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## Come one, Come All to W6TRW's Field Day 2007

by W6TRW Field Day Chairman, Denis Santiago NB6I

Greetings one and all,

Field Day 2007 will be on June 23-24 this year. This year Field Day falls on a weekend that does not conflict with the Swap Meet and many people have that Friday off. So I am hoping we get a big turnout for both the Friday set-up and during the 24 hour operating period on Saturday and Sunday.

As we've noted in W6TRW Crosstalk articles and at the W6TRW club meetings, we are planning on having four HF stations plus VHF/UHF and Special Modes demonstrations.

20m SSB – Terry Priesont

40m SSB – Band Captain TBD

20m Digital – Band Captain TBD

40m CW – Bill Shanney

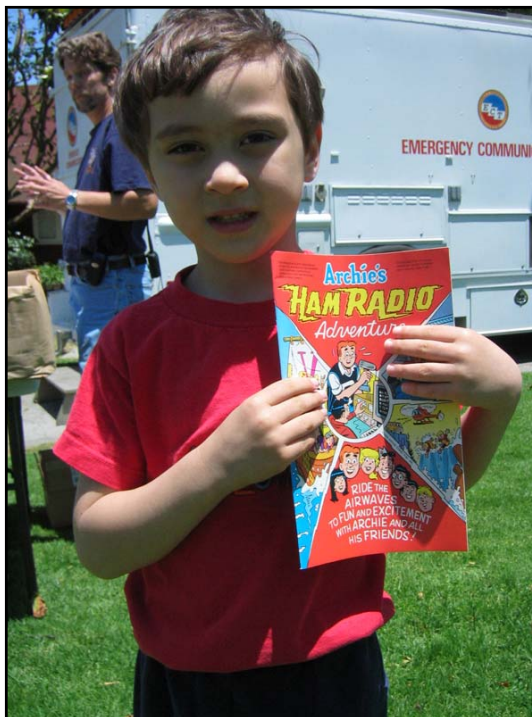
VHF/UHF – Jim Harrison

Special Mode Demonstrations – Greg Shreve

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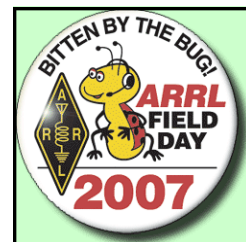


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### Special points of interest:

- Swapmeet - Saturday  
June 30th, 7:30 to 11:30 AM
- Club Meeting —  
Tuesday, June. 12th.  
Round Table Pizza 5:30 PM



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As I said earlier, Friday will be a day off for many of you so I hope you can participate in set-up. Set up day is a party all of it's own where the antennas and wires are the stars of the day. The more people that come to help set up the sooner we can feast. The same thing goes on Sunday for take-down. If you don't operate, please consider helping on Sunday. The radio operators will have worked a 24-hour marathon and we'll need fresh people to help out.

Speaking of feasting, I desperately need RSVP's from all of you to gauge how many people we need to plan for the social eating sessions for Field Day. We feed the set up crew on Friday and have a dinner meal on Saturday. The critical planning factor is to know how many mouths there will be to feed. You don't have to work to attend the socials but you will likely get interested in something or other we are up to so bring a pair of work gloves just in case on Friday and a hearty zest to make noises into a microphone during the operating period. These socials are open to all members and the club budgets to make sure everyone enjoys these meals. Helping me figure out the headcount will help make sure we have enough to eat and also not so much that we waste food.

Contact me anytime via any method that suits you.

