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Los Angeles Area Council of
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Orange County Council of
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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 **Paul Metzger**KQ6EH.

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**

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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 2006 is as follows:

April 2006, June 2006

Contact **Steve Grudzinski**, AD6HT at 951-674-4699 prior to the session.

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 **Paul Metzger**, KQ6EH at any meeting

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

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.

Yolande Craig, KE6NXZ, is SK

It with sadness that we announce the passing of Yolande Craig, KE6 "Never X-ray Zebras". Yolande joined DARC at the January 1995 meeting. Her name and call were soon a regular part of the list of DARC members participating in public service events. In 1996 she was the station manager for the DARC HF1 Field Day station. She also served as a net control station for the 2-Meter net back in the days the net used the Rio Hondo Club repeater, sometimes doing a "Statue of Liberty" move with her HT held high (the classic Radio Shack HTX-202 if my memory serves) with the speaker mike pulled down.

During 2000-2001 she served as a DARC board member as Director, Two Years. In late 2001 she suffered an injury at work and much of her time was spent taking care of her medical needs. Looking at the rosters, 2001 appears to have been her final year of DARC membership. She was also an active DCS member, I well remember hearing her distinctive voice checking in for her assigned station on the 145.300 DCS repeater many times. Yolande has been and will be missed.

With thanks to **Ray Olesen, AD6AF**

Minutes of the D.A.R.C. Board of Directors meeting – February 7, 2006

Sam Lollar, K1SL, 1st Vice President called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM in the Emergency Operations Center at Downey Fire Station #1. Other Board members present were Arlene Schwartz, KE6GFI, VP-Programs; Dick Palmer, WB6JDH, VP-Membership; Dave Buhler, WB6ZGF, VP-Service; Paul Metzger, KQ6EH, VP-Ways and Means; Frank Hornberger, N6ZDS, Treasurer; Ed Roos, KC6ZHY, Director Two-Years and Tom VanBuskirk, K6TV, Director One-year.

The Treasurer's report and minutes of the last Board meeting were approved.

Officers Reports:

President: Vacant.

1st Vice President: Sam had no report.

VP – Programs: Arlene reported she did not have a program for March, yet, but she is looking.

VP – Membership: Dick reported he is still looking for prospective members. The Board discussed canvassing amateurs in the area using the ARRL and FCC databases.

VP – Service: Dave reported the next public service event is the ARC Walk on March 25. He has a few people signed up and will have enough by that date. Upcoming is Tour de Sewer, on April 8 which Larry Vaughn is managing.

VP – Ways & Means: Paul had no report.

Secretary: Vacant.

Treasurer: Frank distributed copies of the Treasurers Report noting nothing unusual.

Director, Two Years: Ed expressed concern regarding the passing of Yolande Craig, KE6NXZ, and that the Club has not been keeping track of members we have not seen for a while. This sparked a discussion regarding having someone to do this. Ed will take on this responsibility but all members need to be aware so we can verify that the absent members are OK.

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Upcoming Service Events

Mark your calendars now for the annual **ARC Walk for Independence** on **Saturday March 25th** and the annual **Tour De Sewer** on **Saturday April 8th**.

The Arc Walk is an early morning event with hundreds of walkers, dignitaries, marching bands and more. The event culminates with a free breakfast for walkers and Hams alike thanks to Acapulco Restaurant.

The Tour is an all day event that needs enough Hams for two shifts, morning and afternoon. Its an event with hundreds of bicycle riders and some roller blade participants in a 15, 30 and 62 mile bike ride on the bike paths of the Rio Hondo and San Gabriel river beds and through Whittier Hills for the more hardy ones. In the past our radio operators have received a free lunch courtesy of the Bell Gardens Lions Club.

So if you haven't signed up for either of these events its not too late. Contact **Dave Buhler**, WB6ZGF, for the **Arc Walk** and **Larry Vaughn**, KD6NZW, for the **Tour de Sewer**.

Filler Articles Needed

This space could be yours! From time to time we need short filler articles for the Q5. Perhaps you have an interesting project you are working on or completed, an interesting time during a contest, worked with your radios on vacation, special contest information, etc..

Please send Ham related articles of general interest to me via:

jpowell@csulb.edu

See you in print!

73

John Powell, KF6EOJ, Editor, Q5

Raffle Information

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.

Larry Tinkler, K6LXT, has graciously offered his assistance to this worthy cause. Look for Larry to be bringing some interesting items for the next raffle drawings. AC noise filter anyone?

