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June 13<sup>th</sup> Meeting Program — History and Preparations for

# FIELD DAY 2002

Coming Up On The Weekend of June 21 - 23

by Ken Larson KJ6RZ  
*"Extra" President*

by Greg Lane K7SDW  
*Operations Director*



Plans are well under way for our club's participation in the annual amateur radio Field Day weekend. Field Day activities will begin Friday afternoon June 21 and end at noon on Sunday June 23.

Our Operations Director, Greg Lane K7SDW, has arranged for us to hold Field Day at Byrd Hill in Newbury Park. This will be our third year at this excellent site.

**Directions** [[see Map](#)]. To get to Byrd Hill, take the Ventura Freeway (Highway 101) to the Ventu Park Road exit. Go south (toward the coastal mountains) on Ventu Park to Lynn Road. Turn right on Lynn Road (west) to La Cam Road. You will pass East Kelly Rd. and Mapleleaf Ave. before getting to La Cam. If you pass Whitegate Rd, you have gone too far. Going west on Lynn Road from Ventu Park, turn left on La Cam Road. It is a small road that may not be marked well. As you go up La Cam, you will come to stone pillars with a metal gate. The gate will be open for Field Day. Go through the gate and up the hill. The road is paved all the way and rather steep. At the top of the hill the road ends and there are several dirt pads for future home sites. There will be house trailers on some of the pads. However, there are three unused pads, two on the right and one up the hill to the left, which Mr. Byrd has allowed us to use for Field Day.

Byrd Hill is a beautiful place for Field Day. Byrd Hill overlooks all of Conejo Valley to the north, Hidden Valley to the south, and you can see the Pacific Ocean and off shore islands to the west. The sunsets over the ocean are great from up there as are the lights of Thousand Oaks at night. Sometimes in the early morning, around sunrise, Conejo Valley is covered in fog while it is crystal clear up on top of Byrd Hill. If that occurs, the view is awesome, a bright blue sky, Conejo Valley down below a sea of white clouds, and the mountain tops to the north and the west protruding through the clouds like islands in an ocean.

We will begin setting up antennas, tents and equipment, including the CVARC Comm Van and Trailer, Friday afternoon and continuing into Friday evening. SSB, CW, and digital stations will be set up on 80, 40, 20, 15, and 10 meters. We will also have stations set up on 6 and 2 meters. A few people may stay on the hill Friday night, although most will return home for a good night's sleep. The Field Day contest actually begins at 11AM Saturday and runs for 24 hours until 11AM Sunday. During that time we will work as many other Field Day sites around the country and in various parts of the world as is possible. Many of our stations will work all 50 states, and often Australia, New Zealand, Japan, and perhaps Europe.

On Saturday evening we will have a catered BBQ Chicken and Tri-tip dinner, which is great. You need to sign up for dinner with our Social Director, Jonathan Becker KC6QOQ, beforehand so that Jonathan knows how many dinners to

Just in case you don't attend the June CVARC meeting, here are a few items about the upcoming Field Day event on June 22 and 23. Come out and have fun with us again!

The Field Day rules are published in the May issue of QST and are available at the [www.arrl.org](http://www.arrl.org) web site. The CVARC members and any other hams wishing to participate in our Field Day activity need this basic information.

If you participate at a field day site as an operator, then do not contact that FD station, for score, on your way up or on your return home. Each FD site is required to list those participating at the FD site. Your contact with a site at which you participate is not counted in the point score. Calling the FD site to coordinate with the FD Operations Chairman, to find directions to the site, or other information that is not related to the FD exchange format is permitted.

The Field Day Operations Chairman helps obtain and direct the "band captains" in establishing the layout of the stations being set up for the event. The need for participants in the set up and tear down is very important for the safety of each of us. Therefore, if you are going to participate in a band that will require the raising of an antenna mast and the securing of that mast with rope and ground stakes, please be there, if you can, for not only your band set up, but for the others as well. We all try to help one another and learn in the process what to avoid for the next year.

Be sure to let the band captain know what hours you will be able to operate. If you want to operate on more than one band, prepare your schedule with each of the band captains so that they can expect you.

Be sure the right equipment is available and checked out before the event. The membership operates all rigs at 5 watts or less. This is true for all modes of operation.

The CVARC log sheet is to assist the operator in the recording of the station contacted (call sign) to the **dupe sheet**. The dupe sheet is the official entry for each station that is sent to the ARRL along with the summary sheet and other required reports.

When helping with the log or dupe sheet, be sure the call sign is printed clearly on the dupe sheet where it belongs. It should be clearly entered in the log sheet so that if someone else takes over the function of transferring the call signs to the dupe sheet they will

order. The cost for dinner is \$11.50 per person. Our CVARC general meeting on Thursday June 13 is a good time to sign up with Jonathan. Our general meeting is also a good time for any of you who want to be operators during Field Day to sign up with Greg K7SDW, if you have not already done so. Greg will be coordinating the Field Day operation activities and has provided an overview of the Field Day operation procedures in this newsletter to help get everyone up to speed.

Visitors are encouraged to come up to the CVARC Field Day site and join in on the activities. We had a number of visitors last year who had great fun talking over our radios with people from around the country. Some had so much fun on Saturday evening, that they were back first thing on Sunday morning to continue in the fun.

So if you have not already done so, mark the weekend of June 21 on your calendar and come on up to Byrd Hill and join in the CVARC Field Day Activities.

