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**By and for the
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Lessons Learned from Hurricane Charley is the topic for March's meeting

The featured speaker at the March membership meeting will be **Wayne Barringer**, KB6UJW. Wayne went to Florida to volunteer his amateur radio skills to assist Floridians in the after the devastation caused by the category 4 hurricane known as Charley. Although lately world attention has focused on the recent Asian tsunami, it is not that long ago that Florida experienced two months of severe weather. After Charley, there was Frances, Ivan, and Jeanne, that each impacted the citizens of Florida. Wayne will be sharing his personal experiences from his serving in this important capacity.

An important aspect of the amateur radio service is its utilization in emergency situations. Prior to the meeting, take a look at your own station equipment and imagine how you might be able to share your station and your services for an emergency within our own area.

Wayne is the Assistant Disaster Preparedness Manager, CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) Program Manager and RACES Chief Radio Officer, Office of Disaster Preparedness, Anaheim Fire Department.

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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:

John Powell, KF6EOJ
jpowell@csulb.edu
By the 15th of the Month!

VE Exams

The Downey Amateur Radio Club pro-
vides VE examinations for all classes of
Amateur Radio licenses on the third Satur-
day of each even-numbered month. Ex-
ams are held at the Downey Fire Depart-
ment 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 contact-
ing 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's Message

Due to work load Dave was unable to get the President's Message in on time and I have to "ship" the Q5 off to the printer as soon as I finish this last bit of 'copy'. So, in lieu of a message here's one more look at photos of the N6TEB Mobile. ET could phone home with setup with no problem!

KF6EOJ -ed



Minutes of the D.A.R.C. Board of Directors meeting – February 8, 2005

Sam Lollar, K1SL, 1st Vice President, called the meeting to order at 7:44 PM in the Emergency Operations Center at Downey Fire Station #1. Other Board members present were Arlene Schwartz, KE6GFI, VP-Programs; Dave Buhler, WB6ZGF, VP-Service; Kent Savage, KG6LEI, VP-Ways and Means; Frank Hornberger, N6ZDS, Treasurer and Ed Roos, KC6ZHY, Director, Two Years. Absent were Dave Glenn, N6TEB, President; Dick Palmer, WB6JDH, VP-Membership; Bill Heather, KB6WKT, Secretary and Tom VanBuskirk, K6TV, Director, One Year.

Officers Reports

President: Absent, no report.

1st VP: Sam had no report.

VP-Programs: Arlene outlined upcoming programs.

VP-Ways and Means: Kent deferred to new business.

VP-Membership: Absent, no report.

VP-Service: Dave deferred to the planning calendar.

Treasurer: Frank distributed copies of the Treasurers Report. He has made some slight changes in how the raffle and the annual luncheon are reported since income and expense are essentially the same. Also, the raffle method has changed but there have been no budget item adjustments to account for it since the prize is larger now. The Board tabled the item until Dick, WB6JDH, can attend and explain the rationale.

Director - Two Years: Ed had no report.

Planning Calendar

ARC Walk: Dave reported he has most of the operators he will need for this event.

Auction Night: The Board decided April would be a good month for this and discussed the methodology to be used for auctioning the donated items.

Kids Night: The July meeting was chosen for this event since it is usually the Ice Cream Social and it stays light later in the evening. The Board discussed some possibilities for activities that night.

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 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.

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 exact date had not been set but currently we are looking at 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.

the “Sag Wagons”, so those members with large SUVs may want to keep that in mind as well.

In past years our club volunteers received a free lunch, however those not working the route immediately adjacent to the rest stops should plan on bringing their own food and water as the rest stops are few and far between (same for restrooms). The start/stop point at Ford Park usually offers entertainment and other amenities, including lunch, to the riders.

Mobile on Bicycle? M.O.B. riders are in great demand since they can get to needed locations where those using vehicles cannot. Past incidents on the route have pointed out a need for M.O.B. riders.

Sign-up sheets should be at the next meeting or contact **Larry Vaughn**, KD6NZW. See http://www.active.com/event_detail.cfm?event_id=1179339 for more information or do a Google search for Tour de Sewer.

John Powell, KF6EOJ

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.

Dave Glenn, 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,

Old Business

Yard Sales: Various possible venues were discussed for the first sale, as was the date. This item was tabled until we can contact Bill, KB6WKT, to see if he is willing to have it at his house.

