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QUA CVARC

A Newsletter for the Conejo Valley Amateur Radio Club

President's Message

Andy Ludlum-K6AGL

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We will be electing our CVARC Board of Directors for 2017 at the November meeting. The process begins this month at our October 20th meeting when we accept nominations for Board positions. All Board positions are open for nominations. The only requirement for being a nominee is to be a CVARC member in good standing.

While any member can be nominated for any of the Board positions, the Board will also be presenting a slate of candidates for nomination. A number of Board members, including myself, plan to stand for reelection. Others are looking at different roles. There are also opportunities for new people to join the board, which is very important in maintaining the health and vitality of our club.

You don't have to have a long history with the club or great technical knowledge, just a desire to get involved. The duties of the various Board positions will be featured in this month's newsletter, or you can see them in the [club's bylaws](#) on our website.

Short of taking the step to becoming a Board member, you can get involved with the club by joining one of the standing committees. Working together has made big tasks like Field Day more manageable. The work of the Speaker's Committee has resulted in excellent monthly programs this year. A small committee has been handling the details of our upcoming Holiday Party. Please see me if you are interested in working on any of the committees.

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Club Meeting and Pre-Meeting Dinner Information, Thursday October 20

The regular club meeting is Thursday, October 20 (always the third Thursday) at the East County Sheriff's Station Community Room on Olson Road at 7:30 pm. Talk-in coordination is on the Bozo repeater, 147.885 (- 127.3).

The guest speaker and topic is Paul Strauss-WD6EBY talking about repeaters.

Join fellow club members and the guest speaker at the pre-meeting dinner at Brent's Deli in Westlake Village near the Hyatt Regency Hotel on Townsgate Rd. in Westlake Blvd. at 5 p.m. See notices for more information.

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Big thanks to Tim Wheeler-K6POI and Ben Herrera-W6JWZ for organizing the summer picnic on September 24th. We had a good number of operators and everyone had a good time eating, showing off some new radios and antennas, and making a few contacts along the way. It was nice to bring back a club summer tradition.

We're still taking signups for the annual CVARC Holiday Party on Thursday, December 1st at the Best Western Posada Royale Hotel and Suites in Simi Valley. A good number of you signed up at the September meeting, but there's still room for plenty more members and guests. We shared the menu for the holiday buffet at the last meeting and we'll publish it in this month's newsletter. The cost is \$20 per person and it's not too soon to think about buying your tickets at the October 20th meeting. I think we have to give the hotel a final count ten days out so you can buy tickets through the November meeting.

We will have two raffles at the party. First, from all the tickets that have been sold for the year at monthly club meeting raffles, we'll select the winner of a donated Yaesu FT-7900 Dual Band Mobile Transceiver. You must be present at the party to win this prize.

We will also have a larger, special prize raffle. While we will pick the winning ticket at the party, you are NOT required to be present to win. Tim Wheeler – K6POI worked with Kevin Zanjani of Bioenno Power and selected a nice solar/battery package for our special raffle.

It will include:

- > 80 Watt Foldable Solar Panel for Charging Power Packs
- > 12V, 12Ah LFP Battery & Charger
- > 12V/24V, 30A Solar Charge Controller for LiFePO4 Batteries

Tim had this gear on display at the last meeting and will be bringing it to the October and November meetings if you'd like to take a close look at this great package, a \$330 value. We're selling single tickets for \$10, or the best value, three tickets for \$25. As always, for the party or the raffle we can accept cash, check or credit cards.

Finally, a big thanks to Steve Leong- KC6IJM who applied for a community service grant for CVARC from the Northrop Grumman Corporation. The grant was based on volunteer hours Steve put in with the Ventura County Sheriff's Department on behalf of CVARC and ACS Area 2. We just got word that a grant in the amount of \$400 to CVARC has been approved by the Northrop Grumman Corporate Citizenship Office. Well done, Steve!

73,

Andy-K6AGL

Do you have an assortment of standard tools that will do most of the work you will probably need to do?

Pre-Meeting Dinner, Join Us at Brent's Deli, Westlake Village

Join your fellow CVARC Hams and guests this month for the pre-club meeting dinner at 5 p.m. at Brent's Deli located near the Hyatt Regency Hotel at 2977 Townsgate Rd., Westlake Village. Hope to see you all there!

