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**By and for the
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LOGBOOK OF THE WORLD, eQSL Program
Featured Topic for the February Meeting

John L. Schroeder, N6QQ will be bringing a demonstration of the ARRL's Logbook of the World Program. This program was officially opened to the ham community on September 15, 2003.

With the advent of this online facility, hams can work towards acquiring all the cherished ARRL awards, for example: DXCC, VHF/UHF awards, and WAS (world all states). John has already downloaded more than 2/3 of his contacts from his own logbooks. He'll be telling us how he completed this activity.

He has more than 45,000 contacts made while contesting.

John was first licensed in July, 1957, when he was 14 years old. He acquired the Novice license of WN6UFJ, and upgraded six months later to W6UFJ with the Technician Class. The following year he received his general license. In May, 1968 he received his Extra Class Ticket. In May, 1974 he acquired his current call.

Among the awards that he holds are DXCC, WAZ, WAS. He also holds a DXCC, which he worked via the Oscar 13 satellite, for a total of 126 countries.

John is an avid traveler and has visited the following DX areas: 3W, 6Y, 9M2, 9v, BV, BY, DL, DU, EI, F, FG, FM, G, GM, GU, GW, HA, HB, HB0, HL, HS, HV, I, JA, KH6, KL7, KP2, KP3, LA, LX, LZ, OE, OK, OM, ON, OZ, PA, PJ5, S5, S9, T9, VE, VP2E, VP2M, VR, XE, XX9, YO,

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440 Repeater: 445.640 (-) PL 156.7 Hz*
* See Calendar for Net Skeds

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readable, hence the name of our
newsletter. We hope you agree.

DARC INFORMATION

DARC Annual Membership

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

Make checks payable to "DARC",
Send to: **DARC Membership**
1400 Masser Place
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DARC Badges

DARC name badges are available
for \$4.00, payable on order. Give your
name and call sign to **Kent Savage**
KG6LEI.

Previously ordered badges may be
picked up at the Club general meeting.

Do you have an idea for an article
for the Q5? Remember, this is
OUR newsletter, about OUR
hobby. Please submit articles to:

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By the 15th of the Month!

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 2005 is as follows:

Feb. 2005 April 2005

The ARRL/VEC test fee is \$14.00 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.

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!



Club Cups, Caps Shirts and Jackets

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

Pay when ordering.
Contact **Kent Savage, KG6LEI** at
any meeting

VE Exams continuing

Those planning to take tests are asked to contact:

Steve Grudzinski, AD6HT, at (951) 264-7975, 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.

**ARRL: American Radio Relay League
The National Association for Amateur Radio**

One of the benefits of membership is the QST Magazine

QST, Your Monthly Membership Journal

QST is simply **the source** for news and information on any topic that's part of, or relates to, Amateur Radio. Here's some of what you'll find every month:

- Informative and hard-hitting Product Reviews of the newest radios and accessories from hand-held and mobile FM radios, to home-station transceivers, antennas and even shortwave radios.
- Advertisements. You'll find everything from full-color pages introducing new radios to a large classified ad section.
- Each month's Coming Conventions and Hamfest Calendar columns show you who's getting together every month at hamfests, conventions and swap meets in your area.
- The Public Service column keeps you up to date on the public service efforts hams are providing around the country and shows you how you can join in this satisfying aspect of our hobby.
- Digital Dimension covers news in the Amateur Radio digital world and includes information on useful Web sites.
- The New Ham Companion section is filled with features and how-to information just for beginning hams. There's no jargon-filled "tech talk"--just straightforward, easy-to-understand articles designed to get you on the air doing the things you like best.

Whether you're interested in contesting, DXing, or radios, accessories and antennas you can build at home, QST covers them all: New trends and the latest technology, fiction, humor, news, club activities, rules and regulations, special events, packet radio, and much more.

Note new VE exam fee on next page. The fee for the exam has increased from \$12.00 to \$14.00 effective January 1st 2005.

