



Ham Shack News

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Club Meetings 1st Thursday of most months

10:30 a.m.

Club Website: <https://lagunawoodsvillage.com/amenities/clubs/amateur-radio-club>

Members in Action

Go Bags Contents Covered in March

Our March meeting program was all about "Go Bags".

Jim, K6EEE, advised what might be included in a go bag if you are a deployed radio operator. Bruce, NH7WG, spoke about what contents should be in a go bag if you need to evacuate.

RACES Exercise Conducted May 1

Bruce, NH7WG, and Jim, K6EEE set up antennae and radio equipment. They were joined by three other RACES members who met at the field inside Gate 16 to participate in the City/County RACES deployment exercise. The team was able to check into the OCRACES Simplex net. Also, Mike, KA6VPG, was net operator for the radio club's 2-meter Simplex net.

Other club members who joined us included Carol, KN6ORE, Steve, A16RP, Ian, N6RLT, our newest Associate Member Philip, and guests Dave S. and our webmaster Ron.

The exercise was not only informative and interesting but great fun outdoors with our friends.

Congratulations

New Member Philip Kowal
passed his Technician test in May.
His call sign is KN6OYS

Mark Your Calendar for What's Coming

June 6 Baofeng radio class

June 26 Field Day

July 1 Membership meeting

HOORAY! LWV is beginning to open up. We expect to begin joining together for breakfast again on the second Thursday in June at 19 Restaurant. Normally the radio club goes dark in July and August. However, we will continue to hold meetings throughout this year. Our July meeting will be in person at CH1.

Sheriff's Department Speakers Present at February Club Meeting

Guest speakers from the OC Sheriff's Dept. joined us via Zoom for our February meeting. Pictured below, left, is Captain Gene Inouye, with Captain Ken Bourne, right.



Laguna Woods Village Amateur Radio Club will continue to follow the government regulations and remain closed until we get the "All Clear".

Members are encouraged to use radios at home for participating in nets and practicing our weekly emergency radio communications.

We hope our community remains safe and healthy!

Watch and listen for news about safely resuming our get-togethers this summer, including events, no-host breakfasts at 19 Restaurant, and Club meetings.

Article Submissions, Ideas & Photos Are Welcome

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More on Members in Action



Orange vests make RACES members easy to identify and distinguished them from guests at the outdoor drill held on May 1.

Members Help Others Learn

Fayth, KN6CJZ, and Jim, K6EEE, will lead a class on Baofeng radios June 6. Twelve LWARC members are scheduled to attend and will be joined by a separate group of six who expressed interest in emergency radio procedures.

Operating Outdoors Offers A Welcome Change of Scenery



Jim, K6EEE, and Steve, A6QAD, pack up radios, antennae and chargers and other gear when they venture out to different locations where they set up equipment and connect with hams across the country. They have been seen at the beach, Rim of the World, and in fields around the Village.

Head to Gate 12 on Field Day

International Field Day will be held the last full weekend in June. The radio club will participate on Saturday, June 26, just inside Gate 12. The Field Day committee will set up earlier in the day.

According to ARRL's webpage, Field Day is one of the biggest events on the amateur radio calendar. Last summer, a record 10,213 entries were received.

"With the greater flexibility afforded by the rules waivers, individuals and groups will still be able to participate in Field Day, while still staying within any public health recommendations and/or requirements," reported ARRL Contest Program Manager Paul Bourque, N1SFE.

The preferred method of submitting entries after Field Day is via the web applet. The ARRL Field Day rules include instructions on how to submit entries, which must be submitted or postmarked by Tuesday, July 27, 2021. The ARRL Field Day web page contains complete rules and entry forms, as well as any updated information as it becomes available. Online, go to ARRL's webpage at <http://www.arrl.org/field-day> for more details or join the ARRL Field Day Facebook page to follow posts.

2021 Board Members

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