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November Luncheon Features Mike and Margaret Gauthier – Amateur Radio in Beautiful Eastern Canada

Our annual luncheon will be held on Sunday, November 13, 2005 beginning at 11:00 am at the Rio Hondo Golf Club Events Center, in Downey. The lunch and venue was such a success last year, we are returning once again to enjoy the sumptuous buffet and picturesque setting.

Mike, K6ICS and **Margaret**, WA6OUD, **Gauthier** will present a talk about their travels in eastern Canada, in the Maritime Provinces and to Labrador and Newfoundland. According to Mike, they went there on a lark, following a business trip to Quebec. They will present a photo-journey and share impressions of this part of the world. Mike will show the location of the first Trans-Atlantic reception of wireless signals from Europe sent by Marconi on December 12, 1901.

Mike and Margaret have a combined membership in the Downey Amateur Radio Club of eighty years. Mike first joined the club in 1956, while Margaret joined in 1974 after she obtained her ham license. Mike was first licensed in 1954 as a novice and joined the club after he upgraded to a general class license. He currently holds an extra class license.



Mike has been an active contester and has won awards in the past for Sweepstakes ('58) CQ WW DX ('58) and ARRL DX ('88). He has also held a number of DX calls including F0GPY, G5AJG, GW5AJG, ON4QY, XE2ICS, XE0CS, and XE0ICS. He has also operated portable KH6, DL, HB9, and VE/VO. He currently has worked over 295 countries and has confirmed 288. He has been awarded the

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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 November 2005

Who will write this column next month? Could it be you? I am sure a re-sounding NO just went through your mind. I have personally enjoyed serving as your President these past two years and being on the board for several years before. But now is time to pass the reins on to someone else.

As with all groups it is getting harder and harder to find volunteers to fill board positions. Our club is no exception and is experiencing the same lack of involvement as other groups, be it hobby, civic or religious oriented. So my question is: where have all the volunteers gone? What is it that is eating up all of our time? Could it be work, retirement, Grandkids? Maybe it is the availability of too much free entertainment via TV, cable, Satellite, internet and computers. Interestingly many of these technologies either came from or evolved from within the ham community. Could it be that our love for of technology and its advancement has caused our own downfall? Essentially, everyone can now do the things that used to make us unique. Chatting with people all over the world, using a portable cell phones / radios or sending pictures in seconds to far away places have all become commonplace.

So what sets us apart? I believe it's our passion. We like to help and get involved. We need to know how things work. Technology is more a puzzle for us than a tool, and puzzle we enjoy solving. When mainstream technology fails we know how to fix it. When our infrastructure goes down we know how to work around it. We have and always will be the safety net for communication. Keep your skills sharp and know you are part of the solution. Participate.

The singer Bonnie Raitt (no call) has a line in one of her songs "Nick of Time" that goes "Life gets mighty precious when there's less of it to waste." Stay involved. Stay connected and never, never give up.

73, N6TEB AR SK

Dave Glenn

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

Dave Glenn, N6TEB, 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; Kent Savage, K6WCI, VP-Ways & Means; Frank Hornberger, N6ZDS, Treasurer and Tom VanBuskirk, K6TV, Director, One Year. Absent were Sam Lollar, K1SL, 1st Vice President, Bill Heather, KB6WKT, Secretary and Ed Roos, KC6ZHY, Director, Two Years. Also present was Paul Metzger, KQ6EH.

Officers Reports:

President: Dave reported he had enjoyed being President but needs to take some time off from it.

1st Vice President: Absent, no report

VP – Programs: Arlene asked for and received several suggestions for programs and member participation projects as well as her own ideas.

VP – Membership: Dick reported on his efforts to contact and encourage previous members to re-join.

The issue of distribution of the Q5 to various electronics stores was reviewed.

VP – Service: Dave Buhler, deferred to the Planning Calendar.

VP – Ways & Means: Kent reported he would have an example of the new jackets at the luncheon.

Secretary: Absent, no report.

Treasurer: Frank distributed copies of the Treasurers Report noting a few minor corrections.

