

## Q5

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**Annual DARC Luncheon and installation of officers, featuring John Kountz, KE6GFF/T6EE, on DXing from Afghanistan or “Oops, your QTH now sports a RPG and 200 rounds of shaped charge rockets”.**

At the Annual DARC luncheon meeting, member **John Kountz**, KE6GFF/T6EE will present videos from his three DXpeditions to Kabul, Afghanistan and share the joy of canceling the 4<sup>th</sup> (this year). His presentation, entitled, “**CQ Afghanistan: Your QTH is a Barracks**” reveals the precarious nature of unsponsored DXpeditions to locations where Amateur Radio has no precedent and is viewed with suspicion by many. In addition he will present materials concerning obtaining and renewing as Afghan license (the subject of his recent CQ magazine article) his equipment, operating conditions, and statistics concerning operation from grid square MM44 both as a DX operator and as participant in two CQ World Wide Single Side Band Contests.

An Extra class Ham, John also is a Life Member of the ARRL, Ten-Ten International and the Audio Engineering Society. On the board of directors of the Catalina Amateur Repeater Association he is Member-at-Large and usually can be found running their weekly Monday night



SwapNet. He also hosts the Southern California weak signal 70 cm USB net at 432.120 MHz held every Thursday night which was the subject of a recent article in CQ VHF by Gordon West, WB6NOA. He has been a member of DARC since becoming a ham.

In his copious spare time he has been the Chief Radio Officer for the past seven years for the Laguna Beach Emergency Communications Team – the City’s RACES organization.

Drawing on his background in the design, construction and provision of ruggedized electronics for touring musical entertainers, he builds and packages equipment for use in challenging environments including high power on-stage fold-back monitor systems for which he holds a patent on speaker enclosures and, as a radio amateur he has constructed quick assembly fiberglass antenna masts with both vehicular and tripod mounts, back-pack HF and long beam UHF Yagi antennas and two-wire antenna rotators.

He is a regular participant in public service events in both Los Angeles and Orange counties. He has covered several walls with first place low power UHF (70 cm) contest certificates covering the Orange Section, the Southwest Division and the United States for more than eight years.

John first went to Afghanistan in 1962 and seems unable to get away from the place regardless of occupying army. His program features both his Amateur Radio experiences and his videos of a Kabul and environs no longer open to normal travel.

## November Birthdays

**Mary Carlson, KC6BBJ, 3rd**  
**William Livingston, WA6QLW &**  
**Nancy Anna, KE6TBD, 5th**  
**Frank Hornberger, N6ZDS &**  
**Warren Pope, W4HDC, 22nd**  
**Bryon Dillon, KB7YWH, Donald**  
**Tielrooy, KQ6CA & Paul Metzger,**  
**K6EH, 26th**  
**Art Varney, WA6OZQ, 27th**  
**Blackie Snodgrass, KB6RKW, 30th**

Happy Birthday to all



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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  
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**Looking for an Elmer?**

Here are a few resources that can get you going:

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**When and where we meet:**

We normally meet the first Thursday of each month at 7:30 PM in room 120 of the **First Baptist Church** in Downey. The church is between 2nd and 3rd streets, near City Hall, address is 8348 E. 3rd St. Use 2nd St, east from Downey Ave (1 block north of Firestone Bl), adjacent to City Hall. Entrance via double glass doors on the north side of 2nd St.

**Swap Meet Information:****CHHS Electronics Swap Meet**

Chino Hills High School  
16150 Pomona Rincon Rd  
Chino Hills, CA

Held the **third Saturday of each month**, 6:30 to 11:30 AM

See: [www.chhsmusic.com/electswap.html](http://www.chhsmusic.com/electswap.html)

**W6TRW Swap Meet**

Northrop Grumman Parking Lot  
Corner of Marine and Aviation  
Manhattan Beach, CA

Held the **last Saturday of each month**, 7:00 to 11:30 AM

Talk-In 145.320, PL 114.8

## D.A.R.C. General Meeting Minutes – October 2, 2008

Sam Lollar, K1SL, President, called our meeting to order at 1938 hrs. There were 26 persons in attendance and Sam welcomed everyone, and then led all in the Pledge of Allegiance. Sam then introduced himself and then asked all those in attendance to each introduce themselves'.