Thursday, October 20, 2016—Club Meeting and Guest Speaker

Repeaters: Paul Strauss, WD6EBY is a Rabbit Radio Network member and owner of repeaters in the Camarillo area as well as a MESH network. He'll be talking about repeater operation, setting up repeaters and how you can get the most out of a repeater system.

Members Have Done

The September CVARC club meeting began with the pre-meeting gathering of nearly a dozen club members for dinner at Geppino's Sicilian Kitchen in Thousand Oaks. Lots of friendly conversation was exchanged until time to leave and head toward the East County Sheriff's Station for the regular club meeting beginning at 7:30 pm.

The meeting began with President Andy-K6AGL calling the meeting to order and leading the Pledge of Allegiance. New hams and returning members were introduced along with recognition of those who recently upgraded their licenses.

He reminded everyone that the Holiday Party is set for December 1 and tickets for the event and tickets for the grand prize raffle were on sale now. Tim-K6POI had the grand prize raffle items on display for all to see.

Andy noted that the HR Parity Act for antenna restrictions has moved on to the next phase of negotiations and provided a website directly to Congress and the Senate that generates email letters urging support of the measure.

Other important club business was brought to everyone's attention. Nominations for the Annual Hugh Bosma Legacy Award are being taken. Also, nominations for the 2017 Board of Directors are under way. Voting is in November.

The latest radio licensing training class for Technician will begin in November with Zak-N6PK and Tim-K6POI as the contact persons and lead instructors.

Eric-WB6PYK showed a completed version of the smaller battery box project. He will be leading the building project for battery boxes and began a sign up list.

When notices and announcements were completed, Vice President Tim-K6POI introduced the guest speaker, Terry-K7FE who showed us his QRP projects and discussed his experience gained over decades of commercial and amateur radio activities.

Terry began with a clean table and quickly filled it up with his experiments, projects, equipment, and displays.



Terry-K7FE



Terry-K7FE Shows Parts to Joe-W6JWP

Terry began his discussion by telling of a recent experiment that he and Tim-K6POI conducted. They went back and forth on HF testing signal strength starting with a kilowatt of power all the way down to 100 mw and lower. They tried horizontal and vertical antenna polarization at the same time. We listened to the recording as power was reduced to almost nothing, finally losing the signal at 50 mw.

Terry's point was that trying and testing is what hams are all about. He has been doing something at home, outdoors, camping, and backpacking for years.

He continued to say that light weight equipment can work just fine. He said small coax such as RG174 and RCA plugs are good for small equipment using low power. Fine gauge wire is OK for portable antennas. He said there are lots of options to adapt for combinations of equipment and connectors. Small transistors can be used for everything from transmitters and receivers to handy test equipment. T/R switches can be made very small with diodes.



DeForest Valve
and Transistor

Terry showed us how far we've come in radio by comparing an original DeForest Audion valve (tube) to a modern transistor. He said there are lots of schematics available for all the projects he showed us. Terry offered a few small parts to those present to get started on little projects.

The meeting concluded with the monthly raffle along with refreshments provided in the form of coffee by Eric-WB6PYK and cookies by Kathy-KK6RNV.

Members Are Doing

Sunday nights, Newbie Net, 7 p.m., Bozo Repeater 147.885 (-127.3), all are welcome especially newer hams. Want to be net control? The procedure will be provided. Contact Todd-KD6RCM, kd6rcm@arrl.net.

VHF Simplex Rag Chew, monthly or more frequently as desired, Sundays after Newbie Net, 146.550, open for all.

Tuesday nights, ARES/RACES net, 7 p.m., Bozo Repeater.

Wednesday nights, HF Roundtable, 7 p.m., 21.333 ±, USB, all are welcome.

Second Thursday, Board of Directors meeting, 7:30 p.m., Westlake Village City Hall, any member welcome.

Third Thursday, regular CVARC club meeting, 7:30 p.m., East County Sheriff's Station, dinner first somewhere at 5 p.m.

Send me a note if you know a recurring activity that should be listed here. -Ed.