Director, Two Years: Absent, no report.

Director, One Year: Tom had no report.

The minutes of the previous Board meeting were approved.

ISS Astronaut Gets in the JOTA Spirit

(Oct 21, 2005) -- International Space Station Expedition 12 Commander Bill McArthur, KC5ACR, has wasted no time in getting on the air from NA1SS as he settles in for his six-month stay in space. McArthur, who arrived at the ISS earlier this month with crewmate Valery Tokarev, has been on the air making casual contacts on 2 meters. He also thrilled several scout groups during the 2005 Jamboree On The Air (JOTA) over the October 15-16 weekend. Al Lark, KD4SFF ("scouting for fun") worked NA1SS while waiting for scouts to arrive at his JOTA operation at Paris Mountain State Park in Greenville, South Carolina. McArthur obliged Lark by sending his greetings to all scouts.

Some Amateur Radio activity reported in earthquake's aftermath

(Oct 18, 2005) -- Some Amateur Radio emergency and health-and-welfare communication has been reported in the aftermath of a severe and deadly [earthquake](#) that struck the Kashmir region of Pakistan. Parts of India and Afghanistan also were affected. Horey Majumdar, VU2HFR, says he has been in contact with Bharati Prasad, VU2RBI, who informed him that there is no Indian Amateur Radio operation involved in the earthquake response, due to security concerns. "There has been some ham disaster communication from Pakistan, which has borne the major brunt of the quake," Majumdar said. Hams from Turkey reportedly are in Pakistan to assist in relief operations. VU2RBI reported Pakistani hams have been relaying some earthquake-related traffic, but no Amateur Radio stations have been established in the hardest-hit areas, some of which are in very remote areas with difficult access. "Some earthquake traffic has been monitored on 7.100 MHz," Majumdar reports, adding that AP2NK and AP2MIZ are involved in the operations. A Pakistan disaster relief net reportedly has been meeting daily at 1130 UTC on 14.290 MHz. The net control is AP2MIZ, and a clear frequency has been requested. [Steve Richards](#), G4HPE, reports a "tenuous" communication route has been established into the earthquake zone, using *EchoLink* to to Delhi, then HF to near Pakistan, followed by HF relay links to Turkish and Pakistani relief workers with ham stations. Richards has offered to pass along any health-and-welfare inquiries and will process any responses. The International Committee of the Red Cross has established a [link](#) for locating missing persons.

Both from ARRL Web—ed

Amateur Radio volunteers fill communication gap when telephones fail

(Oct 25, 2005) -- When a telephone outage occurred in Southern California October 18, the **Long Beach Emergency Communications and Operations Center (ECOC)** declared a "communication failure protocol," and ARES/RACES members and other ham radio volunteers stepped in to help.

The outage disabled 911 service in communities along the coast and through parts of Los Angeles and Orange counties. It also cut off at least 150,000 telephone and Internet service customers for up to 12 hours along with many cell phone users. Radio amateurs worked with police and fire officials to support the departments with auxiliary communications.

Hams also were stationed at 17 of the largest nursing homes in town. The emergency net successfully relayed traffic through the ECOC to the hospitals, nursing homes and ambulance services, ensuring access to 911. When the City of Long Beach built its new ECOC three years ago Emergency Services Coordinator Casey Chel, KD6DOV, had the foresight to include a complete Amateur Radio facility for those rare occasions when all other communication systems might fail. Those plans paid off on October 18.--*Associated Radio Amateurs of Long Beach*

From ARRL Web, above & below—ed

Amateur Radio Volunteers on Duty in Wilma's Wake

(Oct 24, 2005) -- Upward of 300 Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) and Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES) volunteers are supporting necessary communication in Florida in the aftermath of [Hurricane Wilma](#).

Early reports indicate that most of the ham radio volunteers are assisting with communication at evacuee shelters and emergency operations centers (EOCs) in more than a dozen counties. Lee and Collier counties, where Wilma made landfall, may have taken the brunt of the storm's fury. ARES/RACES teams deployed to their assignments before Wilma came ashore, and local amateurs have been able to handle any immediate communication support needs.