Sam, K1SL then asked for a motion to approve the Minutes of the last two meetings as they appeared in Q5. A motion was made, seconded and approved. He then asked for a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as it appeared in Q5 for the last two meetings. Motion made, seconded and approved.

Next, Sam asked if anyone would like to make an announcement. Dick Palmer, WB6JDH announced that Norm Dickhoff had upgraded to Extra and has a new call NQ6L. Sam then welcomed back Arlene Schwartz, KE6GFI, who had missed several meetings because of a broken leg. Dave Buhler, WB6ZGF announced that he was once again looking for volunteers for the annual Downey Christmas Parade, which is to be held on December 7<sup>th</sup>. The parade starts at 1:30 PM, and all volunteers must arrive by 11:00 AM because of street closures. A sign-up sheet for those interested was left up front.

Tom VanBuskirk, K6TV, Nominating Committee Chair announced the proposed officers for our next fiscal year. **President**, Sam Lollar, K1SL; **First Vice President**, Rick Norwood, KD6KHJ; **VP Programs**, Open; **VP Membership**, Arlene Schwartz, KE6GFI; **VP Service**, Dave Buhler, WB6ZGF;

**VP Ways and Means**, Ron Eveland, W6QM; **Secretary**, Delight Miller, WB6WWI; **Treasurer**, Frank Hornberger, N6ZDS; **Director** One Year, Buck Kerns, AE6DT; **Director** Two Years, Tom VanBuskirk, K6TV. Sam then asked if there were any nominations from the floor, hearing none he called for a motion to elect the present slate of officers by acclamation. A motion was made, seconded and all approved. Sam then invited all newly elected board members, and any other members to the next board meeting to be held next Tuesday, October 7<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting was adjourned for a short break.

Sam next reminded everyone that our November meeting would be our annual Installation Dinner, held at the Rio Hondo Events Center, in Downey, at 11:00 AM, on Sunday, November 9<sup>th</sup>

Sam gave an update of upcoming contests.

Sam then introduced our speaker for the evening, our own First Vice President, Rick Norwood, KD6KHJ. Rick's program was entitled Andersen Power Poles. Rick started his presentation by showing the importance of using a universal connector that has been adapted by those involved with emergency communications, and the ease of everyone being able to connect into a common power source. He showed examples of the Power Pole connectors and told about the various sizes that are available. The most popular size is the 15/30/45 amp which shares the same shell, but have different size conductors. The connectors are also available in 75, 120, and 180 amp connectors.

Various crimping tools used to crimp the various terminals to the wires were shown which ranged in price from a few dollars to more than \$50 dollars. Next Rick showed examples of power strips made by West Mountain Radio, Powerwerx, and MFJ. Connectors and power strips can be purchased from AES, HRO, MFJ, West Mountain Radio, and powerwerx. For more details on these products go to these Internet sites,

[www.westmountainradio.com](http://www.westmountainradio.com) or [www.powerwerx.com](http://www.powerwerx.com).

Sam thanked Rick for his presentation, and then reminded everyone of the article in the last Q5 concerning the Awards Committee meeting. Also, the recent yard sale netted a total of \$155 dollars.

Larry Tinkler, K6LXT finished the night by conducting the raffle. The winners were Larry Tinkler, a 9V pack of batteries; Frank Myllo, KC6YPV, a package of C cell batteries; John Johnson, W6NH, a Xcelite lead cutter; Ron Eveland, W6QM, a Xcelite lead cutter; Frank Myers, N6ATU, AA flashlights; Ed Roos, KC6ZHY, 2 AA flashlights and a D cell flashlight

Arlene Schwartz, KE6GFI, announced that her husband, John Kountz, T6EE will be the speaker at our November dinner, and will cover his past 3 DX expeditions to Afghanistan.

The meeting was adjourned at 2045 hrs.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ron Eveland, W6QM, Secretary

## Minutes of the D.A.R.C. Board of Directors Meeting – October 7, 2008

Sam Lollar, K1SL, President called the meeting to order at 1926 hrs in the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) at Downey Fire Station #1, and welcomed all board members, and guest. Other Board members present were: Rick Norwood, KD6KHJ, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President; Arlene Schwartz, KE6GFI; VP Membership; Dave Buhler, WB6ZGF, VP Service; Ivan Milkulich KB6ATT, VP Ways & Means; Ron Eveland, W6QM, Secretary; Frank Hornberger, N6ZDS, Treasurer; Tom Van Buskirk, K6TV, Director, Two Years, and Buck Kerns, AE6DT, Director One Year.

