



June 2017

# QUA CVARC

A Newsletter for the Conejo Valley Amateur Radio Club

**President's Message**  
**Andy Ludlum-K6AGL**

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Field Day is CVARC's largest and most attended event of the year. It's a time when we get to work as a team and set up antennas, radio and computer equipment, networking, lighting and electrical power in a place that has nothing.

Field Day is CVARC's open house when we join more than 40,000 hams throughout North America to demonstrate ham radio's science, skill and service to our community.

The ARRL Field Day has been an annual event since 1933 when it started as an emergency-communication exercise. Today, not only can we practice our communication skills, we have a great opportunity to tell the story of amateur radio. Not just its past, or the present, but also its future.

**When will this take place?**

Field Day is the weekend of June 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. CVARC's event will be at Maple Elementary School, 3501 Kimber Drive in Newbury Park. Set up begins Friday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> around noon. Field Day radio operation runs 24 continuous hours, 11:00 AM Saturday to 11:00 AM Sunday.

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## Club Meeting and Pre-Meeting Dinner Information

The next regular club meeting is Thursday, June 15, 2017 (always the third Thursday) at the East County Sheriff's Station Community Room on Olsen Road at 7:30 pm. Talk-in coordination is on the Bozo repeater, 147.885 (- 127.3).

**Guest Speaker: ARRL, Questions and Answers:** Southwest Division Director Dick Norton-N6AA answers your questions and gives us a look at the latest activities of our hobby's leading organization, the American Radio Relay League.

**Raffle:** The Grand Prize is a Powerpole crimping tool for 15, 30 and 45 amp Powerpoles, plus 10 pairs of 45 amp Powerpoles.

**Pre-Meeting Dinner:** Join fellow club members and our guest speaker for a pre-meeting dinner, at 5 p.m., at Bandits, 589 N. Moorpark Rd. in Thousand Oaks.

## President's Message - Continued

### What can you do for Field Day this year?

If you are a veteran ham, encourage non-licensed people to visit the site and get on the air. Strongly encourage the newer club members, the Technician licensees, to sit down at your station and work HF frequencies above their license class.

Help new operators gain contesting experience. Field day is a strange hybrid of emergency communication exercise and contest. While not an official ARRL contest, on Field Day we try to make and log as many contacts and we can with people all over the country. This year, our Field Day Chairman Ben Herrera-W6JWZ is putting special emphasis on over-night operation – a perfect time for new hams looking to log some serious radio time.

If you are a new ham, get involved and have fun. If you have time, come Friday afternoon and help set up. It's a great experience to learn how to set up a tall mast or the big tents we borrow from the County. But most of all, sit down at several stations and operate. Try something new. The band captains and other operators want to show you how to use a different radio setup or how to work an unfamiliar band or mode. Remember, with an Extra class supervisor at the operating point of the transmitter, Technician class hams can make transmissions in the Extra class bands using the club call of AA6CV.

We'll have a GOTA (Get on the Air) station which is a perfect opportunity to give family and friends an opportunity to get on the air for the first time.

One of the best parts of Field Day is the great BBQ. Our Field Day BBQ dinner will take place on Saturday June 24<sup>th</sup>. Wood Ranch BBQ & Grill will provide a full service BBQ dinner on-site arriving at 3:00 PM and serving at 5:00 PM. The cost is \$20 per person. For those who would like to attend, please sign up and pay at the next club meeting on June 15th, 7:30 PM, at the East County Sheriff's Station, or mail the following information with your payment to:

Conejo Valley Amateur Radio Club  
P.O. Box 2093  
Thousand Oaks, CA 91358-2093

Please include: Your name, Call sign, Phone number, Number in your party, and Payment total (\$20 per person). Please try to pay in advance, as it helps us plan, but our focus is making sure everyone has a great time, so we will accept payment at the time of the BBQ.

The activities don't end with the last QSO on Sunday morning. Help is needed for demobilization too. It's as much fun taking it down as it was setting it up and everyone is invited to help.

Field Day has a little something for everyone: a contest, a social event and an opportunity to learn and practice your operating skills. It also is our best opportunity to demonstrate Amateur Radio to the organizations we might serve in an emergency, as well as show the general public why ham radio has been called upon again and again to provide communication in crises when cellphones and the internet stop working.