Dennis Santiago

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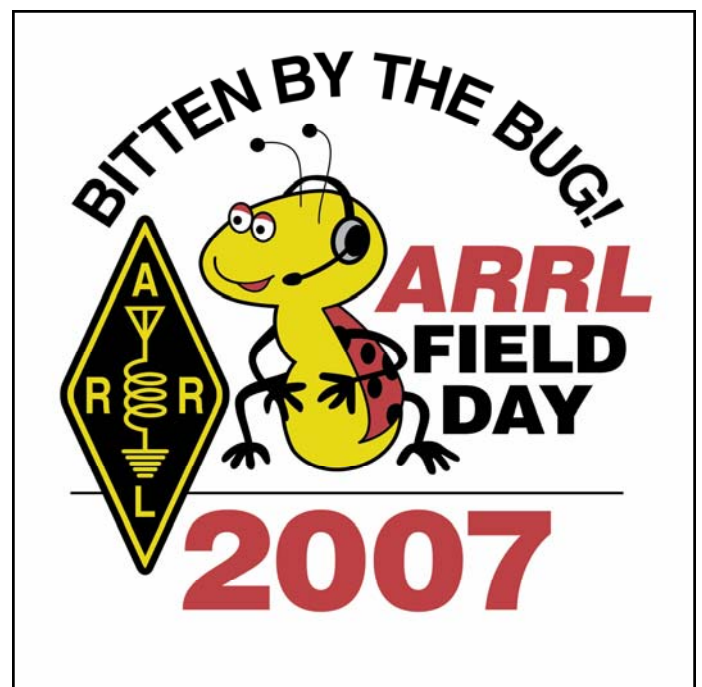
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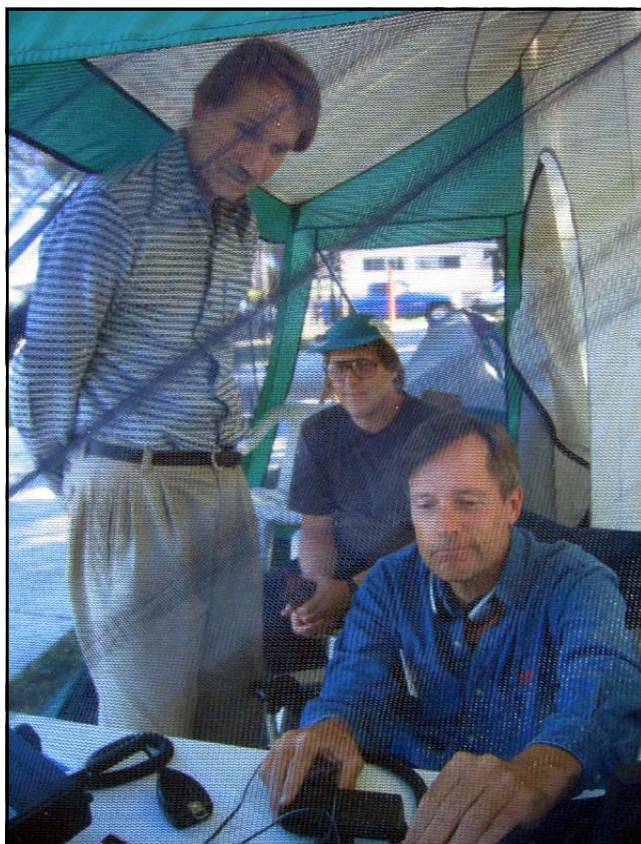
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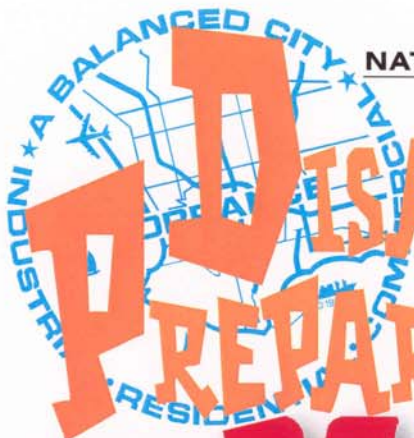


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Photos by Stuart Gorsky K9STU







**NATIONAL DISASTER PREPAREDNESS MONTH**

# DISASTER PREPAREDNESS EXPO

**SATURDAY**  
**10 AM - 2 PM**  
**September 29**

For more information please contact  
**Torrance Emergency Services**  
**310.618.5725**  
[www.torrcnet.com/disasterpreparedness](http://www.torrcnet.com/disasterpreparedness)

**Torrance**  
**Cultural Arts Center**  
**3330 Civic Center Drive**  
**Torrance, CA 90503**

## **GET THE THINGS YOU NEED!**

- Local vendors
- Disaster supplies

## **DISPLAYS!**

- Equipment
- Vehicles
- Supplies

## **TRAINING!**

- What you need to do & know



### **City of Torrance City Council**

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# W6TRW Club Members Support MBPD With DUI Checkpoint!

by Eric Hartman KF6VUW



**DUI Check Point**

It is Memorial Weekend and it is time to remember and thank our Veterans. We thank the men and women whom are currently serving our great nation and those that have gone on. There is something else that is being served up this Memorial weekend. It's in the form of a Driving Under the Influence (DUI) check point. The South Bay Regional DUI Task Force, also know as "Avoid the Twelve" for the twelve participating departments made up of local South Bay Police Departments, the California Highway Patrol & the Los Angeles County Sheriff Department. Funded from grants (translation: your tax dollars) from the State of California, Office of Traffic & Safety, there is a DUI check point from 2000 to 0400 in the morning.

