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CVARC

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President's Message – Looking Back, Looking Forward

By Steve Champion, AE6NX

Once again it is the time of year that, traditionally, we look back over the previous year and look forward to the next. This month marks the end of my two-year stint as President of CVARC, so I have been thinking about the last *two* years, and not just one.

One of the things that I'm very pleased about, is that we have experimented with some new ideas over the last couple of years. Some of them worked out better than others, but I don't think that the less successful ones necessarily lacked merit. Often, the amount of effort that we are able to put into projects has a lot to do with timing and what other work or family commitments that we all happen to have.

As a club, we continued to be successful with some traditional projects: Karl's License Test Preparation Classes. VE sessions. Field Day. ARES/RACES involvement. The raffle. Among the more successful *new* things we did as a club: Construction Projects (J-Poles and APRS). The Christmas Auction. The Yahoo Group. The German Language Group. New speakers at club meetings. A new venue.

In the category of "Needs More Work" I would place the CVARC library. I believe that a technical library can be a good stimulus to discussion and activity among members, especially newcomers to the hobby. The availability of storage space at the new meeting venue has made it possible for the Library to make a more consistent appearance at club meetings, but I have not been able to spend as much time on this project as I would like. Because of this, I am very pleased that Tom, W0UFC, has volunteered to take on the task of running the library next year.

In the same category, the "Skills & Interests Survey" in early 2005 yielded some interesting

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No CVARC Meeting on the 3rd Thursday in December (regular club meetings resume January 18th)

Just a reminder for everyone that we have our annual holiday party early in December and this year is no exception. There is another article in the newsletter this year covering the party, so I'll only say it is on the 2nd of December and leave it at that. We will not be meeting at the East Valley Sheriff's Station this month, but will be back at it next year on the 18th of January. I look forward to seeing you there!

Neil Waybright, KG6QEL

Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service

Ventura County Area 2 ARES/RACES members are encouraged to check in every Tuesday night at 7:00 pm on the Area 2 Check-in Net. Specific ARES/RACES times and frequencies are as follows:

Area	Time	Mode	Frequency	Pl	Repeater
County	7:30 - 8:00 pm	Voice	146.880 -	127.3	WA6ZTT
County	7:30 - 8:00 pm	Voice	224.020 -	127.3	WB6ZTR
County	Before 6:30 pm	Packet	145.710	No pl	Hospital Net
County	RACES Simplex	Voice	147.570	No pl	
Area 1	7:00 - 7:30 pm	Voice	147.930 -	127.3	WB6WEY
Area 2	**7:00 - 7:30 pm**	**Voice**	**146.850 -**	**94.8**	**Grissom K6AER**
Area 2	**Simplex**	**Voice**	**147.555**	**No pl**	
Area 2	**Backup Repeater**	**Voice**	**147.885 -**	**127.3**	**Bozo - N6JMI**
Ares 2	220 Repeater	Voice,	224.700 -	156.7	K6HB
Area 2	**Amgen Repeater**	**Voice**	**449.440 -**	**131.8**	**KE6SWS**
Area 3	7:15 - 7:30 pm	Voice	147.915 -	127.3	WB6ZTQ
Area 4	7:15 - 7:30 pm	Voice	146.970 -	127.3	WB6YQN
Area 5	7:00 - 7:30 pm	Voice	145.400 -	No pl	N6FL
Area 6	7:00 - 7:30 pm	Voice	147.765 -	127.3	no call
Area 7	7:00 - 7:30 pm	Voice	146.985 -	127.3	WB6ZTX
Area 8	7:00 - 7:30 pm	Voice	146.535	Simplex	KN6OK
6 Meter	6:45 - 7:00 pm	Voice	52.980 -	82.5	K6SMR

Net Control operations for the weekly ARES/RACES Area 2 check-in net is run from the ARES/RACE communications center at the East County Sheriff Station on Olsen Rd each Tuesday at 7:00 pm. Visitors are welcomed and have the opportunity to operate the station equipment. Contact Jerry Goldman KC6JSO (805) 241-9187 if you plan to attend. RACES members should remember that their RACES card is issued for only two years. When your card is due to expire simply call Jackie (805) 654-2551 at the Office of Emergency Services in Ventura to renew your card. For questions concerning ARES/RACES call Area 2 Emergency Coordinator Ken Larson KJ6RZ (805) 495-9435 or go to the ARES/RACES section of the CVARC web site at http://www.cvarc.org.

