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Club Frequencies:

Simplex : 145.595 MHz*
440 Repeater: 445.640 (-) PL 156.7 Hz*
* See Calendar for Net Skeds

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Q5, as in: a signal that is perfectly
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
Montebello, CA 90640

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:

April 2005 June 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.

Presidents Message April 2005

Integrity, Idiots and Morons



Ham radio typically brings out the best in people. However like any group we have our share of eccentrics and malcontents. The prior is almost synonymous with our hobby as many of us focus extensively on a certain aspect of our hobby. Some like to collect old radio's or keys while others like microwaves or Public Service. It is with our public service activities that we get the most press and non hams get a glimpse of what we do.

Over the years our hobby has changed and I believe we are at a time of redefining our hobby. Where once we where unique in our ability to communicate wirelessly, this type of communication has become commonplace with the proliferation of cell phones. There is certainly nothing "unique" in this ability anymore. So what sets us apart? I believe the fact that we train and are organized to set up communications when traditional systems fail is a key point. Anyone can pick up a phone and dial but we know how things work past the phone itself and what it really takes to communicate. It is not just the hardware, it is the knowledge of how to make it work and our training in finding the best way to get critical messages through in time of emergency.

The contesting aspect of our hobby is looked down upon by some who see it as useless competition. My personal experience is that it has taught me what it takes to set up communication paths for almost any purpose by choosing the right band, mode, power and antennas to accomplish the task. But back to the "others" I mentioned in the title of this message. While I find most hams to be honest, caring, prepared and always willing to help, there are always those few who create a sense of self worth by interfering with others and challenging authority. The sad thing is there is no reasoning with these types of individuals as logic appears to allude them. They enjoy pushing our hot buttons just to get us to react. Obviously a cry for attention it is a shame they couldn't put their knowledge and radios to doing good instead of being destructive and using it as a platform to share their political and religious beliefs.

During our most recent public service event we were visited by one of these individuals using our club repeater to spew his garbage. Everyone was professional and ignored him even after he tried to goat on net control. I won't even mention his name or former call in this article as it would just serve to add to his notoriety. I want ham radio known for the good we do and the fun we have, not for the few bozos who add nothing

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Amateur Radio responding to latest Indonesian earthquakes

(Mar 29, 2005) -- Soejat Harto, YB6HB, and Zulkarman Syafrin, YC6PLG, were among Indonesian Amateur Radio Emergency Service volunteers and a medical team deployed to Nias Island March 28 following earthquakes that have claimed upward of 2000 lives.

At least two major underwater earthquakes near Nias Island in the northern Sumatra region occurred March 28. The first was a magnitude 8.2 earthquake. The second, which occurred nearly simultaneously with the first but at a slightly different site, was measured at magnitude 8.7. There have also been several smaller tremors. Harto is a medical doctor and a vice chairman of the Organization of Amateur Radio for Indonesia (ORARI) of North Sumatra Province, while Syafrin is an IARES member. Nias Island is about 350 miles southeast of the epicenter of the December 2004 earthquake that generated a disastrous tsunami.

Telecommunications and electrical power in parts of several cities in North Sumatra Province have been out since the December tsunami, and the latest events cut off regular telecommunications between Nias Island and the rest of Indonesia. Numerous underwater earthquakes have occurred along Sunda Trench--the boundary between the Australia Plate and Sunda Plate.--*Wyn Purwinto, AB2QV*

[from ARRL's Web Site --ed]

This space for use

From time to time we have extra space in the Q5. The Editor needs short articles from you so we can fill up this space. Maybe something interesting related to Ham Radio, a personal story, 'copy' that would fit in a box this size.

Also, we need more advertisers! If you have a company or know a company that would like to advertise in the Q5 please get in touch with the Board for their approval and in touch with the editor, **John Powell**, KF6EOJ, for input on what would be needed.

We want to make the Q5 interesting not only for members, but for those who happen across a copy of our bulletin. From time to time copies of the Q5 are placed at Ham Radio Outlet in Anaheim, and I've been told by the owner of Net Electronics here in Downey that they have bins just for this purpose.