73,

Andy  
K6AGL

# May Meeting Summary

The Pre-Meeting Dinner was at the Junk Yard Cafe in Simi Valley.

President Andy-K6AGL began the meeting at 7:30 with the Pledge of Allegiance and welcomed a few first time attendees. Thanks given to Eric-WB6PYK for bringing the coffee and to Christian-K6CAY for bringing the cookies. Club lanyards were again offered for \$1 at the raffle table.

Twenty-one people need to pay dues - can do this by mail

- >Should have received an e-mail from Andy

- >Amnesty will be given this month to overdue members to become current if past due

Field strength meter project – Eric-WB6PYK

- >Parts cost is currently \$40 or less (depending on number of sign-ups)

- >The more people that sign up, the lower the cost

- >08Jul2017 is date of event

- >It will work on HF

Field Day will occur on June 24-25 at Maple Elementary School in Newbury Park (set up on 23Jun2017). Ben-W6JWZ is organizing (contact him at w6jwz@arrl.net)

- >Fun event - all get to sit behind a radio and operate

- >Operators needed into the night

- >Would like to see the QSO count increase with more stations manned this year over last year

- >E-mail Ben to let him know what band and when you want to operate

- >Arie and Rob both bring large antennas and there will also be a big mast

- >The club purchased some new filters and multiplexers for the event

- >Bill Willcox KF6JQO will be safety officer

- >Band captain meeting next week (date is TBD)

- >Really need people on the day before for set up (Friday 23Jun2017)

- >Need folding tables and chairs

- >Reminder: You don't need a license to operate and technicians can operate at higher levels

- >Great time to get your hands on the equipment and try the GOTA station

- >Mark-KK6IKX provided an update on the Saturday evening BBQ, catered by Wood Ranch

  - \*Cost is \$20 per person

  - \*Reviewed the menu

  - \*Full-service BBQ set up at 3 pm, serving at 5 pm

  - \*Sign-up sheet is available with Christian



The night's speaker was Eric Christensen-K6EJC of Ham Radio Outlet, who showed us the latest and best on radio technology. Eric showed off the newest and most interesting technology available to hams today. Models reviewed:

- >Kenwood TH-D74A - full blown DSTAR mobile

- >ICOM ID-4100

- >Yaesu FT-891 HF through 6 meters

- >Yaesu 991A HF all mode, 6 meters, 440, 2 meters (newest with all modes)

- >ICOM IC-7300 HF, 6 meters, all modes, touch screen

- >Comet CAA-500 Mark II antenna analyzer

- >Shark RF open SPOT access point

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## May Meeting Summary - Continued

Next month's speaker will be ARRL Southwest Division Director Dick Norton-N6AA

Announcements from Jim Fortney-K6IYK (Section Manager, ARRL Santa Barbara Section)

>HAMCON 2017 is in Torrance, CA September 15-17, 2017

>Let Jim know if you want to volunteer for SB section

>Important speaker from ARRL at next month's CVARC meeting; if an ARRL member, make sure to show up – Learn what is happening within the ARRL

Raffle: The Grand Prizes were a digital caliper that was won by Mike-KM6HHG and the 2017 ARRL Handbook won by Tom-W0UFC

Next Month's Dinner and Speaker: The June dinner will be at Bandits in Thousand Oaks, and the guest speaker will be on ARRL, Questions and Answers — Southwest Division Director Dick Norton-N6AA answers your questions and gives us a look at the latest activities of our hobby's leading organization, the American Radio Relay League.

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## The Ham Cam



The very cool vintage shack of Ron Huntley-KA7EQT of Clarkston, WA.

Do you have any interesting gear? A vintage radio? An old or unique Morse code key? A special QSL card? Tell us about it! Send photos and a brief description to [sforman66@icloud.com](mailto:sforman66@icloud.com).

