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President's Message

Stu Forman-KK6VYS

Happy New Year, CVARC members!

It's 2018 and our club, I am told, is now in its 45th year. Wow! That's impressive. As the Club's newsletter editor for the last year, I sometimes found myself looking back at the older newsletters on the Club's website. The oldest of these newsletters are from late-2000, more than 17 years ago. As I read through them I noticed something: So many familiar names! How amazing is it that we have members who have been with the Club for nearly 2 decades? Perhaps some members have been around even longer! More importantly, these are members who are still actively involved in the Club, not just names on a roster. I think that's a big part of the Club's continued success and growth. Members get involved. They take on responsibilities. But they also stay to teach, mentor and help newer hams. I thought this was worth acknowledging. Thank you to all the members who, over the years, have worked to keep CVARC going, and who have helped to grow it to what it is today.

I have enjoyed serving as the newsletter editor for the past year,

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Club Meeting and Pre-Meeting Dinner Information

The next regular club meeting is Thursday, January 18, 2018 (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).

Topic/Guest Speaker: Ham Radio and Hurricane Relief: Ben Kuo-AI6YR talks about his experiences assisting the people living on several Caribbean islands devastated by Hurricane Maria last Fall. Immediately after the hurricane the islands were left with no communications except for Ham radio.

Raffle Grand Prize: 30-Pc Universal RF Adapter Kit Coaxial Connector Set N TNC BNC SMA UHF MINI-UHF

Pre-Meeting Dinner: Join fellow club members and our guest speaker for a pre-meeting dinner, at 5 p.m., at Stonefire Grill, 3635 Thousand Oaks Blvd.

President's Message - Continued

and I am happy to continue in that role through 2018. I am honored to have been elected CVARC President, although the whole thing is a little surreal. Honestly. I mean, it doesn't seem like it was that long ago that I walked into the East County Sheriff's Station to test for my Technician Class license. In fact, it wasn't.

I became interested in ham radio after talking with a friend who was a volunteer with the Ventura County Search and Rescue. I told him that I was finally getting serious about earthquake/disaster preparedness, and that I was putting together kits for our two cars and one for the house. We talked about food, water, first aid kits, etc. I did a lot of research and put a lot of thought into putting those kits together. Then he asked me what I planned to do about communications. I really didn't know what he meant. He explained that, in some situations, cell phones likely wouldn't work. I hadn't thought about it. He suggested that I get a ham radio license, purchase a radio, and join the local ham radio club. I did just as he suggested. That was in the summer of 2015, not even 3 years ago.

Sure, I've done a few things since then. I obtained my General Class license; then my Extra. I was issued an ACS number. I got my VE Accreditation. I even learned CW, although I'm still reaaaaally slow. Yet, despite all this, I still feel like one of the newbies. So I was a little surprised when I was asked to consider running for Club President. I thought about some of our Club members, and their decades of experience as hams, and their technical expertise, and their much longer tenures as CVARC members. I thought "surely there must be someone more qualified, more deserving." The thought of serving as Club President seemed a little overwhelming, but I was reminded that those same Club members, who have supported the Club for so long, would now be there to help me. I know I'm not doing this alone.

So here's to 2018! May we be blessed with a year filled with good band conditions, good fun and good friends.

73,

Stu-KK6VYS

Save the Date!

CVARC Winter Field Day Event

Saturday, January 27th

Reminders:

- CVARC Board of Directors meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month, at 7:00 pm, at the Westlake Village City Hall. All CVARC members are welcome.
- If you haven't done so 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, Zak Cohen-N6PK at zakc99@aol.com, Tim Wheeler-K6POI at tim.k6poi@gmail.com or Ben Herrera-W6JWZ at w6jwz@outlook.com. Technical questions should go to Adrian Jarrett-K6KYat g4frz@hotmail.com.

Planned CVARC Speakers and Topics

Thursday, January 18, 2018 - Ham Radio and Hurricane Relief: Ben Kuo-AI6YR talks about his experiences assisting the people living on several Caribbean islands devastated by Hurricane Maria last Fall. Immediately after the hurricane the islands were left with no communications except for Ham radio.

Thursday, February 15, 2018 – *Restoring WW2 Era Radios:* John Castorina-WB6AZP discusses the restoration of WW2 radios sets for P-51D "Sierra Sue 2" (VHF) and P-51C "Lope's Hope" (HF) aircraft. He'll bring some examples of the equipment he supplied for aircraft.

Thursday, March 15, 2018 - *Contesting*

Thursday, April 19, 2018 –Emergency Preparedness: Bill Boyd, Emergency Manager with the Ventura County Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services discusses emergency preparedness and communication in Ventura County.