Guest: Delight Miller, WB6WWI, Incumbent Secretary.

### Officers Reports:

President: Nothing to report.

1<sup>st</sup> VP: Nothing to Report.

VP Programs: Open Position. .

VP Membership: Noted that we recently had several new members join.

VP Service: Dave reported that he is set with volunteers for the Downey Christmas Parade, but he could always use more help.

VP Way & Means: Ivan reported that he has not received any recent interest in club items.

Secretary: Nothing to report.

Treasurer: Frank distributed copies of the Treasurers Report.

Director: One Year: Nothing to report.

Director, Two Years: Tom reported that he did not yet have a speaker for the January meeting.

The Board Meeting Minutes and Treasurer's Report for last board meeting, as they appeared in Q5, were approved.

### Planning Calendar:

1. Luncheon: Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 AM Rio Hondo Event Center in Downey
2. Annual Christmas Party Dec. 2d.

### Old Business

1. Yard Sale; Dave WB6ZGF asked if anyone was going to write a post event report. Rick, KD6KHJ agreed to write a report. The event earned \$155 for the DARC.
2. Vacant Board Position: Continue to next year.
3. Club Wearable's: Continued to next meeting.

### New Business:

1. Vacant Board Position: Continued to next meeting.
2. January Speaker: No current speaker, but Sam, K1SL, will see what he can do to find one. Sam also asked each board member to think of possible speakers for the 7 required for next year.

3. Q5 Email and Hard Copies:

Sam asked Frank, N6ZDS, to send out a list of email addresses to all board members. Sam also asked that he be sent the labels of expired members so a letter could be sent if the person did not have an email address.

4. Ray Middlebrook, WA6RTA Equipment: Dave, WB6ZGF, received a call from Cassie Middlebrook asking for assistance in selling her husband's equipment since they would both be moving into an assisted living facility in about two weeks and he would not be using it any longer. Dave sent out an email to the board, and Ron, W6QM agreed to take a look at the equipment that needed to be sold. Ron picked up the few items, and inventoried it. Since it was urgent that it be sold fast, Ron asked the board if it could be sold at TRW since the response to our last silent auction left many items with no bids, and it is a time consuming process. The board agreed that TRW would be the best approach.

The meeting was adjourned at 2010 hrs.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ron Eveland, W6QM,  
Secretary

Treasurer's Report—Income
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2007 - 2008 INCOME	Sep 08 ACTUAL	YTD ACTUAL	ANNUAL BUDGET	(OVER)/ UNDER BUDGET
Club Merchandise		\$68.00	\$200.00	\$132.00
Dues	\$60.00	\$955.00	\$1,335.00	\$380.00
Raffle		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Misc. Income	\$1,351.00	\$4,110.78	\$885.00	(\$3,225.78)
Fund Raisers		\$185.00	\$1,000.00	\$815.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$1,411.00</b>	<b>\$5,318.78</b>	<b>\$3,420.00</b>	<b>(\$1,898.78)</b>

Treasurer's Report— Expense
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2007 - 2008	Sep 08 ACTUAL	YTD ACTUAL	ANNUAL BUDGET	(OVER)/ UNDER BUDGET
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
<b>Attendance Prizes</b>		\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
<b>Autopatch, Repeater</b>		\$189.33	\$225.00	\$35.67
<b>Club Merchandise</b>		\$0.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
<b>Club Bulletin</b>				
Printing		\$676.79	\$1,000.00	\$323.21
Supplies		\$0.00	\$30.00	\$30.00
Postage		\$340.10	\$400.00	\$59.90
<b>Committees</b>				
Award		\$30.58	\$75.00	\$44.42
Education/Awareness		\$0.00	\$30.00	\$30.00
Membership		\$0.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
Publicity & Public Relations		\$0.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
Sunshine		\$0.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
<b>Equipment/Maintenance</b>		\$47.71	\$50.00	\$2.29
<b>Events</b>				
Christmas Party		\$14.14	\$25.00	\$10.86
Field Day		\$0.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
Luncheon		\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
Picnic		\$0.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
Fund Raisers		\$0.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
Other Events		\$0.00	\$20.00	\$20.00
<b>Insurance</b>		\$325.00	\$350.00	\$25.00
<b>Misc. Expenses</b>		\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
<b>Officers' Expenses</b>				
Board Members		\$0.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
Treasurer		\$0.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
<b>Other Organizations</b>				
Dues		\$10.00	\$20.00	\$10.00
<b>P.O. Box Rental</b>		\$68.00	\$80.00	\$12.00
<b>Refreshments, Meetings</b>	\$9.67	\$106.30	\$200.00	\$93.70
<b>World Radio Listing</b>		\$70.00	\$65.00	(\$5.00)
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$9.67</b>	<b>\$1,877.95</b>	<b>\$3,420.00</b>	<b>\$1,542.05</b>