President Message, February 2005



Ah, the Kitchen Pass. This month is February, which reminds me of Valentines day which reminds me of that quaint term we use. The Kitchen Pass. Which for those of you who don't know, refers to getting your mates permission to go out and play with our wonderful hobby. It is a hobby right? I think some folks take things a little too seriously. But back to the Kitchen Pass. My

wife, Laura, is actually starting to look forward to radio contests. They are the time of year when I make sure I have all my chores, honey-dos and home improvement tasks up to date. This is also the best time of year for her to get me to do those extra jobs around the house. Life is all about balance. In the time management classes I have taken they say you should evenly divide your time evenly between work, home, play and spiritual activities. Less Jack becomes a dull boy. So don't forget Valentines day in a couple of weeks. Get those honey-do's caught up and show some appreciation for our partner's consideration to our sometimes crazy hobby.

I am very fortunate in that my wife allows me to get out several times a year to play in the VHF and Microwave contests, where I spend entire weekends driving all over the state making contacts and having fun. Just this past weekend **Glenn Allen, KE6HPZ** and I went out for the ARRL January VHF contest. We tried a new route that started in Diamond Bar took us to Signal Hill then through the Mojave desert and all around the San Joaquin valley before we headed home late Sunday night. The trip was fun and we made many contacts on 50 MHz through 10GHz, plus light. We met up with other local hams such as **Dick Palmer, WB6JDH** who went along as **Pat Cocker, N6RMJ** second op and **Paul St. John, N6DN** who traveled with **Neil Jessen, N6VHF**. Both Paul and I cleared 300,000 points which set a personal record for both of us. We are already making plans for the June VHF contest trying to better our setups and maybe add some more bands. If you have never tired roving I highly recommend it. Even with a few bands going to mountain tops and new places is always exciting. You can also make VUCC in a single weekend by working us on 5 or 10 GHz from the 5 local grids. The flat lands of Downey and the surrounding area has good paths to grids DM04, DM03, DM13, DM14, DM15 and San Diego DM12.



73, Dave N6TEB

DX NOTES by **Mike Gauthier**, K6ICS

FEBRUARY PROPAGATION OUTLOOK

Nighttime 160 meter DX conditions are at their peak. 80-40 meters remain hot from dusk to dawn. During daytime hours, 20 meters will remain the best for DX. Keep watch on 17-10 for sporadic openings. Monitor the beacon stations and call CQ. Many times a band will be open and no one knows it because, everyone is listening and not transmitting.

FEBRUARY DX

Special commemorative prefixes on the air from Belgium -- During 2005 all Belgian Amateur Radio stations can use the prefix OO in place of the regular ON prefix. The special prefix commemorates the 175th anniversary of the Kingdom of Belgium and its 25th as a federal state.

3D2/R, ROTUMA, Charlie HA8IB and Eli HA9RE will be active from Rotuma from Jan 27 to Feb 21. They will be active on 01-160 meters, CW/SSB/RTTY.

3Y0XG, PETER I ISLAND, Jan 20 through Feb 4. They will have up to 9 stations operating at one time on 10-160 meters. QSL via K4YL.

A35RK, TONGA, Paul, A35RK has been QRV on 17 meters around 2300z. QSL via W7TSQ.

C21HC, NAURU, Udo, C21HC has been QRV using QRP on 20 meters after 0600z. QSL via DL9HCU.

EY8/F5NHJ, TAJIKISTAN, Jean, EY8/F5NHJ has been QRV using RTTY on 15 meters around 0900 to 1130z. QSL to home call.

VP8DIF, SOUTH GEORIGIA, Lars DL9LB will be active till Feb 18, mostly SSB. QSL via DB3LSP.

ST2T, SUDAN, Dane, ST2T has been QRV on 17 meters around 1400z. QSL via S57DX.

