



ARCOVER

South Bay Amateur Radio Club

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Dedicated to Amateur Radio Since 1970



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President - Richard - KG6JKJ

OCTOBER 2006

October Meeting

Torrance Memorial Medical Center
Health Conference Center
Room #1

3330 W. Lomita Blvd., Torrance, CA 90505
On Medical Center Drive

with parking in the structure behind the WEST TOWER.

Thursday, October 19, 2006, at 7:30 p.m.

October Speaker

Ed Hinz to Speak on
ARES and Emergency Preparedness

Ed Hinz KN6JN, District Emergency Coordinator of the Southwest area of Los Angeles Section of the Amateur Radio Emergency Service., will be explaining the role of ARES in Los Angeles county.

Topics during the discussion will include: The ARRL and ARES, ARES Los Angeles mission and goals, training available through ARRL, Agencies served in the Los Angeles area. why drilling is important, personal and family emergency preparedness, budgeting for preparedness, The ham radio operators role in your neighborhood, CERT, and many other informative and interesting ideas. Part of the discussion will be **grab and go bags** for Ham Deployment and for Family Evacuation. If you have prepared a **grab and go bag** or if you are in the process of preparing one, please consider bringing your bag to the October meeting.

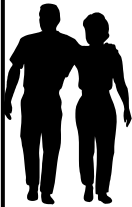
August Meeting

Joy - KD6FJV was the speaker for August. We wish to thank Joy for an excellent presentation on communications. The ins and outs of providing precise and accurate communications when needed are of course very important. Joy explained some rules for us all to observe and practice which will make us better communicators when asked to help in a disaster situation or a service event.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The committee has met and is working on a slate of officers to propose at the October meeting. If you want add your name to the list or submit the name of another member in good standing please notify Ken - K6HRN at 310-316-3793. The By-laws require you to have permission of the member before submitting their name. Ken - K6HRN, Chairman, Loyd - N6GDH, and John - AC6FB.

American Diabetes Walk



It was a beautiful Sunday morning the annual ADA walk along the beach in Redondo Beach and Hermosa Beach was another success in its long history. 12 of our members did a fantastic job once again in ensuring a very safe and great walk on this beautiful day. Once again we are reminded of an important lesson. Take your radio out once a week, check your radio out by transmitting to the repeater or on simplex. Check the charge on the batteries and its operation. Minor details like dead batteries was the only problem we had but the minor details made this a very interesting morning.

We want to thank Ron-KG6UUP and Bill-KQ6Z for providing communications at check point 1 and 5, John-AC6MG and Joseph-AB6TK from check point 2 and 4, Harlan-KC6YBJ and Loyd-N6GDH from check point 3. Rob-KB6KMX shadowed Kimberly the ADA official in the park, Ed-KN6JN shadowed Julie the ADA volunteer coordinator. Both trent-KG6MUU and Alan-K6MU provided the communications for the rover vehicles. Trent-KG6MUU and Alan - K6MU were dispatch and Joe - WB6MYD was net control. Shirley - KE6EFI was out tailgate walker.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS WILL BE HELD IN NOVEMBER

NOTES FROM THE SECRETARY JOE-WB6MYD
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- ◆ ELECTIONS — If you wish to be nominated for an office be sure to let one of the present officers know. At the October meeting the nominating committee hopes to present a slate of officers for consideration. Elections are held in November.
- ◆ IDEAS - If you have some ideas for club activities please talk to one of the officers.
- ◆ ARRL MEMBERSHIP - new or renewal of ARRL membership dues helps the club since a small commission is allowed. Please renew your membership through the club by signing up with Joe - WB6MYD. You pay the same price but help the club and save a stamp too!
- ◆ ARCOVER problems — If you are having trouble with opening the ARCOVER from the website check the website home page for a possible fix. Alex is working on the problem.
- ◆ NOTICE - The ARCOVER Editor Mary KE6BBK is taking a vacation with OM John. We wish them a safe vacation. Alex will finish the paper and post it on the internet.
- ◆ Alex will be filling in for Mary to finish the last minute articles and print the mail outs. Alex thank you for your help.
- ◆ Swap Meet - Drop by the Swap Meet and support your club.
- ◆ ADA Walk was held on September 24, 2006. It was a beautiful day and the walk was safe and fun. I thank all the members that participated. *See page one for the details.*
- ◆ Emergency preparedness - Remember to train yourself to take your radios out once a week, transmit to the repeater and simplex to be sure the radio is working. Charge you batteries as needed or had spares that are fully charged.
- ◆ The Southwestern Division Convention was held at the Marriott in San Diego. Our member Dennis gave an interesting presentation and Nate once again gave his lively history of the Queen Mary and the events that led up to the restoration of the radio room.
- ◆ The 2007 Southwestern Division Hamcon, Inc will be held at the Torrance Marriott in 2007. John AC6FB will have *Earlybird* reservation forms at the next meeting.