CVARC Club Picnic, A Good Time Had by All

Call it Acorn Acres or don't, no matter what it's called, the park north of Thousand Oaks High School was the scene of the latest CVARC summer picnic and outdoor radio day, Saturday, September 24. Thanks go to Ben-W6JWZ and Tim-K6POI for organizing and making the arrangements for everyone to enjoy the day.



On a mild day under sunny skies, light breezes, and 80 degree weather, about two dozen CVARC hams, family, and friends gathered to put every conceivable radio and mode on the air for the radio club summer picnic. There were drop-in guests too. At least one ham followed instructions on the Bozo repeater to join in, and a ham from China was in the park and saw the activity and visited for a while.

Hams had the opportunity to come together to bring radios and antennas to the park for a day of operating and picnicking. There were lots of radios to see and operate on SSB, CW, HF, VHF/UHF, and digital. Power levels were everywhere between 1 watt to 100 or more. Antennas ranged from end fed wires, to hasty dipoles, and even a multi-band beam.

Contacts were made from Thousand Oaks to all parts of the world including France. The bands were in good shape that day compared to the on and off



conditions lately. There was a lot of radio sharing and the chance for hams to try a new radio or a new mode. And there were teaching and learning opportunities too. Club members were able to use a variety of tools and test equipment as stations were brought up to power and put on the air.

Varieties of go-kits and emergency power supplies were in use giving visitors and operators the ability to evaluate the options others have taken. Some stations were on battery and emergency power while others took advantage of the commercial electrical power that was available.

And of course there was the picnic. Drinks, sandwiches, chips, and homemade dishes were available almost all day long. Operate-eat, eat-operate. There was something for everyone. And true to form, Sue Hanson saved the day again as she did at the Field Day in June by making the emergency run for eating utensils.



What a great day to be in the park being hams! Thank you from the club to all those who made this event the success it was.



Members Are Planning (Calendar)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Links</u>	<u>Contact Person</u>
Oct 14	Pacific Division Convention (Pacificon) San Ramon, CA	http://www.pacificpon.org	
Oct 15-16	Boy Scout Jamboree On The Air (JOTA)		
Oct 16	Goodkin 1-Day Ham Radio Class(3 classes)		
Oct 17 – 21	School Club Roundup	http://www.arrl.org/school-club-roundup	
Oct 20	CVARC General Mtg 7:30 pm ECSS Topic: Repeaters Pre-meeting dinner, 5 pm, Brent's Deli, Westlake Village		
Oct 22 – 23	EME-50-1296 Mhz Contest	http://www.arrl.org/eme-contest-1	
Oct 29-30	CQ Worldwide DX Contest, SSB	http://www.cqww.com/rules.htm	
Nov 5	Battery Box building project, ECSS, 9am-2pm, Eric-WB6PYK,	wb6pyk@arrl.net	
Nov 6	Daylight time ends		
Nov 12	Tech Class begins, ECSS, 9 am-1 pm, training is 5 Saturdays		
Nov 12	Red Cross Ride , Stewart	kg6bov@arrl.net	
Nov 17	CVARC General meeting 7:30 pm, topics: Board Elections, Remote Operations Pre-meeting dinner, 5pm, Dugout Sports Grill, Simi Valley		
Nov 19 – 21	November Sweepstakes contest-phone		
Dec 1	CVARC Holiday Party, Posada Royale Hotel, Simi Valley		
Dec 10 – 11	ARRL 10 Meter Contest	http://www.arrl.org/10-meter	
Dec 11	VEC license testing, ECSS, 8 am		
Dec 11	Santa to the Sea-Marathon		

Go to the <http://www.cvarc.org> calendar tab for additional events, links, contact persons, locations and times.

Holiday Party—Save the Date—Thursday, December 1, 2016

The Holiday Planning Committee is finalizing the details for the CVARC Holiday Party. The dinner price is \$20 each and tickets will be on sale at the club meeting.

The location is the same as last year, the Best Western Posada Royale located on Madera Road near Tierra Rejada Road in Simi Valley. The time is 6 p.m. for socialization followed by dinner at 7 p.m. The menu is similar to last year.