Thanks from the Editor

I would also like to thank the Net Control and Setup Team of Dave Buhler, WB6ZGF, Buck Kerns, AE6DT, and Glenn Allen, KE6HPZ for all their work. Their day began at about 6 AM and did not end until after the last rider reached the park and all the equipment was dismantled and put away (for the Downey Street Faire, see note in this issue.). This is a LONG shift that they willingly do every year. Art Varney, WA6OZQ, also did a great job monitoring us all day from the comfort of his living room. But he did help...while I was in the SAG wagon and could not communicate with Net Control he was right there with his "SUPER BEAM" pointed right at me and helped me get through a tight spot.

This is a real team effort every year and could not happen without everyone's help. I would personally like to thank each one of you for a job well done. (And I hope you will come back again next year as well J.) I am proud to be associated with such a fine group of people.

One more note: Ed Moore, the ride director for the Lions Club, is considering moving the Tour to sometime in May. He is as tired of the rain as we are, and the rather dramatic drop-off in the number of riders this year shows the riders are tired of it as well. There are scheduling problems though...like other bike rides...to consider. I hope he lets us know well in advance of any change in dates for next year. I will let you know as soon as I hear about it myself.

73, Larry Vaughn, KD6NZW, DARC Tour de Sewer Team

CERT Training

Just a reminder that Downey's next set of CERT I classes will be on the Saturdays of April 16, 23, and the 30th. If you know anyone who is interested, have them call the Downey Fire Department education office at 562-904-7349.

CERT stands for Community Emergency Response Team, a group of community based volunteers that assist in emergencies where needed. Some CERT activities involve search and rescue as well as basic triage.

Tour de Sewer was Damp, but not Rainy

Well, another Tour de Sewer is history. I wanted to take this opportunity to thank all of our operators for helping out this year. The Lions Club, the Downey ARC, and I really appreciate it. Though it may not always seem like it, we do a great service to our community and Amateur Radio when we do events like this. In these busy times, everyone has other things they could be doing besides standing around outside (in the rain?) with a radio. I appreciate the sacrifice each of our operators made today (and most of them have made many times in the past). We were lucky today it did not rain very much. I saw little or no rain at all until after noon, and even then what I saw was relatively minimal. Thank you for coming out even though you knew it could be very wet.

At the next meeting, or when you hear them on the air, I think it would be nice if we could each thank the members of the Downey Amateur Radio Club Tour de Sewer Team: Arlene Schwartz, KE6GFI and John Kountz, KE6GFF who help out every year at positions 1 & 2; Lynn (WA6HBS) and David (KE6OPK) Brackett have held down post 3 at San Gabriel and Lincoln for several years now. Ray Olesen, AD6AF has now become an expert at position 4 at Rosemead and Durfee. He knows more about this post than anyone. Kent Savage, KG6LEI, and Dave Glenn, N6TEB have been "roughing it" at position 5 on the bike path near position 4 for two years now. John Marthens, NU6A and Chuck Anna, KE6TBC do a great job at position 6 where the riders are going every which direction (but we hope all ending up the right way). Larry Cude, KE6EOL, again did a superb job at the top of Turnbull at position 7. Buck Bickley, KO6JI, returned to the Tour this year at position 8 at East Rd and Old Fullerton Rd. Ed Roos, KC6ZHY OWNS his position at West Rd & Hacienda. Dick Palmer did his usual great job at position 10 at Michigan Park. Frank Myers, N6ATU, finally found position 11 at Mines and Norwalk Blvd (which had been moved on him), but then made sure the riders did not mess up. Rick Norwood, KD6KHJ, a newcomer to our club (Is he a member yet??? Let's get on it!), did a great job at Washington and the Riverbed (position 11). This is Rick's second service event with the Club as he also helped out at the ARC walk a few weeks ago. Thanks Rick for helping out. Doug Lyon, N6WZI did his usual outstanding job at Wilderness Park. (And thanks Doug for the suggestions for next year—I think you are right on the money.) Paul Metzger, KQ6EH, did double duty, filling in for a member who could not work at Foster Bridge, and then going to his regular position at Stewart & Gray and the LA River. Thanks Paul for the extra effort (and its nice to see you back!). Hugo Martin, AE6BC, and John Powell, KF6EOJ also did a great job at position 14 (Foster Bridge), and Frank Hornberger, N6ZDS joined Paul at Stewart & Gray and the LA River.