# June is Amateur Radio Month



Resolution  
of  
The Board of Supervisors of Ventura County  
Proclaims  
Amateur Radio Month  
June 2017

**WHEREAS**, Amateur (Ham) Radio operators stand ready to serve the residents of Ventura County during times of emergency, providing communications to protect life and property through the use of their skills and advanced communications technologies; and,

**WHEREAS**, The American Radio Relay League's Santa Barbara Section includes Ventura County, which is home to approximately 2,900 Amateur Radio operators licensed by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC); and

**WHEREAS**, Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) communications volunteers in Ventura County commit to extensive training and drills in order to work closely with law enforcement, public safety agencies, hospitals and relief organizations; and,

**WHEREAS**, Amateur Radio operators are committed to the values of community service, continuous training, staying current with advancements in technology, providing mentorship to new operators and never charging a fee for their services; and,

**WHEREAS**, During the fourth weekend of June each year, Amateur Radio operators conduct a national 24-hour exercise that simulates field operations under emergency conditions, this year occurring on June 24 and 25, at multiple locations within Ventura County;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, The County of Ventura Board of Supervisors takes great pleasure in designating June as "Amateur Radio Month" honoring the men and women who are prepared to serve the county whenever their communication skills may be necessary.

Presented this 6<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2017  
County of Ventura, California

*John C. Zaragoza*  
Chair of the Board of Supervisors  
John C. Zaragoza, Supervisor 5<sup>th</sup> District

*Steve Bennett*  
Steve Bennett, Supervisor 1<sup>st</sup> District

*Linda Parks*  
Linda Parks, Supervisor 2<sup>nd</sup> District

*Kelly Long*  
Kelly Long, Supervisor 3<sup>rd</sup> District

*Peter C. Foy*  
Peter C. Foy, Supervisor 4<sup>th</sup> District



At their June 6 meeting, the Ventura County Board of Supervisors proclaimed June as Amateur Radio Month.

A Proclamation was presented by Board Chair John C. Zaragoza, County Supervisor - Fifth District.

# Training and Orientation Stations at Field Day

The CVARC Training and Education Committee will run two 10 meter Field Day stations where club members can join in, operate, and learn about Field Day 2017.

There will be plenty of activity and lots of stations in operation during Field Day. Club members are invited to participate with any station to get on the air. Almost all bands and all modes will be represented somewhere at the site during the 24 hour period.

Those that have operated in the past know what to expect. Those that are newer to radio or have not participated in Field Day may not know what to expect. Club members are invited to participate in all phases of Field Day to help set up, test, operate, and tear down to learn the procedures of putting a station on the air and participating in Field Day.

Norm-AB6ET and Dean-K6DIN will be operating 10 meter HF stations on CW and SSB. Depending on band conditions, there may or may not be much activity on these bands. Therefore, these two stations will be open for training in a low key low pressure setting to get a feel for Field Day, radio procedures, contest exchanges, logging, and general HF operating on CW or SSB. Club members should feel much more comfortable working other Field Day positions after operating with the 10 meter stations.

These two stations will operate under the club call sign of AA6CV as part of the regular Field Day line up. These are not the GOTA (Get on the Air) station.

Since we expect 10 meters to be less active, there should be plenty of time to talk about HF operations, radios, antennas, band conditions, modes, and anything else that may be of interest. Club members will have the opportunity to work CW at your own pace or voice SSB.

One thing certain is that we will not miss the BBQ on Saturday afternoon.

Email Norm-AB6ET about CW operations at [radioab6et@verizon.net](mailto:radioab6et@verizon.net), or Dean-K6DIN about SSB operations at [10-K6DIN@timelord.com](mailto:10-K6DIN@timelord.com) for more information or if you want to participate with us for fun and Field Day.

All other Field Day preparations and questions should be directed to Ben-W6JWZ at [w6jwz@outlook.com](mailto:w6jwz@outlook.com).

## Reminders:

- CVARC Board of Directors meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month, at 7:30 pm, at the Westlake Village City Hall. All members are welcome.
- If you haven't already, please take some CVARC business cards to give to anyone interested in learning more about ham radio. You can get them at the club meetings from Zak-N6PK. They are especially good to have on hand when working portable.
- If you have general questions or concerns, you can always contact CVARC's Members at Large, Adrian-G4FRZ at [G4FRZ@hotmail.com](mailto:G4FRZ@hotmail.com), Charley-KG6CLT at [crpember@aol.com](mailto:crpember@aol.com) or Mark-KK6IKX at [mahorner@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mahorner@sbcglobal.net). Technical questions should go to Eric-WB6PYK at [WB6PYK@arrl.net](mailto:WB6PYK@arrl.net).

