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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
3600 Platt Ave
Lynwood, CA 90262
Include Call sign

DARC Badges

DARC name badges are available for \$11.00, payable on order. Give your name and call sign to **Kent Savage, K6WCI**.

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 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 2005/2006 is as follows:

December 2005, February 2006

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

A local contact is pending.

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.

President's Message Dec 2005 – The Virtual President

Hello, W6TOI here. Well it looks like I am missing my president and a few officers. No worries, we will continue to operate and serve the community. Good thing December is an easy month. All we have is the Downey Holiday Parade support which is already fully staffed and our meeting features the sharing and consumption of Holiday treats. I look forward to seeing everyone there for this festive get together. Have a great holiday season and I hope you receive your holiday wish. My wish for this year is a full board of directors by January and of course, Peace on Earth.

73, W6TOI QRZ

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coordinator and sorter.

Doug Lyon, N6WZI, for long time support of the Club as a QSL card sorter and proofreader for the Q5.

Warren Pope, W4HDC, for long time support of the Club as a proofreader for the Q5.

Bob Wartenbe, WB6GJW, for long time support of the Club as a QSL card sorter.

Ivan Mikulich, KB6ATT, for long time support of the Club as a QSL card sorter.

Dave Quintana, W6LTJ, for long time support of the Club as a QSL card sorter.

Tom VanBuskirk, K6TV, for long time support of the Club as a QSL card sorter.

Karla Metzger, KF6JIP, for support of the Club as a QSL card sorter.

Treasurer's Report—Expenditures

2005	OCTO- BER ACTUAL	YTD ACTUAL	ANNUAL BUDGET	(OVER/ UNDER BUDGET
EXPENDITURES				
Attendance Prize (Year End)		\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
Autopatch, Repeater	\$17.50	\$175.44	\$225.00	\$49.56
Club Merchandise		\$0.00	\$400.00	\$400.00
Club Bulletin				
Printing	\$77.94	\$623.50	\$1,250.00	\$626.50
Supplies		\$21.64	\$30.00	\$8.36
Postage	\$37.00	\$385.36	\$550.00	\$164.64
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	\$330.00	\$330.00	\$350.00	\$20.00
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		\$76.00	\$80.00	\$4.00
Refreshments, Meetings		\$78.07	\$200.00	\$121.93
Stationary, Copies		\$0.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
World Radio Listing		\$65.00	\$0.00	(\$65.00)
Total Expenditures	\$462.44	\$1,755.01	\$4,045.00	\$2,289.99

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,



New Swap Meet Information

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 at Chino Hills High School. 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. 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 15th of January. (rain or shine).

73 Dick WB6JDH

Raffle reminder and new request:

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.

After many years Dick Palmer, WB6JDH, is looking for someone else to spin the bin at the meetings, plus get the prizes. In other words we need a new "Raffle King".

So, who will be our new King of Spin, the Master of the Prizes, the Ruffian of Raffle? (OK, going a bit too far here).

Thanks Dick for all your years of service in this fun event.

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.



John Powell, KF6EOJ

Downey Holiday Lane Parade

The 53rd annual Downey Holiday Lane Parade is set to "step off" at 1:30 PM on Sunday December 4th.

As in years past, DARC is once again handling communications for this event. Dave Buhler happily reported that he has all positions staffed.

If you have volunteered to serve at this event information will be on its way. In spite of last year's rain and a very small participant turn out the parade went on as scheduled. Rain or shine the parade goes on.

Thanks to all who have served in the past and a thanks in advance for this year's volunteers!

Treasurer's Report—Income

2005	OCTOBER ACTUAL	YTD ACTUAL	ANNUAL (OVER)/UNDER BUDGET	BUDGET
INCOME				
Club Merchandise		\$43.00	\$200.00	\$157.00
Dues	\$140.00	\$905.00	\$1,845.00	\$940.00
		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Misc. Income	\$80.00	\$80.00	\$500.00	\$420.00
Fund Raisers		\$425.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,075.00
Total Income	\$220.00	\$1,453.00	\$4,045.00	\$2,592.00

Treasurer's Report—Summary

DOWNEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB TREASURER'S REPORT October 2005

SUMMARY

CHECKING-WA MUTUAL	\$2,927.34
BALANCE AS OF September 30, 2005	
INCOME	\$220.00
EXPENDITURES	\$462.44
Raffle (Month)	(\$501.98)
Raffle (Total Holdings)	(\$310.13)
Brunch (Month)	\$250.00
Brunch (Total Holdings)	\$250.00
CHECKING-WA MUTUAL	
BALANCE AS OF October 31, 2005	\$2,432.92

December Birthdays

7th, **Joe Francis**, WB6SZK
10th, **James Brackett**, KE6FVN
20th, **Doug Lyon**, N6WZI
21st, **Ray Middlebrook**, WA6RTA
25th, **Gene Thompson**, KB6IYN
30th, **Tom Van Buskirk**, K6TV

Happy Birthday To All!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	
<h1>Dec 2005</h1>		29 DARC 440 net 7:00 pm on Club 440 repeater. 445.640(-) pl 156.7 Hz.	30 Net Control K6WCI ←	
	4 Downey Christmas Parade (see page 8)	5	6 DARC 440 net 7:00 pm on Club 440 repeater. 445.640(-) pl 156.7 Hz.	7 Net Control AD6AF ←
	11	12	13 DARC 440 net 7:00 pm on Club 440 repeater. 445.640(-) pl 156.7 Hz.	14 Net Control N6TEB ←
	18	19	22 DARC 440 net 7:00 pm on Club 440 repeater. 445.640(-) pl 156.7 Hz.	21 Net Control KN6LM ← Winter Begins
	25 Christmas Day	26 Hanukkah	27 No 440 Net	28
1 Happy New Year! 2006	2	3	4	

Thu	Fri	Sat
1 DARC MEETING 7:30 PM Sussman Middle School 12500 Birchdale Ave Downey, CA	2	3
8 2-meter net 7:15 pm Club simplex 145.595 Net Control AD6AF	9	10
15 2-meter net 7:15 pm Club simplex 145.595 Net Control WB6ZGF	16	17
22 2-meter net 7:15 pm Club simplex 145.595 Net Control KD6NZW	23	24
29 No 2M Net	30	31
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