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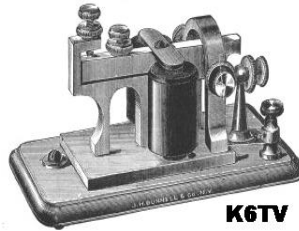
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American Morse Still Alive

Our September meeting program will be on the American Morse Code, presented by **Tom Van-Buskirk, K6TV**, and **Kathy Stanfill, KS6CW**. They are both members of the Morse Telegraph Club, and Tom, of course, is a member of the DARC.



K6TV

Tom, who has was first licensed in 1957, and has continually been licensed since 1973, is an avid CW fan; and is a great supporter of "Know Code". He has been interested in American Morse Code for about five years. He decided to get involved with the American Morse Telegraph Club to see, first hand, what this code was all about.

As you know, International Morse Code is what is now commonly used for all CW contacts, but the original was American Morse code. Tom will give an overview and history of telegraph in the United States, as well as a demo of American Morse code. He will be bringing along some of the equipment that was used for landline telegraph. Tom and Kathy will also demo a code program, "The Mill", which can teach both the American and International Morse code.

See you in September !

DARC to Begin Nominations for Club Officers for 2004

It's that time of year again. The Downey Amateur Radio Club will be seeking members to fill the Club Officer positions. If you have never held an office with DARC, here's your chance to give it a try! And if you have held an office in the past, there's nothing quite as good as the second (or third, or ...) time around!

Nomination of candidates for Club Officer Positions will be made by a nominating committee appointed by the President and announced at the September meeting. Additional nominations will be accepted from the floor from full members at either the September or October meetings. Those names submitted at the September meeting will be placed on the ballot with provision for write-in of October nominees. Voting will take place at the October meeting and election shall be a majority vote of the full members present.

The vacancies for the next term are: **1st V.P.**, responsible for overall supervision of Club activities and chair general and Board meetings in the absence of the President; **V.P. Programs**, responsible for obtaining *—Continued next column —*

September Meeting

The September meeting of the DARC will be held in the cafetorium at Sussman Middle School, 12500 Birchdale Ave., in Downey, beginning at 7:30 PM, Thursday, **September 4, 2003**

speakers for all meetings; **V.P. Membership**, responsible for all membership services; **V.P. Ways and Means**, responsible for all Club property, hats, caps and jackets, yard sale, etc. For a more complete list of officers' duties, please consult a current copy of the Constitution and By-laws. As with any group, the DARC needs leadership to guide it into the next Club year.

Remember, the October Club meeting day will be held on **October 3rd**, which is the first **Friday** of the month. Mark your calendars so you don't miss this once a year event.

October Meeting

Our October meeting will feature **Steve Grudzinski, AD6HT**. Steve's presentation will focus on Amateur Radio Laser Communications. Mark your calendars.

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Affiliated ARRL Club
ARRL Special Service Club
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Orange County Council of Amateur Radio Organizations

Frequencies

Simplex & Phone Patch: 145.595 MHz*
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* See Calendar for Net Skeds

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VE Exams

The Downey Amateur Radio Club provides VE examinations for all classes of Amateur Radio licenses on the third Saturday of each even-numbered month. Exams are held at the Downey Fire Department Headquarters, 12222 Paramount Boulevard, beginning at 8:30 AM. The exam schedule for the remainder of 2003 is as follows:

Oct 18 Dec 20

The ARRL/VEC test fee is \$12.00 for all tests. The fee is controlled by the FCC but goes to the ARRL to cover their expenses in providing the tests and handling the applications. Those planning to take tests are asked to contact **Steve Grudzinski, AD6HT**, at (626) 336-3974, or AD6HT@arrl.net prior to the test. This contact is appreciated but not mandatory. After the test session please wait 10 days before contacting the ARRL at (860) 594-0300 or <http://www.qrz.com/callsign> for new license information. Please do not call the FCC directly.

DARC Badges

DARC name badges are available for \$4.00, payable on order. Give your name and call sign to **Ray Fas, KD6GRM**. Previously ordered badges may be picked up at the Club general meeting.