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The Conejo Valley Amateur Radio Club is an ARRL affiliated Special Service Club. Meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month, unless otherwise noted. Meeting location is at the East Valley Sheriff Station, 2101 E. Olsen Road, Thousand Oaks. Meetings start at 7:30 pm. with a pre-meeting social and technical assistance session from 7:00 to 7:30 pm. Meetings are open to the public, and members are encouraged to bring their friends.

2006 EVENT CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT	COMMENTS
Jan 12	CVARC Club Meeting	General CVARC Club Meeting
Feb 9	CVARC Club Meeting	General CVARC Club Meeting
Feb 12	FCC License Exam	Begins 8:30 am at East County Sheriff's Station
Feb 14	Introductory New Ham Class	Technician Class @ LDS, contact ke6wvz@aol.com
Mar 9	CVARC Club Meeting	General CVARC Club Meeting
Mar 12	CLU CROP Walk	Annual CVARC/ARES T.O. Charity Walk
Apr 2	Westlake Street Fair	Radio support for Westlake Rotary Club (morning)
Apr 20	CVARC Club Meeting	General CVARC Club Meeting
Apr 22	Arbor Day	CVARC/ARES radio demo at N. Conejo Creek Park
June 13	Cruisin' The Conejo Bike Ride	This is a major yearly CVARC field activity
June 18	CVARC Club Meeting	General CVARC Club Meeting
Jun ??	Orienteering	Amateur Radio Direction Finding Competition
Jun 15	CVARC Club Meeting	General CVARC Club Meeting
Jun 11	FCC License Exam	Begins 8:30 am at East County Sheriff's Station
Jun 24 - 25	Field Day	CVARC annual field day event, don't miss it!
Jul 3	Moorpark Fireworks	Comm support for Moorpark's 3rd of July Fireworks
Jul 20	CVARC Club Meeting	Visitors welcome. See web site for speaker
Aug 8	Technician Class Begins	3rd Technician License Class of year begins
Aug 13	Santa Barbara Hamfest	8:30 am—1:30 pm at 150 N. Kellog Ave, Goleta
Aug 13	FCC License Exam	Begins 8:30 am at East County Sheriff's Station
Aug 17	CVARC Club Meeting	Visitors welcome. See web site for speaker
Sep 17	CVARC Summer Picnic	Picnic at Conejo Valley Community Park in T.O.
Sep 21	CVARC Club Meeting	Visitors welcome. See web site for speaker
Sep 22-24	ARRL SW Division Convention	at the Marriot Mission Valley in San Diego
Sep 26	Technician Class Ends	Class completes with two weeks to FCC exam
Oct 8	FCC License Exam	Begins 8:30 am at East County Sheriff's Station
Oct 10	Technician Class Begins	4th Technician License Class of year begins
Oct 19	CVARC Club Meeting	Visitors welcome. See web site for speaker
Nov 16	**CVARC Club Meeting**	**Visitors welcome. See web site for speaker**
Nov 28	**Technician Class Ends**	**Class completes with two weeks to prepare for FCC license exam**
Dec 2	CVARC Christmas Party	Club Christmas party at the Cameron Center
Dec 10	FCC License Exam	Begins 8:30 am at East County Sheriff's Station

Next FCC License Examinations On December 10th

CVARC hosts FCC License Examinations at 8:30 AM on the second Sunday of even numbered months at the Ventura East County Sheriff Station on Olsen Rd. (near the Reagan Library). The next exams will be held on Sunday morning December 10th. CVARC conducts exams for all license classes. Exam candidates must bring a form of government issued photo I.D., the original AND a photocopy of any existing license or Certificate of Exam Element Completion, a Social Security (or government issued Taxpayer I.D.) number, and $14 ARRL VE Exam fee (cash is preferred). No advance reservation is necessary, walk-ins are welcome. Advance notice is needed for special circumstances, such as reading the exam to sight-impaired candidates. If you have any questions, contact CVARC VE Coordinator Jeff Reinhardt at 818-706-3853.

