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### GUESS WHO???



Come out to the meeting and find out who the guest speaker will be.



### NOVEMBER ELECTIONS

Past President Don Williams — KD6UVT

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Your suggestions will be welcomed.

Ghost written for the Nomination Committee; author is not responsible for his or her errors!

The nominating committee has been working on a slate of candidates for the RCARA 2005 board, and has a tentative list of names.

If any regular club member would like to be included as an officer or has suggestions of members for the committee, please contact:

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Jim N7PPF at (951) 688-7664  
Van AA6SD at evannoty@charter.net or phone: (951) 688-7123

Your suggestions will be included with that of the committees list and submitted to the membership at the November meeting. Also names can be presented from the floor prior to voting.

The following is a list of positions to be filled and the current nominations:

#### RCARA Officer/Board Positions

President — Fred Roberts W6TKV  
Vice President — Mike Van Hulle KN6N  
Secretary — Clair Cessna K6LG  
Treasurer — Harold Ellis KD6MAN  
Newsletter Editor — Betty Ann Merrill KC6ING  
Membership Director — Frank Van Derpoel K6UIZ  
Communications Director — open

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ARRL Affiliate Club, No. 1720

## PRESIDENT'S QSO

For many of us procrastinators the end of 2004 is rapidly approaching. One could say that we still have two months left to complete our promises but you and I know that Christmas, Hanukkah and preparation for the new year will consume our time in December. I won't bore you with my personal goals left uncompleted but lets look to the goals we all set for the RCARA back in 2002 to judge our progress.

The first goal was to provide a wide variety of programs for our general membership meetings. Mike KN6N has done a great job of providing interesting and diverse program subjects for the year, so good I didn't have to bore you with another of my Trash or Treasure programs on radio swap meets.

Secondly, we have included both Old and New Business information items in our club meeting agendas.

Drawings and Door Prizes, I have failed here. The one attempt at a fifty-fifty drawing only raised \$7 or so for the club and the winner.

Refreshments, we have had great refreshments this past year. Several of you helped with cookies and cakes to compliment those my wife made and our water and coffee which by the way she typically helped me with.

Joint club meetings; I had hoped to lure the Corona Norco Amateur Radio Club and other clubs to our meetings to help pool our resources or for an especially interesting program. It never happened.

Club activities, RCARA did not provide the same level of service to the community and public service groups as in years past. Those that we did cover, the Riverside Airshow, Tour de Cure and the Orange Blossom Festival, drew less support from our members than past years. Field Day attendance was down a little but our local County Fire Office



of Emergency Services and our ARRL Division and Section representatives visited the RCARA Field Day site. The club did not host some of the events such as field trips and swap meets that I had hoped to include in our 2004 calendar.

Publicity, the club made a greater effort to gain publicity. Jim, N7PPF has hosted several Radio in the Park events, we staffed the special event station at the Air show, had an attractive Field Day site, had a great 49<sup>th</sup> year club anniversary celebration, developed and hosted the special event station for the Boy Scout and Girl Scout Camporee, and several members have volunteered to work on a Girl Scout Patch program with members of other clubs throughout Riverside and San Bernardino Counties for next April.

Well our look back clearly identifies some successes and some goals that we were less successful with. Keep these in mind so that you can help me and next years Board and officers add to our member participation, our membership and our success.

Please join me and our club membership at our November meeting. We will hold elections, enjoy a good program, camaraderie, refreshments and raffle some small gifts from this year's ARRL Southwestern Division Convention at Phoenix. Be sure to bring your friends and your wife to share in an enjoyable evening.

73's Don kd6uvt

## IN THE REARVIEW MIRROR

Joe Madas AE6JM, guest speaker for our October meeting addressed the membership on the topic of Emergency Communications.

His PowerPoint presentation outlined the current ARRL emergency communications courses being offered. The question and answer session that followed stimulated open discussions of interference problems associated with broadcast over power lines (BPL) and the role of amateur radio communications during the Southern California fires in October 2003.

73, Steve Evans, KF6BNP

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 2 AC6EX-Robert
- 6 K6GMF-Bill
- 8 KF6EJG-Art
- 10 KC6UKD-Phillis  
KD7JKN - Avis
- 14 KC6TFS-John
- 15 WA6UDR-Arlo
- 16 WD6IDR-Willard
- 24 AB4AW-Rich  
WA6RYK-Curtis
- 26 KC6YRK-Joyce
- 27 KC6ING-BettyAnn
- 30 KE6CPX-Paul