TR8CA, GABON, Alain, TR8CA has been QRV on 17 meters around 1600z. QSL via F6CBC.

Some members of DARC, like **Dick Palmer**, WB6JDH and **Dave Glenn**, N6TEB really get into the Rover aspect (heard someone with the call K1SL during the last VHF contest). Other stations go all out with multiple operator mountain top expeditions (did Glenn and Bill ever make it back from the last one?).

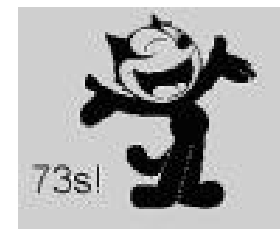
So, for you new comers, or those have hadn't tried contesting, give it a try. You'll be surprised at he number of stations out there just waiting to work a "new call".

Don't forget to submit those log sheets! [me too, oops] even if you only work a few stations some of those "Big Guns" need that verification from time to time.

73



N6TEB "Contest Mobile"



YU.

John graduated from CSU, Long Beach. He holds teaching degrees in mathematics, economics, graphic arts, and electronics. He's taken post-graduate courses at UCLA, and UC, Riverside. He retired from teaching after 33 years, where he taught grades seven through adult.

He belongs to the Southern California DX Club, the Southern California Contest Club and 10-10 International Club. In addition to his interests in ham radio, he is active in the Elk's Lodge, Garden Grove, CA and the Boy Scouts.

Information about Logbook of the World, can be found on the web at <http://www.arrl.org/lotw>.

Review the site and bring your questions to the meeting.

To Contest or Not To Contest? By **John Powell**, KF6EOJ

Indeed that's a question asked of many Hams. Even the ARRL's Web page has a survey from time to time on how many Hams regularly participate in contests, and its surprising how many don't. As seen on K6ICS' regular contributions there are usually contests each month. QST Magazine's "Contest Corral" lists them as well, along with Special Event stations.

So what do you win you ask? Well, usually not more than a certificate, sometimes a plaque, but never prize money. Usually for high scoring stations it's a one line mention in the pages of QST Magazine.

Why do you ask? Well, for many it's a chance for a QSO, however short, for more stations at one time than many casual Hams will work in months. If a contest is slow you get a chance for a longer chat with someone you never worked before, or someone who might never call CQ on their own, and vice versa.

Personally I don't have that much spare time for contesting, but I try to at least get in on nearby Special Event stations, like Route 66, and the VHF contests. Its just a chance to sit down and see just how far I can "stretch" 5 watts. I even home brewed a UHF "Quaggie" and a VHF Yagi just for the VHF/UHF contests.

SV2ASP/A, MOUNT ATHOS, Monk Apollo, SV2ASP/A has been QRV on 80 and 40 meters between 1730 and 1830z, and 20 meters between 0830 and 0930z. QSL via operator's instructions

VK0MT, MACQUARIE ISLAND, Dave Taylor, VK3KR, a senior communications technical officer with Australian National Antarctic Research Expeditions ([ANARE](#)) is operating from Macquarie Island during his spare time, most likely during evening hours on 80, 40, 20, 17 and 15 meters on SSB. Taylor is equipped with an Icom IC-706 running 100 W. He's expected to be on the island until late March. QSL direct only via JE1LET.

VU3BPZ, ANTARCTICA. Bhagwati, VU3BPZ is the Communications Officer for the XXIV Indian Antarctic Expedition, and is active from Maitri Base. QSL via operator's instructions.

