

Like it or not it was a historic moment for Amateur Radio...

Well it finally happened, the FCC has dropped the Morse Code (CW) requirement for all classes of licenses. The VE test session that is held here at NGC braced for the surge of new/upgrades applicants. We had a few things to over come in February. Our normal test location – the S Cafeteria was being used by the Math Counts group for a regional contest. This event is held every February so we were prepared! Our alternate test location is the E2 Presentation room. We braced for the expected surge of new/upgrade applicants.

10 VE's gathered in the lobby of E2 as the applicants gathered outside. We broke up into teams to handle the session. One stage is to brief the applicants on their requirements.

Next is the in processing stage, then on to the testing area, then the grading. Last group is the final checking area then out the door.

We tested some 35 people that day. Our normal count is about 12-15 with 5 or 6 VE's.

Out of that number about 80% are Tech and the remainder is divided up between General and Extra (with CW when needed).

I was surprised to see that the number of applicants was about normal for the Tech License (12-15) and it was about the same (12-15) General tests and a larger than normal EXTRA applicants. I think that this month will be a good indicator of how many upgrades will take place more so than February.

How do I feel about the dropping of the CW requirement? Well first of all VE's are bound to test according to the FCC. Our test group is organized under the ARRL and we test according to those two standards.

Over the years that I have been testing their have been many changes so what is one more? Right.... There have been so many changes, some I think were good and some I think were not so good.

Good: the Tech and the Tech no code classes,

so so: good bye novice class

Not so good: elimination of the Advance class. Just to name a few.

My general opinion of this hobby of ours is that:

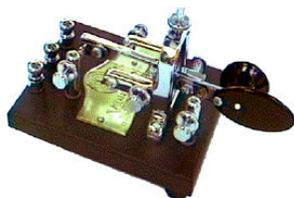
This is a hobby and to advance in this hobby you should obtain skills.

If you do not want to advance that is OK also. There is something in this hobby for everyone at all skill levels.

Well that is enough for now. I hope to be able to continue with an article or two every now and again.

73's

Bryan DeAro KN6OW



Congratulations to Wendy Khoo



Congratulations to club member Wendy C. Khoo on her new Vanity Callsign. She is now licensed as W6NDY. Say hello to Wendy when you hear her on the air.

This Week in the Shack...

Januarys strong winds caused the beam-mast to slip inside the rotator so the north-pointing beams wound up pointing south! I was afraid that an additional wind would damage the cable wrap causing a major headache. Weekend before last, we put together a work party with a contract climber to pin the mast to the rotator with a 1/4" bolt. It was successful.

Shack Master

Peter Livingston, WC3RI



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Special points of interest:

- Swapmeet — Saturday March 31st, 7:30 to 11:30 AM
- Club Meeting — Tuesday, March. 13 Round Table Pizza 6:00 PM— Dennis Santaigo, Field Day 2007
- Photos - Submit your favorite Ham Radio Related photos for all to see

SPSC ARC Monthly Calendar of Events

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

Weekly Events

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

Field Day 2007 is coming Soon!

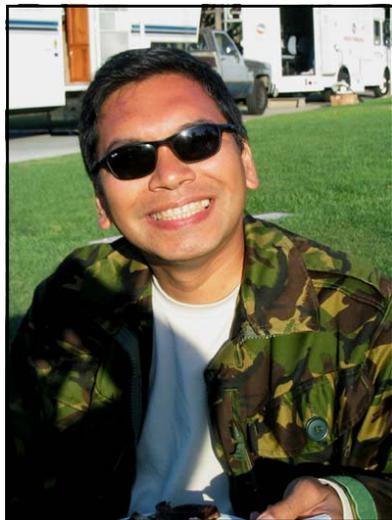
Field Day is coming! Our annual June outing at Polliwog Park approaches. This year is going to be a lot of fun. We'll be focusing on assembling solid stations to take advantage of our club's operator strengths. We will of course set up our traditional powerbase of SSB stations and I'm hoping for a least three of them if we can put together enough operating teams to run the full 24 hours. This year we will emphasize taking better advantage of multi-mode digital stations (PSK31, RTTY and computer assisted CW) and will dedicate our more powerful 20m and 40m beam antennas to these modes do we be the dominant signal on the West Coast. These are the antennae that we've reserved for CW but just don't have the operators to run competitively anymore. So we'll join the FCC and emphasize next generation digital for Field Day 2007. I'll be reaching out to find operator teams that can work to assemble and test radio stations particularly digital stations capable of operating well even with nearby SSB stations on the same bands. If we do a little homework to get the bugs out prior to Field Day I'm pretty sure we'll be wearing some nice grins at the end of the weekend.