Shed Inventory: As VP-Ways and Means, Kent will organize this effort. We will wait until the possibility of rain has ended.

Field Day: The possibility of canceling the Club Field Day for this year was discussed. It appears there is no member support for this event so, unless something changes, we will not have Field Day this year.

New Business

Club clothing: Kent asked the Board for guidance with regard to ordering these items. We don't want to order too much only to have them stored for months, yet we want to be able to accommodate those members who want certain things. He will contact former VP-Ways and Means, Ray Fas, to obtain details of suppliers, quantities, etc.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Dave Buhler, WB6ZGF,
Substitute Secretary

Tour de Sewer Bike Ride

Once again DARC is assisting in the Tour de Sewer Bike Ride. This year it will be held, rain or shine, on **Saturday March 19th**. This is the annual fund raising bike ride hosted by the Bell Gardens' Lions Club and starts early and ends late at Ford Park in Bell Gardens off of Scout Ave and Park Lane in Bell Gardens.

The Tour starts at 8 AM and consists of three separate routes, a 15 mile, 30 mile and 62 mile with one route up and down the Rio Hondo River, one up the Rio Hondo and over to the San Gabriel, down and back to Ford Park from the San Gabriel River, and one up the Rio Hondo, through Whittier Hills, back down the San Gabriel and back to Ford Park, so you can understand why we need lots of volunteers! When the sun shines there are hundreds of riders of all ages on many of the routes, come rain we still have the die hard riders.

Given the recent bad weather, volunteers should plan to have rain gear on hand, so please keep that in mind. You should also have on hand a clipboard, pen and spare batteries for your HT. We also supply some of

Looking for an Elmer?

Here are a few resources that can get you going.

Bill Heather, KB6WKT, 562 863-6607
kb6wkt@arrr.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@arrr.net - Public Service,



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

At our Board meetings 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

(from last month's Q5 -ed)

Treasurer's Report—Income November

2005	JANUARY ACTUAL	ANNUAL BUDGET	(OVER/ UNDER BUDGET
INCOME			
Club Merchandise		\$200.00	\$200.00
Dues	\$195.00	\$1,800.00	\$1,605.00
Luncheon Reservations		\$0.00	\$0.00
Misc. Income		\$500.00	\$500.00
Fund Raisers		\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Total Income	\$195.00	\$4,000.00	\$3,805.00

Treasurer's Report—Summary January

DOWNEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB TREASURER'S REPORT January 2005

SUMMARY

CHECKING-WA MUTUAL
BALANCE AS OF December 31, 2004 \$2,945.28

INCOME	\$195.00
EXPENDITURES	\$39.11
Raffle (Month)	(\$13.55)
Raffle (Total Holdings)	\$136.67

CHECKING-WA MUTUAL
BALANCE AS OF January 31, 2005 \$3,087.62

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

5th, **Dave Buhler**, WB6ZGF

Happy Birthday Dave

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
Mar 2005		1 DARC 440 net 7:00 pm on Club 440 repeater. 445.640(-) pl 156.7 Hz	2 Net Control WB6ZGF ←
		6	7
13	14	8 DARC 440 net 7:00 pm on Club 440 repeater. 445.640(-) pl 156.7 Hz. Board Meeting	9 Net Control AD6AF ←
20	21	15 DARC 440 net 7:00 pm on Club 440 repeater. 445.640(-) pl 156.7 Hz.	16 Net Control WB6JDH ←
27	28	22 DARC 440 net 7:00 pm on Club 440 repeater. 445.640(-) pl 156.7 Hz.	23 Net Control KN6LM ←
3	4	5	6

Thu	Fri	Sat
3 DARC MEETING 7:30 PM Sussman Middle School 12500 Birchdale Ave Downey, CA	4	5
10 2-meter net 7:15 pm Club simplex 145.595 Net Control K1SL	11	12 ARC Walk
17 2-meter net 7:15 pm Club simplex 145.595 Net Control WB6ZGF	18	19 Tour de Sewer Bike Ride (see inside) Chino Hills Swap Meet
24 2-meter net 7:15 pm Club simplex 145.595 Net Control AD6AF	25	26 TRW Swap Meet
31 2-meter net 7:15 pm Club simplex 145.595 Net Control KD6NZW	1	2
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