DARC Members DXCC count by **Mike Gauthier**, K6ICS

WA6RTA 327 Phone (AM & SSB)
KB6ATT 305 Mixed, 60 CW
KK6T 297 Mixed, 264 CW, 235 SSB, 137 RTTY, 80 Meters 100
K6ICS 295 Mixed, 288 Phone (AM & SSB), 40 Meters 164 Mixed
N6WZI 10 Meters 198 Phone
K6TV 190 SSB, 57 CW, – QRPDXCC Certificate for 102
WA6OUD 10 meters 129 Phone
W6TOI 102 Mixed
W3OB 100 Mixed, 85 20 Meters SSB

Tnx: 425, QRZ DX, & ARRL

February Contests by **Mike Gauthier**, K6ICS

NA Sprint – SSB, Feb 6
School Club Roundup, Feb 7-12
CQWW RTTY WPX Feb 12-13
NA Sprint – CW Feb 13
ARRL International DX Contest (CW), Feb 19-20
NA QSO Party – RTTY, Feb 26-27
ARRL International DX Contest (Phone), March 5-6

I am interested in receiving DX reports for this column, one contact or

many. Call me- Days 562-923-1837, evenings 562-923-0131. 24 hour FAX 562-923-3609. Internet e-mail: k6ics@arrl.net or my website www.catalina-inter.net/mgauthier

Minutes of the D.A.R.C. Board of Directors meeting – January 11, 2005

Dave Glenn, N6TEB, President, called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM at Downey Fire Station #1. Other Board members present were Sam Lollar, K1SL, 1st Vice President; Arlene Schwartz, KE6GFI, VP-Programs; Dave Buhler, WB6ZGF, VP-Service; Dick Palmer, WB6JDH, VP-Membership; Tom VanBuskirk, K6TV, Director-One Year and Frank Hornberger, N6ZDS, Treasurer. Absent were Kent Savage, KG6LEI, VP-Ways and Means; Ed Roos, KC6ZHY, Director-Two Years and Bill Heather, KB6WKT, Secretary. Also in attendance was John Powell, KF6EOJ, editor of the Q5.

The minutes of the December Board meeting were approved.

Officers' Reports:

President: Dave reported he had enjoyed the open house although there were only six people attending.

1st VP: Sam had no report.

VP-Membership: Dick reported he has been calling present and former members in an effort to increase attendance at the general meetings.

VP-Service: Dave reported the second public service event of the year, the ARC Walk will take place on March 12, 2005. He has been in contact with the Executive Director who wanted to be sure the DARC would be there.

Treasurer: Frank distributed copies of the Treasurers Report. During discussion it was decided to keep the same budget as 2004 except that, since both the Annual Luncheon and the Raffle zero each other out, there would be no need to report them. The 2005 budget will also show an expected increase in revenue of \$200 with the expense of Field Day also at \$200.

Director - One Year: Tom reported that due to personal issues he has not pursued the Boy Scout initiative yet.

Coming Soon – Auction Night Fund Raiser

In a few months we will be having an Auction Night at our general meeting. This will be one of our major fund raisers for the year. What we are asking is for members to donate ham radio, electronic and computer related equipment to the club for the purpose of being put up for auction during this meeting. The date had not been set but currently we are looking at March or April. All proceeds will go to the club's general fund. The way it will work is at the beginning of the meeting all the gear will be displayed on the tables and everyone will have a chance to look them over and try it out if possible. After a half hour or so if review we will start the bidding with everyone eligible. It will be verbal bidding with the highest bidder expected to pay before they leave. We have heard about similar nights at other clubs and it should provide for a fun evening and allow you to turn someone else's trash into your treasure.

73

Dave Glenn, N6TEB.

drawing's budget.

Starting with the December meeting a new feature was added. Each time you attend a meeting make sure to check your name off the roll call sheet, and a ticket for an annual attendance prize worth \$100 will be submitted for you. Remember, all you have to do is attend and check off your name, no purchase is necessary.

Remember, the raffle is totally self-supporting with the proceeds going towards the purchase of items for the next raffle, and so on. The more raffle money, the better the prizes and selection.

Thanks.

John Powell, KF6EOJ



Raffle king **Dick Palmer, WB6JDH**, gets ready to mix up the tickets.

