible to drill through.

The project team will be contacted to schedule the next meeting. This project is open to any member who wishes to participate. Call Norm to enlist hi,hi.

## IECARO REPORT

In case you haven't heard, IECARO will not be sponsoring the ARRL Southwestern Division Conference this year. The organization will continue on with new goals yet to be defined or agreed upon by the membership. The membership elected a new slate of officers and the secretary reported a \$4,396.80 treasury balance. The CNARC membership dues (\$12) were paid at the January meeting.

## OUR NATIONAL RADIO CLUB

The ARRL is our national radio club, and one of their major tasks is to protect our ham bands against encroachment by others who wish to use them.

This is a task no one else can do - so join the ARRL and be a part of the solution.

## SOUTHWESTERN DIVISION DIRECTOR APPOINTED MEMBER OF KEY ARRL COMMITTEE



ARRL Southwestern Division Director Dick Norton, N6AA, was appointed a member of the 2009 ARRL Administration and Finance Committee.

*"Administration and Finance Committee: Jim Fenstermaker, K9JF, Chairman, Northwestern; Jim Weaver, K8JE, Great Lakes; Dennis Bodson, W4PWF, Roanoke; Brian Milesosky, N5ZGT, Rocky Mountain; Dick Norton, N6AA, Southwestern; Vice Director Cliff Ahrens, K0CA, Midwest, and Treasurer Jim McCobb, K1LU."* - [ARRL Board of Directors Considers Internal and External Goals for 2009](#)

## THE CNARC STORY

Our repeater – 147.060/+ MHz, PL-162.2 Hz  
2M Net - [NOW ON Tuesday at 7:00PM](#)  
WebSite – [www.w6pwt.org](http://www.w6pwt.org)  
Articles to your Editor at [w6tkv@arrl.net](mailto:w6tkv@arrl.net)  
Our next meeting will be at 7:00PM, on [Groundhog Day, Monday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>](#).

## THE WEEKLY 2M NET

Just a reminder for the Wednesday night CNARC/RACES Net on the club repeater held at 7:00PM (1900hrs) Local time. See you all there!

## ONE GOOD TURN DESERVES ANOTHER de Fred-W6TKV

Perry Locke - AE6GQ stepped up to put this edition of our newsletter together. No one asked him to do this, but he reacted in the true spirit of ham radio caused by my being "horizontal". His service to the club should be much appreciated by all club members - that's a hint to thank him (just in case you missed it.) Since one good turn deserves another, I stepped it to get it distributed since Perry got wrapped up in a demanding business task.