This year there is a grand prize raffle as well as another on-the-spot raffle. The grand prize is a battery/solar/charging combination from our friends at Bioenno Power. The winner need not be present to win. Tickets will be on sale at the club meeting for \$10 for one, \$25 for three.

The on-the-spot raffle is a Yaesu dual band mobile radio that was donated to the club. The drawing for it will come from ticket stubs that have been saved from all the monthly club raffles during the year. The winner must be present to win.

Everyone attending the party last year had great time. Plan to be there again this year! As in the past, there will be no regular club meeting in December.

HOLIDAY CARVING CHEER BUFFET MENU

Appetizers

Chicken Satay, Stuffed Mushrooms, Mozzarella Sticks

Salad

Holiday Spring Mix with Cranberries & Candied Pecans or Walnuts

Traditional Caesar with rolls

Carving Station Entrées

Whole Roasted Turkey with Gravy & Cranberry Sauce
Prime Rib with Au Jus & Horseradish Sauce

Sides

Rice Florentine, Green Bean & Carrot Almondine,
Garlic Mashed Potatoes

Dessert

Assorted Holiday Selections

Technician Class License Training Starts Soon

Zak-N6PK and Tim-K6POI announce the next CVARC club sponsored training session. The training will focus on the entry level Technician Class license and will be given on five consecutive Saturday mornings starting in November at the club meeting location in the Community Room of the East County Sheriff's Station on Olsen Road.

The Technician Class license grants privileges on VHF and UHF radio frequencies that are popularly used with handheld and small portable and mobile radios. Some limited HF privileges are also granted with the Technician Class license. Morse Code is no longer an entry level requirement.

The dates are **November 12, 19, 26, December 3, 10, from 9 am to 1 pm**. The classes end the day before the FCC Volunteer Examiner license testing date of December 11, the idea being to take the classes and take the test.

You can study on your own or memorize the answers, but we feel that explanations of technical material will help your understanding of the concepts and assist you with answering the questions. Studying with others helps.

There is no charge for the classes as this is a CVARC club sponsored community training activity. Study material is required and consists of the ARRL Question and Answer Manual which needs to be purchased on your own before class.

Contact Zak or Tim to sign up or for more information.

Zak-N6PK zcohen@ieee.org

Tim-K6POI tim.k6poi@gmail.com

Training—What Do You Want?

Zak-N6PK and Tim-K6POI want to know club member's thoughts about the direction to take with their training programs. They want to hear from you by email or at the meeting. The classroom is available and ready.

Zak and Tim have ideas about licensing classes (Technician, General, Extra) and they have ideas about an Electronic Fundamentals class. Or what else related to ham radio? Talk to them.

Zak-N6PK zcohen@ieee.org

Tim-K6POI tim.k6poi@gmail.com

Pre-Meeting Dinners with Guest Speakers

October 20, 5 pm, **Brent's Deli**
2977 Townsgate Rd., Westlake Village 91361
Near Hyatt Regency Hotel

November 17, 5 pm, **Dugout Sports Grill**
109 W. Cochran St., Simi Valley 93065
Near Costco and Walmart

CVARC Elections for 2017 BOD

Nominations for the 2017 CVARC Board of Directors will take place at the October and November meetings. Elections will take place at the November meeting. Being a member of the Board of Directors focuses your membership and club participation to a new level. Talk to any Board member about what is involved.

Any Board position is open for nomination and election. Some current Board members intend to run again. Elected Board positions and duties are for one year, January through December.

There will be more discussion about elections at the club meeting. Positions and complete duties are listed in the club by-laws and are available on the club website, http://www.cvarc.org/resources/Tech_Articles/CVARC-By-Laws.pdf.

This is a brief summary of the elected BOD positions and duties:

- *President.* Presides at meetings; chairperson of the BOD; performs customary duties of President.
- *Vice-President.* Presides in the absence of the President; chairperson of Program Planning Committee; responsible for communicating objectives of club to members and public.
- *Secretary.* Keeps records; maintains roster; archives records and data; creates necessary club correspondence.
- *Treasurer.* Responsible for club monies; pays bills; keeps financial records; files tax forms.
- *Publisher.* Coordinates and edits QUA club newsletter.
- *Education Coordinator.* Develops education and training programs related to electronics and amateur radio.
- *Operations Coordinator.* Coordinates on-the-air operations; maintains club radio and technical equipment.
- *Public Relations Coordinator.* Maintains relationships with community and amateur radio fraternity.
- *Technical Coordinator.* Responsible for maintaining technical knowledge and is a technical resource.
- *Social Coordinator.* Chairperson of Social Committee; plans, organizes, and conducts social activities for the club; assists Vice President with planning.