Q5 Ham Swap Meets Chino Hills High School

We were all a little disappointed when the Cal Poly Swap ended. (The CMRA Group) Well I have good news. A different group has moved their Swap from the first Sunday to the third Saturday of each month. The second meeting was the 18th and was well attended by sellers and buyers as well. A 50% increase according to sponsors. The area is laid out in four selling rows with buyer parking adjacent. Much easier than TRW. The restrooms are in the school, which is new. The food concessionaire is great, with muffins, donuts, coffee, and chocolate at \$.50 each. All proceeds go to the High School Band. The location is just off the 71 freeway about 5 miles south of the 60. Soquel Canyon off ramp. Turn right to traffic light (one block) and turn left onto Pomona Rincon Rd. Swap signage well posted from Soquel to Swap. Next meet is 19th of February. (rain or shine) 73 **Dick Palmer**, WB6JDH

Where your Dues go.

I am often asked where our dues go so I thought I would give a quick run down of what paying your dues does to help support our club. First and foremost is the Q5, our club newsletter. To publish (print and postage) approx 110 copies of our newsletter runs about \$1300 per year, or just over \$100 per month. We have a phone bill for our repeater remote control, and liability insurance which adds up to another \$500 annually. The snacks we provide at the meeting we limit to about \$20 per meeting or \$240 per year. The total of all these basic expenses is around \$2000. Currently our membership is around 90 with some of those being associates. This brings our dues income in around \$1700. This is why we have a need for fund raiser to help support our other activities. By the way, the luncheon and the Raffle both come out a wash at the end of the year as the luncheon is paid for by ticket sales and the raffle account is just a holding place for the money to come in and go out to buy raffle prizes. Our budget this year is pretty much the same as last.

73, **Dave**, N6TEB

Raffle reminder:

Just a reminder that all tickets for our club raffles throughout the year are put in the bin for the yearly grand prize that was drawn at the annual November luncheon. So this means a new start for the next 12 months, time to get in on the ground floor!

So, the more tickets you buy during the year the better your odds of winning a grand prize, or more than one grand prize, depending on the raffle

Other Business:

Dave Buhler proposed that, since Larry Cude, a now-former member has provided the Club with a site for the Club's VHF repeater and pays for the electricity to run it, he be given a complementary membership in the DARC. Approved by acclamation.

Arlene reminded the Board of the need to inventory all Club equipment whether in the Club shed or elsewhere. We have not done this in several years and we need to move on it for insurance purposes at least. A Committee will be formed to accomplish this.

John showed the Board a proposed Club brochure he has been working on. One of the drawbacks of the previous brochure was the inclusion of the Board members, requiring it to be revised each year. John proposes a more generic type without those listings. He will be working on this and will present a completed version soon.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Dave Buhler, WB6ZGF,
Substitute Secretary

RTTY Gathering a Success

On the weekend of January 8th several DARC members gathered at the QTH of **Dave Glenn**, N6TEB to participate in putting W6TOI on the air for the ARRL RTTY Roundup. Initial setup problems created a struggle at first as trying to get the software and hardware to work together proved to be quite a task. We quickly found we were not alone as we received phone calls from two other DARC members who were having similar problems at their own QTH. Most of the issues revolved around nuances in the latest software and the fact that their online support was only available in Japanese. As the software has progressed throughout the years it has become feature rich along with increasing complexity. After much experimentation **Frank Tillmann**, KN6LM made the first contact a few hours after the start of the contest. Once we got over that first hurdle Frank went on to work many stations around the world. **Tom Van BusKirk**, K6TV assisted and eventually took over the operating positions as did **John Powell**, KF6EOJ. **Dick Palmer**, WB6JDH and Dave, N6TEB provided back up support and finished off construction of a Elecraft 222 transverter. While our score was minimal, a good time was had by all. We will be having several of these contest weekend get togethers throughout the year, come on by and join the fun.