Annual Downey Street Faire

One of the more popular public service events the DARC supports is the Downey Street Faire. The Faire, which draws thousands of people, will be on **May 7** this year. This will be the 12th annual event and the Club has been there from the beginning supporting the Downey Chamber of Commerce, the Faire's sponsor, with communications.

The Faire's area will be larger this year, accommodating more vendors. For those who have never done this event before, Brookshire Ave. is closed between Firestone Blvd. and Civic Center Drive and booth spaces are provided. The south parking lot of Downey High School will be used for the Car Show, Food Booths and the ever popular Kid's Zone. Those DARC members working the Faire are encouraged to bring family and friends and let them enjoy what it has to offer.

Equipment requirements are: 2-meter H.T. with backup batteries, headset or earphones and appropriate DARC clothing for easy identification by the Chamber personnel. We provide communications for logistics, problem resolution and public safety.

The Chamber allows the Club to have a booth on the street next to theirs at no cost as a net control position and public relations table. This is a great opportunity to meet the public and to explain amateur radio and the Club's role in it.

Even if you don't have a license yet or are curious about how the Club's public service activities function, please sign up. We can pair you with a more experienced operator and you'll see what satisfaction there is from helping the community by giving of yourself.

To volunteer or for more information contact Dave Buhler, WB6ZGF, at 562/861-6069 or at wb6zgf@catisle.net.

Treasurer's Report—Expenditures

2005	FEBRU- ARY ACTUAL	YEAR-TO- DATE ACTUAL	ANNUAL BUDGET	(OVER)/ UNDER BUDGET
EXPENDITURES				
Attendance Prizes		\$0.00	\$55.00	\$55.00
Autopatch, Repeater	\$17.65	\$35.12	\$225.00	\$189.88
Club Merchandise		\$0.00	\$400.00	\$400.00
Club Bulletin				
Printing	\$67.87	\$67.87	\$1,250.00	\$1,182.13
Supplies		\$21.64	\$30.00	\$8.36
Postage	\$73.26	\$73.26	\$550.00	\$476.74
Committees				
Award		\$0.00	\$75.00	\$75.00
Education/Awareness		\$0.00	\$30.00	\$30.00
Membership		\$0.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
Publicity & Public Relations		\$0.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
Sunshine		\$0.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
Equipment/Maintenance		\$0.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
Events				
Christmas Party		\$0.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
Field Day		\$0.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
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		\$0.00	\$15.00	\$15.00
Officers' Expenses				
President		\$0.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
Secretary		\$0.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
Treasurer		\$0.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
Other Organizations				
Dues		\$0.00	\$20.00	\$20.00
P.O. Box Rental		\$0.00	\$80.00	\$80.00
Refreshments, Meetings		\$0.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
Stationary, Copies		\$0.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
World Radio Listing		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Expenditures	\$158.78	\$197.89	\$4,000.00	\$3,802.11

Looking for an Elmer?

Here are a few resources that can get you going.

Bill Heather, KB6WKT, 562 863-6607
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,



ARC Walk Follow-up

In a follow-up e-mail from ARC Executive Director Kevin MacDonald, he reports ARC made nearly \$70,000 from this year's ARC Walk, up \$10,000 from last year. He again thanked the DARC for our participation.

WB6ZGF

W6TOI 102 Mixed
W3OB 100 Mixed, 85 20 Meters SSB

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

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(s) that will be drawn at the annual November luncheon.

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 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. The more you buy going towards the purchase of items for the next raffle, the better the prizes and selection more



Thanks.

