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~ Upcoming Events ~

Feb 7: Club Breakfast at Keno's, 8 AM

Feb 17: Digital TV Transition Day.

Feb 19: Board of Directors Meeting 6:30 PM

Feb 21: Elmer Workshop 10 AM
(No Elmer Workshop in March!)

Feb 24: General Membership Meeting 7 PM

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FEBRUARY 2009

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~ Membership Corner ~

By Margaret Signorelli, WA6PZO

2008 is now just a fleeting memory and 2009 offers us many challenges for our personal and professional lives.

A membership report is that there are no changes to our membership count. The membership count is still at 22.

This coming year is really going to be very challenging for our club. At the Board Meeting there will be a new selection of Officers. It will be announced at the next General Meeting held on January 27th of who the new (or not so new) board members are. Please come to the meeting and help support the club.

I strongly urge everyone to show up and participate in the process of the clubs attempt to keep active.

Looking forward to seeing you there.

Margaret WA6PZO ■■■■■■

~ Camera Batteries ~

If you are one of the many people who own a digital camera that came with AA size NiMH batteries you are probably experiencing the same problem that I had. That is every time I went to use the camera the batteries needed to be charged.

After going through several sets of AA NiMH cells for my camera I decided to try a new battery technology from Maha. These new technology batteries come fully charged and will hold up to 80% of their charge in storage for up to one year. They are rechargeable using the same charger used for NiMH batteries.

After having these batteries in my camera for over six months now I am amazed by the fact that the camera still shows them to be fully charged even after using the camera several times. Where the NiMH batteries would only last a couple of weeks at best.

Talk about green technology, they save on electricity by not having to be charged as often and are always ready for use.

These batteries are from Maha and are called IMEDION by POWEREX. The rated capacity is 2100 MAH with a minimum capacity of 2000 MAH. I purchased mine from one of our sponsors, HRO and the price of under \$15 was for a package of 4.

Walt WB6RQT

~ Monthly Events ~

CLUB BREAKFAST: 8:00 AM First Saturday of each month at Keno's Restaurant, 2661 W. La Palma Ave, Anaheim, CA 92801.

BOARD MEETING: 6:30 PM Thursday before General Meeting of each month (except December) International House of Pancakes Restaurant — 2250 Lincoln Avenue, Anaheim, CA.

ELMER (Mentor) WORKSHOP PROGRAM: Third Saturday of the month (except March and December) Lutheran Church, 12301 Magnolia St, Garden Grove. (in North Hall) Time: 10AM. Visit <http://www.aara.org> for more information & Map.

MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING: Fourth Tuesday of the Month. (except December) Guests are always welcome. Meeting starts at 7:00 PM.

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~ AARA Repeaters: K6SYU/R ~

2M Repeaters 146.19/146.79

Long Beach, PL-1A/13 - 103.5 HZ
St. Jude, Fullerton PL-2A/16 - 114.8 HZ

220 Repeaters 222.9/224.5

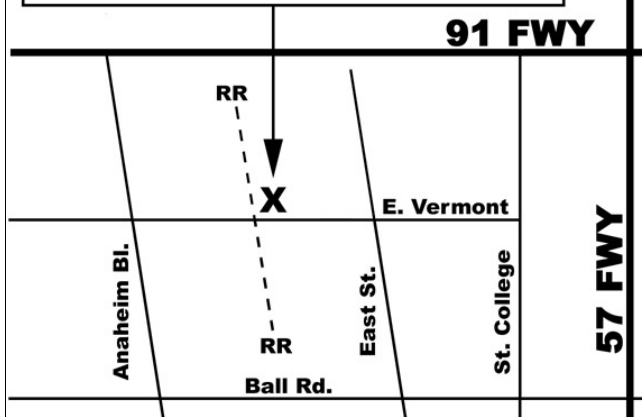
Long Beach, PL-5A/25 - 156.7 HZ
St. Jude, Fullerton PL-5B/26 - 162.2 HZ

Notes:

2M Repeaters Transmit a 103.5 CTCSS Tone on the output. Long Beach 2M & 220 Repeaters are linked.

Frequency format is: input/output

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Send Articles and address updates to the Editor at: waltrqt@earthlink.net

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~ Prez Sez ~

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

I hope everyone had Happy Holidays.

This month the new Board takes over. I will not be on the board this year. All the other Board members will continue. We won't know who will be President of the club until the Board Meeting.

Please come to the General Meeting on January 27. Bob (KI6K) and I will make a presentation about our vacation last summer. It took about 3½ months, covered most of the Mid-West and Eastern States and 3 Provinces of Canada. Bob has set up his presentation to show as much or little as people want to see.

Please come and make some face to face contact with your HAM friends in the club.

73, Linda KE6QFL

~ The Logbook ~

Having received no submissions this month, I offer the following from my own logbook:

Recently I noticed a strong signal at 432.000 MHz. It does not sound like a ham radio signal, so I decided to investigate. Built an 8-element Quagi antenna from an Internet article, the started searching the neighborhood. After spending two afternoons searching without success, I tried while standing in my back yard. The signal was much stronger than any of the other locations! It turned out to be coming from the house in back of mine!

The signal sounds like a two-frequency tone (in USB mode), transmitting at two distinct data rates. It sounds similar to Morse Code, but is clearly some other format. Both tones also shift frequency periodically, and there is at least one other signal in the audio pass band. Very interesting, but I am unable to decode it. As I don't know this neighbor I don't want to ring the doorbell and ask a bunch of strange questions!

I will be glad to send an audio file (.wav) and/or a .pdf screen capture of the waterfall display if anyone is interested. Just contact me at the email address below.

73 - Tom Smith KB6A
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