**Club Cups, Caps
Shirts and Jackets**

Item	On Hand?	Price	Pay
Caps	Yes	8.00	On Order
Jackets	Yes	35.00	On Order
T-shirts	Most Sizes	10.00	On Order
Polo Shirts	Most Sizes	16.00	On Order
Coffee Mugs	Yes	3.00	On Order

Contact **Ray Fas, KD6GRM**, at any meeting or at (562) 861-6651

**Saturday
Breakfast Location**

Many DARC Club members meet for breakfast each Saturday morning at 7:00 AM at the Nordic Fox Restaurant, 10924 S. Paramount Blvd., in Downey (1/2 mile south of Florence Ave.) The restaurant reserves an area for DARC and offers good food at reasonable prices. See you there!

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September Birthdays

The officers of the Downey Amateur Radio Club join the members of the Q5 staff in wishing each of the following a very happy birthday.

N6RKH	Robert Filter	2
KB6YEM	James Weaver	4
KK6K	Carl Massell	5
KF6UQJ	Tsioutsias Nikolaos	14
KF6JGZ	Stan Ross	15
KD6HXP	Jon Olesen	16
NU6A	John Marthens	20



Check out the Downey Amateur Radio Club **World Wide Web** site. It has more than just the articles from this news letter. See color photographs, special features not included in the Q5, and links to other Ham Radio related sites.

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SERVING THE DOWNEY AREA
SINCE 1951

DARC Annual Membership

Single: \$20 Associate: \$10
Maximum for Family: \$35

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DARC General Meeting Minutes for August 7, 2003

Steve Grudzinski, AD6HT, President, called the meeting to order at 7:36 PM with 24 persons in attendance. He then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

During announcements, **Dave Buhler**, WB6ZGF, Chair of the Nominating Committee, listed the positions open on the Board of Directors and urged the members to become involved in the leadership of the Club.

Steve announced that V.E testing would be held on Saturday, August 16. He also announced a tour of the KFI transmitter facility in La Mirada on August 30, hosted by the Western Amateur Radio Association along with lunch and a raffle for a Yeasu VX-7R. Cost is \$20.00.

Larry Vaughn, KD6NZW, Club HAMCON liaison, reminded the members that the DARC is responsible for the technical forums and he explained who would be there and what their programs will be. He also asked for members to volunteer as moderators to introduce the speakers.

Our speaker for the evening was **Art Goddard**, W6XD, ARRL Southwestern Division Director. Art touched on a number of issues including Broadband over Power Lines (BPL) which he noted would deliver over a 9dB noise level from 2 to 80 MHz twenty four hours a day, 365 days a year. This is the Leagues number one priority at this time and he urged the DARC members to contact their Members of Congress and explained the best methods of doing this. He touched on the recent signing by Governor Davis of AB1228, which is a state version of the Federal PRB-1 affecting antenna installations. He also spoke of HR1478 which is a bill allowing antennas on property restricted by the so-called CC&Rs and again urged Club members to contact their Congress members and ask them to become co-sponsors of this bill. He then asked the Club members for their input on a variety of issues that concerned them and replied from the ARRLs point of view.

In the business portion of the meeting, the Treasurers Report was approved as it appeared in the Q5. Also the minutes of the July general meeting as they appeared in the Q5 were approved.

Dick Palmer, WB6JDH, explained the raffle prizes available.

The group took a break for refreshments at 9:03 PM. The meeting reconvened at 9:13 PM.

Guest **Dave Bird**, AA6DB, was introduced. He is a former member and past President.

The attendance drawing was held and **Buck Kerns**, AE6DT, was not present.

Dick, WB6JDH, conducted the raffle with the following winners: **Art Varney**, WA6OZQ, an ARRL antenna book donated by our speaker; **Dave Glenn**, N6TEB, MFJ dual headphones; **Larry Vaughn**, KD6NZW, a battery charger; **Ken Carlson**, N6SWO, a cordless screwdriver; **Dave Glenn**, N6TEB, a CD on the Sept. 11, 2001 disaster and **Ken Carlson**, N6SWO, a ham call sign CD.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:17 P.M.
Respectfully submitted,
Dave Buhler, WB6ZGF,
Substitute Secretary

Results of the License Examination Session Held August 16, 2003

During the last DARC sponsored VE session conducted on August 16, we had 5 applicants of which 3 passed successfully. This gives a pass rate of 60 percent.

There was one new Technician class license earned and one new General grandfather upgrade. We had one person who earned Element 3 credit (General Theory) with no upgrade.