Planning Calendar:

Holiday Lane Parade: Dave Buhler reported he has enough operators and explained some changes this year. Operator duties were discussed.

Yard Sale: The Board decided to postpone the Yard Sale until the first part of next year due to the lack of publicity and proximity of the holidays.

Luncheon: Arlene reported reservations are coming in and she will need to people to help set up. Dave Glenn and Kent will do this. Other preparations were reviewed.

Old Business:

Dave Glenn reported he had delivered the silent key auction money to Mrs. Martin.

New Business:

Board Vacancies: Current vacancies were discussed centering on how we can get our membership motivated and interested in taking leadership positions. Another possibility would be to reduce the size of the Board and combine some V.P positions. A few members' names were suggested for the open positions. The President formed a committee consisting of Arlene, Dick and Dave Buhler to meet together and make contact with the persons mentioned.

Club Website: Dave Glenn reported he had received all necessary information from Larry Vaughn, KD6NZW, and has updated the website. He needs someone else to assist him in this duty.

Raffle Purchase: A new purchaser for the raffle prizes is needed. Dave Glenn has been doing this and it is getting more difficult for him.

Budget Recommendations: Tabled until the next meeting

Other Business: Arlene asked about having a system in place to check on members we don't see at the meetings for a few months. We need to establish this in light of Hugo Martin's (AE6BC) death a few months ago, which the Club did not know.

Volunteer Examinations: With the resignation of Steve Grudzinski, AD6HT, the VE team has no coordinator. A member's name was suggested and Dave Buhler will e-mail him for reaction.

Treasurer's Report—Expenditures

2005	SEPTEMBER ACTUAL	YTD ACTUAL	ANNUAL BUDGET	(OVER)/ UNDER BUDGET
EXPENDITURES				
Attendance Prize (Year End)		\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
Autopatch, Repeater	\$17.50	\$157.94	\$225.00	\$67.06
Club Merchandise		\$0.00	\$400.00	\$400.00
Club Bulletin				
Printing	\$92.55	\$545.56	\$1,250.00	\$704.44
Supplies		\$21.64	\$30.00	\$8.36
Postage	\$53.10	\$348.36	\$550.00	\$201.64
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		\$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		\$76.00	\$80.00	\$4.00
Refreshments, Meetings	\$14.14	\$78.07	\$200.00	\$121.93
Stationary, Copies		\$0.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
World Radio Listing		\$65.00	\$0.00	(\$65.00)

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

Luncheon Raffle

There will be a two part raffle during the November luncheon. The first one will be as a meeting raffle, as in tickets bought that day will be used for that portion. Then there will be a second year-end raffle for the grand prize(s) using the tickets bought throughout the year.

Winners need to be present for the first raffle (as usual) but not for the year-end raffle.

Treasurer's Report—Income

2005	SEPT ACTUAL	YTD ACTUAL	ANNUAL BUDGET	(OVER)/ UNDER BUDGET
INCOME				
Club Merchandise		\$43.00	\$200.00	\$157.00
Dues	\$80.00	\$765.00	\$1,845.00	\$1,080.00
Luncheon Reservations		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Misc.Income		\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Fund Raisers		\$425.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,075.00
Total Income	\$80.00	\$1,233.00	\$4,045.00	\$2,812.00

Treasurer's Report—Summary

DOWNEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB TREASURER'S REPORT September 2005

SUMMARY

CHECKING-WA MUTUAL BALANCE AS OF August 31, 2005	\$2,972.54
INCOME	\$80.00
EXPENDITURES	\$177.29
Raffle (Month)	\$52.09
Raffle (Total Holdings)	\$191.85
CHECKING-WA MUTUAL BALANCE AS OF September 30, 2005	\$2,927.34