It's always a very interesting night for the Northrop Grumman employee's whom make up a large contingency of the Manhattan Beach Traffic Volunteers and tonight's DUI check point will certainly be no different.

The DUI check point took place East bound Rosecrans just West of Aviation Boulevard, narrowing four lanes down to just two. After setting up our staging area for field sobriety checks and a place for the nurse to draw blood from suspected drivers under heated and lighted EZ-up tents, we are ready to begin.



**California Highway Patrol MOBAT**

A rather large California Highway Patrol MOBAT (Mobil Breath Analyzer Truck) that resembles a Recreational Vehicle that doesn't take you camping pulls up. Numerous tow trucks, hundreds of traffic cones and delineators are put in place that make up the check point, along with three lighted arrow signs, DUI check point signs. Numerous police cars & motorcycles are in place, as well as probably twenty-six sworn personnel and six community service officer's (CSO's) to help process paper work and transport arrestees. And eight traffic volunteers.



**Dinner is Served!**

We are served dinner at 2000 and with our stomach full from yummy Mexican soft taco dinner that we are always thankful for, we are ready to begin by 2100 hours. The volunteers are assigned to the duty of driving suspect drunk drivers cars from the line after officers have conducted and decided that a more thorough Field Sobriety Test (FST) is needed. The volunteers are used so that officer's aren't removed from their duties by having to stop and



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move a vehicle. This allows them to stay on the checkpoint looking for suspects. On this night some of the other MBPD traffic volunteers are assigned to the Drivers License checkpoint which is located just forward of the DUI checkpoint. Tonight's



## Mike Hamada KF6UCN Waiting to be Called

checkpoint is both a DUI and a driver's license checkpoint. It works like this: the motorist is told that they have entered a DUI checkpoint and asked by the officer if he or she has consumed any alcoholic or sometimes they just ask you where are coming from tonight. The person speaking or just sitting in the vehicle in most cases is all it takes for the officer to smell the Alcohol on the driver. Sometimes the motorist will just say that had been to dinner or a party some where and that they had a few alcoholic beverages. If the officer observes the person to be impaired via a simple eye movement test that the officers are trained to pre form, they maybe asked to submit to further field sobriety testing or they maybe determined that no further testing in necessary and be just told to drive safely and sent on their way after they can show a valid drivers license.

If they are unable to provide the valid drivers license they are directed by that officer over to the coned off two lane area to be met by a group of awaiting Police Officers whom will conduct a computer check on the motorist license stats. A MBPD volunteer points out the way to the motorist to this area so that no question should arise as to where the motorist is to enter the Drivers license checkpoint point.

At 0132 in the morning MBPD volunteer/NCG own, Mike Hamada (KF6UCN) was at the receiving end of a motorist that decided that he was not going to stop for any DUI check point and after blowing through the DUI portion of the checkpoint Mike found himself trying to direct the driver over to the drivers license area without much success. Mike kept shining his flash light at the motorist and attempted to direct him into the coned off area where more police officers are staged. The errant driver

made a quick turn and drove around Mike. The officers quickly jumped into the awaiting pursuit car and took off after him along with three or four motorcycle officers with blaring sirens in tow. The chase was on! The pursuit continued up Rosecrans and South on Aviation Blvd. then turned West bound on Marine Ave. before the errant driver pulled over and gave up to pursuing officers at Marine & Redondo Ave. That woke us all up!

The motorist was a bartender at one of the Hermosa Beach bars (Sharkeez) and was subsequently arrested for, I believe, numerous charges--including DUI. You can run from the Police but you can't run far.