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data on members' interests, but we did not subsequently do very much with it. I'm still of the opinion that it is good for the Board of Directors to have a good measure of the interests of *all* of the members, so I may dust off the questionnaire again in the coming year. If nothing else, it would be nice to rate past club meeting presentations so that we know what sort of speakers to invite in future.

It is tempting to forget *entirely* the less successful projects. The Young Ham Sessions attracted little interest. A weekly CVARC net on the local repeater had few participants. Similarly, a CW practice net had few takers. The "For Sale and Wanted" section on the Yahoo Group spluttered and died. The "Every Member on the Air" program did not really take off. The "Worked all CVARC" award remained unclaimed. I'm expecting that, for every one of these, someone will take me aside and say "did you *have* to mention that in the newsletter". I see things a bit differently though. To me it is a very good sign that, as a club, we are willing to risk trying new things. It is not always obvious when something will be a hit. A good example for me was the 2005 Holiday Auction, which was originally envisioned as a minor diversion but turned out to be a major part of the party fun, as well as being very successful as a fundraiser.

So, looking forward, I do hope that we will continue to be open to trying new ideas. Already there is talk about more joint activities with other local clubs. A camping trip has been suggested. Several people have said that they'd like to see more social activities. And although I will not be club President, I do plan to be an active member. So I'd like to take this opportunity to say "thank you" to everybody who has been so supportive of the job of President over the last couple of years. And I'd like to wish you and your families a happy and prosperous coming year.

73 de AE6NX

Steve Champion

New CVARC Board for 2007

At the November club meeting we conducted elections for the Board of Directors of the Conejo Valley Amateur Radio Club (CVARC). Several seats had to be filled since our vice president Greg Lane would not be able to serve in the new year and our club president Steve Champion has served for two full 1 year terms and the by-laws of the club do not allow him to serve another consecutive year. Several other board members wanted to flex other skills and try other positions, meaning we had a slate where a large fraction of the board members wouldn't be staying in the same positions, even if re-elected to the board. This is healthy and good for the club. Turn-over is part of staying fresh and helps us all avoid burn-out.

The board you elected for 2007 is:
President: Neil Waybright, KG6QEL
Vice President: Rob Hansen W6RH
Secretary: Ben Champion, AE6NY
Treasurer: Roy Deschene, KE6UMW
Editor/Publisher: Steve Champion, AE6NX
Operations: Ken Larson, KJ6RZ
Education:Karl Moody, AE6TO
Public Relations: Jeff Reinhardt, AA6JR
Technical: Hugh Bosma, AE6YC
Social: Dave Davis, KG6WRG
Member-at-Large (1): Johnathan Fox, KT6LA
Member-at-Large (2): Rick Barrett, KE6DKF
Member-at-Large (3): Mary Ho, KI6COG

Neil Waybright, KG6QEL

Christmas Party Raffle Prizes

We have great prizes this year.

Grand Prize: Alinco DX-70 HF/6m Transceiver with an Alinco DM-330MVT Power Supply

Second Prize: Alinco DR-635T 144/440 MHz Mobile Transceiver

Red Ticket Raffle: Alinco DJV-17 144MHz 5W 2m Handheld Transceiver

Don't forget the auction that will take place at the same meeting. Last year's event was a blast.

Neil Waybright, KG6QEL

Computers, Ham Radio, Hobbies and Sharing Our Skills

By Neil Waybright, KG6QEL

I was talking to a new ham at work and was discussing various schools of thought on what makes the best "first" radio for a new ham. He is very interested in the digital modes, and is working on his code so he can get his general license and work HF.

He is also interested in software defined radios, both transmitters and receivers. Neither topic is a strong suit of mine, but I hope to find a club member who is a good resource I can introduce him to and let them Elmer him on this.

We all have our own areas of specialty and things we are particularly good at, and I am willing to share mine. I am skilled with computers and computer networks and am happy to help others. If you have a question on computers or networking feel free to contact me before one of the meetings, during the break, or after the meeting ends. You can email me as well. My address is kg6qel@arrl.net. I am taking classes at night trying to finish a master's degree, so I can't promise prompt response, but I am usually pretty good. If I don't know the answer, I have access to a lot of other folks as well and can help you get your answer.

