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NEWS FROM CVARC

President's Message Brad Ormsby, W6VO

In this Month's Newsletter we have presented a **Slate of Officers for 2011**. You will note that there are open positions. Please consider helping our Club grow and participating on the Board. It is a fun group of people that make a difference for our Club.

As the new year is coming soon, this is a great time to think of other Amateur Radio Operators or "wanttoebes" you know that are not members of our Club. Please invite them and introduce them to our Club. This is how the group grows and we make new friends that share our same interests. All you have to do is ask! Also, in this Newsletter you will find the details about our **Holiday Party on December 11th**. Please sign up and come join the fun. We have great prizes everyone can use, a live auction conducted by our own **Jeff Reinhardt, AA6JR**, who will make you feel good about everything you buy. While I am thinking about it, if you have treasures out there in the garage or in the shack that you are not using, please consider donating them to the Club, remember our Club is a Charitable, Not for Profit, 501(c)(3), Corporation. Did I mention the food, if eating is something you enjoy, then you will be in for a treat, you won't go away hungry and your palate will thank you for days.

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"Operating the Prince Edward Island Contest Station" Skip Bolnick - KJ6Y

Skip has worked in the tower and antenna installation and service business for over 40 years, and has been a licensed Amateur for over 30 years His main interest is DXing and operates all bands 160 through 6 meters. He has worked over 330 entities. Skip is past president of the Southern California DX Club and a member of the San Fernando ARC.

His wife Marilyn has an Extra class license and also works DX and has over 200 entities worked. Both of his daughters are also licensed. He has been on several IOTA expeditions, including Catalina, Santa Rosa, and Prince Edward Islands and has operated the CQWW Phone contest from Prince Edward Island from the VY2TT Contest Station.

Skip has done tower and antenna installations and repairs from California to New York, and Canada to Mexico.

Skip will share his experience operating the Prince Edward Island Contest Station, and perhaps some other adventures on local islands.

Please join us for this presentation, and if you can, meet us before the meeting for our dinner with the speaker

As always, the CVARC club meeting is held on the third Thursday of the month at the East County Sheriff Station located at:

2101 East Olsen Road
Thousand Oaks, CA 91360

The East County Sheriff Station facility is just off of the 23 freeway between Thousand Oaks and Simi Valley. We look forward to seeing you there.

President's Message, continued from front page...

Please look for **Neil Waybright, AF6CD** at the meeting, so he can take your picture for our Club directory. Remember a picture is worth a thousand words. Don't worry, he will make you smile.

Next year be thinking about any "**show and tell**" items you might have to show to our Club Members. This is a great way to share some knowledge and spark the interest of others. Stay Tuned, more to follow.

Remember..."BE RADIO ACTIVE"
Brad, **W6VO**

Dinner with the Club Speaker Phil Bartlett, K6UJO

Join us at ROXY'S Famous Deli, Thousand Oaks for dinner with the guest speaker. Located at 1345 E. Thousand Oaks Boulevard, Thousand Oaks, CA 91362 (805) 379-6767, ROXY'S specializes in the deli sandwich around \$10.00 they also have a full menu from wine to steaks if you are looking for a full dinner..

Join us at 5:30 pm before the meeting on Thursday, 18 November, for talk and fellowship. Our guest speaker will be there and share in the discussion. Invite your friends to join us. It is a great time to get to know the people in our community.

If you have any questions, e-mail or call, Phil at Peb@peb.net or 805.300.3045.

Slate of Officers for 2011

Brad Ormsby, W6VO

The CVARC Board is presenting the following a slate of Officers for next year. Since there are still openings at this time, please consider supporting our club and volunteer for a Board Position. You can refer to this October Newsletter for Board Positions and descriptions or you can contact anyone on the Board for additional information.

President: OPEN
Vice President: Rob Hanson W6RH
Secretary: Eric Peterson WB6PYK
Treasurer: Brad Ormsby W6VO

Public Relations: OPEN
Technical: Zak Cohen N6PK
Operations: Hugh Bosma AE6YC
Newsletter Editor/Web Master: OPEN
Education: Todd Keopfer KD6RCM
Social: Diane Wainwood KJ6JEJ
Member at Large: Andy Ludlum KI6NON
Member at Large: Dave Singer KI6YVI

Raffle: (Non Board) Mike Watts KJ6HDD

Your current Board members are:

Brad Ormsby	President
Rob Hanson	Vice President
Eric Peterson	Secretary
Dave Morton	Treasurer
Mike D'Amore	Public Relations
Bill Willcox	Technical
Greg Lane	Operations
Neil Waybright	Newsletter
Todd Keopfer	Education
Phil Bartlett	Social
Hugh Bosma	Member at Large
Charley Pember	Member at Large

Board Positions Neil Waybright, AF6CD

This is a quick primer on each of the positions on the board, what the by-laws require of them and what they actually do month-to-month.

