

THE CIRCLE CITY COMMUNICATOR

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OUR JULY PROGRAM

Be sure you bring a water bottle with you to this meeting - the program is bound to make you thirsty.

Each year there is a foot race named the Angeles Crest 100 Mile Endurance Race. Yes, that's 100 miles, and yes it's along the top of mountains.

Steve Woo, KE6ONT will give us an overview of the ham radio support provided for this unusual race which will be held on August 28th starting in Wrightwood and ending in Pasadena. There's 21,000 ft. uphill and 26,000 ft. downhill - spread along 90 miles of trails plus there are 8 miles of dirt road. The highest point is 9,210 ft. on Mt. Balden-Powell.

Are you thirsty yet? Don't miss this one!

WANDERING de Fred-W6TKV

There is a ham station at the United Nations in New York City - the call, 4U1UN. I have tried a few times to see if I could operate their station, but have never gotten any response to my letters. I gave some thought to the idea of running for Congress in order to add some horsepower to my request, but when I awoke the next morning I discarded that idea.

I have, however, operated from 4U1WB in Washington D.C. - the station being in the World Bank. My request to them was tied to a business trip. Their offices are in a large multi-story building with their beam on the roof. The ham station is on the 5th floor or so, in a fairly large conference room. Being in their office area, it was necessary for my host to stay with me - which put a time constraint on my visit. I aimed the 4U1WB beam west as I had mentioned this visit to some DXer's in the Riverside area. I ran a string of QSOs with my pals - then my host said, "Why don't you turn the beam toward Europe." I said, "My understanding is WU1WB doesn't count for a country. Isn't that so?" His answer, "Yes, however we tell them we are working on it." When I turned the beam toward Europe and called a short CQ, it was like the roof had fallen in. There were many calling, so I worked a lot of Europeans who likely heard me working CA.

After a while, my host mentioned he had to get back to work, so I thanked him and went on my way ... having been "rare DX" for just a bit.

WHO'S WHO

The CNARC Constitution and By Laws provide for two different forms of governing our club. The first is what you would expect to see in most clubs. That is elected position of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Editor. The second is how we currently function. That is an elected Committee of 3 club members where they, after being elected, divide up the several tasks of the club.

This year, Dick-AF6F, Erick-W6GEV, and Norm-KN6CV were elected as our Committee. And, they collectively named Dick-AF6F as the Chairman of the Committee.

So now you maybe ask, "Well, where did W6TKV come from as our Editor?" It seems he picked up this task while serving as your Chairman - before having surgery at the very end of 2009 and enjoying 2-3 months of recovery.

In similar manner, Jim-KD6ECI picked up the Wednesday CNARC 2M Net and runs it as a great net for members and visitors.

ADDING ITEMS TO THE AGENDA

Any member who has an item they wish to place on the Agenda for the July Meeting, would be well advised to send an e-mail describing the item directly to Dick-AF6F who drafts each month's Agenda.

On a Lighter Note, some humor from the Mike & Key Club in Seattle where your editor has been a club member since June 1996 . . .

RADIO OFFICER SAYS HAVING A BIGGER TOWER MAKES YOU A BETTER PERSON by George Thornton AE7G

Our Radio Officer, writing from his newly acquired property in Hawaii, has discovered he has more time on his hands now that the Flea Market has been sold.

He has chosen to become a Scientist. His first article for publication deals with the relationship between tower height and the owner's worth as a human being. In the article he

claims to have discovered conclusive scientific proof that a tower owner's value and worth as a human being increases as the square of the height of his radio tower.

He claims to have reached this conclusion by applying a statistical analysis on data he has collected on HAMS, tower height and various facts about their personal and professional lives. In the article he develops a formula for calculating the "worth" of a particular human being. He converts the scale to the equivalent of a 4.0 school grading system. Under this analysis, a near-perfect human being such as Mahatma Gandhi would score 3.9 or above, while Adolf Hitler would rate below 1.0.

The article concludes there is a high statistical correlation between the height of the individual's tower and the owner's "worthiness".

In order to further explain his conclusions, he cites as an example, himself. He explains that his worth as a human being is greater than that of Trustee Mike Dinkelman, and further points out that his towers are 125 ft. high, whereas Mike's largest tower is only 100 ft. tall.

Mike Dinkelman then added there is further support for this concept. He said George, AE7G, the Club's new Chairman of the Board, has an urban home and an unsympathetic spouse. His rooftop tower is only six feet high. Mike indicated the low worth is obvious because George, AE7G, is an attorney. No attorney ever rates above Adolf Hitler on the scale of worth as a human being.

It is apparent that George, AE7G, is not in agreement with the research conclusion. He was last seen muttering under his breath as he was headed out the door. When asked where he was going, he said he had an appointment with the FBI Fraud Task Force.

He is asking them to investigate financial irregularities connected with the sale of the Flea Market and the purchase of certain property in Hawaii.

Reportedly, Ivy, the Club President, has not been happy with the various discussions about radio tower height and worth as a human being. She is looking into ways to have all three of the involved officers involuntarily committed to a mental institution. "We need some serious medication here", she said.

P.S. As you can see, not everyone is as serious as CNARC members. Either that or not enough of our members have towers so there isn't

anything to argue about. Also, none of our members have a second home in Hawaii. ☺

SOMETIME IT DOES TAKE A ROCKET SCIENTIST!

Scientists at NASA built a gun specifically to launch standard 4-pound dead chickens at the windshields of airliners, military jets and the space shuttle, all traveling at maximum velocity. The idea is to simulate the frequent incidents of collisions with high flying birds, in order to test the strength of the windshields.

British engineers heard about the gun and were eager to test it on the windshields of their new high speed trains. Arrangements were made, and a gun was sent to the British engineers. When the gun was fired, the engineers stood shocked as the chicken hurled out of the barrel, crashed into the shatterproof shield, smashed it to smithereens, blasted through the control console, snapped the engineer's back-rest in two, and embedded itself in the back wall of the cabin, like an arrow shot from a bow.

The horrified Brits sent NASA the disastrous results of the experiment, along with the designs of the windshield and begged the US scientists for suggestions.

NASA responded with a one-line memo, "Defrost the chicken." What a hoot!

A QUICK REPORT ON FIELD DAY

At the risk of leaving someone out, our players were:

Carlos-W7CRF	Norm-KN6CV
Dick-AF6F	Perry-AE6GQ
Erick-W6GEV	Paul-KJ6HKJ
Fred-W6TKV	Richard-K8JKI
George-AF6UI	Dan-KD6ETF
Larry-KI6DCG	Henry-AF6WA

Visitors - A) Frank DeBore of the Fire Station, B) Don Williams-KD6UVT, Ron-KJ6HWV, and Bill Cone - Riverside County EOC, C) Art Sutorus-AA6CA - Corona Police group, and last but not least D) Scot Fishback who wants to be a ham and will be with us at our VE Session on Saturday. July 3rd.

Those who weren't there missed a great opportunity to operate on a radio packed with other hams across our 50 states and up into Canada. It's a great way to see what the bands are really like when 2,000+ clubs are on the air.