In the coming year, I am going to try and get the member interests survey that Steve Champion started going again and see if there is any mileage we can get out of that. For those that don't remember, it was a survey we took almost two years ago of club members interests, and whether they would be willing to work with other members, present at a club meeting, or Elmer someone on the topic.

Listening to Steve speak about designing electronic systems for use on space craft at the October meeting reminded me how diverse our membership is. Do you have something you could serve as an Elmer for? I'll be asking again, with paper in hand at a meeting soon.

73,
Neil, KG6QEL

Great Food, Company and Another Fun Auction and Raffle at the CVARC Holiday Party!

The CVARC Holiday Party will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 2nd, 2006 at the Cameron Center in Thousand Oaks. The address is:

Cameron Center
288 Green Meadow Drive
Thousand Oaks, CA 91320

The party is set up as a pot-luck with members bringing a coordinated side-dish (coordinated by Rob Hanson, our social chair) and the club providing the main dishes (a honey-baked ham and a turkey). Rob posted an email to the CVARC Discussion email list reminding people what he had them down to share. If you would like to provide something please contact Rob Hanson, W6RH

at w6rh@verizon.net or via phone at (805) 376-9350.

Another request concerning food for the potluck - please bring your own utensils. The Cameron Center has none, and we are not able to bring spoons, pie servers, frog gigs, etc. for everyone. Please bring whatever utensil is appropriate for your food item, and remember that there are virtually no facilities to heat food at the Cameron Center. Bring your food hot if it needs to be hot. The ovens don't work (probably for safety reasons) and there are limited outlets in the kitchen.

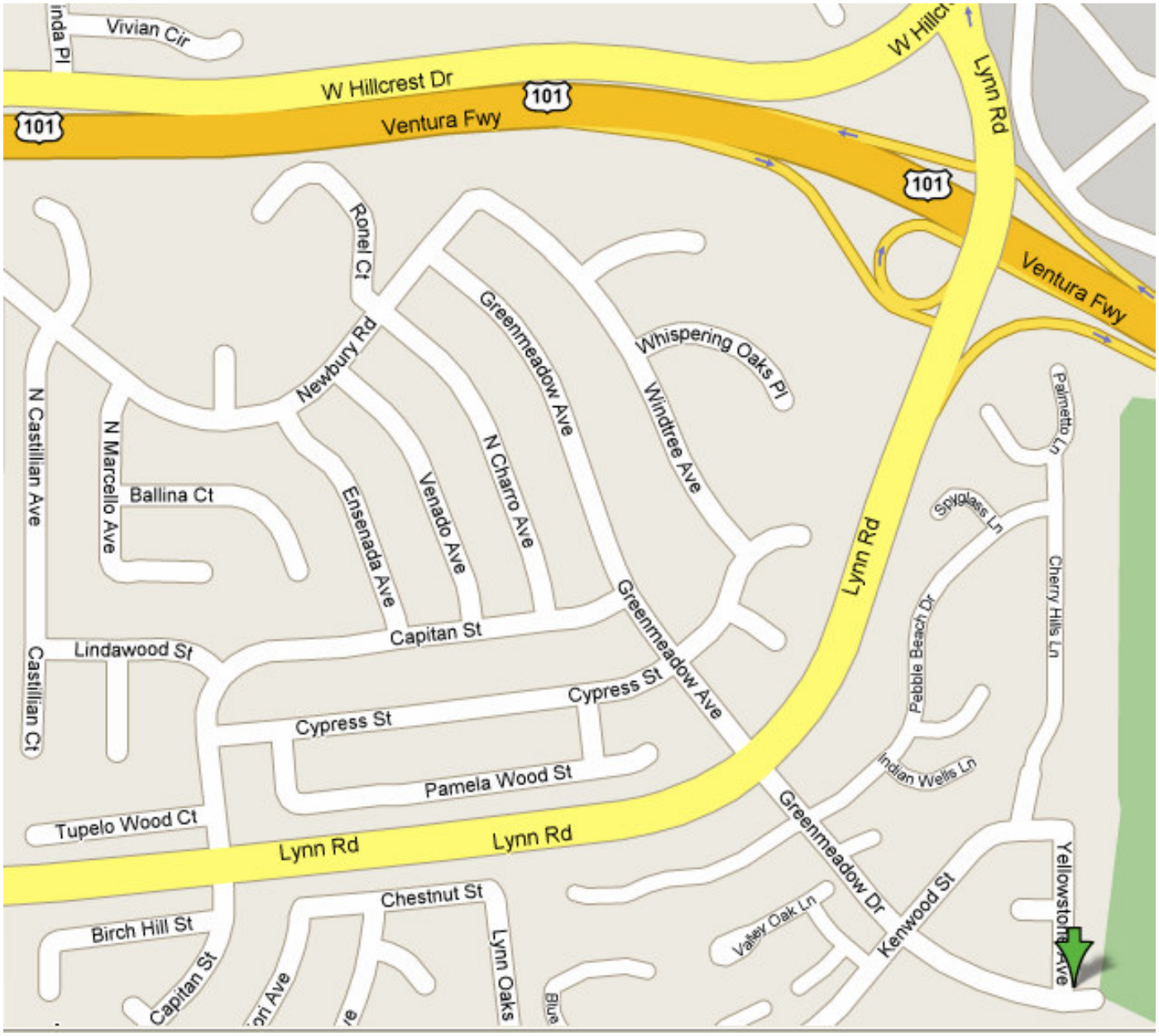
From the 101 Freeway:
South on Lynn Road to Green Meadow Drive
Turn left (east) on Green Meadow Dr.