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

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

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

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Yard Sale Is Coming

DARC's only fund raiser is tentatively scheduled for **April 22**. Please gather together any clean saleable items for the Club's benefit. Details to follow.

Director, One Year: After investigating the V.E. program's status, Tom reported Steve Grudzinski, AD6HT, will continue to coordinate assisted by Ray Olesen, AD6AF.

He asked the Board to consider getting a 10-10 number for contests. Following discussion, the Board decided this was not needed.

Tom reported the supply of Club QSL cards is low and requested authorization to purchase them. Since there are funds in the budget, this was approved.

Old Business:

Repeater upgrade: Paul reported he had visited the site and noted that there is very limited parking. He says the battery may need updating and also displayed a portable repeater for emergency use by the Club should the Altadena machine become unusable or unavailable. Possible alternate locations were discussed.

We are planning a special event station at the new Downey Landing for later in the year in celebration of the DARC's 55th year. Arlene is managing this event.

Arlene wants the Club to begin a program facilitating lower level licenses to upgrade under the new FCC rules. Item tabled until the next meeting.

The Board decided the next Yard sale would be on April 22 at Bill Heather's home, subject to Bill's approval.

New Business:

Dick reported Larry Tinkler, K6LXT, has requested to institute a change in the raffle policy where \$5 will get six tickets, \$10 gets 11, etc. The number of prizes and the type were discussed. Item tabled until next meeting.

Following discussion, the Board decided to keep the present attendance drawing policy.

The Club needs to verify if we are still a member of the Los Angeles Area Council of Amateur Radio Clubs. Sam will check and report back.

We need to check on the billing status of our Q5 advertisers. Frank will check and report back.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 PM.
 Respectfully submitted,
 Dave Buhler, WB6ZGF,
 Substitute Secretary

D.A.R.C. General Meeting Minutes – February 2, 2006

Sam Lollar, K1SL, First Vice President called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. with 30 people in attendance. He then led the pledge of allegiance. All present introduced themselves.

Dave Buhler, WB6ZGF, asked for volunteers for the ARC Walk on March 25. He spoke of how ARC helps people with mental retardation and other developmental disabilities in our communities and asked that anyone who would like to assist to contact him as soon as possible.

Since he knows our speaker, Dave was asked to introduce Fire Investigator **Fernando de la Torre** of the Downey Fire Department. He spoke about ongoing disaster preparedness in the City and specifically how the Fire Department is preparing with training and new equipment. He mentioned recent upgrades to the Department's own communications infrastructure and outlined the Club's role in disaster preparedness and operations. There then was a question and answer period.

The minutes of the general meeting and the Treasurer's report as they appeared in the Q5 were approved.

Larry Vaughn, KD6NZW, asked for volunteers for the Tour de Sewer bicycle ride which will be on April 8. He noted that due to the size of this project, he will again need many operators to staff the various positions.

Larry also had been notified that former Club member Yolande Craig, KE6NXZ, had passed away at the age of 52. Apparently, no one is able to find any relatives or anyone to claim the body. Larry asked the members present for any help in this regard.

It was noted the Club needs to follow up on members that we haven't seen for awhile in light of Yolande's and Hugo Martin's recent passing. The Board of Directors has been discussing this and will act on it at its next meeting.

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Thu	Fri	Sat
2 DARC MEETING 7:30 PM Sussman Middle School 12500 Birchdale Ave Downey, CA	3	4
9 2-meter net 7:15 pm Club simplex 145.595 Net Control WB6ZGF	10	11
16 2-meter net 7:15 pm Club simplex 145.595 Net Control K1SL	17	18
23 2-meter net 7:15 pm Club simplex 145.595 Net Control AD6AF	24	25 ARC Walk
30 2-meter net 7:15 pm Club simplex 145.595 Net Control WB6ZGF	31	1
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
29	30	31 DARC 440 net 7:00 pm on Club 440 repeater. 445.640(-) pl 156.7 Hz.	1 Net Control K6WCI ←
<h1>March 2006</h1>			
5	6	7 DARC 440 net 7:00 pm on Club 440 repeater. 445.640(-) pl 156.7 Hz.	8 Net Control AD6AF ←
12	13	14 DARC 440 net 7:00 pm on Club 440 repeater. 445.640(-) pl 156.7 Hz.	15 Net Control N6TEB ←
19	20	21 DARC 440 net 7:00 pm on Club 440 repeater. 445.640(-) pl 156.7 Hz.	22 Net Control KN6LM ←
26	27	28 DARC 440 net 7:00 pm on Club 440 repeater. 445.640(-) pl 156.7 Hz.	29 Net Control WB6ZGF ←
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The group took a break from 8:27 PM to 8:38 PM.