Nominations for the Annual Hugh Bosma Legacy Award

The CVARC club Board of Directors continues to take nominations for the annual Hugh Bosma Legacy Award. The board will vote before the November meeting and announce the results at the Holiday Party.

Hugh Bosma was a club member whose unselfish contributions to the club in the form of help and encouragement have led to the annual award in his name and honor. Any club member who has shown extra ordinary contributions to the club and community as a mentor, supporter, and contributor should be nominated.

The annual plaque is on display at each club meeting.

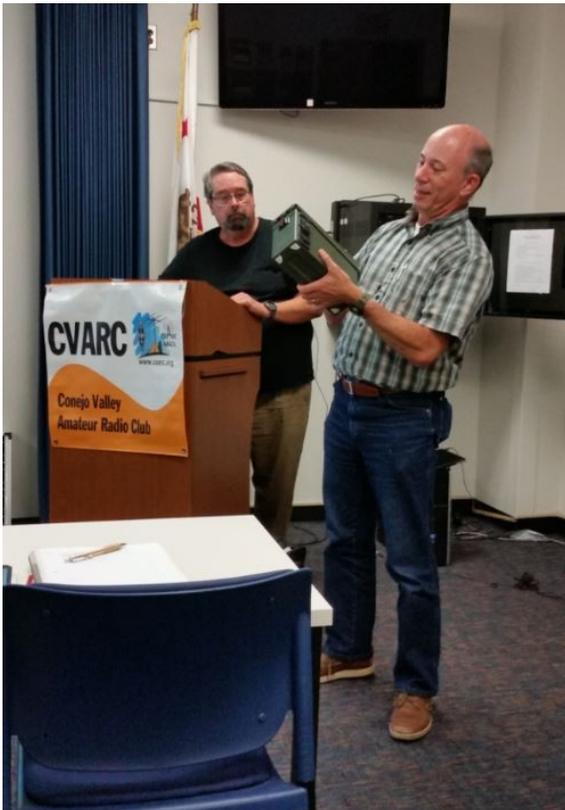
Talk to any Board member or send your nominations to the Board of Directors at info@CVARC.ORG for inclusion and consideration.

Battery Box Building Project , November 5

In keeping with the CVARC club theme as the “Year of the Project,” the next building project has been approved by the Board of Directors.

Eric-WB6PYK will guide club members through the construction of a portable battery box that includes the features of power in and power out as well as connecting terminals and a volt meter, all in one handy container depending on the battery size selected. One is smaller (18Ah) and is priced at \$95, shown in these pictures. Another with a bigger battery (35Ah) and bigger ammo can is priced at \$125.

Tools and equipment needed will be determined.



*Eric-WB6PYK Displays the Battery Box
Andy-K6AGL Looks On*

Eric is in the process of buying supplies and asks that those who signed up for the project bring him a check for \$95 or \$125 at the next meeting.

There are still some openings available for those who did not sign up yet. Contact Eric for details.

The project building day is **Saturday, November 5** at the Community Room of the Sheriff's Station (same location as the club meeting) between 9 am and 2 pm.

Eric Peterson, wb6pyk@arrl.net

Newbie Net Schedule

Sunday nights, 7 p.m., Bozo Repeater 147.885 (-127.3), all are welcome especially newer hams. Want to be net control? The procedure will be provided. Contact Todd-KD6RCM, kd6rcm@arrl.net.

Date Net Control Op

10/16 Ben, W6JWZ

10/23 Stu, AG6AG

10/30 Todd, KD6RCM

Bozo will be linked to the WD6EBY repeaters to test the compatibility of the systems. For the Simplex Net, 445.840 will be linked for receive only so this may help to hear the weak signals.