November Birthdays

3rd, **Mary Carlson**, KC6BBJ
5th, **William Livingston**, WA6QLW & **Nancy Anna**, KE6TBD
22nd, **Frank Hornberger**, N6ZDS & **Warren Pope**, W4HDC
26th, **Donald Tielrooy**, KQ6CA & **Paul Metzger**, KQ6EH
27th, **Art Varney**, WA6OZQ
30th, **Blackie Snodgrass**, KB6RKW

Happy Birthday To All!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
Nov 2005		1 DARC 440 net 7:00 pm on Club 440 repeater. 445.640(-) pl 156.7 Hz.	2 Net Control AD6AF ←
		6	7
13	14	8 DARC 440 net 7:00 pm on Club 440 repeater. 445.640(-) pl 156.7 Hz.	9 Net Control KN6LM ←
20	21	15 DARC 440 net 7:00 pm on Club 440 repeater. 445.640(-) pl 156.7 Hz.	16 Net Control WB6ZGF ←
27	28	22 DARC 440 net 7:00 pm on Club 440 repeater. 445.640(-) pl 156.7 Hz.	23 Net Control WB6JDH ←
4	5	29 DARC 440 net 7:00 pm on Club 440 repeater. 445.640(-) pl 156.7 Hz.	30 Net Control K6WCI ←

Most DARC members are familiar with Mike's monthly DX column that he writes for the Q5. In addition to belonging to DARC, Mike is a member of the Heard Island DX Association, Colegas y Amigos, JPL Radio Club, QCWA, and a life member of ARRL. Mike is also a volunteer examiner. Margaret, WA6OUD has not been a very active ham, however she might be heard talking to family members in Downey. Margaret is a member of Colegas y Amigos, QCWA, and a Life Member of the ARRL. Mike and Margaret have lived in Downey for 30 years and have three children: Christine, KE6WWC, Brian, and Suzanne.

Mike holds a BA in Electronics/Photography Technology, MA, Electronics/Photography Studies, and a Doctorate in Industrial Management. He is President of ICS Radiation Technologies, Inc. in Downey. Margaret holds a BA in Education and is a retired teacher from the San Miguel Ave School in South Gate, 2004.

The Rio Hondo Golf Club and Events Center is located at 10627 Old River School Road, in Downey. There is ample parking. We will begin the event with the buffet luncheon. The program and annual award ceremony will follow. In addition there will be a raffle with some wonderful prizes. Raffle tickets will be sold at the luncheon.

All members along with their family and friends are invited. Please make your reservations in advance. The cost for the luncheon is \$25.00. Please make your reservations with our Club Treasurer, **Frank Hornberger**, N6ZDS, telephone 310-635-2222; email: n6zds@qsl.net. Checks may be sent to the club post office box. Checks should be made payable to the Downey Amateur Radio Club. Reservations will be accepted through, Thursday, November 8. We hope to see you all there.

Our last meeting of the year will be held on Thursday, December 1, and will be our annual Christmas Party. Please plan to bring some treats to share.

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The Treasurer's Report and the last General Meeting minutes were approved.

As the Nominating Committee was unable to meet, the President took nominations for the three open offices from the floor but none were offered. He will pursue this further with the membership.

He noted that the Club website has been updated and is now current. It will be updated as needed.

Dick Palmer, WB6JDH, conducted the raffle with the following winners: Dave Glenn, N6TEB, an RF noise filter; Warren Pope, W4HDC, an MFJ speaker; Don McFadden, AA6LN, a digital multimeter; Don Tielrooy, KQ6CA, a light flare; Bert McFadden, W6VPE, an Icom cap; Dick Palmer, WB6JDH, a VHF Propagation Book and Larry Tinkler, K6LXT, a Ham Radio for Dummies book.

Paul Metzger, KQ6EH, who did not need to be present, won the three-month prize, a Heil Sound DSP speaker system.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Dave Buhler, WB6ZGF,
Substitute Secretary

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WAZ-PHONE.

From 1968-1973, Mike was the volunteer communications coordinator with the National Off-Road Racing Association and was responsible for establishing and operating the radio communications network for the BAJA 500 and MEXICAN 1000 Baja off-road races.