Treasurer's Report— Summary

**DOWNEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB  
TREASURER'S REPORT  
Sep-08**

**SUMMARY**

CHECKING-WA MUTUAL		\$4,857.76
BALANCE AS OF Aug 31, 2008		
INCOME	\$1,411.00	
EXPENDITURES	\$9.67	
Raffle (Month)		
Raffle (Total Holdings)	\$233.41	
Brunch (Month)		
Brunch (Total Holdings)	\$0.00	
CHECKING-WA MUTUAL		
BALANCE AS OF Sep 30, 2008		
		\$6,259.09

**Dues are Due: For November**

*Editor's Note: Since there's a list of 18 (!) members with dues that are 'up' in November I will be listing call signs only:*

**WA6ENI, N6TEB, N6ZDS, W3OB, K6YWU, NG6F, AA6LN,  
AD6AF, KD6DIL, W4HDC, W6LTJ, KC6ZHY, KB6RKW,  
KN6LM, K6TV, WA6OZQ, KD6NZW, WB6GJW**

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After the presentation, the Club will install the new officers for the year 2008-2009. DARC service awards will be presented to club members who have contributed to the many club activities during the past year. This year Buck Kerns, AE6DT is chairing the Awards Committee. A raffle will be held and conducted by Larry Tinkler, K6LXT. There will be a grand prize radio that will be selected from the raffle tickets purchased throughout the year. Rick Norwood, KD6KHJ will present a photo montage of club activities this past year. Sam Lollar, K1SL, the Club's president will speak.

The Downey Amateur Radio Club's annual luncheon will be held once again at the Rio Hondo Event Center (A.K.A. the Rio Hondo Golf Course) on Sunday, November 9, 2008 at 11:00 am. The Center is located at 10627 Old River School Road, north of Firestone Boulevard and south of Florence Avenue.

The cost of the luncheon is \$25.00 per person. Reservations for the luncheon may be made by contacting, DARC's Treasurer, Frank Hornberger, N6ZDS, by phone at 310-635-2222 or by email at [N6ZDS@hornberger.us](mailto:N6ZDS@hornberger.us). Friends and family members are welcome. Please contact Frank on or before November 6, 2008. Payment for the luncheon may be made by check payable to the Downey Amateur Radio Club or by cash at the luncheon.

### DARC Yard Sale

At O'DARC Thirty the day started out foggy and damp, however, some brave and intrepid members stood up to the elements. Buck and I had to make a pass through the Golden Arches before reaching our final destination at Bill Heather's QTH. Dave Buhler and Glenn Allen were already on scene.

We proceeded to set tarps out on the ground and spread out the goodies. Traffic was light and sporadic during the day. Sam and Ivan paid a visit as well as Ray Olesen. The best part of the day was when Bill fired up the BBQ and cooked burgers for all. This was good because all of the eateries in Downey were closed due to the contaminated water notification!

The club took in about \$150 which was not bad considering what we had to work with. Next year we may try to hold the event in the spring to see if we get better results. In the past, when the event was held in the spring, the results seemed to be better.

Those who came out and supported the event had a great day!

Rick Norwood, KD6KHJ

## QST, Your Monthly ARRL 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:

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- Digital Dimension covers news in the Amateur Radio digital world and includes information on useful Web sites.
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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.