The Board meets once a month, currently on the Thursday prior to regular CVARC meetings. The meetings start at 7:30pm and run to 8:30 - 9:30 p.m. depending on how much discussion there is. In addition to the Board Meetings themselves, there is often some informal discussion at General Meetings or by email. The functions of Board positions are outlined in the By-Laws (<http://www.cvarc.org/by-laws.shtml>), but in reality the exact division of labor varies somewhat each year depending on the skills and interests of the individuals involved. The quotes from the by-laws are in "quote marks", with the commentary is afterwards in italics

President: "The President shall preside at meetings of the Club, and shall be an ex officio member of the committees and Chairperson of the

Board. He/she shall perform other customary duties pertaining to the office of President.”

He or she chairs the Board and General meetings. The president also writes a monthly message in the newsletter, and occasionally answers emails from people looking to join the club, or wanting help from volunteers.

Vice President: “The Vice-President shall preside at meetings in the absence of the President and shall assume the President's duties during his/her absence. He/she shall be responsible for communicating the objectives, policies, plans, programs and activities of the Club to the membership and, as appropriate, to the public and amateur fraternity at large; also, serve as chairperson of the Program Planning Committee.”

The VP performs the role of the President in his or her absence and arranges guest speakers.

Secretary: “The Secretary shall keep record of the proceedings of meetings, maintain a roster of members, carry on necessary Club correspondence and ensure notice is provided to members announcing special meetings of the Club. He/she shall retain the official copies of the Articles of Incorporation and By-laws, which shall be available for inspection by members at reasonable times. The Secretary shall be responsible for the archiving of records and data. The Secretary shall keep current and provide to officers a procedural manual.”

The secretary takes minutes at meetings and is the keeper of official records (insurance policies, tax-exempts status letters, etc.).

Treasurer: “The Treasurer shall be specifically responsible for monies of the Club. He/she shall pay bills approved by the President, or Vice-President in the President's absence, collect monies, handle banking and keep adequate financial records. He/she shall also maintain an inventory of Club Property, prepare budgets for Board approval and keep the Board currently informed concerning expenditures in relation to budgeted items. He/she shall submit a summary of disbursement and receipts semi-annually to the Club and monthly to the Board of Directors.

He/she shall be responsible to see that Federal and State tax forms and recurring filings are filed and paid in a timely manner. He/she shall at the expiration of his/her term turn over everything in his/her possession belonging to the Club to his/her successor.”

The treasurer handles pretty much everything financial and maintains the “official” membership roster.

Publisher: “The Publisher shall be responsible for coordinating, editing and providing newsletters to Club members and others having interest in our Club activities.”

Publishes the newsletter, and oversees the web site, too.

Education Coordinator: “The Education Coordinator is responsible for developing and offering a broad program of education and training in the theory and application of electronics, Amateur Radio practice and lore so as to fulfill the corporate purpose and improve the skills of members and trainees. He/she shall foster an effective liaison with citizens in the community who constitute a large resource of potential radio amateurs.”

The education coordinator arranges for licensing classes and leads efforts on any other necessary education issues.

Technical Coordinator: “The Technical Coordinator shall be responsible for Club efforts in maintaining a high level of technical knowledge and skill within the Club and be a resource available to the Club and member stations to maintain their equipment's technical performance characteristics. He/she shall be the Club representative to other amateur organizations and the community on technical matters such as radio and television interference and QRM.”

The Technical Coordinator addresses technical issues, interference, technical “Elmering” and making sure club events do not result in harmful interference.

Operations Coordinator: “The Operations Coordinator shall be responsible for on-the-air op-

erations of the Club and its members - including network, bulletins, contests; and for the construction, purchase, installation and maintenance of the Club's radio and technical equipment.”

The operations chair handles issues surrounding the CVARC van, Field Day, and other official club-sponsored field operations.

Public Relations Coordinator: “The Public Relations Coordinator shall be responsible for fostering mutual understanding, cooperation and membership in the American Radio Relay League (ARRL), communicating the needs and views of the Club to the ARRL, FCC and government within the limitations of the Club's non-profit status; encouraging individual and corporate charitable contributions; establishing the Club's objectives and long-range programs, and acting in liaison with other amateur radio organizations on matters of common interest.”

The PR coordinator handles publicity. ARRL interface and other outreach activities. The ARRL has lots of help on this so you don't have to be a professional PR person to handle this.