John Powell, KF6EOJ

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

Treasurer's Report—Income				
2005	FEBRU- ARY ACTUAL	YEAR-TO- DATE ACTUAL	ANNUAL BUDGET	(OVER)/ UNDER BUDGET
INCOME				
Club Merchandise		\$0.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
Dues	\$110.00	\$305.00	\$1,800.00	\$1,495.00
Luncheon Reservations		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Misc. Income		\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Fund Raisers		\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Total Income	\$110.00	\$305.00	\$4,000.00	\$3,695.00

Treasurer's Report—Summary	
DOWNEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB TREASURER'S REPORT February 2005	
SUMMARY	
CHECKING-WA MUTUAL	\$3,087.62
BALANCE AS OF January 31, 2005	
INCOME	\$110.00
EXPENDITURES	\$158.78
Raffle (Month)	\$79.00
Raffle (Total Holdings)	\$215.67
CHECKING-WA MUTUAL	
BALANCE AS OF February 28, 2005	\$3,117.84

April Birthdays

1st, **Pamela Richardson, KC6TIJ**
10th, **Paul Ashley, KD6GUP**
14th, **Leon Emerson, NM6M**
and **Edward Jones, K6YWU**
18th, **Dave Popp, KB6CW**
20th, **Chuck Davis, KB6ISK**
27th, **Ray Fas, KD6GRM**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
<h1>Apr 2005</h1>		29 DARC 440 net 7:00 pm on Club 440 repeater. 445.640(-) pl 156.7 Hz	30 Net Control N6TEB ←
3 Daylight Savings begins. "Spring Ahead"	4	5 DARC 440 net 7:00 pm on Club 440 repeater. 445.640(-) pl 156.7 Hz.	6 Net Control WB6ZGF ←
10	11	12 DARC 440 net 7:00 pm on Club 440 repeater. 445.640(-) pl 156.7 Hz. Board Meeting	13 Net Control AD6AF ←
17	18	19 DARC 440 net 7:00 pm on Club 440 repeater. 445.640(-) pl 156.7 Hz.	20 Net Control WB6JDH ←
24	25	26 DARC 440 net 7:00 pm on Club 440 repeater. 445.640(-) pl 156.7 Hz.	27 Net Control KN6LM ←
1	2	3 DARC 440 net 7:00 pm on Club 440 repeater. 445.640(-) pl 156.7 Hz.	4 Net Control N6TEB ←

1889. 14.315. QSL. SCARS, PO Box 720993, Norman, OK 73070.
Farmville, NC: Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club, W4AMC. 1200-2100Z
Apr 23-1200-2100Z Apr 24. 18th Annual Farmville, NC, Dogwood Festival. 14.045 7.275 7.125 3.875. QSL. Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club, PO Box 8387, Greenville, NC 27835-7207.
Gainesville, FL: Gainesville Amatuer Radio Society, K4GNV. 1200Z Apr 23-1600Z Apr 24. 50 year anniversary of the Gainesville Amateur Radio Society. 28.325 21.325 14.325 7.235. QSL. David Price, PO Box 143215, Gainesville, FL 32614.
Jacksonville, TX: Cherokee County Amateur Radio Club, K5JVL. 1500Z Apr 23-0500Z Apr 24. 4th Annual Drakes On the Lake. 21.375 14.275 7.275 3.875. Certificate. K5JVL, 840 Henderson St, Jacksonville, TX 75766. www.k5jvl.org.
Johnson County, NE: Lincoln ARC, K0KKV. 1700Z Apr 23-1700Z Apr 25. Activation of rare Nebraska County during the NEQP. CW up 35 kHz from band edge; General portion of SSB bands. QSL. Greg Brown, 10800 W Mill Rd, Malcolm, NE 68402. <http://larc.unl.edu>.
Wells County, IN: Grant County Amateur Radio Club, W9EBN. 1700Z-2200Z Apr 24. McNatt United Methodist Church Ham Radio Fellowship Event. 14.245 7.228 146.79. Certificate. L. B. Nickerson, K9NQW, 517 N Hendricks Ave, Marion, IN 46952. www.grantarc.com.
Beecher, IL: Hams of Beecher, W9B. 1600Z-2300Z Apr 30. Beecher Depot Railroad Convention. 28.340 14.270 14.040 7.270 144.49. Certificate. Gene Backlin, 26811 Greenbriar Dr, Monee, IL 60449.
Paris, TN: Henry County Radio Society, KE4HC. 1500Z-2359Z Apr 30. Celebrating the 59th Annual World's Biggest Fish Fry. 21.350 14.250 7.250. Certificate. Barry Sandefer, 4715 Guthrie Rd, Paris, TN 38242.
Toad Suck, AR: Faulkner County Amateur Radio Club, W5AUU. 1500Z-2200Z Apr 30. Toad Suck Daze Festival. 21.350 14.260 7.260. Certificate. Faulkner County ARC, PO Box 324, Conway, AR 72032. www.w5auu.org.
Manitowoc, WI: USS *Cobia* Radio Club/ManCoRad Radio Club, N9BQV. 1400Z Apr 30-2100Z May 1. WWII USS *Cobia* AGSS-245 sub radio reactivation. 14.243 14.043 7.243 7.043. QSL. Fred Neuenfeldt, W6BSF, 4932 S 10th St, Manitowoc, WI 54220. www.qsl.net/w9dk.
DARC Members DXCC count
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