Most people that enter the DUI/Drivers License checkpoint are very cooperative and supportive of the check point but some are not. More than a few times we had motorists enter the checkpoint too fast which raises big flags and upsets the Police. There we are, with no where to get out of the way, standing in the middle of the street with just a stupid traffic cone to hide behind. One motorist drove in at a high rate of speed and the officer's began to yell to slow down and when he finally came to a stuttering stop he was removed form the car. There he stood wobbling and weaving. He clearly was having difficulty standing and was subsequently arrested for DUI. As Homer Simpson would say, "Do-oh!" Driving into a DUI check point really fast isn't going to necessarily get you in/out of the check point any quicker. But if your goal is to get arrested quicker, you will be immediately served by several unhappy Police Officers!



## FOX 11 News Covered the Event in their 11:00 pm and 1:00 am Newscasts

I was standing on the passenger side of a Ford Explorer with an El Segundo Officer at the driver side window questioning the two young males about their evening. I shined my flashlight into the rear area of the vehicle through some very dark tinted windows and observed a scope rifle laying on the rear folded down seats. Yikes! When the

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conversation with the officer allowed I said to him very politely, "There is a rifle in back seat". I didn't know what to expect next. The Police Officer's reaction could have gone a bunch of different directions. The Officer simply, and very matter-of-factly, asked the driver why he had the rifle in the back seat and the young motorist explained that it was a BB rifle. The Officer just opened up the rear door, looked at the rifle and confirmed that it was just a BB gun and searched around the immediate area. Nothing else found, so no crime and the young men continued on their way.

Lesson learned? Probably not a great idea to drive around with a BB gun in the back seat of your car! You never know when you might get stopped by the police. Or have to drive through a DUI checkpoint!

Checkpoint Statistics:

Total cars passed through	1,514
Field Sobriety Tests	24
DUI Arrests	10
Warrant Arrests	1
Unlicensed Driver Citations	24
Driving with Suspended/Revoked License Citation	5

Vehicles Impounded:

Impound for 30 Days	12
Tow for DUI/Drugs/Warrant	8
Tow for Expired License	2

In addition, three people arrested had additional charges added at the jail:

Warrant	1
Driving with Suspended/Revoked License	1
Possession of Drugs	1

73,  
KF6VUW,  
Eric Hartman





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## Manhattan Beach Police Volunteers

Standing L to R: Mike Hamada KF6UCN, Wendell Young KE6ASC, Bob Briggs KD6WYQ, Carey Briggs KE6GPC, Stuart Gorsky K9STU

Sitting Down L to R: Dennis Santiago NB6I, Brad Lohr KR6DN

Not shown in picture: Ray Enriquez KD6IGI, Eric Hartman KF6VUW





# Field Day Is Here!

by W6TRW Club President Bob Briggs

## Field Day Is Here!

It is June and Field day is only 21 days away. I look forward to be at Field Day this year, in the past few years I have been out of town for work. I remember Field days in the past were we camped out for two days and enjoyed something different than our normal run of the mill days. All work problems were put on hold for the weekend and we worked hard at setting up the Field Day site getting everything working to peak performance, including the participants.

There were the long hours salving over hot radios trying to see how many contacts could be made and how skilled you could be at getting an elusive far away contact. The hours just seemed to evaporate, it helped to have a constant supply of food (snacks) to keep you going. Also the radio equipment available at Field Day is the best and makes the job a pleasure.

I remember many Field Days at the radios trying to get a station in a pileup and when you do, what a feeling. One night I was working 2 meters and looking for distance stations. I heard a station fading in and out which caught my interest, it seemed far away. Finally I got the contact which was in Pahrump, Nevada and seconds after the contact it faded out. I realized that there was a big pileup trying to get that station but I had been in the right place at the right time and was the only one that got it from the west coast, it was really great.

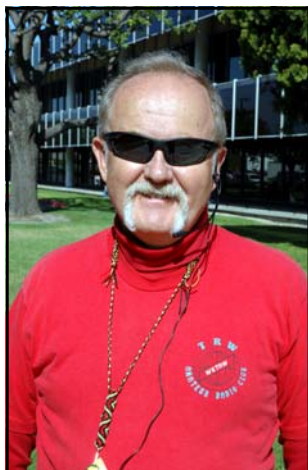
Another Field Day it was about 1:00 am and we were about to shut down the station for the night when I heard a call for help. A car had broken down on the road coming down from Idyllwild in the San Bernardino Mountains. He had been participating in Field Day and was on his way home when his car quit. I called the Auto Club and stayed on channel until the tow truck got to his location. It was a good feeling knowing I helped someone out of a jam. These are good memories of Field Day experiences that I will never forget.