After about 3 blocks, Green Meadow Dr. dead ends into the driveway of the Cameron Center

Carpooling is encouraged, as there are only 32 regular parking spaces and two handicapped spaces. Latecomers may need to park on the Green Meadow cul-de-sac and walk about a block.

Looking forward to seeing you all there.

Neil Waybright, KG6QEL



CVARC Crossword No. 1

Here's a uniquely CVARC crossword to help you do just that.

You can get the solution on the web at http://crossword.stevechampion.com, or by seeing me at the club meeting

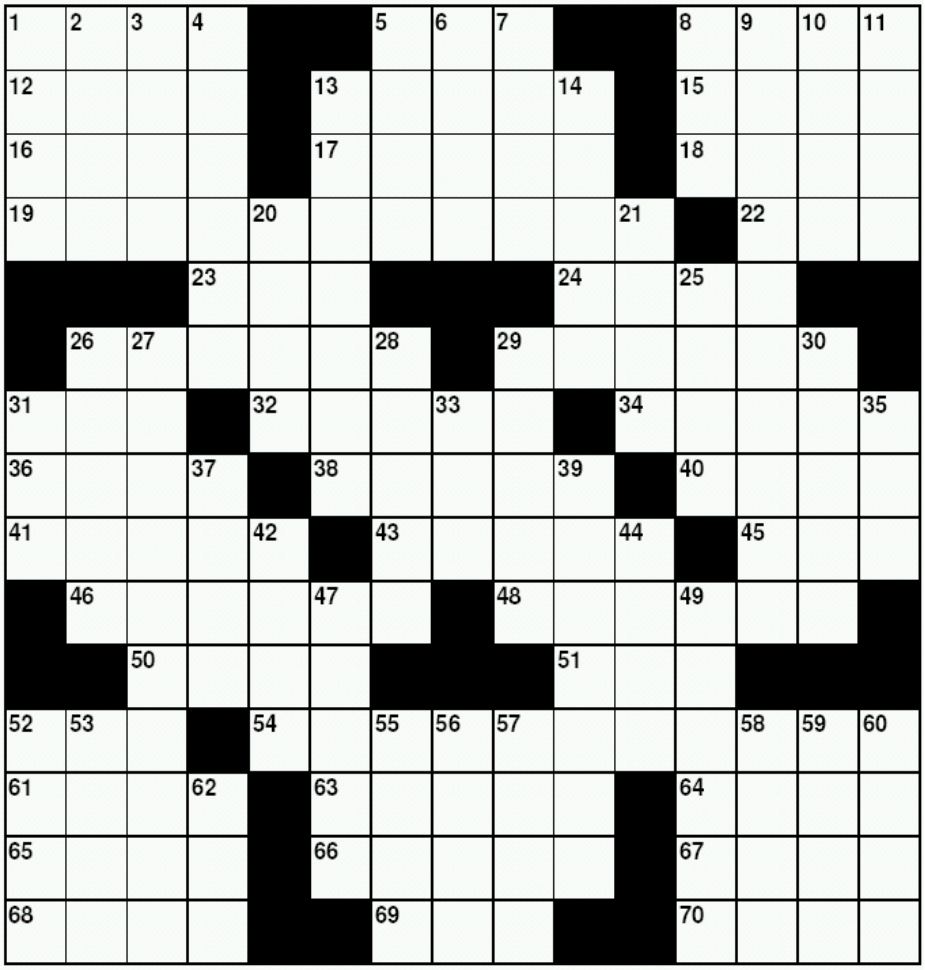
Steve Champion

Across

1 Transducer, treasurer, 13 of 26
5 Before now
8 Indolent
12 A shack, port city in Arabia
13 They recently moved
15 A light bulb comes on, over head!
16 Goes downhill fast - but not in summer
17 A place to stay, 8/26?
18 Asian tree sounds lingual
19 This type of transmission is not possible in any band - unfortunately
22 Not small scale integration
23 "Own" in Scotland, a river in France
24 Cur
26 D'Ye Ken this laddie?
29 Short'nd
31 Mr., Rabbi
32 Daytime televisuals
34 I can take it or leave it on my fonts
36 A pig's answer to everything
38 Mens' skirts? Ach, nay laddie
40 If you hang around him you will get a ticket for sure. He's with the law!
41 Cut me, do I not…
43 Appropriates illegally
45 Confucian way
46 Concurs
48 I have a rope. How can I get down from my antenna?
50 She looks the same from both ends, poor girl!
51 Jack is a Cinch, almost a phony
52 Gamble on this cable station
54 Specifying
61 BY, VS6, BV, JA etc.
63 di-di-di-di-di-di-di-dit
64 Punish a pirate, with Three Down
65 Old headphones sound tinny
66 Ctrl-Alt-Delete
67 Eye provocatively
68 Technical Officer
69 Everybody knows this CW
70 The only fish in a shoe

Down

1 With what shall I support my antenna?
2 Indolent
3 Keep this down while sailing!
4 Make someone like
5 YL might ring your bell
6 Not a source nor a drain
7 Rocks of value
8 Ignited, literally