If you expect someone else to guide you, you'll be lost. -- James Earl Jones

## MEMBERS AND GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE

Bill Anderson, W6KPA; Dorothy Anderson, K5JWU; Bill Appleton, KF4MCG; Judy Appleton, KF4MCF; George Ashby, W6RPD; Ron Braley, KE6RYX; Clair Cessna, K6LG; Dean Chambers, KG6YS; Harold Ellis, KD6MAN; Steve Evans, KF6BNP; David Harmon, KF6BNL; Ted Hudson, KQ6U; Larry Jensen, KD6TPU; Curt Larsen, WA6RYK; David Lerew, WB6OVZ; Cliff Lundquist, W6NSN; Joe Madas, AE6JM; Jonathan Maggio, N6MCL; Ed Morgan, KF6BNQ; Arlo Myers, WA6UDR; Rick Nichols; Fred Roberts, W6TKV; Jim Smith, N7PPF; Art Sutorus, KQ6HF; E. E. Van Noty, AA6SD; Van Derpoel, K6UIZ; Christina Van Hulle, KG6VPZ; Van Hulle, Mike, KN6N; John Webster, N6JW; Thomas Welch Jr., KD6UZD; Tom Whelchel, WA6TLL; Don Williams, KD6UVT.



Two antennas meet on a roof, fall in love and get married.

The ceremony wasn't much, but the reception was excellent.



## QST, QST, QST KA6ABL BREAKFAST

### A RCARA MONTHLY EVENT

The October gathering held on Saturday, the 16th, was attended by the following 'AMs and guests: Bill (W6KPA) and Dorothy (K5JWU), Cliff (W6NSN) and Patti, Ken (KF6QR) and Kathleen (KA6ABK), Orange Section Manager (ARRL) - Carl (WU6D) and Kathy (K6VC), but not least, Al (N6UHF) !!

Vivian and I wish to thank Dorothy (K5JWU) for hosting the breakfast while we got away for a much deserved weekend together.

The September gathering was held on Saturday the 18th, and as attended by the following 'AMs and guests: Bill (W6KPA) and Dorothy (K5JWU) and Bertha, Cliff (W6NSN) and Patti, Ken (KF6QR) and Kathleen (KA6ABK), Bill (K6GMF) and Terry, Tony (KE6RUT) and Vivian (KF6GZK), and last but not least, Earl (KE6RWD). Nice conversations had by all. Really enjoyed seeing everyone once again this month.

Our thanks to the folks at BAKERS SQUARE for their continued support of our monthly gatherings by providing good food and

service -- and keeping the coffee flowing!

Small group gatherings make for a more intimate gathering and everyone gets to enter into the conversation. Remember when we meet all of those that have come before us are remembered and a tradition continues to perpetuate the spirit of AMATEUR RADIO....Hope to see you at the next gathering of the "BREAKFAST BUNCH"!!

SEE YOU THERE!!

Next Breakfast:  
November 20th, 2004  
Place: BAKERS SQUARE RESTAURANTS on Tyler Avenue just North of the 91 FWY across the street from the Galleria

More information: monitor the W6TJ repeater 146.880 (-) PL 146.2

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Your host and hostess:

Tony (KE6RUT) and Vivian (KF6GZK)



## FOR SALE

Gail and I are selling our 1979 Honey motorhome. It has about 53,000 miles on it. It is not perfect but the engine, transmission and chassis are sound. I rebuilt the engine in 2002. The engine has all new bearings, seals, gaskets, new valve springs and valve job, Doug Thorley Tri-Y headers, Eldelbrock street manifold, new gaskets and seals in the transmission and a shift kit for RV use.

I have two sets of Ford factory service manuals on trucks, vans and the RV chassis. It just passed the smog inspection in August. The roof and the bunk over the cab was completely reframed and rebuilt in the 1990s; the roof does not leak. All appliances work; refrigerator, stove & oven, roof air, water pump and water heater (not used for several years). It does not have a generator. It carries 40+ gallons of gas and gets 6 to 9 mpg depending upon speed and head wind.

There are two Motorola mounts on the roof for Two Meter and 440 antennas both wired to the front cab area. Either or both antennas can be rerouted to the dinette area as an operating station if desired.

It does need tires and the side and back windows should be removed, recaulked and reinstalled. The windshield is cracked on the passenger side. The awning can be used but it needs to have the springs replaced that wind it up (I wind it up by hand).

It needs someone willing to put in some tender loving care and repair a few things. I am not able or willing to set aside time to work on these things anymore so Gail and I have bought a travel trailer to pull with our Cherokee.

Given that it needs tires I will ask \$1800 to \$2000 but will take \$1500. I have included a few pictures of it at the amateur radio emergency exercises that I have used it at. Please contact Don KD6UVT at 951.780.5199.

Don Williams, Assistant General Manager

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## REWARD OFFERED. . .

A reward of 500 microfarads is offered for information leading to the arrest of Hop-a-long Capacity. This un-rectified criminal escaped from a Weston primary cell where he had been clamped in ions awaiting the gauss chamber.

He is charged with the induction of an 18 turn coil named Milli Henry who was found choked and robbed of valuable joules. He is armed with a carbon rod and is a potential killer.

Capacity is also charged with driving a dc motor over a Wheatstone bridge and refusing to let the band- pass. If encountered, he may offer series resistance.