# A New Ham's Guide to Your First Radio

By Stu Sheldon, AG6AG

## *So you just got your Amateur Ticket...*

Let me be the first to congratulate you on joining the ranks of Federally Licensed Amateur Radio Operators! You are about to start your journey of discovery and enlightenment that is only available to a select few.

I remember the day I drove 50 miles to take my Technician test. My wife went with me for moral support... well actually she wanted to walk around Old Town Pasadena CA while I was taking my test.... After figuring out the paperwork and going through the gauntlet of Volunteer Examiners all needing to see my ID and paperwork and such, I sat down and somehow managed to pass the element 2 level test, thus receiving my CSCE for my Technician Class License.

## *WOW! I Passed! Umm... Now What?*

I passed. That day, I became a Ham Radio Operator, or Ham for short. I wasn't all that surprised as I had studied and knew the material, but still, I had done it. I picked up my wife, and we headed back out on the freeway.

Once our conversation sank down to the silence of a long drive, my mind began to ponder the question that eventually hits all newly licensed Hams... What radio should I buy?

## *The Perfect Radio.*

Like all new Hams, I started my quest for the perfect radio. I wanted one that could do everything and more! I asked other Hams, did tons of research on the web, and even traveled 50 miles to the closest Ham Radio Outlet to see the latest and greatest in Amateur Radio equipment.

After all the research, and questions, and everything else, I was even more confused than when I started. Here are some things I've learned since then that hopefully will help you with your quest.

- Someone else's idea of the perfect radio may not be perfect for you.
- More expensive does not mean better.
- More features does not mean better.
- Location, terrain, weather and building density will affect a radio's performance regardless of what you pay for it.
- Antenna choice is just as, if not more important than the radio itself.

So let's proceed with those things in mind.

## *Base Station, Mobile or Handy Talky?*

The stock answer here is to point new Hams toward an HT (Handy Talky). Why? Because an HT is the most versatile and is the easiest to get setup. After all, to setup a Base Station or a Mobile radio

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You'll need to come up with a power source and an external antenna system. An HT just requires you to charge the battery and set the frequency info. Bang, you're on the air. Certainly, an HT isn't going to solve all your radio needs, not even close. But it will get you listening and talking on the air quickly. Besides, every Ham should own at least one HT.

### *Japanese vs. Chinese HTs.*

Before I go any further, there are some very strong opinions, both technical and political regarding this subject. This is a heated topic among Amateur Operators. I offer the following as a simple comparison.

- Japanese HTs are usually of higher quality than their Chinese counterparts.
- Japanese HTs tend to have better selectivity and less issues with nearby interference.
- Chinese HTs are very inexpensive in comparison with Japanese HTs. A Chinese HT that will fill the bill for most Hams can be had for as low as \$25 including shipping, where as it's Japanese counterpart starts tipping the scales at around \$175.
- You will most likely be using an HT in harsh environments where they could be damaged or lost. The reduced cost of the Chinese HTs seems to be a real benefit in this case.
- Japanese HTs tend to have better tech support and warranty services.
- Failure of a Chinese HT usually results in the radio being tossed out.

Now, there certainly may be a Japanese HT in your future. There will probably be a few different radios in your future as you grow into the hobby. I just don't believe you need to spend hundreds of dollars, when tens of dollars will get you started. Mind you, it's your money. Spend it as you see fit.

### *Total Cost of an HT.*

If you think the total cost of an HT is just the radio itself, I have some bad news for you. Let's talk a little about the 'other stuff' you will need to buy along with your radio.

**Additional Batteries:** It's always a good idea to have one or two extra batteries all charged and set to go. You never know how long an event or emergency may have you tied up without access to power. It also is a great idea to find a AA or AAA battery adapter for your radio, just in case you are working support for a severe storm, fire or earthquake event and the power is out for an extended period of time. Police and Fire usually have AAA and AA batteries available for emergency workers.

