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CVARC NEWSLETTER
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General Meeting October 10th 7:30pm	<p>Don't forget the club meeting Thursday.</p> <p>Reynold Johnson W6DFD has a great video on old-time ham radio, done by a British broadcaster.</p> <p>Additional nominations will be taken for November's election of club officers. There still are no candidates nominated for the offices of Vice President and Social Coordinator.</p>
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COMING EVENTS

When, in the course of coming events, it becomes necessary er, well, we've had a bit of a dearth of appropriate articles for the CVARC newsletter this month, but we don't have to go that far. Here are events and contests notes.

YLRL Anniversary Party

CW — Oct 9-10
SSB — Oct 16-17

See Oct QST, p.89-90.

WESTERN STATES WEAK SIGNAL SOC.

VHF / UHF & Microwave Conference

Oct 11-13, Cerritos. See Oct QST p.86.

JAMBOREE ON THE AIR (JOTA)

Saturday & Sunday, October 19-20. The annual scouting ham radio event.

QRP ARCI Fall QSO Party.

CW — Oct 19-20

See Oct QST p.90.

CQ World Wide DX Contest.

SSB — Oct 25-27

CW — Nov 22-24

See Oct QST p.90.

ARRL Int'l EME Contest — Oct 25-27

See Sep QST p.103.

10-10 Int'l CW / Digital Contest — Oct 25-27

See Aug QST p.109.

TRW Swap Meet — is baaaack — Oct 26

ARRL November Sweepstakes.

CW — Nov 2-3

Phone — Nov 16-17

See Oct QST p.100.

CVARC Holiday Party — Sat. Dec 7

Reserve this on your calendar.



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.



Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service

Ventura County Area 2 RACES 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

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7:00 PM - 7:30 PM VOICE 145.28- pl 100 WB2WIK AREA 8

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[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 Dicke KE6NYT (805)983-1401.

To register for Red Cross Disaster Services Classes, call (805)339-2234 ext. 0
Ventura County ARES/RACES web site: <http://home1.gte.net/res19999/>

CALL FOR PAPERS

Newsletter articles are normally due by the first of the month, certainly no later than the first Thursday of the month in order to have a newsletter in your mailbox before the meeting. Any later, and the editor / publisher will lose his marbles. If no one submits any appropriate articles then we won't have a newsletter. Thanks.

Please send to CVARCnews@earthlink.net

73 de KD6IJF Mike

DONATIONS

CVARC wishes to recognize and thank all benefactors contributing toward the voluntary activities of the club. Thanks especially for two generous donations recently, from Conejo Valley Cyclists and Northrup Grumman Corporation.

DIGITAL CLOCK submitted by Paul Blumstein KD6LAA

After years of painstaking effort, computer science graduate students at CalTech have finally finished their Internet-based digital clock. They plan to submit their work to the Nobel Prize committee for consideration.

You can view their work at this address:

<http://yugop.com/ver3/stuff/03/fla.html>

1000 MARBLES

submitted by Bill Buchanan KF6TE

The older I get, the more I enjoy Saturday mornings. Perhaps it's the quiet solitude that comes with being the first to rise, or maybe it's the unbounded joy of not having to be at work. Either way, the first few hours of a Saturday morning are most enjoyable.

A few weeks ago, I was shuffling toward the basement ham-shack with a steaming cup of coffee in one hand and the morning paper in the other.

What began as a typical Saturday morning turned into one of those lessons that life seems to hand you from time to time. Let me tell you about it.

I turned the dial up into the phone portion of the band on my ham radio in order to listen to a Saturday morning swap net. Along the way, I came across an older sounding chap, with a tremendous signal and a golden voice.

You know the kind; he sounded like he should be in the broadcasting business.

He was telling whomever he was talking with something about "a thousand marbles." I was intrigued and stopped to listen to what he had to say.

"Well, Tom, it sure sounds like you're busy with your job. I'm sure they pay you well but it's a shame you have to be away from home and your family so much. Hard to believe a young fellow should have to work sixty or seventy hours a week to make ends meet. Too bad you missed your daughter's dance recital," he continued. "Let me tell you something that has helped me keep a good perspective on my own priorities."

And that's when he began to explain his theory of "a thousand marbles."

"You see, I sat down one day and did a little arithmetic. The average person lives about seventy-five years. I know, some live more and some live less, but on average, folks live about seventy-five years."

"Now then, I multiplied 75 times 52 and I came up with 3900, which is the number of Saturdays that the average person has in their entire lifetime."

"Now, stick with me, Tom, I'm getting to the important part. It took me until I was fifty-five years old to think about all this in any detail," he went on, "and by that time I had lived through over twenty-eight hundred Saturdays. I got to thinking that if I lived to be seventy-five, I only had about a thousand of them left to enjoy. So I went to a toy store and bought every single marble they had. I ended up having to visit three toy stores to round up 1000 marbles. I took them home and put them inside a large, clear plastic container right here in the shack next to my gear."

"Every Saturday since then, I have taken one marble out and thrown it away. I found that by watching the marbles diminish, I focus more on the really important things in life. There is nothing like watching your time here on this earth run out to help get your priorities straight."

"Now let me tell you one last thing before I sign-off with you and take my lovely wife out for breakfast. This morning, I took the very last marble out of the container. I figure that if I make it until next Saturday then I have been given a little extra time. And the one thing we can all use is a little more time."

"It was nice to meet you Tom, I hope you spend more time with your family, and I hope to meet you again here on the band. This is a 75 Year old Man, K9NZQ, clear and going QRT, good morning!" You could have heard a pin drop on the band when this fellow signed off.

I guess he gave us all a lot to think about. I had planned to work on the antenna that morning, and then I was going to meet up with a few hams to work on the next club newsletter. Instead, I went upstairs and woke my wife up with a kiss. "C'mon honey, I'm taking you and the kids to breakfast."

"What brought this on?" she asked with a smile.

"Oh, nothing special, it's just been a long time since we spent a Saturday together with the kids. And hey, can we stop at a toy store while we're out?"

"I need to buy some marbles..."



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