I would like to thank the VE's who helped with the session:

Ginny Grudzinski, AJ6CW; **Arlene Schwartz**, KF6GFI; **Ray Olesen**, AD6AF; **Art Varney**, WA6OZQ; **Tom VanBuskirk**, K6TV; **Frank Myllo**, KC6YPV; and **Buck Kerns**, AE6DT.

For those interested in upgrading and just need to pass the code, well do I have awesome news for you. Go from "no code" to "know code" in two weeks with Code Quick. Check out the pages at <http://www.cq2k.com/> to start your upgrade now.

73, **Steve Grudzinski**, AD6HT
VE Liaison

Germany Joins Switzerland, the UK, and Belgium in Dropping Morse Requirements!

Effective August 15, 2003 an estimated 33,000 German Class 2 VHF/UHF-only licensees will be permitted access to the HF bands the same as current Class 1 licensees. According to a statement from German Federal Ministry of Economy and Labor (BMWA), "Morse telegraph knowledge as a prerequisite to use the high-frequency bands is no longer required."

These rules also apply for foreign Amateur Radio licensees with comparable privileges operating during visits in Germany.

The upgraded Class 2 licensees will use their current call signs (prefixes include DB, DC, DD and DG).

Article obtained from QRZ.COM

Treasurer's Report July 2003

SUMMARY

Bank Balance as of 6/30/2003	\$2,362.06
Income	\$60.00
Expenditures	(\$602.45)
Bank Balance as of 7/31/2003	\$1,819.61

INCOME	This Month	Year to Date	Annual Budget	(Over) Under Budget
Club Merchandise		639.00	200.00	(439.00)
DARC Dues	60.00	790.00	2100.00	1310.00
Raffle *		753.00	1000.00	247.00
Luncheon Reserv.		0.00	0.00	0.00
Misc Income		21.00	1,500.00	1,479.00
Fund Raisers		523.84	1000.00	476.16
Totals	\$60.00	\$2,726.84	\$5,800.00	\$3,073.16

EXPENDITURES

	This Month	Year to Date	Annual Budget	(Over) Under Budget
Attend. Prizes		15.00	55.00	40.00
Autopatch, Rptr.	35.61	124.39	240.00	115.61
Club Merchandise	175.28	404.76	400.00	(4.76)
Club Bulletin				
Printing	103.27	782.98	1,600.00	817.02
Supplies		18.33	20.00	1.67
Postage	46.00	439.00	665.00	226.00
Committees				
Awards		0.00	75.00	75.00
Education		0.00	30.00	30.00
Membership		0.00	50.00	50.00
Pub & Pub Rel		0.00	25.00	25.00
Sunshine		0.00	50.00	50.00
Equip Maint.		0.00	150.00	150.00
Events				
Christmas Party		0.00	25.00	25.00
Field Day		0.00	500.00	500.00
Luncheon		0.00	0.00	0.00
Picnic		0.00	50.00	50.00
Fund Raisers		0.00	50.00	50.00
Other Events		0.00	20.00	20.00
Insurance		0.00	350.00	350.00
Misc. Expenses		31.83	0.00	(31.83)
Officers Expenses				
President		0.00	25.00	25.00
Secretary		0.00	25.00	25.00
Treasurer		7.57	25.00	17.43
Other Organizations				
Dues		0.00	20.00	20.00
Raffle *	179.35	646.00	1000.00	354.00
PO Box		76.00	65.00	(11.00)
Refreshments	62.94	116.26	200.00	83.74
Stationary, Copies		0.00	20.00	20.00
World Radio Listing		65.00	65.00	0.00
Totals	\$602.45	\$2,727.12	\$5,800.00	\$3,072.88

Jon Olesen, KD6HXP
Treasurer

- Raffle included for accounting purpose.



Annual Yard Sale To Be Held September 27

The annual DARC yard sale will be held on Saturday, September 27 at the QTH of **Bill Heather**, KB6WKT. The yard sale is a major part of our fund-raising effort every year, and the DARC is counting on you to donate your excess clothing and household items so that we can continue to support our Club repeater and activities such as Field Day, and the many public service events that we perform. Please set aside your sellable items and mark September 27 on your calendars.

If you have large items and are in need of a truck, please make arrangements to have the items picked up at your QTH and delivered to the sale site.

We will also need volunteers to work at the yard sale. Remember, a BBQ lunch will be supplied to all those that work. We look forward to seeing all of you on September 27th!



