



## GOAT NOTES

April 2020

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Oh Man what indeed..

What a month this has been. For those young people, there was a band called the Grateful Dead, they had a bunch of hits back in the 60's, 70's, 80's, well you get the point. Some of the songs dealt with what is going on lately, sort of. OK well you get the point. No matter if you believe this current "crisis" is media driven or not so much, the bottom line is, so much has changed since our last newsletter. Things we took for granted, and stuff we used, but never really gave any thought to, were not immediately available. We saw many people panic and hoard the

most crazy things. For no real reason, other than because someone else was doing it.

I have seen many things I could not explain, but this was just, well crazy. Experience has taught me that nothing is “senseless” because, at the time, whatever people are doing makes sense to them at the time they do it.

One other thing is that we will get through this. We are Americans. We have survived floods, fires, earthquakes, wars and even other sicknesses and calamities. We have gone through these things together, and I believe we will get through this as well.

Thanks to Ken, KC6WOK, Mark, KM6AHY and the rest of the club, we have stayed connected, through our nightly net and video chat. We have even been able to have some laughs during these trying times.

Please feel free to join us, information on these activities are on our website- [www,gotahams.com](http://www.gotahams.com).

OK so much for that- sorry I do get wordie sometimes. This month we will look at our SPOTLIGHT - Dave K6EV and Lori K6LRY. Our first couple in the SPOTLIGHT. Information on our net controllers and some other preparation stuff to ponder. OK Goats let's get to it.

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## THIS MONTH'S SPOTLIGHT



**This month's spotlight is Dave K6EV and Lori K6LRY. Dave is WG6OTAs Project Manager and the winningest opportunity winner at our club meetings. Dave is an Amateur Extra and Lori holds a Technician ticket. Dave says his call sign has no specific meaning, while Lori's is for her name, nice touch.**

**Lori is a lifelong resident of Upland and Dave has called Claremont home since moving to the area from Detroit when he was seven. Dave and Lori's homebase has been Claremont since they married back in 1990. The couple are blessed with two grown children, one who lives locally and the other in Northern California.**

**Lori loves gardening and has quite a passion for it. Her big score at the TRW radio swap meet in Hawthorne were some plumeria cuttings. Lori enjoys visiting the local gardens like those at the Huntington. Dave and Lori are also well traveled and have visited many international spots, as well as, visiting our own national spots. Dave says he gets a kick out of doing electronic projects, and is working on a battery function / duration test. We are looking forward to that one.**

**Dave enjoyed playing with electricity and electronics from a very early age. Eventually he got hold of a slightly out of date copy of the Ameco Radio Amateur Theory book, and just ate it up. He was first licensed at age 15 in early 1971 and has held an Extra class license since 1987. Most of Dave's early operation was on CW. In the late 80's he was very interested in packet radio. Not too interested in contesting he enjoys dabbling in the technical side of the hobby and in the people he meets.**

**Dave extended his interest in electronics and, in college, earned a degree as an Electrical and Electronic Engineer while working in restaurants and a house painting business. He worked as an engineer for 39 years. The first half of his career as a design engineer, R&D project engineer, eventually became overall engineering manager and was the overseer of hardware and software for new product development. During the second half of his career he worked various mid-level corporate staff jobs involving extensive international travel, particularly involving post-acquisition integration of technical efforts with business units in Europe and general corporate project/program management and business analysis.**

**School, family, work and travel interrupted his ham activities at times, and sometimes for significant periods. Dave planned to (and did) retire at the end of 2018 and during that year began rebuilding his station and is becoming somewhat more active. He presently has capability on 80-10 meters, as well as, VHF/UHF although antenna space is limited.**

**Lori was licensed as a Technician in December 2019 and enjoys supporting Dave in his hobby. She enjoys the meetings, is occasionally amused dragging wires around the backyard and is a big fan of the donuts at HRO on Saturday mornings. She has been seen watering the antennas.**

**Lori holds a degree in Political Science from UCLA and has worked at UCLA, at insurance and investment firms also at a legal firm. She also earned and exercised an elementary school teaching credential. She has been retired for some time.**