Field Day is a great experience and I recommend it highly.

Bob Briggs

KD6WYQ

W6TRW Club President



# SPSC ARC Monthly Calendar of Events

Second Tuesday of each month	6:00 pm	<b>Club Meeting</b> Round Table Pizza, SE Corner Hawthorne/RB Blvds.
Third Tuesday of each month	12:00 noon	<b>Emergency Communications Team Meeting</b> R3 Emergency Operations Center
Third Monday of each month	5:30 pm	<b>Executive Board Meeting, E2/9043h</b> (All Club Members are invited)
Last Saturday of each month (Rain or Shine & Holidays)	7:00 am	<b>SPSC ARC W6TRW Swap Meet</b> Marine and Aviation (Southeast Corner)
<b>During the Swapmeet</b>	10:00 am	<b>VE Exam Sessions in Cafeteria</b>

## Weekly Events

Every Monday Night (Except the 1st & Holidays)	7:30 pm	<b>Disaster Communication Systems (DCS) Net</b> DCS Members: Check in on 2m Rptr
Every Wednesday	12:00 noon	<b>ECT Net</b> on 2 meter Repeater All Amateurs Welcome
Every Wednesday	12:00 noon	<b>NG Family Net</b> 14.270 MHz
Every Thursday	6:00 pm	<b>W6TRW Net</b> on 2m Repeater All Amateurs Welcome
Every Thursday	7:00 pm	<b>Space Hams Net</b> on 2 meter Repeater with N6SHI and W6EKK
Every Mon, Wed, Fri	2200Z	<b>W6TRW Retirees Net</b> 7185 KHz
Every Friday Morning Talk-in on 2 meters	7:00 am	<b>SPSC Amateur Radio Club Breakfast</b> Building S Cafeteria - Everyone is invited



# HAMCON - ARRL Southwestern Division Convention

Torrance, California, September 7, 9, and 9, 2007

## Welcome to HAMCON 2007

**HAMCON 2007**, is an all out Amateur Radio Convention that start on September 7, through the 9th, and will be one of the biggest Conventions in Southern California you don't want to miss.

A Convention is a place to meet with fellow Hams, plus curious want to be Hams. It is a good place to socialize and gain extra knowledge regarding Amateur Radio or just to have fun and relax with your friends.

**EXHIBITORS** - a variety of exhibitors with plenty of displays, some will be selling Amateur Radio gear. There will be plenty of lectures on different topics, including plenty of demonstrations.

**VE TESTING** - there will be VE testing for all classes of licenses, including Morse code testing if you so desire, and an outdoor swap-meet.

**W1AW** - there will be a W1AW Amateur radio communication room set up for the registered patrons at the Convention. If you would like to receive a Genuine Certificate of Accomplishment and Appreciation from the W1AW, you will need to use their call-sign (W1AW/6) when making all contacts from their station. Who knows, if conditions are right you may reach another Ham outside of the United States.

**BANQUET REGISTRATIONS** - for those people who already registered, make sure if you have not already done so, to let Chuck Williams - KN6DB know what your meals are going to be, so he can add it to the Banquet Registration list. Some people did not note on their banquet registration what they wanted to eat.

Any questions regarding your registration, please direct them to Chuck Williams - KN6DB at [kn6db@charter.net](mailto:kn6db@charter.net). Thank you in advance.

**CONVENTION LOCATION** - the Convention will be held at the Marriott Hotel, [3635 Fashion Way, Torrance, CA 90503-4809](#). The Special rate of \$109 per night double occupancy will be from September 5 through the 12th. This rate gives you a choice of one king size bed or two double beds, including parking. The Convention is from 7 Through the 9th, for more information, please click on: [Accommodations](#).

Please plan on joining us at the Torrance Marriott on September 7-8-9, 2007.





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*W6TRW 2-meter Repeater (Open Repeater)*

*145.320 (-600) PL 114.8 Hz*

*W6TRW 70cm Repeater (Open Repeater /  
Closed Autopatch)*

*447.000 (-5 MHz) PL 100 Hz*

*W6TRW 23cm (1.2ghz) (Open Repeater)*

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