



LLBARC

January 2016 Newsletter

Welcome to the new web site! We have put in a lot of effort and intend this site to be as useful as possible. Special thanks to Travis KK6EON for all the coding hard work to come up with a clean useful site.

This month, members of the club attended the new Claremont ARC ham radio swapmeet in Claremont, California. This site is exclusively for ham radio equipment and fills in the space left by the departure of the Chino Hills swap meet that abruptly went dark several months ago. The new site is located at GRANITE CREEK COMMUNITY CHURCH 1580 N. CLAREMONT BLVD. CLAREMONT, CA 91711

And is open from 6am through 11am. The site seems to have brought with it a lot of the former Chino Hills vendors. It has plenty of parking but the first swap has no visible portable bathrooms. I advise anyone attending to take care of business before showing up!

Travis KK6EON picked up a professional grade 4 track reel to reel tape recorder, perfect for recording all kinds of things. Other than a lack of facilities, the site was new, clean and had a definite lack of football players and other athletes that were typical of Chino Hills High School. I certainly hope the new site works out and is in business for years to come. On a personal note, I hope someone elects to sell drinks and hot dogs as the High School did. Southern California needs more ham events!

Joe W6MYN and Brett WA6SXU are setting up a steering committee to hash out the logistics of attending two ARRL sanctioned National Park on the air (NPOTA) field operations. At the current time Joshua Tree National Park, and Channel Islands National Park (Santa Rosa Island) are the prime parks that the Club would like to operate from. Joshua Tree has been operated from during field day 2014 by members of the club, so is a known quantity. Santa Rosa Island is a complete different matter requiring a boat trip and most likely an overnight camping stay. Inquiries about the boat trip, cargo, camping equipment, generators and other logistics are currently being investigated. Anyone wanting to attend or help with planning please contact the LLBARC board at our member email address.

Finally, Brett WA6SXU is currently working on restoring the 900 repeater to operational status after a hard drive failure last month. The entire operating system and programming had to be reloaded on a new SSD installed in the control computer. The SSD should provide long term reliability for the control computer and reduce future problems. Some control issues with a new software version still need to be worked out. Stand by for updates here on Repeater Status.