**Dave's best day in ham radio (and scariest) was helping out at the scene of a serious auto accident in Oregon in 1993. In a somewhat remote location, he was able to use an HT to hit a repeater and engage other hams in summoning needed emergency services. That day was worth all the tests and study. Ham radio provided a great early education background from which to launch a technical career. And they both think the world of the people in the GOTAhams group.**

**I usually sit in front of Dave and Lori at the meetings and it's always a delight to see them. Thanks for all you both do for our club and look forward to many more meetings to come.**

## THE GOATS MEET

Who would have thought when we got together at Casa Jimenez that night would be the beginning of a disruption of a face to face "net". At the time of this newsletter, it's unclear when we will meet in person again, BUT, as I said before we have the nightly nets and the regular TUESDAY net and we are working on a "virtual" on the air meeting. We are Ham Radio Operators, we overcome and adapt in the finest spirit of our hobby.



Gotahams Jocelyn Gonzalez and Vincent Sahagin



Ken N6PCD and Pat N6PRC waiting for dinner



Lori K6LRY and Dave K6EV this month's SPOTLIGHT couple



Our beloved Treasurer Jack KM6UNQ happy to be here



New Gotham Member, Kevin Love, KF6RQZ



Bruce, KM6WBI, checking in



Mark KM6AHY, our Vice President brings the Goats to order for the meeting



Vilma, our Hospitality Chairperson, gets prizes ready for the drawing



Gotahams James, W6FRQ with son Samuel, checking in,  
Good to See you Guys



New Gotham, Mike Rhymer, KM6LDS



Chris, KM6S, our Membership Chairman  
an opportunity drawing winner



Chris' Mom, Araceli, won the infamous German Beer Stein



Shaun, KN6FOW, won the Adjustable Mic Holder- nice win there



Tim , N6DLC, “I’m NOT the Web Master” web master

Board Title, Director of IT

## Preparation as a First Resort

This recent “crisis” has caused some cleaning supplies to be in short supply. For example, bleach. Now I for one had no idea, bleach had an expiration date. So we were on our last jug of the stuff when all this happened. I remembered some place in my clouded mind of a recipe to make bleach for cleaning. I found it, now it has been many years since I have concocted this brew and I know it must be done correctly to avoid any problems, but as a last resort, you may want to give it a go. I recommend to just wait until the supply truck shows up, but this is just an alternative (Use at your own risk)

Shock powder for pools is mainly sodium hypochlorite (the main ingredient in bleach). You can get a 1 lb bag of it in most Walmarts and in pool supply stores as well. Look for something with around 70% available sodium hypochlorite. Mix 2 tablespoons of the pool shock with 3 cups of water. The end result will get you a solution with around 6% sodium hypochlorite which is usually around the strength of standard household bleach. Get the stuff WITHOUT any clarifier or other additives.

## NIGHTLY NET

So it was decided that we should be in contact in case someone may need something, and being “quarantined” could have a bad side effect, our nightly net was launched. So every night(except on our regular Tuesday Night Net) at 8PM a revolving set of Net Control operators gathers the herd on the air. It’s been a great deal to share ideas, and laughs and it helps with social interaction. We even have a toilet paper report, as to where the elusive commodity has been seen.

To supplement this nightly rag chew, we have a VIDEO CHAT through the zoom app. It works like a champ and is easy to log on to, instructions can be found on our website, gotahams.com, or just check in to the net and we can assist you.

For me this has been a good deal to stay Radio Active.