SOUTH BAY ARC OFFICERS 2006

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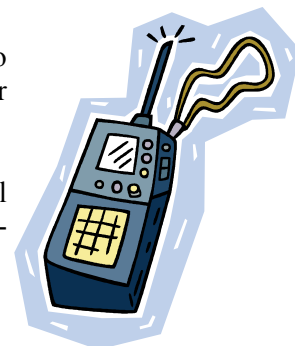
W6TRW SWAP MEET

7:00 a.m. through 11:30 a.m.

At the last Swap Meet we sold a few more things. Won't you come out and join us on Saturday, October 28 and look the items over or maybe bring something to sell? This is a club effort, and we have a great time talking to people and sharing information about the South Bay Amateur Radio Club and amateur radio in general.

A group always goes over to Denny's about 10 o'clock for breakfast and a *rag chew*.

If you have items to sell, please call John - AC6FB at 310-675-0732 or e-mail at jcrochaw@pacbell.net.



Bev and Jim selling "Earlybird" tickets for 2007



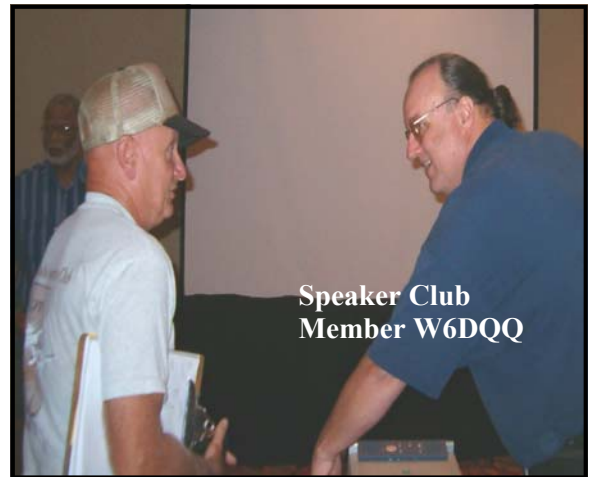
Hostesses



AC6FB



Speaker Club Member W6DQQ



SOUTHWEST DIVISION 2006 CONVENTION

John - AC6FB and Mary - KE6BBK attended the convention in San Diego in September. There were a variety of speakers and the Marriott Hotel was very nice.

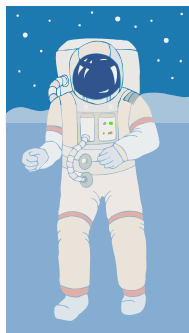
We spent the days registering people for the HamCon, Inc. 2007 Convention with Bev - WA6TIU, Jim -WA6MZV, and Adrienne - WA6YEO.

John will have the registration forms and pins at the October meeting. Please bring your check books and get in on the "EARLYBIRD" registration.

- Registration \$15.00
- Breakfast Ticket \$20.00
- Luncheon Ticket \$25.00
- Banquet Ticket \$40.00
- Make checks payable to Hamcon, Inc.