Arlene Schwartz, KE6GFI, noted the demise of the Western Union telegram following an announcement by its parent company. Advances in personal communications have made the telegram an obsolete but well remembered message form.

She also mentioned the launch of "Suitsat" from the International Space Station operating on an amateur frequency.

Arlene reviewed upcoming on-the-air contests.

Larry Tinkler, K6LXT, conducted the raffle with the following winners: Dave Glenn, N6TEB, a set of anti-fatigue mats; Joe Francis, WB6SZK, a set of pliers; Ken Carlson, N6SWO, a noise filter; Ray Olesen, AD6AF, a staple gun; John Powell, KF6EOJ, a spot light; Chuck Anna, KE6TBC, a heat gun; John Johnson, KI6BPI, a volt/ohm meter; Dick Palmer, WB6JDH, a saw and drill set; Don Mc Fadden, AA6LN, two saw horses and Jack Jones, W3OB, a neon flash light.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Dave Buhler, WB6ZGF,
Substitute Secretary

Preparedness Expo is Coming

The Emergency Preparedness Committee of the City of Downey will be hosting a preparedness expo on **April 29**, from 10:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M. in the area between All American Home Center and The Home Depot in the 7100-7200 block of Firestone Blvd, Downey.

The event is free and will have vendors and organizations to help you get ready for "The Big One". The Downey Fire Department will be conducting demonstrations throughout the day and will have some of their latest equipment there for your inspection. Bring the kids too, as there will be something for them as well as meeting real, live firefighters. This event just might save you or your family from injury or worse in the next disaster. Remember, it's not of question of if, it's a question of when.

See you at the Expo.

Treasurer's Report—Expenditures

2006	JANUARY ACTUAL	YTD ACTUAL	ANNUAL BUDGET	(OVER)/ UNDER BUDGET
EXPENDITURES				
Attendance Prizes	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
Autopatch, Repeater	\$34.94	\$34.94	\$225.00	\$190.06
Club Merchandise	\$37.08	\$37.08	\$400.00	\$362.92
Club Bulletin				
Printing	\$79.56	\$79.56	\$1,250.00	\$1,170.44
Supplies	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$30.00	\$30.00
Postage	\$37.00	\$37.00	\$550.00	\$513.00
Committees				
Award	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$75.00	\$75.00
Education/Awareness	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$30.00	\$30.00
Membership	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
Publicity & Public Relations	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
Sunshine	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
Equipment/Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
Events				
Christmas Party	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
Field Day	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
Luncheon	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Picnic	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
Fund Raisers	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
Other Events	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$20.00	\$20.00
Insurance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$350.00	\$350.00
Misc. Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15.00	\$15.00
Officers' Expenses				
President	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
Secretary	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
Treasurer	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
Other Organizations				
Dues	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$20.00	\$20.00
P.O. Box Rental	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$80.00	\$80.00
Refreshments, Meetings	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
Stationary, Copies	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
World Radio Listing	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Expenditures	\$288.58	\$288.58	\$4,045.00	\$3,756.42

Treasurer's Report—Income

2006	JANUARY ACTUAL	YTD ACTUAL	ANNUAL BUDGET	(OVER)/UNDER BUDGET
INCOME				
Club Merchandise		\$0.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
Dues	\$95.00	\$95.00	\$1,600.00	\$1,505.00
Raffle		\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Misc. Income		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fund Raisers		\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
		\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Total Income	\$95.00	\$95.00	\$4,800.00	\$4,705.00

Treasurer's Report—Summary

**DOWNEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
TREASURER'S REPORT
Jan-06**

SUMMARY	
CHECKING-WA MUTUAL	\$2,745.22
BALANCE AS OF November 30, 2005	
INCOME	\$95.00
EXPENDITURES	\$288.58
Raffle (Month)	\$156.00
Raffle (Total Holdings)	\$320.87
Brunch (Month)	\$0.00
Brunch (Total Holdings)	\$0.00
CHECKING-WA MUTUAL	
BALANCE AS OF December 31, 2005	\$2,707.64

March Birthdays

5th, **Dave Buhler**, WB6ZGF
7th, **Kenneth Carlson**, N6SWO

Happy Birthday To All!