Here is a list of our Net Controllers

## GOTAhams Net Control Operator Rotation

Chris Argueta, KM6S

Kathi, Mixon, KD6CAF

Vic Corella, KM6RWB

Dave Wilke, K6EV

Mark Arlotti, KM6AHY

## Net Coordinator/Alternate Control

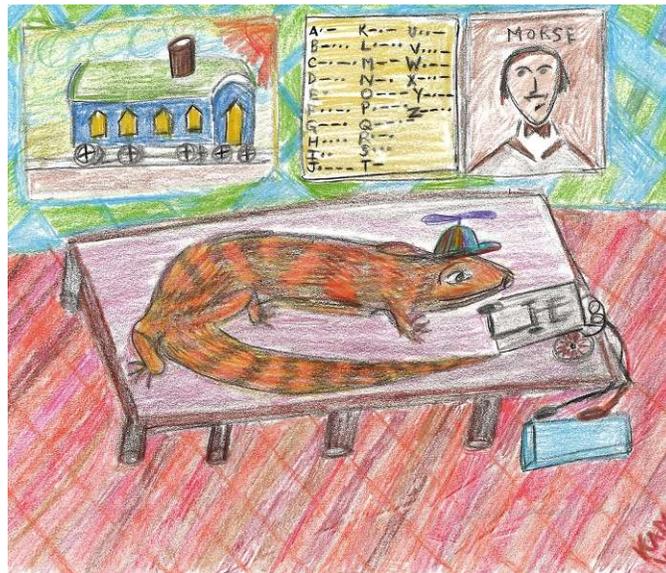
Jack Sklar, KM6UNQ, [km6unq@gmail.com](mailto:km6unq@gmail.com)

If you would like to try out as Net Control-it is fun by the way, contact Jack the Control Honcho.

### **Lionel Lizard L6ZRD by Kathi Mixon KD6CAF**

Lionel Lizard lives with Sally Salamander in the mountain foothills surrounded by evergreen trees and silver-tasseled scrub bushes. They live in an old telegraph shack. On the wall is a tattered copy of the Morse code and a framed picture of Samuel Morse. An ornamental railroad car sits outside his back window which Lionel and Sally ride to adventures.

Lionel taps out his message on his old Morse Code key. CQ CQ CQ, This is L6ZRD Lionel, QSL?



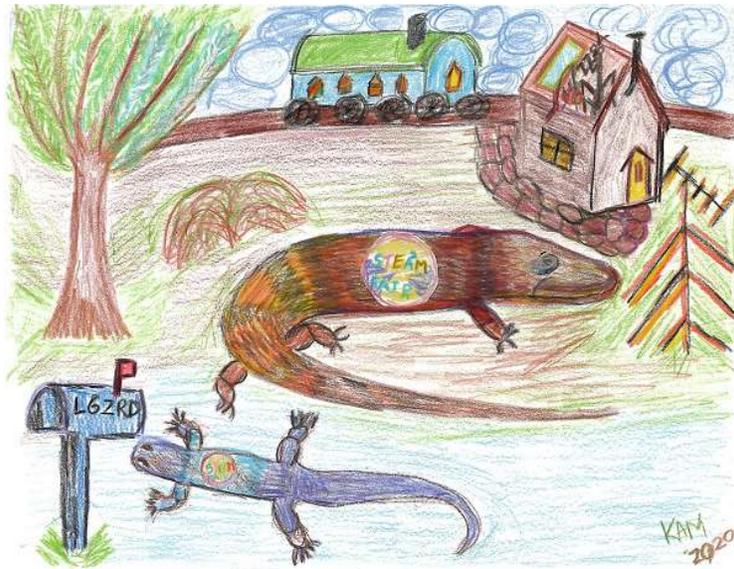
One day Lionel was typing out his message. He received a reply from Fairplex, Pomona. There is a STEA2M Fair, Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Agriculture and Mathematics, happening this weekend.



The fair sounded really fun so Lionel and Sally crawled into their railcar and rode to their next adventure. They arrived at the STEA2M Fair and started to look at all the exhibits.



They found stars and galaxies, square foot gardening and bees making honey. Before they left the STEA2M fair each of them received a patch to sew on a Tshirt.



When they arrived home, Twigman got out his needle and thread to sew the patches on their shirts. They said Thank you to Twigman for doing a great sewing job. Lionel and Sally were happy they were able to spend the day at the fair.

After Lionel rested he climbed onto his Morse Code table and using his long lizard snout he started to send out his message CQ CQ CQ This is L6ZRD Lionel QSL? The End

## WRAP UP

OK things are changing every day, and to say the situation is fluid would be an understatement. I believe that if we hang in there, stay connected and keep faith in our core beliefs, this will just be another moment in time that we will look back on as just a rough spot in the road. Stay safe, stay frosty and stay Radio Active.

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