The electromotive force spent the night searching for him in a magnetic field, where he had gone to earth. They had no success and believed he had returned ohm via a short circuit.

He was last seen riding a kilocycle with his friend Eddy Current who was playing a harmonic.

## TUNE IN AND JOIN IN!

Wednesday Night  
Rag Chew Net  
145.520MHz Simplex  
2030hrs.

## CQ WORLD-WIDE CONTEST de W6TKV

Well, those of you who weren't on during CQWW the last weekend in October missed wonderful conditions on 10M and 15M. They were open big time! I operated in the "Search & Pounce Mode" running up and down the bands. The contest started at 5:00 PM on Friday afternoon and ended at 4:00 PM on Sunday afternoon - a total of 48 hours (I know it looks like 47 hours, but clocks were set back 1 hour Saturday evening). I only operated for 13.5 hours within the 27 hour period from Friday 0000Z to Sunday 0333Z - oh, yes, I even watched TV Saturday evening and enjoyed a good nights sleep.

My results were:

BAND	QSOs	ZONES	COUNTRYs
80	4	2	2
40	16	7	8
20	65	16	29
15	112	21	45
10	110	16	33
TOTALS			
	307	62	117

CQWW scoring is based upon Band Zones and Band Countries (FYI there are 40 zones and about 350 countries), hence some stations were worked on more than one band. I only worked one station on all 5 bands, KH7X, and I just missed 5 bands with HC8L - he didn't hear me on 40M. Some of surprises were (call-zone) ZK1AQT-32, XE1L-6 (Luis' daughter had two boys and gave birth to a girl on 2/17/01 - as did my youngest daughter, same date, 2 boys and a new baby girl - that's why he is noteworthy in my book), XX9C-24, WHOE-27, 9M2/G4ZFE-28, D4B-35, 6W1RY-35, CT9L-33, ZS1SR-38 + 2 other ZS stations, GM5A-14, SP9LJD-15, IY4AW, D77YT-25 - well, you get the idea. Lots of JAs, LUs and Caribbean stations.

It's especially nice to have great conditions when we are sputtering along during the period of low sunspot activity, aka the bottom of the solar cycle. It's kind of like finding a quarter on the sidewalk on a dark and stormy night, just when you need one to make a phone call and don't have any change.

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## UNUSUAL QSO

Thought you might be interested in an unusual QSO I had OCTOBER 18TH (0500Z). Worked Susan, XE2/W7KFI/MM, on 7010 KHz CW, aboard her sailboat docked in Puerta Vallarta. She sails solo and will visit and DX from many places across the S. Pacific and eventually to Thailand, where she intends to become a permanent resident! Always interesting to see what other 70 year olds are doing these days! (; Check out her QRZ.com listing and link to web site.

73 Clair, K6LG

## W6IER Code Practice

Becky, K6EY, from the Inland Empire Amateur Radio Club, sends word that code practice sessions are held on the W6IER repeater at 8PM each Monday evening. Anyone interested is invited to participate. W6IER, located on Sunset Ridge, is an open repeater at 145.460 - PL 77. Their regular weekly net is Thursday 7:30PM, and visitors are welcome.

**HARRY J. CRAWFORD – W6TJ  
MEMORIAL AWARD  
NOMINATION**

We the undersigned nominate Don Williams, KD6UVT, for the 2004 Harry J. Crawford – W6TJ Memorial Award.

Don Williams has demonstrated a personal commitment to the promotion of amateur radio by his team spirit approach, participation in public service events and his encouragement of youth involvement.

Don has served as the President of the Riverside County Amateur Radio Association for the past three consecutive years. He has served as both Vice President and Secretary of RCARA.

Don served as Past Chairman and Treasurer of the Inland Empire Council of Amateur Radio Organizations and is a delegate representing our club. He has served as chairperson for the past two ARRL Southwestern Division Conventions in Riverside and currently heads up a planning committee for the 2005 Convention.

During the month of September 2004, Don organized an ‘On the Air Special Event Station’ introducing Amateur Radio to hundreds of Inland Empire scouts. As a result of his efforts our club received recognition from the ARRL Southwestern Division, Orange Section Manager.

Don donates much of his time to the maintenance our clubs vintage generator. He recently demonstrated his technical skills by performing a top end overhaul on the engine. Saving the club the expense of repair or replacement.

Additional accomplishments include participation with the Orange Blossom Festival communications; America Diabetes Association Tour de Cure; served as Band Captain at Field Day; organized and staffed the Riverside Airshow special event station for several years and regularly contributes articles and photos for the Monitor. He is a member of RACES and has presented several programs at our membership meeting. He also supports and encourages others to participation in the antenna group, the monthly club breakfast, QRP and DX contests.

Don Williams has demonstrated outstanding leadership ability as President, performing duties above and beyond realm of President. His service to the amateur radio community has been exemplary for many years and is hereby recommended for the Harry J. Crawford Memorial Award.

**Signed:**

**Steve Evans, KF6BNP**

**Clair Cessna, K6LG**

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