Camarillo:

445.600 141.3 / 440.600 141.3 – operational – linked

Chatsworth Peak:

2 Mtr Remote Base (this is how I connect to Bozo)

445.840 141.3 / 440.840 141.3 – operational – linked

145.240 127.3 / 144.640 127.3 – operational – linked

Sulphur Mtn:

447.580 141.3 / 442.580 141.3 – operational – linked

145.200 127.3 / 144.600 127.3 – operational – linked

Thanks everyone for filling up the schedule so fast. We should be reaching a lot more hams now so hopefully we'll do better than the last holiday weekend!

Todd

KD6RCM

Club Call AA6CV Remains Active

Call Sign / Number	Grant Date	Expiration Date	File Number	Print Date	Effective Date
AA6CV	09-10-2016	11-26-2026	0007449437	09-10-2016	09-10-2016
Operator Privileges		Station Privileges CLUB	THIS LICENSE IS NOT TRANSFERABLE Special Conditions / Endorsements: NONE		
ATTN: ANDREW G LUDLUM CONEJO VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB PO BOX 2093 THOUSAND OAKS, CA 91358		Fold	(Licensee's Signature) FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION		
AMATEUR RADIO LICENSE FCC Registration Number (FRN): 0015624315		FCC 660 - May 2007			

AA6CV Renewed for 10 Years

Seen Around Town—Radio Quilts

These quilts were on display as part of a quilt exhibit at the Newbury Park Branch of the Thousand Oaks Library and brought to our attention by Ben-KK6FUT. In addition to being a beautiful quilts, there are special features built into them.

The quilt on the right has a built in antenna and hand held radio that is interactive with local repeaters. When the repeater is active, so is the quilt! This one was made by Rodi Ludlum, married to President Andy-K6AGL.

The quilt below was made by Lynne Wilcox, married to club member Bill-KF6JQO. This one features a resonant 440 yagi beam antenna on a background of the stellar cosmos.



Quilt by Rodi Ludlum



Quilt by Lynne Wilcox

Boy Scout Jamboree On The Air - Saturday, October 15th

Hello all! It's Boy Scout Jamboree On The Air time again -- I'll be running an event with the local Boy Scout, Cub Scout, and Venture Crews again in Newbury Park, and you are all invited to help. This is an international event for scouts, and runs from October 14th through October 16th worldwide. We will be running an in-person event on just Saturday, October 15th.

What is BSA Jamboree On The Air?

Per the BSA:

"Jamboree-on-the-Air, or JOTA, is the largest Scouting event in the world. It is held annually the third full weekend in October. JOTA uses amateur radio to link Scouts and hams around the world, around the nation, and in your own community. This jamboree requires no travel, other than to a nearby amateur radio operator's ham shack. Many times you can find the hams will come to you by setting up a station at your Scout camporee, at the park down the block, or perhaps at a ham shack already set up at your council's camp."

How CVARC Members Can Help

Invite any Boy Scout or Cub Scouts you might know (family, friends, neighbors) to contact KK6FUT and we'll get you all of the details on joining us at our location in Newbury Park (we'll be in a Banyan Park, if all goes well -- first come first serve -- hopefully at the gazebo but maybe under some popups), running approximately from 9am to 5pm (maybe earlier if we get set up quickly!!).

- >> Monitor BOZO (147.885 -127.3) for contacts with scouts
- >> If you have 220, monitor the W6SCE repeater network (Rincon 224.760 -131.8) http://w6sce.org/?page_id=6 - we will have at least 3 scout groups, split between Santa Barbara, the Conejo Valley, and the Yucca Valley on here.
- >> Be alert for scout groups on HF who are looking to introduce scouts to ham radio. You might need to help them overcome "mike fright" and nervousness talking to adults!
- >> Volunteer to help any youth you might know get on the air, even if they don't come visit us at our local event!

Stu-AG6AG and myself will be setting up in the park... I'm hoping we'll get a few scout troops interested in contacts, and currently have a couple of cub scout packs and some scout troops visiting (last year we have many scouts visiting -- but our mileage does vary depending on competing activities!). As you know we typically get a ton of scouts at Field Day as I offer the Radio Merit Badge -- a few less on Jamboree On The Air as we don't typically have much time to work on merit badges!