73 Ken, KJ6RZ

be able to read it.

The bands we operate are to allow you and your helpers to tune up your listening and reporting skills. It is hard enough to stay awake for 18 hours, let alone 24, so having enough operators for "shift" changes really helps out.

A typical exchange for Field Day (FD) is as follows: CQ FD de AA6CV AA6CV AA6CV K

The above is typical for all modes. Keep it short when calling CQ and listen a lot and attempt to give another station a call when you can hear him, especially if he is answering stations in the same "call district."

I will go over this again at the club meeting and answer any questions. I hope you can attend, as I hope to show one or two short videos about FD that will give you an appreciation of the effort and pleasure in this annual event.

See you at the CVARC meeting June 13<sup>th</sup>.  
73 de Greg K7SDW



The Conejo Valley Amateur Radio Club is an ARRL-affiliated **Special Service Club**. Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month, unless otherwise noted. Meeting location is at the Elks Lodge, 158 Conejo School Rd., Thousand Oaks, CA. Meetings start at **7:30 P.M.** with a pre-meeting social hour and technical assistance session at 6:30, for those who are interested. Meetings are open to the public, and members are encouraged to bring their friends.

## EXTRA EXTRA, READ ALL ABOUT IT !

Congratulations to our President, Ken Larson KJ6RZ. Late word is that Ken passed the **Amateur Extra** license exam last weekend. Our warmest congratulations, Ken.



*Too Late For The Print Edition*

### RESULTS OF THE CVARC VE SESSION HELD ON SUNDAY, JUNE 9, 2002 From Jeff Reinhardt AA6JR, CVARC VE Coordinator

NAME	CALL	Original Class	New Class
Tyler De Groot	-	-	Technician
Christine Hill	-	-	Technician
Herbert Hirsch	WB6EYX	General	Extra
Kenneth Larson	KJ6RZ	Advanced	Extra
Robin Lyu	-	-	Technician
Eric Oberg	KE6MLF	Technician	General
Alexander Park	-	-	Technician
Janice Sharp	KB3ERR	Novice	Tech (Plus HF)
Mark Thompson	KF6WTM	General	Extra

Thanks to VE's Greg Lane K7SDW, Rob Hanson W6RH, and Rick Leyton WB6WFH for making the session possible.

## THE LOILERS RETIRE

**ROGER LOILER, N6WNE**, one of the longest term members of CVARC and the Editor/Publisher of the CVARC Newsletter and website, has informed the club that he is to retire with his wife, Sandy, to a bayside community west of here. We all wish them well.

At this point I have been appointed to again carry on the duties of the Editor/Publisher until the membership can elect a replacement. Please send all input to me at

[CVARCnews@earthlink.net](mailto:CVARCnews@earthlink.net)

73 de Mike Pershing KD6IJF

## For Sale

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## 2002 CVARC Officers



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### CRUZIN' THE CONEJO

This year's Cruzin' The Conejo bike tour went very well last month, with a total of 880 bicyclists riding in the event.

Mike Bass (N7WLC), a member of both CVARC and the Conejo Valley Cyclists (CVC), thanks all the hams that participated in the communications effort for the hard work put in by all. The sponsors, CVC and the Boy Scouts Troop 753, are fully appreciative.

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### Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service

Ventura County Area 2 R.A.C.E.S. members are encouraged to check in every Tuesday. Members should check in with the RACES number listed on the ID badge.

Specific times and frequencies are as follows:

7:00 PM - 7:30 PM VOICE	147.885- pl 127.3 N6JMI AREA 2
(Secondary backup freq)	147.555 no pl Simplex AREA 2
(Backup repeater)	146.850- pl 94.8 K6AER AREA 2
6:45 PM - 7:00 PM VOICE	52.98- pl 82.5 K6SMR 6 METER
before - 6:30 PM PACKET	145.03 - VCROC early checkin
7:30 PM - 8:00 PM VOICE	146.88- pl 127.3 WA6ZTT COUNTY
7:30 PM - 8:00 PM VOICE	224.02- pl 127.3 WB6ZTR COUNTY
(county RACES simplex)	147.57 no pl Simplex COUNTY
7:00 PM - 7:30 PM VOICE	147.93- pl 127.3 WB6WEY AREA 1
7:00 PM - 7:30 PM VOICE	147.15+ pl 127.3 WB6ZTQ AREA 3
7:00 PM - 7:30 PM VOICE	146.97- pl 127.3 WB6YQN AREA 4
7:00 PM - 7:30 PM VOICE	145.40- no pl N6FL AREA 5
7:00 PM - 7:30 PM VOICE	147.975- pl 127.3 N6AHI AREA 6
7:00 PM - 7:30 PM VOICE	146.985- pl 127.3 WB6ZTX AREA 7
7:00 PM - 7:30 PM VOICE	145.28- pl 100 WB2WIK AREA 8

The Emergency Coordinator's script for the weekly RACES check-in net for Area 2 is on the CVARC web site, in printable form. Each member may wish to print out a copy and be AEC as good practice for the real thing.

RACES members should remember that the RACES card is issued for only two years at a time. When yours is due to expire, you should call Jackie for an appointment to renew your card at the Office of Emergency Services in Ventura. The phone number is (805)654-2551. From east county, to avoid toll charges dial (800)660-5474 first.

For packet, call Dan Dirke KE6NYT (805)983-1401.

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