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American Radio Relay League
K6ARN

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*Activities and Issues Impacting
Ham Radio at Kaiser Permanente*

· David, WB6NER and Don, N6IPE, HF Radio On Board, visited the Southern California area from August 24 through the 26th. They conducted facility site visits in Riverside, Harbor City and Pasadena. On August 26, they concluded their visit at the monthly net check-in from the Walnut Center EOC Station.

· Plans are in high gear for a "radio expert" site visit to KPARN's 6-meter repeater atop Santiago Peak. As soon as road conditions allow and consultant schedules permit, the key objective is to bring the repeater and packet system up to 100% specification. The repeater call sign will be changed to K6ARN and the station trustee will be under the auspices of Jerry Levy, MD, K6UR.

· Fontana's Gary Erro, KD6PBP, wrote up a splendid article to share with all regarding how to put "A Real Radio Room" together for Ham operations and training based upon his efforts. Just before press time, Gary had a new challenge. He is now relocating the station to another area at his facility. *The Balun* looks forward to Gary's updates when the station resumes operations.

· The Disaster Preparedness and Safety Conference Program scheduled for October 2, in Pasadena, has been revised to a half-day format and postponed until December. The KPARN portion of this program will now be addressed in an earlier, separate November meeting noted in the following "bullet."

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California Data Center

Jerry Hawkins, K0DRO

After many delays, the project is now underway to erect a new tower at the Data Center. It will accommodate 2 new microwave dishes as well as the 6M, and 2M antenna. There will be secondary antennae for the Security system mounted at a lower level at about the 50 ft. level.

The new tower will be a free standing, 77 foot structure, similar to a cell site. There will be a small building at the base of the tower to house the microwave equipment and the security repeater. The mechanics of large structures is interesting when compared to towers that are installed in the amateur community. The base is 48 inches in diameter, 18 feet deep and weighs approximately 16,000 pounds. The tower is aluminum and will look like a pole. The City of Corona required us to paint it so it won't look quite so much like a tower. Clearly, this is one of the 1st such towers to be erected on private property.

We expect to have the radios connected back to the antennae and have the packet system back on the air by the middle of August. Hopefully, the 2 & 6 M antennae will be at the upper level. Look for a better signal to be around soon!

Monthly Drills:

Northern California

Fourth Wednesday of each month
12:00 on 147.060+ PL 100
12:30 on 146.430 simplex
12:45 on 7.228 MHz

Notes:

General Class or higher required to talk on 7.228
Drill preambles for both KPARN and BAHN will
be provided in a future full Balun issue.

Southern California

Fourth Wednesday of each month
12:15 on 145.270+ no PL
12:45 on 7.228 MHz

1998 Net Control Schedule in Southern California.

Date	Facility
September 23, 1998	Regional Service Center
October 28, 1998	Downey Central Pharmacy
November 25, 1998	Baldwin Park Medical Center
December 23, 1998	Los Angeles Medical Center

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- In Southern California, a Medical Centers Ham Radio Emergency Coordinators (EC) meeting is scheduled for Friday, November 6, at Walnut Center 12:30-5:00 p.m. A detailed agenda will be sent to ECs in September. Topics will focus on the upcoming LA County EMSA exercise, review of 1998 activities, and on setting goals for 1999.
- On Tuesday morning, November 17, Kaiser's Divisional EOC at Walnut Center will exercise in conjunction with LA County Emergency Medical Services Agency (EMSA). All Kaiser Ham stations in Southern California will provide vital communication linkages for the exercise!
- In Northern California, a Medical Centers Ham EC meeting is scheduled for Friday, 1:00-5:00,

November 20, in Oakland at 1950 Franklin St. A detailed agenda will be sent to ECs in September. Topic focuses will be similar to those discussed in the November 6 meeting noted above.

- **A review of the Year-to-Date monthly net communications net check-ins on the 4th Wednesday from 12-1pm shows that many Kaiser locations are struggling to participate on a regular basis.** As participation is crucial to maintaining communications readiness (for both humans and machines), working together on strategies to overcome obstacles is key to sustaining future successes. I am always available to support and assist all locations in these efforts.

In addition...

If you know someone interested in becoming an FCC licensed Amateur Radio Operator, SBARA will conduct a two-day training session on Saturday, November 14 and Sunday, November 15. Classes will be held at the Fremont Fire Station #4 located at Paseo Padre and Pine St. in Fremont. To register, send a self-addressed stamped envelope to Jim Wood, 42640 Palm Avenue, Fremont, CA 94539. He will send you

the details and also get you registered for the classes. You may also call your Northern California Coordinating Editor, Carol Waksdal, KD6ZXU with questions regarding the classes or any other questions you may have pertaining to amateur radio and how it can tie in with Kaiser's Emergency Preparedness program in your area. It is suggested you purchase the manual, "NOW YOU ARE TALKING," and read it prior to class.



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