SUITSAT-1 (AO-54), RE-ENTERS EARTH'S ATMOSPHERE



SuitSat-1 (AO-54) is history. The surplus Russian Orlan spacesuit turned satellite, which became one of the greatest public relations vehicles for Amateur Radio in years, re-entered and burned up in Earth's atmosphere Thursday, September 7, at 1600 UTC some 1400 km south-southwest of Western Australia. The announcement came September 8 from Amateur Radio on the International Space Station (ARISS)

International Chairman Frank Bauer,KA3HDO. Bauer expressed thanks to "all who made SuitSat-1 the phenomenal event that it was." Launched February 3 during a spacewalk from the ISS, SuitSat-1's 2-meter signal was heard around the world, although at a much weaker signal strength than anticipated. "Your hard work and dedication paid off," Bauer continued. "In just three weeks the SuitSat team developed and delivered a safe satellite system that has gained the confidence of the international space agencies." Bauer also noted the "unprecedented press coverage" that included more than 9 million hits on the SuitSat-1 Web site <<http://www.suitsat.org>> during February alone as well as several prominent mentions in the general news media.

"Students around the world had the opportunity to participate in a seven-month 'school spacewalk' with the artwork, pictures, signatures and voices onboard," Bauer pointed out. "And the 'super-sleuth' ham radio operator extraordinaires were able to pull a significant amount of data from the satellite, despite its low signal strength."## After SuitSat-1's VHF ham radio payload stopped transmitting earlier this year, AMSAT initiated a "Chicken Little Contest," for participants to guess when SuitSat-1 would deo-rbit. Winners and more information

are on the AMSAT Web site <<http://www.amsat.org/amsat-new/ariss/suitsatContest.php>>.

Bauer said plans for a potential SuitSat-2 will be a discussion topic at the AMSAT/ARISS joint meeting in October <<http://www.amsat.org/amsat-new/symposium/>>##Commented ARRL ARISS Liaison Rosalie White, K1STO: "This unique satellite lasted longer than anyone ever expected, making the ARISS team proud."

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Refer back to article in the ACROVER*



Attendance Drawing

The winner of the September Membership Drawing was Bill - N6ES but he was not there. The kitty was \$15.00. The October drawing will be for \$20.00.

Remember the attendance drawing is for members only, and you must be present to win. All members in good standing are automatically entered.

WILL YOU BE THERE?
See you at the meeting!

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Q Signals

These Q signals most often need to be expressed with brevity and clarity in amateur work. (Q abbreviations take the form of questions only when each is sent followed by a question mark.) The book definition and the present use.

DO YOU KNOW WHAT IT STANDS FOR?

- 1. QST
- 2. QRT

1.	General call preceding a message addressed to all amateurs and ARRL members. This is in effect "Q ARRL." Message to follow.
2.	Shall I stop sending? Stop sending? Leaving the air.

FCC released details of “Omnibus”

Today the FCC released details of the long-awaited "Omnibus" for US Amateur Radio operators. The complete story can be found on the ARRL Web site at <http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2006/10/11/100/?nc=1>. SSB on 40 and 80/75 meters has been expanded. The changes will take place 30 days after Report and Order

FCC Report: <http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs>

Band	General	Advanced	Extra
75m SSB	3800-4000	3700-4000	3600-4000
40m SSB	7175-7300	7125-7300	7125-7300
15m SSB	21275-21450	No change	No change
80m CW	3525-4000	3525-4000	3500-4000
40m CW	7025-7300	7025-7300	7000-7300
15M CW	NO CHANGE	NO CHANGE	NO CHANGE

FCC “Technician” Class Amateur Radio Course

1 Session:
November 11, 2006
10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

HESSE PARK
29301 Hawthorne Blvd
Rancho Palos Verdes

No pre-registration required
No fee for the course
FCC test given on 18 November at 1 p.m. \$14.00

Optional Material
Copy of Power Point course charts—\$10.00
Gordon West book with FCC test questions—\$15.00

Students (thru grade 12) who take this course and get their license will be reimbursed up to \$40 by the Palos Verdes Amateur Radio Club

For more information contact
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CALENDAR

Council Meeting - 1st Wednesday of the month
Call Joe - WB6MYD (310) 328-0817

Club Meeting - 3rd Thursday of the month
October 19, 2006 7:30 p.m.
Torrance Memorial Medical Center
Health Conference Center Room 2

Palos Verdes School District
EMERGENCY NET
1st Tuesday of the month
09:30 Hours on the W6SBA repeater

QSL Card Sorting - Call Ray—WA6OWM
(310) 370-1913

VE Session - December 9, 2006

TRW Swap Meet - Saturday, October 28, 2006
7:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Holiday Potluck - December 21, 2006
7:00 p.m.

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