Thursday, May 17, 2018 – Ham Radio in Space

Thursday, June 21, 2018 – Field Day History

Thursday, July 19, 2018 – Logging Software

Thursday, August 16, 2018 – Mobile Operation

Thursday, September 20, 2018 – Digital Software

Thursday, October 18, 2018 – Repeater Systems

Thursday, November 15, 2018 – Antennas

Thursday, December 13, 2018 – CVARC Holiday Party

The Speakers Committee (Mark Horner-KK6IKX 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.

Note: This is the latest schedule of planned Speakers and Topics. It is always a work-in-progress, and sometimes it becomes necessary to reschedule a speaker to another date. We apologize for any confusion.

Event Calendar

January 18	CVARC General Meeting 7:30 pm East County Sheriff's Station Topic: Ham Radio and Hurricane Relief
January 21	Goodkin 1-Day Ham Radio Class - http://hamclass.goodkin.net - 9 am – 4 pm Agoura
January 20 – 21	North American QSO Party, SSB http://www.ncjweb.com/NAQP-Rules.pdf
January 20 – 22	January VHF Contest http://www.arrl.org/january-vhf
January 27 – 28	Winter Field Day - https://www.winterfieldday.com/rules/ CVARC Mini-Field Day and Picnic Saturday, January 27th, 9:00 Thousand Oaks Community Park 2525 N. Moorpark Rd., Thousand Oaks

In the interest of encouraging young people to investigate our hobby and STEM careers, during our Winter Field Day, Saturday, January 27, CVARC will be hosting approximately 6 local Girl Scouts working on their ARRL Wireless and Radio Technology Patch. CVARC volunteers will be providing a number of activities associated with this award. **A number of volunteer positions are still available**, including demonstrating and explaining the principles behind a remote controlled devices, radio interference, codes and cell phones. Each activity should take no more that 1/2 hour of time. The contact for activity volunteers is Bill Willcox-KF6JQO william_willcox@pacbell.net or through the Yahoo discussion group which has a link to the program.

February 8	CVARC Board Meeting 7:00 pm Westlake City Hall
February 11	CVARC VE Exam - East County Sheriff's Station Community Rm. 8:30 am
February 12 – 16	School Club Roundup - http://www.arrl.org/school-club-roundup
February 15	CVARC General Meeting 7:30 pm East County Sheriff's Station Topic: Restoring WW2 Era Radios
February 17 – 18	International DX contest-CW - http://www.arrl.org/arrl-dx
March 4 – 5	International DX contest-Phone
March 8	CVARC Board Meeting 7:00 pm Westlake City Hall
March 10	Extra Class License classes begin - East County Sheriff's Station 5 Saturdays, 8:00 - 12:00 - Contact william_willcox@pacbell.net
March 15	CVARC General Meeting 7:30 pm East County Sheriff's Station Topic: Contesting
March 17	Technician License classes begin - East County Sheriff's Station 5 Saturdays, 1:00 - 5:00 - Contact william_willcox@pacbell.net

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. Check the CVARC website and discussion group for additions and corrections to net control operators.

Date		Net Control Operator
January	14	Stu-AG6AG
January	21	Todd-KD6RCM
January	28	OPEN
February	4	Todd-KD6RCM
February	11	OPEN
February	18	Stu-AG6AG
February	25	OPEN

Net Control Operators, please send me your logs of check-ins after the net.

Todd-KD6RCM

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. 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.

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.

The Ham Cam

My newest acquisition - a Bravo 7KB portable antenna. It can be setup for all bands from 40 - 10 meters (and if I did the math - I wouldn't be surprised if I could configure him for 6 Meters). The pictures show it setup at the park for 40 meters where he measures 24' high (tip to ground) and 18' wide (tip to tip).

I plan on bringing it out for Winter Field Day. I'm thinking that I may want to do digital at Spring field day this year, hence the need for the new antenna.

Dean-K6DIN

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.

- As some of you may know, a few of us have been working with the family of the late **Terry Graves (K7FE/sk)** to find new homes for many of his Amateur Radio and engineering ***Treasurers***, while at the same time trying to recover some much-needed revenue for the family. To that end, in May, 2017, we published the first list (i.e., Rev. 1.0) of "**For Sale**" items for your review and consideration. We will try to keep the list as *current* and *accurate* as possible, dropping items that are either PENDING SALE or SOLD, refining item information as appropriate, and adding items as they become available.

  Items currently available for purchase are listed at http://terrygraves.org

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- Connect Systems CS700, UHF DMR handheld. New, never used, never programmed, only charged battery. Complete with box and programming cable. $100 firm.
  Contact Norm-AB6ET, radioab6et@verizon.net or 805-990-4972

If you have gear for sale, and you'd like to have it included in upcoming CVARC Newsletters, please send a brief description of each item, the price, your name and contact info and, if necessary, a photo to Stu-KK6VYS at sforman66@icloud.com.

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 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.

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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.