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Indian Orchard, MA: *Titanic* Historical Society, W1MGY. 1330Z Apr 9-0527Z Apr 15. Commemorating the 93rd anniversary of the *Titanic* voyage. 14.260 14.033 7.033 3.860. QSL. *Titanic* Historical Society QSL, PO Box 51053, 208 Main St, Indian Orchard, MA 01151-0053. www.hcra.org/titanic.htm.

Trento, Italy: Carabinieri On The Air (C.O.T.A.), I13CC. 0700Z Apr 15-1900Z Apr 17. XVI National Meeting ANC Associazione Nazionale Carabinieri. 28.500 21.280 14.280 7.070. QSL. Orlando Balisciano, IZ8DDG, Via Villa Bisignano, V Traversa no. 21, Napoli, Italy 80147. www.cota.cc.

Bossier City, LA: Shreveport Amateur Radio Association and 8th Air Force Museum, W5E. 2100Z Apr 15-2300Z Apr 17. 60th anniversary of the last combat mission flown by the 8th Air Force over Germany during WWII. 80-10 m SSB and CW; vintage 80 40 m AM/CW. Certificate. W5E, PO Box 37632, Shreveport, LA 71133. www.k5sar.com.

Bethlehem, PA: Delaware-Lehigh Amateur Radio Club, W3OK. 1700Z-1900Z Apr 16. National Library Week. 14.250 7.250 7.105 146.560. QSL. W3OK DLARC, RR 4 Greystone Bldg, Nazareth, PA 18064-9211. www.dlarc.org.

Blacksburg, VA: Virginia Tech Amateur Radio Association, K4KDJ. 1200Z-0000Z Apr 16. Tenth anniversary of the Virginia Tech Alumni Net. 21.350 14.260 7.260 3.980. Certificate. Virginia Tech Amateur Radio Association, 347 Squires Student Center, Blacksburg, VA 24060. www.vtara.org.vt.edu

St Louis, MO: Jefferson Barracks Amateur Radio Club, K0ZFK. 1600Z-2000Z Apr 16. West Point of the West, Jefferson Barracks. 28.238 14.238 7.238. Certificate. Jefferson Barracks ARC, PO Box 6553, St Louis, MO 63125-6553. www.jbarc.org.

Topeka, KS: Local Amateur Radio Operators, N0G. 1400Z-2200Z Apr 16. 150th anniversary of the Kansas National Guard. 28.400 21.400 14.300. Certificate. Steve Hamilton, KB0JYL, 2503 SW Carlson Rd, Topeka, KS 66614.

Piscataway, NJ: Piscataway Amateur Radio Club, K2VOA. 1600Z Apr 16-2400Z Apr 17. Former Voice of America relay station WBOU. 21.370 28.370 14.270 7.270. Certificate. Bill Toth, 6 Rivercrest Dr, Piscataway, NJ 08854.

Broken Arrow, OK: Wayne Rumley Amateur Radio, W5R. 0000Z Apr 22-0000Z Apr 24. 50th anniversary of Rock and Roll. 21.250 14.250 7.250 3.850. QSL. Wayne Rumley II, WA5YNE, 12315 E 61 St, Broken Arrow, OK 74012.

Asheboro, NC: Randolph Amateur Radio Club, NC4ZO. 1400Z-2000Z Apr 23. Celebrating spring at the North Carolina Zoo in Asheboro. 28.400 21.350 14.260 7.275. Certificate. Butch Simpson, 6747 King Mountain Rd, Asheboro, NC 27205.