November 2008 DX  
By Mike Gauthier, K6ICS

10-8-2008

## November Propagation Outlook

The new solar cycle is starting to show a little life. Sunspots have started to appear, but they don't last long. Background noise is dropping making it easier to work the DX. Nighttime on 40 meters will be improving with longer band openings. 80 meters will be improving also. 30 and 20 meters will continue to provide day and nighttime DX contacts. 17 thru 10 meters will remain sporadic during daylight hours.

## Ethics and Operating Procedures for the Radio Amateur

Must reading for all Radio Amateurs:

A 67-page booklet, "[Ethics and Operating Procedures for the Radio Amateur](#)" by John Devoldere, ON4UN, and Mark Demeuleneere, ON4WW, is available for free download from the ARRL Web site. The booklet is an "Americanized" version of the booklet that the authors wrote for an international audience. An [international version](#) is also available. At its June 2008 meeting, the IARU Administrative Council endorsed and recommended the principles set out in the booklet as a means of encouraging all radio amateurs "to operate to the highest levels of proficiency, with proper consideration for others using the amateur radio bands" and as a tool "to teach newcomers and others correct operating behavior." The booklet mainly addresses HF operating issues, but the principles are also applicable to VHF and higher bands.

## November DX

**ARUBA, P40ZB.** Garry, K9WZB and Sharon, K7WZB will be active as P40ZB between October 28 and November 6. Activity will be on 40, 20, 15, 10 and 6 meters using SSB, RTTY, CW and PSK31.

**BHUTAN, A51ØØA.** Members of the Clipperton DX Club (F2VX, F5LMJ, F9DK, and GØLMX) will be active from Thimphu, Bhutan, to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Kingdom of Bhutan. The special call will be used between November 7-17. QSL via F9DK.

**BHUTAN, A52RY.** I2DMI, Frank plans his 2008 Christmas holiday December 21-31 in he will be on from Thimphu, Bhutan. The target SSB & CW frequencies will be 28082, 21082, 14082, 7040, and 3582. RTTY only on the WARC-76 bands, 10142, 18102, and 24922, listening up 2 or spread 2-10 depending on the pileup. Frank will probably not have an internet connection. He is willing to receive info or suggestions at a new mailbox he's set up for this trip, [a52ry@yahoo.com](mailto:a52ry@yahoo.com). QSL direct to I2DMI, P.O. Box 55 - 22063 CANTU, Italy. Include a self addressed envelope and sufficient return postage. Otherwise, you'll get your card via the bureau.

**CAMBODIA, XU7.** Operators JA3AVO, JH3PBL, JA3ARJ and JA3UJR will be active as XU7AVO, XU7PBL, XU7ARJ and XU7UJR, respectively, from Sihanoukville between November 6 and 11.

**CHAD, TT8JT.** Jovica E78A (aka 6W1SJ, ex. T98A, ST0RM, ST2A), will be in Chad and operating as TT8JT from October 10 to November 18. He will be there on a work assignment and plans to be active on the bands during his free time. Jovica will be mostly on CW on 40, 30 and 20 meters. QSL via E73Y, Boris Knezovic, P.O. Box 59, BA-71000 Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina or via the E7 QSL bureau.

**ENGLAND, GB70RAF (Special Event Station).** will celebrate a 70th

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anniversary, November 14-December 11 on 80-10 and 2M, SSB and some CW, on "RAFARS frequencies." This will be from Shaftesbury, Dorset. QSL via the RSGB.

**GABON, TR50R – TR8CR.** F8EN, Roland, will again be operating from Libreville, Gabon between December 15th and January 26th. He'll use TR50R at first until the end of the year and then switch over to TR8CR on January 1st. QSL both via F6AJA.

**LEBANON, OD5/F5TLN.** Sylvain, OD5/F5TLN, will be active until February 2009. He will work mostly on SSB but also some CW on all HF bands. Sylvain will confirm the QSOs after his return home.

**MARTINIQUE, FM/F5IRO.** Freddy, F5IRO is active as FM/F5IRO until February 2009. Activity is on 40, 30 and 20 meters using CW, SSB and various digital modes in his spare time and on weekends after 2200z. QSL to F5IRO.