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Thu	Fri	Sat
3 2-meter net 7:15 pm Club simplex 145.595 Net Control WB6ZGF	4	5
10 2-meter net 7:15 pm Club simplex 145.595 Net Control KISL	11 Veteran's Day	12
17 2-meter net 7:15 pm Club simplex 145.595 Net Control KD6NZW	18	19
24 Thanksgiving No net	25	26
1 DARC MEETING 7:30 PM Sussman Middle School 12500 Birchdale Ave Downey, CA	2	3
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DX NOTES by Mike Gauthier, K6ICS

There is a chance we are at or very close to the bottom of the solar cycle. The N7RA Propagation Report (ARLP043) states that "2005 began with a big drop, to 46.1 in the first quarter, then rose to 55.7 and 58. Could this cycle really have hit bottom during the first quarter of 2005?". All bands are showing signs of life as the summer noise drops and propagation starts improving.

ITALY, I. Special event stations IO1ALP, IO1BIA, IO1BOB, IO1CRO and IO1CUR are QRV until November 9 as part of the activities associated with the approach march to the XX Olympic Winter Games that will take place in Torino in February 2006. QSL all calls via I1JQJ.

SVALBARD, JW. Hugo, LA5YJ is QRV as JW5YJ and has been active on 30 meters around 0015z. QSL to home call.

SVALBARD, JW.

Vegard, LA9LMA is QRV as JW9LMA and has been active on 20 meters using SSB around 2300 to 0200z. QSL to home call.

DODECANESE, SV5. Al, SV5/DJ5AA and Wolfgang, SV5/DL3DRN can usually be found on 30 to 15 meters between 2200 and 0400z. QSL to home calls.

AUSTRALIA, VK. Dirk, PA9KW will be QRV as VK5AUQ from Kangaroo Island, IOTA OC-139, from October 16 to November 14. He will be joined by Ben, VK5ZMM. QSL direct to PA9KW.

DARC Member DXCC Count

WA6RTA 328 Phone (AM & SSB)
KB6ATT 305 Mixed, 60 CW
K6ICS 295 Mixed, 288 Phone (AM & SSB), 164 Mixed on 40 Meters
N6WZI 198 Phone on 10 Meters
K6TV 185 SSB, 85 QRP, 46 CW
WA6OUD 129 Phone on 10 Meters
W6TOI 102 Mixed
KQ6EH 57 on 30 Meters CW

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

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Following discussion, Paul volunteered to take the position of VP – Ways & Means.

The Board noted the passing of associate member Mary Craven, wife of very active member Reed Craven, WB6BFK (SK).

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.
Respectfully submitted,
Dave Buhler, WB6ZGF,
Substitute Secretary

D.A.R.C. General Meeting Minutes – October 6, 2005

Dave Glenn, N6TEB, President, called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM with 25 persons in attendance. He then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Arlene Schwartz, KE6GFI, VP-Programs introduced the speaker for the evening, DARC's own Sam Lollar, K1SL, whose topic was the Dayton Hamvention. Sam and Ivan, KB6ATT, have attended this event for the last eight years and Sam brought along a few slides of their latest trek. He recalled they first made the trip in 1992 when around 34,000 people attended. He remarked that attendance has been dwindling since, with this one at approximately 24,000.

The driving distance is 2250 miles one way and he noted some of the landmarks and famous places of business to be had along the way. Inside the convention center, Sam had taken photos of the many vendor booths and other attractions, including the famous swap meet. As the Dayton, Ohio area is home to Wright/Patterson Air Force Base, the trip included a visit to the museum there, complete with photos. On the way back to California, the pair stopped at Ivan's vacation home in New Mexico. Sam noted the property is approximately 40 acres and Ivan's antenna farm was prominent in the pictures of it. A question and answer period followed.

Arlene announced the Annual Luncheon will take place on Sunday, November 13 from 11:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. at the Rio Hondo Event Center. The program will be Mike, K6ICS, and Margaret, WA6OUD, who will tell us about their travel to the Canadian Atlantic Provinces.

The group took a break at 8:05 PM. and was called back to order at 8:20 PM.