Treasurer's Report—Expenditures
November

EXPENDITURES	DECEMBER ACTUAL	YEAR-TO- DATE ACTUAL	ANNUAL BUDGET	(OVER)/ UNDER BUDGET
Attendance Prizes		\$30.00	\$55.00	\$25.00
Autopatch, Repeater	\$17.65	\$211.60	\$225.00	\$13.40
Club Merchandise		\$0.00	\$400.00	\$400.00
Club Bulletin				
Printing	\$112.87	\$787.65	\$1,250.00	\$462.35
Supplies	\$118.30	\$127.12	\$30.00	(\$97.12)
Postage	\$72.15	\$416.00	\$550.00	\$134.00
Committees				
Award		\$56.29	\$75.00	\$18.71
Education/Awareness		\$0.00	\$30.00	\$30.00
Membership	\$71.50	\$71.50	\$50.00	(\$21.50)
Publicity & Public Relations		\$0.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
Sunshine		\$0.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
Equipment/Maintenance		\$141.78	\$150.00	\$8.22
Events				
Christmas Party		\$0.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
Field Day		\$78.39	\$0.00	(\$78.39)
Luncheon		\$1,175.00	\$0.00	(\$1,175.00)
Picnic		\$0.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
Fund Raisers		\$0.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
Other Events		\$0.00	\$20.00	\$20.00
Insurance		\$330.00	\$350.00	\$20.00
Misc. Expenses		\$80.02	\$15.00	(\$65.02)
Officers' Expenses				
President		\$0.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
Secretary		\$0.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
Treasurer		\$14.50	\$25.00	\$10.50
Other Organizations				
Dues		\$0.00	\$20.00	\$20.00
Raffle	\$891.21	\$1,402.87	\$1,000.00	(\$402.87)
P.O. Box Rental		\$76.00	\$80.00	\$4.00
Refreshments, Meetings		\$155.23	\$200.00	\$44.77
Stationary, Copies		\$7.58	\$25.00	\$17.42
World Radio Listing		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Expenditures	\$1,283.68	\$5,161.53	\$4,800.00	(\$361.53)

Annual ARC Walk will be March 12th

The 2005 ARC Walk for Independence will be on Saturday March 12, 2005 in and around Stonewood Shopping Center in Downey from 8 AM to 10 AM. This is a fundraiser for ARC of Southeast Los Angeles County, formerly known as the Association for Retarded Persons, and the DARC has supported it with communications from the beginning. Requirements are a 2-meter H.T. with spare batteries and a speaker-mike and/or headset. Make sure to also wear at least one DARC logo item, be it our hat or jacket.

The event usually includes guest speakers, a band or two, food and refreshments for the participants, and much more. There will be a one mile and three mile route so many operators are needed along the routes to ensure the participants don't get lost.

We will meet at 7:30 AM to the rear of the Acapulco restaurant. From there members will relocate to their assigned posts. At the end of the event Acapulco usually provides food and drink for the operators.

If you would like to participate in this most worthy project, contact **Dave Buhler**, WB6ZGF at 562/861-6069 or wb6zgf@catisle.net.

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kb6wkt@arrl.net - Helping Hams, Contesting

Ivan Mikulich, KB6ATT, 562 923-4577
kb6att@att.net - Helping Hams, Field Trips

Glenn Allen, KE6HPZ, 562 928-2080
ke6hpz@ham-radio.com - Microwave

Dave Buhler, WB6ZGF, 562 861-6069 wb6zgf@catisle.net - Net Control, Public Service, Emergency Communications.

Harold 'Buck' Kerns, AE6DT, 562 634-8441 ae6dt@arrl.net - Public Service,



What do you mean DARC will not have a Field Day this year?!