**Nepal, 9N7.** I2DMI, Frank's callsign may be 9N7DMI or 9N7RY, (he won't know for sure until he gets there). December 31-January 5, he will be in Bhaktapur, Nepal, in a ham-friendly hotel, the Planet Hotel, with a seven-meter-tall vertical on HF, including WARC-76, set up on a terrace, running 50 watts. He'll have a wi-fi internet connection so he'll be able to spot himself to get the pileups started. He is willing to receive info or suggestions at a new mailbox he's set up leading up to the trip, [a52ry@yahoo.com](mailto:a52ry@yahoo.com). QSL direct to I2DMI, P.O. Box 55 - 22063 CANTU, Italy. Include a self addressed envelope and sufficient return postage. Otherwise, you'll get your card via the bureau.

**PAPUA NEW GUINEA, P29NI.** K6MYC, Mike, has joined the much anticipated upcoming P29 island IOTA DXpedition team. The team will be on Hermit Island (OC- 041) between October 29th to November 3rd. Mike will add 50 and 144 MHz EME (JT65) activity. Watch for him on 50250 and 144125. The team is looking for financial support and donations can be made on their Web page at [www.425dxn.org/dxped/p29\\_2008/](http://www.425dxn.org/dxped/p29_2008/).

**SEYCHELLES, S79MV.** Tohru, JA0UMV will operate from Praslin Island (AF-024), from November 9 to 14. He will be on 160 through 10 meters using SSB and CW. QSL via JA0UMV direct or via the JARL Bureau.

**SEYCHELLES, S79UH.** Iwa, JA0UH will operate from Praslin Island (AF-024), from November 9 to 14. Iwa will operate on 160 through 10 meters using SSB and CW. QSL via JA0UH direct or via the JARL Bureau.

#### DARC Member DXCC Count

N6QQ 331 Mixed, 313 SSB, 281 CW, 194 RTTY, WPX 2115, 6BDXCC

WA6RTA 328 Phone (AM & SSB)

KB6ATT 305 Mixed, 60 CW

K6ICS 295 Mixed, 288 Phone (AM & SSB), 164 Mixed on 40 Meters

K6TV 206 SSB, 126 QRP, 110 CW, 215 Mixed

W3OB 150 Mixed

W6TOI 139 Mixed

WA6OUD 129 Phone on 10 Meters

K6EH 57 on 30 Meters CW



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

e-mail: [k6ics@arrl.net](mailto:k6ics@arrl.net).

Photos from the Yard Sale



The mysterious Glenn Allen arrives at O'DARC time



Now this goes over there.....



Buck and a future Ham



Nuts, I didn't mean to drop off that one

Photos from the October Meeting



## DARC Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 DARC Breakfast 0630
2	3	4 Board Meeting DARC 440 net Club Repeater 445.640 pl 156.7 Control Op: N6TEB	5	6 DARC 2 meter net Club Simplex 145.595 Control Op: K1SL	7 10-10 Fall Contest	8 DARC Breakfast 0630
9 Club Luncheon 11:30 AM Rio Hondo Country Club	10	11 DARC 440 net Club Repeater 445.640 pl 156.7 Control Op: AD6AF	12	13 DARC 2 meter net Club Simplex 145.595 Control Op: AD6AF	14	15 DARC Breakfast 0630
16	17	18 DARC 440 net Club Repeater 445.640 pl 156.7 Control Op: WB6JDH	19	20 DARC 2 meter net Club Simplex 145.595 Control Op: WB6ZGF	21	22 DARC Breakfast 0630 CHHS Swap Meet See page 2
23	24	25 DARC 440 net Club Repeater 445.640 pl 156.7 Control Op: KN6LM	26	27 Thanksgiving No Net	28	29 DARC Breakfast 0630 TRW Swap Meet See page 2
30	1	DARC 440 net Club Repeater 445.640 pl 156.7 Control Op: WB6ZGF				



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### 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 2008 is as follows:

**December, February**

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

The ARRL/VEC test fee is \$14.00 for all tests. The fee is controlled by the FCC and 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.

### 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

#### Ever want to be a writer?

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](mailto:jpowell@csulb.edu)

#### DARC Badges

DARC name badges are available for \$11.00, payable on order.  
Previously ordered badges may be picked up at the Club general meeting.

**Saturday  
Breakfast Location**



7900 Florence Ave  
Downey, CA  
(562) 927-6713