9 Mix in impurities
10 Belonging to a particular Buddhism
11 Everybody forgets Mr. Uda but remembers his pal
13 Wind, helicopter, or salmon
14 How can I reach my antenna?
20 Don't make it complicated you idiot
21 The dues are sandwiches
25 A very long walk - to a star perhaps?
26 Movie (1996), woman's name
27 Denying, renouncing, relinquishing, surrendering
28 With what shall I fasten my antenna?
29 British Viscountess / American fur trader & capitalist
30 Not bacterial or fungal
31 Social Officer for 2006
33 NGO now G
35 I know Florence well so I'll call her
37 Local county, a just type?
39 In the movies - she is just a little famous
42 Bears' QTHs
44 It protects animals - but not from the rain
47 Literally a consumer
49 An emotion of sympathetic pity
52 Composer, decomposed
53 Isaac and Rebekah's lad
55 Angers
56 Flamenco step perhaps?
57 Applications
58 The villain of Shakespeare's tragedy *Othello*
59 All zeroes and void
60 You smile with this
62 A burned tree?



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Membership Application Form

Name:_____

Call Sign: _____ Class:_____

Address:_____

City, ST Zip_____

Tel: (_____) - _____

E-Mail: _____

ARRL Member expiration date (on QST label)_____

RACES # _____ARES#_____

Date:_____Update Roster Only? ____

Family Membership: Names/Calls

Send Information/Application to:
Conejo Valley Amateur Radio Club
ATTN: Michael Pershing, treasurer
P.O. Box 2093
Thousand Oaks, CA 91358-2093

New Renewal
Single Membership - $25 ____ Multi-year ___years @ $20 = ____
New Ham, New Member - $10 ____
Single Membership, Full-Time Student $10 ____
Family Membership - $30 ____

ARRL Membership Renewal (include ARRL form) $ ____
AD Space (2x3) One Year (member) - $35 ____
AD Space (2x3) One Year (non-Member) - $75 ____

Total Enclosed $_____

Cash Check Number

Interested in License Upgrades? _____
Joining ARES/RACES? _____
Disaster Action Team? _____
Obtain a HAM License? _____