At our last Board meeting we discussed our plans for Field Day 2005. It appears this will be the first year in recent history we will not be hosting a Field Day station. While this is a major Ham Radio event, club participation has been steadily diminishing over the past several years. With several club member choosing to participate with other clubs for numerous reasons our ability and resources to put together a Field Day worthy of our club's reputation has become substantially strained. For the last couple years no one from the general membership of the club has stepped forward to chair a FD committee or assist in planning, setup or take down. Operator signups have been virtually non-existent for the past several years with only a few members actually signing up and a few others occasionally showing up on FD to operate. This has left the burden of planning, staffing and execution to the Board itself. With our primary goal as a Special Services club we will continue to support all the public service events we normally participate in and pass on FD for at least this year. Looking towards the future we hope to have a permanent station available to us, the EOC located behind Fire Station #1. Once this is in place it will make operating FD a much simpler task by means of set up etc. This said, the Board's decision is not written in stone. If anyone would like to step forward and organize a FD for this year the Board would love to hear from you.

73

Dave Glenn, N6TEB

Treasurer's Report—Income November

	DECEMBER ACTUAL	YEAR-TO-DATE ACTUAL	ANNUAL BUDGET	(OVER)/ UNDER BUDGET
INCOME				
Club Merchandise		\$185.50	\$200.00	\$14.50
Dues	\$295.00	\$1,730.00	\$1,600.00	(\$130.00)
Raffle	\$91.00	\$1,345.00	\$1,000.00	(\$345.00)
Luncheon Reservations		\$1,150.00	\$0.00	(\$1,150.00)
Misc. Income		\$301.78	\$500.00	\$198.22
Fund Raisers		\$674.20	\$1,500.00	\$825.80
Total Income	\$386.00	\$5,386.48	\$4,800.00	(\$586.48)

Treasurer's Report—Summary November

SUMMARY

CHECKING-WA MUTUAL	\$3,842.96
BALANCE AS OF November 31, 2004	
INCOME	\$386.00
EXPENDITURES	\$1,283.68
CHECKING-WA MUTUAL	
BALANCE AS OF December 31, 2004	\$2,945.28

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

3rd, **Ann Pope**, KD6DIL
7th, **Bill Heather**, KB6WKT and
Frank Tillmann, KN6LM
20th, **Bob Wartenbe**, WB6GJW
25th, **Dave Quintana**, W6LTJ
28th, **John Kountz**, KE6GFF

Happy Birthday to all!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
<h1>Feb 2005</h1>		1 DARC 440 net 7:00 pm on Club 440 repeater. 445.640(-) pl 156.7 Hz	2 Net Control WB6JDH ←
		6 NA Sprint SSB Contest, to Tue 10/10 Phone QSO Party	7 School Roundup 7-12
13 NA Sprint CW Contest	14 Valentine's Day	15 DARC 440 net 7:00 pm on Club 440 repeater. 445.640(-) pl 156.7 Hz.	16 Net Control KN6LM ←
20	21 President's Day	22 DARC 440 net 7:00 pm on Club 440 repeater. 445.640(-) pl 156.7 Hz.	23 Net Control N6TEB ←
27	28	1 DARC 440 net 7:00 pm on Club 440 repeater. 445.640(-) pl 156.7 Hz.	2 Net Control WB6ZGF ←
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Thu	Fri	Sat
3 DARC MEETING 7:30 PM Sussman Middle School 12500 Birchdale Ave Downey, CA	4	5 NA Sprint SSB Contest 10/10 Phone QSO Party
10 2-meter net 7:15 pm Club simplex 145.595 Net Control AD6AF	11	12 CQWW RTTY WPX 12-13 ARC Walk (see page 13)
17 2-meter net 7:15 pm Club simplex 145.595 Net Control WB6ZGF	18	19 VE TEST ARRL International DX Contest 26-27 Chino Hills Swap Meet
24 2-meter net 7:15 pm Club simplex 145.595 Net Control KD6NZW	25	26 NA QSO Party, RTTY 26-27 TRW Swap Meet
3 DARC MEETING 7:30 PM Sussman Middle School 12500 Birchdale Ave Downey, CA	4	5 ARRL International DX Contest (phone) 5-6