W6TRW has always been at the forefront of demonstrating ham technology and this year should be no exception to our tradition of operating VHF, Satellite, Solar and Non-Traditional modes and demonstrating them to visiting hams and the public. I'm also looking forward to another great set-up party on Field Day Friday. This really is a fun part of the weekend for me just to see that impressive antenna farm rise into the air and the neighborhood come around asking questions to learn about what we're up to.

Field Day 2007 is June 22 thru the 24th so please start clearing your calendars now. It'll make it easier to getaway when the time comes.

Regards to All,

Dennis Santiago, NB6I



Commissioners Report

As Commissioner, I attend the Space Park Site Council monthly commissioner meeting and let other clubs know what activities the Amateur Radio Association is doing. For example, the last Saturday of every month is the Amateur Radio Association W6TRW Swap Meet.

Please check the SPSC NGConnection magazine for other club activities and special discounts to many events and for other fun things to do.

I would like to thank Stuart Gorsky for being the CrossTalk Editor and everyone else for supplying news articles.

HELPING OUT THE CLUB

We can all help out the W6TRW club in the following ways:

Get in touch with Wendy Crawford KQ6CG and volunteer to work the world famous W6TRW Swap Meet on the last Saturday of every month.

Buy a sellers space at the swap meet and sell or trade your unwanted electronics. Spaces are \$15.00 each.

Attend the swap meet and buy what you need to support the Amateur Radio Association and various vendors.

Please remind your family and friends the swap meet is always the last Saturday of the month, come rain or shine.

Mike Hamada KF6UCN



W6TRW 447 Repeater Looking for New Home

If you are a regular user of the W6TRW 447.000 MHz repeater, you may have wondered why the coverage is not nearly as wide as it used to be.

This repeater and its antenna had been housed for years at a residence on the top of the Palos Verdes Peninsula. Unfortunately the owner of the house decided to sell so we had to move the repeater to a much lower location in Space Park. We are in the process of finding a new home for it, preferably somewhere on the Palos Verdes peninsula.

The club has second repeater on the same frequency that is also located in Space Park. This repeater is putting out only 5 watts of power and is used for very local use, such as during the swap meet, or for emergency exercises. During times of usage the main "open" repeater is shut down.

Torrance Western Museum of Flight

SNEAK PREVIEW

FREE ADMISSION ONE DAY ONLY!

SUNDAY, MARCH 25!

★ See over a dozen warbirds **FREE** ★

AD Skyraider
They battled the Luftwaffe in furious dogfights over the skies of Europe. They dive-bombed into blazing anti-aircraft fire over the Pacific. Now here's your chance to see the warbirds that fought for freedom.

P-28 Trojan

CJ-6A Nanchang
The Western Museum of Flight invites you to come see the planes, meet the pilots and learn what it's like to fly these classic and vintage warbirds at the special PREVIEW event. It's absolutely FREE including light refreshments provided by Torrance Flite Park.

PT-22 Recruit

An-2 Colt

Stearman

P-51 Mustang

Fokker S.11

Travelair

J3 Cub

Where: The Western Museum of Flight
New Location
3315 Airport Drive
Red Baron Hangar #3
Zamperini Field
Torrance, CA 90505

When: Sunday, March 25, 2007

Time: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Music: Donated by the Rusty Steel Band

FREE PARKING Torrance Flite Park next to the Museum General Aviation Center (a short stroll away) Robinson Helicopter parking lots

F-86 Sabre

AT-6 Texan

W6TRW 1.2 GHz Repeater is back on the Air...

I finally was able to get the 23cm repeater working again..... had trouble reprogramming the new transmitter frequency... but after a couple of hours, it finally worked.....

But don't get too used to things just yet. When I got everything all buttoned up and turned back on, I noticed another repeater on our coordinated frequency that is on Mt. Wilson.....

I sent our repeater coordinator an email explaining the problem, and hopefully everything will get worked out.

For now, try it out:

Receive: 1282.800

Transmit 1270.800

Offset=12.0 mhz

PL 136.5 hz

73, Duane N6DSP



Submit your favorite Ham Radio related photos for all to see!

Submit your photos to stuart@gorsky.com



Club members Stuart Gorsky and Mike Hamada along with Gordon West WB6NOA.



Club Member Greg Shreve KE6YEX during Field Day 2006



Mike Hamada KF6UCN, Connie Warner WA6JLD and Jason Fujino KD6ELS on NGST Open House 2006



Barry Colston - KG6NWJ helps Bianca Khoo makes her first Ham Radio Contact ever during Field Day 2006



Jim Harrison K6OUE takes some down time from contesting to be with his kids...



Mike Hamada, KF6UCN competes in a Manhattan Beach Pro Bike Race 2006...



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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)

1283.000 (-12mhz) PL 136.5 hz

W6TRW-3 Packet Radio Internet Gateway and BBS (1200 Baud Port)

146.745 (-600)

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