73, Steve, AD6HT

DARC Board of Directors Meeting July 8, 2003.

Steve Grudzinski, AD6HT, President called the meeting to order at 7:34 PM at Downey Fire Station #1. Other Board members present were, **Dave Glenn**, N6TEB, 1st Vice President; **Buck Kerns**, AE6DT, Director-Two Years; Director-One Year; **Tom VanBuskirk**, K6TV; **Ginny Grudzinski**, AJ6CW, VP- Programs; **Dave Buhler**, WB6ZGF, VP-Service and **Bill Heather**, KB6WKT Secretary. Absent were **Ray Fas**, KD6GRM, VP-Ways & Means; **Ann Wright**, KF6UEA, VP-Membership and **Jon Olesen**, KD6HXP, Treasurer.

Officers' Reports:

Steve, AD6HT, reported that he enjoyed Field Day along with United Radio Amateur Club.

Dave, N6TEB, reported a good time at Field Day with URAC and would consider doing it again with them.

Ginny, AJ6CW, reported that the meeting went well and liked hearing about the projects that other members were working on. She also liked the raffle prizes as they kept with the theme of the meeting.

Dave, WB6ZGF, reported that Hawaiian days would be held on July 19 and 20. Buck, AE6DT, was in charge of the operation.

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DARC Board of Directors Meeting August 12, 2003.

Steve Grudzinski, AD6HT, President called the meeting to order at 7:37 PM at Downey Fire Station #1. Other Board members present were, **Buck Kerns**, AE6DT, Director-Two Years; **Ginny Grudzinski**, AJ6CW, VP- Programs; **Dave Buhler**, WB6ZGF, VP-Service; **Ann Wright**, KF6UEA, VP-Membership and **Bill Heather**, KB6WKT Secretary. Absent were, **Dave Glenn**, N6TEB 1st Vice President; VP-Service; **Ray Fas**, KD6GRM, VP-Ways & Means; Director-One Year; **Tom VanBuskirk**, K6TV and **Jon Olesen**, KD6HXP, Treasurer.

Officers' Reports:

Steve reported that only 24 members attended the August Club meeting. Steve also stressed that the deadline for the Q5 is always the Friday after the Board meeting.

Dave reported that next scheduled service event will be the Holiday Lane Parade in December.

The July Board meeting minutes were not ready in time and were not published in the Q5.

Planning Calendar:

Tom, K6TV, will be the guest speaker for September's meeting. Tom will be speaking to us on the American morse telegraph code

VE Testing Session- Steve, AD6HT, reported that he only had one person sign up for the testing session and the next testing date is scheduled for August 16.

Yard Sale- will be held at the QTH of Bill Heather, KB6WKT, on September 27th. For those members that come and help with the yard sale a Bar-B-Que will be provided.

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Bill, KB6WKT, apologized for not making the General Meeting and inquired about minutes. Dave, WB6ZGF, recorded the minutes for the meeting.

Minutes of the June Board meeting were read and approved.

Planning Calendar:

The August Meeting will be Southwest Division Director **Art Goddard**, W6XD. Art will bring a variety of topics to the meeting regarding issues involving Amateur Radio.

Steve reported that he would like to have all necessary articles for the Q5 by the 23rd. The last edition had copy that came in late and caused the Q5 to be out late.

VE Session – The next session will be on August 16.

Club Picnic – Dave, WB6ZGF, questioned holding an annual picnic that has really not been well attended. Buck made a motion to cancel this years picnic. The motion was seconded and approved.

November Luncheon – Ginny, AJ6CW, reported that she spoke to Granata's Italian restaurant. The room has been reserved and the meal price will be determined in the near future.



Old Business:

Club Business Cards – Bill KB6WKT reported that he made contact with the business card company and found out that they will work with us however art work is needed.

Status of Tech tapes – **John Kuntz**, KE6GFF, still has the technician training tapes that the Club owns.

Emergency Plan – A final version is ready for the General membership. The new plan will be distributed with the September Q5.

New Business:

Membership cards – Ann, KF6UEA, reported that membership cards are running low and new ones are going to be needed to prior to October.

Hamcon – **Larry Vaughn**, KD6NZW, did report at the General meeting about all the speakers at the convention and it is in need of additional VE's for the event.