**Car Charger:** So you can charge your batteries without commercial power.

**Car Power Supply:** This is different than the charger. A car power supply allows you to use your HT as a low-power mobile if needed. Of course you will need a few other things like.

**External Mic/Speaker and Mag Mount Antenna:** With these two things, you now can jump into a vehicle without a radio in it and become a mobile operator. Not as good as a dedicated mobile rig, but it works in a pinch!

**Programming Cable and Software:** You can program most radios directly from the touch pad, but

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it can be a real pain to do it. My HTs have 80 to 90 frequencies programmed into them. Doing that by hand would take hours. For Japanese radios, you will most likely need to pay for software. The Chinese radios can use an open source program called 'Chirp' to program the entire radio.

### *Additional Thoughts...*

Buying an HT is not going to be the end all beat all for your Ham Radio needs. It's just an easy, and hopefully inexpensive starting point. I moved up to a mobile rig in my vehicle within 2 or 3 months of getting my license.

What I guess I'm trying to say, is that you don't need to toss hundreds of dollars out on your first radio. Go cheap, and see how far it gets you. Chances are if they can't hear you on an inexpensive Chinese HT, they won't hear you on a \$500 Japanese HT either.

Remember, if you are using an HT, you'll most likely need to be outside to get heard. They work very poorly from inside a house or a car.

This is where an external antenna comes in. If you hook up a mag mount antenna to your HT and toss it on the roof of your vehicle, you should be able to reach nearby repeaters while driving. I have also used a mag mount antenna attached to a cookie sheet from inside the house with reasonable results as well. But for real results at home, an antenna on the roof of the house is your best bet.

Beware of after market 'high gain' HT antennas. They might provide a very small increase in reception, but for the most part, they really don't work well.

Most importantly, **DON'T GET DISCOURAGED!** Getting heard on any radio can be a challenge. If this stuff was easy, everyone would be doing it. The fun is in the learning... and yes, in the frustration as well. You'll get it working, just keep trying and asking questions.

For more info, check out [More About Baofeng HTs](#).

Stu – AG6AG

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## Recurring Nets

**Sundays:** [Newbie Net](#), 7 pm, 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](mailto:kd6rcm@arrl.net). Following the Newbie Net, look for the [VHF Simplex Rag Chew](#), 146.550 MHz, open for all.

**Tuesdays:** [ACS/ARES/RACES Net](#), 7 pm, Bozo Repeater and 7:10 Amgen Repeater.

**Wednesdays:** [HF Roundtable](#), 7 pm, 21.333 ± MHz, USB, all are welcome.

# Scheduled CVARC Speakers and Topics

**Thursday, June 15, 2017 – ARRL, Questions and Answers** — Southwest Division Director Dick Norton-N6AA answers your questions and gives us a look at the latest activities of our hobby's leading organization, the American Radio Relay League.

**Thursday, July 20, 2017 – What is a Panadapter?** Rob Hanson-W6RH talks about panadapters or panoramic receiver display adapters which attach to your radio and give you the opportunity to look at all the signals within the band where you are operating. Rob will show us how a laptop panadapter can be tied to some basic computerized rig control. This creates a powerful tool which allows you to spot another station in real time, click on that station and have your radio instantly tune to that frequency.

**Thursday, August 17, 2017 – Latest Antenna Research and Design:** Skip Bolnick-KJ6Y spent his career installing and repairing amateur radio towers and antennas. He'll share information on how to get the most out of your antenna whether you are a long-time ham or a newbie.

**Thursday, September 21, 2017 – Improving Your Receive Audio:** Dr. Bob Heil, K9EID, founded the company Heil Sound in 1966, which went on to create unique touring sound systems for bands such as The Grateful Dead and The Who. Heil has also been an innovator in the field of amateur radio, manufacturing microphones and supporting efforts to improve the quality of transmitted and received audio.

**Thursday, October 19, 2017 – Collecting and Restoring Old Radios**

**Thursday, November 16, 2017 – Arduino Projects for Amateur Radio:** Dennis Kidder-W6DQ talks about ways to increase the functionality and value of your ham radio without spending a lot of money. Dennis will explain how you can add hundreds of dollars' worth of upgrades to your existing equipment with low cost, do-it-yourself microcontroller projects.