Norman, OK: South Canadian Amateur Radio Society, W5NOR. 1500Z-2100Z Apr 23. Commemorating the Oklahoma Land Run of

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to our hobby. If you ever hear someone jamming or spewing garbage on the air the best thing to do is always ignore them. Any response just encourages them to continue.

73, Dave N6TEB

ARC Walk Another Success

The ninth annual ARC Walk for Independence on March 12 went off fairly well but it did have its problems. This major fundraiser for ARC of Southeast Los Angeles County (formerly known as the Association for Retarded Citizens) becomes more important as funding from state and federal sources become more limited. Supported by the DARC since it's beginning, the Walk is a one-mile and three-mile hike centered on Stonewood Center in Downey. It generates a large portion of the funds needed to support the programs that assist the retarded and developmentally disabled in our communities.

The major problem this year was caused by the construction currently being done on Lakewood Blvd. The three-mile route was adjusted so as to avoid this but it became clear that the large turnout was just too much for the residential streets used. Once that was relieved, the walk became pretty routine. There were quite a few dropouts this time but no injuries. Kevin MacDonald, executive director of ARC, expressed his appreciation to the Club for another job well done, knowing his people were in the good hands of the DARC.

On behalf of the staff and volunteers of ARC and for myself, I thank all who participated in this most important event: Buck Kerns, AE6DT; Ed Roos, KC6ZHY; Doug Lyon, N6WZI; John Powell, KF6EOJ; Ray Olesen, AD6AF; Art Varney, WA6OZQ; Frank Hornberger, N6ZDS;

Larry Vaughn, KD6NZW;
Frank Tillmann, KN6LM; Buck Bickley, KO6JI; Frank Myllo, KC6YPV;
Hugo Martin, AE6BC and
Rick Norwood, KD6KHJ.

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DX NOTES by Mike Gauthier, K6ICS

APRIL PROPAGATION OUTLOOK

Spring is here with longer daylight hours and higher noise on 160 and 80 meters. 40-30 meters remain hot from dusk to dawn. 20 meters will remain the best for DX both day and night. There will be more and longer daylight openings on 17-10. Remember to monitor beacon stations and call CQ. The band may be open with everyone listening and not transmitting.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Gig Harbor, WA: Peninsula Amateur Radio Emergency Team, KA7EOC. 1600Z-2300Z Apr 2. Gig Harbor Health and Safety Expo. 14.270. Certificate. Mark Yordy, W7BBO, 8914 149th St NW, Gig Harbor, WA 98329.

St Joseph, MO: Missouri Valley Amateur Radio Club, W0P. 1400Z-2200Z Apr 2. Start of the Pony Express. 28.350 21.350 14.250 7.250. Certificate. Missouri Valley Amateur Radio Club, PO Box 1533, St Joseph, MO 64502.

Tulsa, OK: Tulsa Health Department Amateur Radio Club, K5THD. 0000Z-2400Z Apr 2. Celebrating World Health Day 2005. 28.365 21.365 14.265 7.265. Certificate. Dave Cox, Tulsa Health Department Amateur Radio Club, 5051 S 129 E Ave, Tulsa, OK 74134.
www.tulsa-health.org/k5thd.

Zebulon, NC: Triangle East ARA, WA4UQC. 1400Z-2000Z Apr 2. Scootworks Open House & ACS Relay for Life. 21.275 14.275 7.275 147.39. Certificate. Dave Hockaday, WB4IUY, 7804 River Dare Ave, Youngsville, NC 27596. www.TEARA.org.

Brampton, ON: Peel/Mississauga Amateur Radio Clubs, VE3XR. 1300Z-1600Z Apr 9. Ham-Ex Annual Hamfest. 14.265 7.240. QSL. Via bureau or direct to Jeff Richardson, VA3QSL, 36 Crawley Dr, Brampton, ON, Canada L6T 2S1. www.peelarc.org. Note: US postage cannot be used in Canada.

Green Valley, AZ: Green Valley Amateur Radio Club, N7GV. 1500Z-2300Z Apr 9. Community Emergency Awareness in the Best Snowbird Nest in the Southwest. 21.375 14.245 14.050 145.29. Certificate. Gene Schouweiler, W0KAD, 214 N Crocodile Rock Dr, Green Valley, AZ 85614.