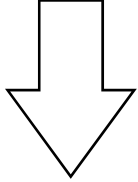
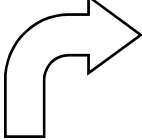
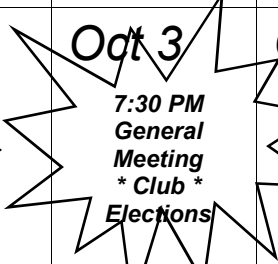
Report from the nominating committee – Dave, WB6ZGF, reported that there are currently 4 open positions for next year's Board. They are: VP-Programs, VP-Membership, VP-Ways & Means and 1st VP. All other current positions have indicated that they will volunteer for another term.

Website – Buck inquired as to what can be done to update the website on a timely bases. Dave commented that what is needed a member to be a webmaster. Bill, KB6WKT, will contact a member that may be able to take on the position.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 PM.
Bill Heather, KB6WKT, Secretary

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September 2003 Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Aug 31	Sep 1 Labor Day 	2 7:00 PM 440 Net on 445.640- pl 156.7 AD6AF	3	4 7:30 PM General Meeting	5 Hamcon Long Beach	6 7:00 AM Club Breakfast Hamcon Long Beach
7 Hamcon Long Beach	8 7:15 PM Downey DCS Net	9 7:00 PM 440 Net on 445.640- pl 156.7 KE6HPZ 7:30 PM Board Meeting	10	11 7:30 PM 2m Simplex Net on 145.595 MHz WB6ZGF	12 Q5 Deadline! Please Have your articles in on Time	13 7:00 AM Club Breakfast ARRL VHF QSO Party
14 ARRL VHF QSO Party	15 7:15 PM Downey DCS Net	16 7:00 PM 440 Net on 445.640- pl 156.7 AD6HT	17	18 7:30 PM 2m Simplex Net on 145.595 MHz KD6NZW	19	20 7:00 AM Club Breakfast -ARRL 10 GHz Contest -Pomona Swap
21 ARRL 10 GHz Contest	22 7:15 PM Downey DCS Net	23 7:00 PM 440 Net on 445.640- pl 156.7 WB6ZGF	24	25 7:30 PM 2m Simplex Net on 145.595 MHz N6TEB	26 	27 7:00 AM Club Breakfast Yard Sale & BBQ TRW Swapmeet
28	29 7:15 PM Downey DCS Net	30 7:00 PM 440 Net on 445.640- pl 156.7 AD6AF	Oct 1	Oct 2 	Oct 3 7:30 PM General Meeting * Club * Elections 	Oct 4 7:00 AM Club Breakfast
Oct 5	Oct 6 7:15 PM Downey DCS Net	Oct 7 7:00 PM 440 Net on 445.640- pl 156.7 KE6HPZ 7:30 PM Board Meeting	Oct 8	Oct 9 7:30 PM 2m Simplex Net on 145.595 MHz AD6AF	Oct 10 Q5 Deadline! Please Have your articles in on Time	Oct 11 7:00 AM Club Breakfast

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Yard Sale – The next yard sale will be held on Saturday, September 27 at the QTH of Bill Heather, KB6WKT.

Old Business:

Club Business Cards – Ginny, AJ6CW passed around 4 samples of cards to pick from. Ginny also recommended making them available on the website. Dave, WB6ZGF shared his appreciation for the work that has gone into the cards. Bill, KB6WKT, recommends that we have the cards professionally printed to have consistency in the cards. After discussion Bill agreed to look into getting them printed.

Club Emergency Plan – Ginny has made available the original emergency plan with some modifications to the committee for review. After review, recommendations should be forward to Dave WB6ZGF.

New Business:

Q5 Editor – Steve reported that because of their planned move to Lake Elsinore in October, the November issue of the Q5 would be the last issue he and Ginny could publish.

Luncheon recommendations – Ginny, AJ6CW, asked for suggestions regarding where the luncheon should be held. After some discussion it was agreed to look into Granata's Italian Restaurant to see if the event could be held there.

VE Team Leader – Steve, AD6HT, is willing to continue on as the DARC's VE team leader after they move, however, if anyone is interested in taking over the sessions, he would be happy to accommodate them..

Field Day Wrap – A Board discussion was held regarding the different aspects of the joint venture with URAC. It was felt that another joint venture might be possible. After some considerable discussion Bill, KB6WKT, informed the Board that he will find out what the final costs for Field Day were and will let the Board know what the DARC share will be.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:53 PM.

Bill Heather, KB6WKT, Secretary

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