**December, 2017 – CVARC Holiday Party**

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**Thursday, January 18, 2018 – Digital UHF/VHF Modes, DMR, D-Star, P-25, Fusion**

**Thursday, February 15, 2018 – Software Defined Radio and Remote Operation Demo**

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.

# Event Calendar

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Links</u>	<u>Contact Person</u>
June 10-12	June VHF Contest -	<a href="http://www.arrl.org/june-vhf">http://www.arrl.org/june-vhf</a>	
June 11	4 States Second Sunday Sprint 000z – 0200Z	<a href="http://www.4sgrp.com/SSS/sss_rules.pdf">http://www.4sgrp.com/SSS/sss_rules.pdf</a>	
	3985kHz, 7285kHz, or 14285kHz Standard CW QRP calling freq. plus 7122kHz and 3564kHz.		
June 11	CVARC VE Exam, ECSS Community Rm. 8:30 am		
June 15	CVARC General Mtg., ECSS 7:30 pm Topic: ARRL Q & A with SW Division Dir. Dick Norton-N6AA		
June 17	Santa Maria Ham Radio Swapfest and BBQ 730 am - Newlove Picnic		
June 18	Kids Day	<a href="http://www.arrl.org/kids-day">http://www.arrl.org/kids-day</a>	
June 18 - 19	The Smirk Contest (6 meters)	<a href="http://www.smirk.org/contest.html">http://www.smirk.org/contest.html</a>	
June 23 - 25	Commemorating the Lives of President and Mrs. Reagan 1800z – 1900z N6R 14.255 7.260		
June 24-25	Field Day - Maple Elementary School, Newbury Park	<a href="http://www.arrl.org/field-day">http://www.arrl.org/field-day</a>	
June 24	CVARC Field Day BBQ Dinner 5 pm \$20 Catered by Wood Ranch		
July 3	Moorpark Fireworks Show 2 pm, Marc Hanley	<a href="mailto:km6b@arrl.net">km6b@arrl.net</a>	
July 8 – 9	IARU HF World Championship	<a href="http://www.arrl.org/iaru-hf-championship">http://www.arrl.org/iaru-hf-championship</a>	
July 9	4 States Second Sunday Sprint 000z – 0200Z	<a href="http://www.4sgrp.com/SSS/sss_rules.pdf">http://www.4sgrp.com/SSS/sss_rules.pdf</a>	
	3985kHz, 7285kHz, or 14285kHz Standard CW QRP calling freq. plus 7122kHz and 3564kHz.		
July 10	ACS/ARES District Mtg 7:30 pm Ojai ARC Center		
July 13	CVARC Board Mtg Westlake City Hall 7:30 pm		
July 15	CVARC General License Class 5 Saturday's 9am – 1pm ECSS		
July 15 – 16	CQ Worldwide VHF Contest		
July 20	CVARC General Mtg ECSS 7:30 pm Topic: What is a Pan Adapter?		
July 22	CVARC Technician License Class 4 Saturday's 1 – 5 pm ECSS		
July 23	Goodkin 1-Day Ham Radio Class	<a href="http://hamclass.goodkin.net/">http://hamclass.goodkin.net/</a>	
Aug 5 – 6	222 Mhz and Up Distance Contest	<a href="http://www.arrl.org/222-mhz-and-up-distance-contest">http://www.arrl.org/222-mhz-and-up-distance-contest</a>	
August 10	CVARC Board Mtg Westlake City Hall 7:30 pm		
August 13	CVARC VE Exam ECSS Community Rm. 8:30 am		