Social Coordinator: “The Social Coordinator shall be responsible for planning, organizing and conducting social activities for the Club. He/she shall assist and coordinate with the Vice-President in implementing these responsibilities and serve as chairperson of the social committee.”

The social chair arranges social events, primarily the two group meals at field day, the summer picnic, and the Christmas party.

Concerning the member-at-large, this is all the by-laws have to say: “The Board shall consist of the Officers specified in ARTICLE VI plus one(1) Member-at-large for each 50 members or fraction thereof. One of the Members-at-large shall be, with his/her concurrence, the immediate past president of the Club unless he/she shall be a current Officer.” Since our membership is greater than 50 and less than 100, we are able to elect two members-at-large. They typically represent the membership to the board, and have no other formal duties. They are often learning

roles where you see if you like “Board duty” and learn how the club operates as an organization. This is where I started and enjoyed the position a lot. The members-at-large are free to contribute more, and frequently do.

Please think seriously about serving on the Board. The current and past board members would be thrilled to Elmer a new board member in at literally any position on the board. None of these are so difficult that a new ham or a new club member couldn't be successful in the role. We would all work with you to make sure that you would succeed and have a good time. It is our club too, and the fact is that the club could benefit from your experience and new ideas. I have never seen a situation that the new members on the board each year don't bring fresh new viewpoints that help improve things for all of us.

Thanks,
Neil, AF6CD

Next Month's Meeting Rob Hanson, W6RH

Next month's meeting is the CVARC Christmas party, and there will be no general meeting at the Sheriff Station.

Regular monthly club meetings will resume in January with an entirely new board.

The CVARC Christmas Party is Almost Here!

The festivities will once again be held at the Cameron Center on Saturday December 11 at 6:00pm. CVARC will provide nonalcoholic beverages, paper goods, a turkey and a ham. All other items will be by pot luck. Please plan to bring a dish to share that is ready to serve, with all of the utensils needed to serve it. If you would like to help out with the decorating, please advise a Board Member for more details. Therefore, we would like to ask for volunteers to help in decorating. We have a limited budget but can purchase some items.

Prizes this year include a TH-F6A tri-band handheld radio (a favorite of discerning hams

everywhere) [I bought one years ago and they are still selling them!]), a KPC3Plus Terminal Node Controller (perfect for anyone wanting to get into packet radio), and a 220 Mhz mobile radio model DR235T.

The white tickets for the Christmas raffle will be on sale at this month's meeting in November. You need not be present to win the white ticket prizes. The tickets will be on sale from the raffle coordinator for the following price (including a nice quantity discount):

- \$10.00 One Ticket
- \$25.00 Three Tickets
- \$50.00 Seven Tickets
- \$100.00 Fifteen Tickets

The more tickets you have in the pool, the greater your chances of winning, but even one gets you into the drawing.

We will also be drawing for the red-ticket prize (drawn from the stubs from all of the red tickets purchased throughout the year). **YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN THE RED TICKET.** The party is free to attend, so there is no reason not to come so we look forward to seeing you there. Please sign up at the November meeting and indicate how many are in your party. If you can't make the party, please let someone on the Board know, so we can include you in the meal count.

Operations Chair Items Greg Lane, K7SDW

The link below is a great way to stay ahead of any contest activities. Check it out. Don't forget the ARRL SS on November 20th. Look for details at ARRL and the link below for times and log submittal. If you operate alone and put CVARC as a club affiliation, then your score could count for a "Club group" entry.

<http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/>

Elmer reports:

Assistance has been provided last month to three CVARC members in regard to our Elmer program. If you need help in antenna installation ideas or other help with the hobby, be sure to

sign up on a card at the raffle table for the help you need.

Equipment loans:

CVARC loans out equipment to members who are not sure about what to buy or initially use: Examples are:
TNC's
HF transceivers
Antennas
2 m HT's
etc.

73 de Greg/K7SDW

Tax Deductable Donations to CVARC Neil Waybright, AF6CD

CVARC is an IRS-certified 501(c)3 charitable organization and donations are deductible pursuant to the IRS rules. If you have working radio equipment and ancillary equipment that you can donate for the Christmas party and auction, please contact one of the board members and we will be happy to talk to you about the process.

We cannot accept certain donations, and have to place some restrictions around them (no hazardous materials, nothing we could not sell, etc.) If you are interested, look me, or any other board member up at one of the meetings, or contact us via email (our addresses are on page 7 of the newsletter).

