



# Ham Shack

A PUBLICATION OF THE RIO HONDO AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

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## President's Message

June brings good times. It is the start of the summer season. School is out, and we begin our vacations. For hams, though, June is especially significant because of Field Day. Field Day began about a century ago when taking radios and antennas into the field was no easy task. Originally it was intended to practice and prove that ability, which has evolved into the phrase that we now use proudly, "When all else fails".

This year we will again be operating from in front of the Whittier City Hall. For those of you who attended last year you may recall that we had a few technical issues resulting in a slow start. The Field Day committee has been working on those issues and a few other tweaks and tuning which we think will make for a better experience. We sincerely hope that as many of you as possible will be joining us.

Remember that Field Day is a great opportunity to try things. Because we are relying on control operators basically anyone can operate, even non-hams. There is also the opportunity to bring your radios, antennas or other gear and try it out, as well as operating radios provided. Keep in mind that the operating event is 24 hours, and that from sundown on Saturday to sunup on Sunday there will almost always be one or more stations not in use so you may want to plan to come then.

In preparation for Field Day we will have a special club meeting this month. First, the Elmer session at 6:00 will be a "Field Day 101" to acquaint newer hams and those with limited Field Day experience with the practical information about operating, including the

## Important Dates

### June

- 7<sup>th</sup> RHARC NET
- 12<sup>th</sup> RHARC Meeting**  
**7PM @ 15390 Lambert**  
**RD., Whittier CA 90604**
- 14<sup>th</sup> RHARC NET
- 21<sup>st</sup> RHARC NET
- 24<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> Field Day @**  
**Whittier City Hall**
- 24<sup>th</sup> RHARC NET
- 26<sup>th</sup> BOARD Meeting**  
**7PM @ 11139**  
**Washington Blvd.**  
**Whittier, CA 90606**
- 28<sup>th</sup> RHARC NET

### July

- 4<sup>th</sup> Independence Day
- 5<sup>th</sup> RHARC NET
- 10<sup>th</sup> RHARC Meeting**
- 12<sup>th</sup> RHARC NET
- 19<sup>th</sup> RHARC NET
- 26<sup>th</sup> RHARC NET
- 31<sup>st</sup> BOARD Meeting**

*Join the Rio Hondo ARC Net every Wednesday evening at 8 PM on any of our Repeaters: at 146.175 MHz (+), PL 156.7 Hz; at 223.94 MHz (-), PL 100 Hz; or at 445.560 MHz(-), PL 100 Hz. All Hams are invited!*

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**Board Meetings are held at IHOP on the last Monday of the month at the IHOP Restaurant on Washington Blvd in the Santa Fe Springs Market Place Shopping Center, at 7:00 PM.**

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Ret. Secretary

**Presidents Message** (Continued) information to be exchanged during contacts, the computer logging software we will be using and some organizational considerations. The general meeting will include presentations about Field Day and how others have done it and a general discussion and the committee's request for certain items we need. We will also have a presentation by Lucinda Halley KM6EXM on the National Traffic System and message handling.

Again we will be providing food at meal times during our Field Day operations and asking for a small donation to help offset the cost. It would be helpful to know if you are planning to be there, just so we have enough. But the most important thing is to be there for as much time as you can for the four "E" event, experience, education, experimentation and entertainment. We hope to see you there.

73, Rick WM6M



Hello to all of our members who attended the April club meeting.

As you remember Kevin from Bioenno Power mentioned he will be giving us a 15% discount of any purchase of their product. Kevin has sent the discount code for our club. The discount code is: "**RIOHONDO**" <https://www.bioennopower.com>. Customers can enter the code into the checkout screen, which will provide 15% discount.

I hope everyone had a good time and learned as much as I did. Also, the club is selling Anderson Power Poles a bag of 10 for \$10. We also have the crimp tool to install them that will be loaned to those who buy the Power Poles. Those who are interested can get a hold of me through e-mail phone or clubs repeater.

73, Josh (K6PNP) V.P.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR MEMBERS BORN IN THE MONTH OF JUNE**



- 6/2~Rick Norton (WM6M)
- 6/12~Don Johnson (KK6KDM)
- 6/30~Jocelyn Lotho (KM6EXW)



## RHARC General Meeting 5-8-17

**Rick gave the meeting to order at 7:01pm.**

**Flag salute**

**Introductions**

**President** - reminder on renewals,

**VP** - future programs - June General Meeting - getting ready for field day - June 24/25.

June 12th - figure out what we need to bring, signups, operator times, equipment, etc.

August club meeting - picnic/dinner

Upcoming programs - Aug 5/6 Angeles Crest 100 mile run, need volunteers. More info in the next month / newsletter.

Possible - June meeting brief presentation on national traffic service.

**Sec** - nothing

**Treasurer** - doing better. At last official count per Rick - \$2274.28 checking, \$2233.94 - savings (repeater fund).

**Tech Class** - June 2/3/4. Hands on two weeks after, two weeks after for General class. If you want to upgrade your license, let them know and we will be prepared on Test day.

**Repeaters** (Dino) - over the weekend, took the 2nd repeater and did firmware updates on the 70cm (impacts digital side). Rick and Josh swapped a couple of ports on the 2M/220 to get it working. The 220 should work, and should work during the net. Will check on Wednesday. 440 repeater needs cleaning, is at Dino's house to clean and update. Will also get controller configured. Next step after that is linking the 2m/440 repeaters through the controller. 220 repeater will be replaced soon, so won't link it through the controller.

**L.A. Area Council** - any interested volunteers to be an alternate, contact Rick. Dave: Good turnout on Founders Day. 2 new members there, several others interested. Next event is the radio check for City of Whittier. Rick: Next quarterly disaster preparedness meeting will be what Hams can do, and message handling.

**Newsletter:** Nothing new. Website, nothing new.

**Membership:** Paul: 2 new members from Founders Day, another tonight.

**Net:** one change in procedure - do analog net first, then digital with known digital members. No longer will call on Digital if you didn't check in on FM.

**Hospitality:** Dino brought lemonade. Thank you!

**Old Business:** Power Poles, bag of 10 for \$10. Also has crimper for loan.

**New Business:** (hospitality) Handheld strap - from HRO is a special order. Went to Monte's - has a whole box full of camera wrist straps that can be used. \$5 each.

Suggestion box

**(Break)**

(Board Vote - Jack motions for Lucinda to pursue a 501(c)(3) status for the club. Tom seconds. Unanimous.

Jim Crabtree

General Meeting Mins (Continued)

L.A. County EMS  
636-393-1784

"Why things didn't necessarily work out like you planned"

Vi: NorCal DXpedition meeting - was able to attend the meeting. 703 people at the banquet. Lots of good info.

Dino: This Saturday, Fullerton event - antennas in the park. Interested in a tee-hunt. Hillcrest park at Issac Walton cabin. 10 a.m., May 13th.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:58pm.**



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