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## Event Calendar—Continued

August 17	CVARC General Mtg ECSS 7:30 pm Topic: Latest Antenna Research and Design
August 19 – 20	Wings Over Camarillo
Sept 9 – 11	September VHF Contest <a href="http://www.arrl.org/september-vhf">http://www.arrl.org/september-vhf</a>
Sept 15-17	Southwestern Division Convention (HamCon2017) Torrance <a href="http://www.arrl.org/hamfests/southwestern-division-convention-hamcon-2017">http://www.arrl.org/hamfests/southwestern-division-convention-hamcon-2017</a> or <a href="http://www.hamconinc.org">http://www.hamconinc.org</a>
Sept 30	Share the Road Bike Ride
Oct 7	10 <sup>th</sup> Annual Valley Disaster Preparedness Fair Granada Hills <a href="http://www.valleydisasterfair.com">http://www.valleydisasterfair.com</a>
Oct 7 – 8	EME – 50 to 1296 Mhz Contest <a href="http://www.arrl.org/eme-contest">http://www.arrl.org/eme-contest</a>
Oct 8	CVARC VE Exam ECSS Community rm 8:30 am
Oct 22	Ventura Marathon-Ojai to Ventura
Dec 10	CVARC VE Exam ECSS Community rm 8:30 am

## Newbie Net Schedule

Sunday nights, 7 pm, 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](mailto:kd6rcm@arrl.net). Check the CVARC website and discussion group for additions and corrections to net control operators.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Net Control Operator</u>
June 11	Stu-AG6AG
June 18	Arie-WA6RIE
June 25	Bob-W6CJX

Please send me your logs of check-ins after the net.

Todd-KD6RCM

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## CVARC Yahoo Discussion Group

Are you interested in seeing current information or posting timely information yourself? Visit and join the CVARC Yahoo Discussion Group.

This is a closed Yahoo group so you have to go to the club website, select the “About Us” tab, and follow the “Discussion Groups” link to join. <http://www.cvarc.org/page2/page3/>

After being approved, you can read past and recent posts or comment and post information yourself. Take a look. Lots of timely information being passed back and forth.



## ***On-site Grill and Full Service BBQ***

***\$20/person***

***Field Day Menu Served at 5:00PM:***

### **Entree**

Boneless BBQ Chicken Breast

Famous Wood Ranch Tri Tip

### **Sides**

Skillet baked beans

Original Peanut Coleslaw

Freshly Baked Garlic Rolls

### **Dessert**

House-Baked Brownies

Freshly-Baked Cookies

Mom's Deep Dish Peach Cobbler

### **Drinks**

Sodas and Water (provided by the club)

**BBQ Service provided by:**





- 20M, 4 element beam, 26' boom Hy-Gain 204BA, with BN86 balun - \$175  
Alpha Delta DX-CC 10-80M parallel dipole, 82' long - \$80

Contact Roger-WD6EVT at (805) 338-5605 or [WD6EVT@arrl.net](mailto:WD6EVT@arrl.net)

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- A Yaesu FT1000 MP Mark V 200W, 160 - 10 meter HF Transceiver. (not the 100W "Field" model.) Two VFOs, designed for contesting. Internal keyer, Packet and RTTY modes, with stock external 30V and 12V power supply. Clean, reliable operation. Absolutely no problems ever. With original operations manual. Will sell with big diaphragm Yaesu MD200 microphone, if get a decent price. Make offer!! See on eHam.net: <http://www.eham.net/reviews/detail/850>

Contact Tim-K6POI at [tim.k6poi@gmail.com](mailto:tim.k6poi@gmail.com)

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- Yaesu FT897, All Mode, 100W HF 160 - 6 meter, 50W 2 Meter, 20W 70 cm  
With LDG-897 Plus External Auto-Tuner and cables, Auto-Tuner designed for FT897 by LDG  
Internal keyer and data modes. Absolutely clean, no problems. With original operations manual and microphones. Good first radio or Go Box. Proven performer. (Not FT-897D, needs external or internal power supply.) Will consider all offers. See on eHam.net: <http://www.eham.net/reviews/detail/2432>

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# 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.

CVARC single membership is \$20 per year. For a multi-year single membership, the special rate is \$16 per year. Family membership is \$25 per year. A special \$10 first year membership rate is offered to new hams licensed in the last 12 months and full-time students. CVARC membership dues are payable in May. If you are joining the club during any other month of the year, please contact [info@cvarc.org](mailto:info@cvarc.org) or the club treasurer Christian Ylagan at a club meeting for the proper, prorated dues amount to get you on a May renewal schedule. An application to join is found on the club website.

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

## QUA CVARC

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## 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 website at <http://www.cvarc.org>. You may view past newsletters on the website.