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Family Membership: Names/Calls _____

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

New Renewal

Single Membership - \$25 _____

Multi-year ____ years @ \$20 = _____

New Ham (licensed in last 12 months) - \$10 _____

Single Membership, Full-Time Student \$10 _____

Family Membership - \$30 _____ (Multi-year \$25/year)

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/ACS? _____

Disaster Action Team? _____

Obtain a HAM License? _____

Ventura County ACS/ARES Times & Frequencies

Area 2 ACS/ARES members are encouraged to check in every Tuesday night at 7:00pm on the Area 2 check-in nets.



Area	Time	Mode	Frequency	Shift	PL	Repeater/Notes
Area 1	7:00-7:30 pm	Voice	147.930	-	127.3	AD6SV
<u>Area 2</u>	<u>7:00-7:30 pm</u>	<u>Voice</u>	<u>146.850</u>	-	<u>94.8</u>	<u>N6EVC/Grissom</u>
<u>Area 2</u>	<u>7:10-7:30 pm</u>	<u>Voice</u>	<u>224.700</u>	-	<u>156.7</u>	<u>K6HB</u>
<u>Area 2</u>	<u>7:10-7:30 pm</u>	<u>Voice</u>	<u>449.440</u>	-	<u>131.8</u>	<u>W6AMG/Amgen</u>
Area 2	(Simplex)	Voice	146.445	None	None	Simplex
Area 2	(Backup Repeater)	Voice	147.885	-	127.3	N6JMI "Bozo"
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	-	None	N6FL
Area 6/7	7:00-7:30 pm	Voice	147.975	-	127.3	N6VUY
Area 8	7:00-7:30 pm	Voice	146.385	+	127.3	South Mtn.
County	7:30-8:00 pm	Voice	146.880	-	127.3	WA6ZTT
County	6:45-7:00 pm	Voice	52.980	-	82.5	K6SMR
County	7:30-8:00 pm	Voice	224.020	-	127.3	WB6ZTR
County	Before 6:30 pm	Packet	145.650	None	None	Hospital Net
County	(ACS Simplex)	Voice	147.570	None	None	Simplex

Net Control operations for the weekly ACS/ARES Area 2 check-in are run from the ACS/ARES communications center at East County Sheriff Station (on Olsen Road) every Tuesday starting at 7:00pm.

Visitors are welcome and have the opportunity to operate the station. Please contact Gino Spinelli, KI6DJV at (805) 529-6101 if you would like to attend.

For questions concerning ACS/ARES, please call the Area 2 Emergency Coordinator, Jerry Goldman, KC6JSO at (805) 405-8213 or go to the ACS/ARES section of the CVARC website at <http://www.cvarc.org>.

ACS members should remember that their ACS card is issued for only two years. When your card is due to expire, please call Jerry B. Goldman KC6JSO (805) 405-8213 or (805) 493-0076 Office. Jerry works with OES on a regular basis and will track your renewal to ensure that you receive your new badge in the shortest possible time. You will need to complete a Volunteer Update form for your renewal. Jerry will email this form to you 45 days prior to your ACS card expiration date. Please make sure that Jerry has your correct email address at all times.

2010 CVARC Officers

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CVARC is recognized by the ARRL as a Special Service Club (SSC). To be a part of the ARRL's Special Service Club program, the club must regularly show that it is actively involved in certain areas, including:

- New Ham Development and Training
- Public Relations
- Emergency Communications
- Technical Advancement
- Operating Activities



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CVARC Online

For up-to-date information and back issues of newsletters, please visit the CVARC Web Site at <http://www.cvarc.org>. In addition to visiting the Web site, you may like to join the CVARC Yahoo Group at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/CVARCDiscussion/>

The Conejo Valley Amateur Radio Club is an ARRL affiliated Special Service Club. Meetings are held on the third Thursday of every month, except December. The meeting location is the Community Room at The East County Sheriff Station, 2101 E Olsen Road, Thousand Oaks. Meetings start at 7:30pm with a pre-meeting social and technical assistance session from 6:30 to 7:30pm. Meetings are open to the public, and members are encouraged to bring their friends.

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Opinions expressed in articles in this newsletter are those of the authors and do not necessarily represent the views of the club, its Board, or its members.

CVARC Membership Rates

Visitors are always welcome at our monthly meetings, and we do not pressure newcomers to join. If, however, you would like to support the club and its activities by becoming a member then we will be very pleased.

The simplest way to join (or to renew) is to write us a check bearing your address, and give or send it to our Treasurer. Make the check payable to “CVARC” and please put your call sign and/or email address, if you have one, on the memo line of your check. Name, Call sign, or Address changes may be emailed to the Treasurer.

Current annual rates are: Regular Membership: \$25. Family Membership: \$30. Special discounts are available for; New members (licensed in last 12 months): \$10. Full-time Students: \$10. Regular members renewing for multiple years: \$20/year, family members renewing for multiple years is \$25.00/year).