Thanks!

Ben
KK6FUT

Scheduled CVARC Speakers and Topics

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Thursday, October 20, 2016 – Repeaters: Paul Strauss, WD6EBY is a Rabbit Radio Network member and owner of repeaters in the Camarillo area as well as a MESH network. He'll be talking about repeater operation, setting up repeaters and how you can get the most out of a repeater system.

Thursday, November 17, 2016 – Remote Operation: Mark Weiss, K6FG is a retired LA Superior Court judge and a ham for over 60 years. His primary ham radio interest is DXing. Mark will demonstrate the setup and operation of remote ham radio over the internet. Imagine being able to check into one of our local nets while on board a cruise ship in the Indian Ocean! Mark successfully did that using shipboard internet. He'll talk about how you can set up your home rig for remote operation.

Thursday, December 1, 2016 – CVARC Holiday Party — Best Western Posada Royale located on Madera Road near Tierra Rejada Road in Simi Valley, 6 p.m.

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Thursday, January 19, 2017 - How to Read the ARRL Propagation Charts: Adrian Jarrett, K6KY. It's OK to admit it. Propagation charts can be mind-boggling for many of us. Adrian shows us how to read propagation charts and then how to use that information to make more contacts.

Thursday, February 16, 2017 – Microphones (Skype with Bob Heil)

Thursday, March 16, 2017 – RFI

Thursday, April 20, 2017 – ATV: Slow and Fast Scan Television

Thursday, May 18, 2017 – Digital UHF/VHF Modes, DMR, D-Star, P-25, Fusion

Thursday, June 15, 2017 – What is a Panadaptor?

Thursday, July 20, 2017 – New Radio Demo Night

Thursday, August 17, 2017 – Emergency Radio Communications in Ventura County

Thursday, September 21, 2017 – Software Defined Radio and Remote Operation Demo

Thursday, October 19, 2017 – Satellites and Moon Bounce

Thursday, November 16, 2017 – Latest Antenna Research and Design

The Speakers Committee (Brad Ormsby, W6VO, David Arata, KA9WMI, Tim Wheeler, K6POI and Andy Ludlum, K6AGL) is always interested in your program ideas. If you have thoughts on who might be a good speaker for a club meeting, please let any of us know.

General Information about the Conejo Valley Amateur Radio Club, CVARC

CVARC is a Special Service Club (SSC)

The Conejo Valley Amateur Radio Club is an ARRL affiliated Special Service Club. To be recognized by the ARRL as a Special Service Club, 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, and Operating Activities.

Meetings and Location

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 7:30 p.m. with a pre-meeting social and technical assistance session beforehand or as announced. Meetings are open to the public, and members are encouraged to bring friends.

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 pleased to have you join.

CVARC Membership Rates

The simplest way to join (or to renew) is to give a check bearing your name and address to the Treasurer in person or by mail. Make the check payable to "CVARC" and please put your call sign and email address on the memo line.

Current annual rates are changing during the next year. The following rates apply but will change: Regular Membership \$25. Family Membership \$30. Special discounts are available for new members (licensed in the last 12 months) \$10. Full-time Students \$10. Regular members renewing for multiple years \$20/year. Family members renewing for multiple years \$25/year. Email info@cvarc.org for pro-rated dues figures for renewals between June and April, 2017.

An application to join is found on the club website.

Name, call sign, or address changes may be e-mailed to the Treasurer.

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"QUA CVARC" is the club newsletter published monthly, not later than the Monday preceding the CVARC club meeting, by the Conejo Valley Amateur Radio Club, AA6CV, PO Box 2093, Thousand Oaks, CA 91358-2093.

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.

Tax Deductible Donations to CVARC

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

We cannot accept certain donations, and have to place some restrictions on them such as, no hazardous materials, nothing we could not sell, etc. If you are interested in donating, contact any board member at a meeting or via email.

Many companies will either grant or match employee's gifts to non-profit organizations like CVARC. Please determine if your company is among these and contact a board member for more details.

CVARC Officers

For the current list of CVARC officers together with their contact information, please visit the club's web-site at <http://www.cvarc.org>. You may view past newsletters on the website.