



GOAT NOTES

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OH HONEY IT'S
OUR ALONE
TIME

NOT NOW BABY-
THE GOATS ARE
ON THE AIR

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GOTAHAMS ROUND TABLE NET
YUP IT'S JUST THAT GOOD - EVERY NIGHT AT 8pm

CORONAVIRUS LOCK DOWN EDITION

These are truly different times. So many things in our world have been turned upside down. I was in Utah, visiting my granddaughter when this crisis took off. Upon our return to California there was indeed a sea change in progress. In just a few days the hoarders came out and things, what before were minor things, began to disappear from the shelves. Toilet paper for example, toilet paper? Really? For a while it seemed to be the currency of the day. Well no need to go into it, you all saw it for yourselves.

So many things had to conform to our “New Normal”. One thing that did not change, and that was our spirit to overcome and adapt. We are making do without things we took for granted. Even social interaction was curtailed.

The GOATS came through in a quick fashion. Our President Ken KC6WOK, Vice President Mark KM6AHY, Our Secretary Kathi KD6CAF and our Treasurer Jack KM6UNQ, among others, put a plan into action. These folks put on a nightly round table net-everynight on our club use repeater. Ken took to ZOOM and with the others' help the Goats Video Lounge was established.

Jack was our first nightly Net Control and his rich and friendly voice was a reassuring voice on the air. Slowly but surely more Goats came on board to where we have a cadre of Net Control Operators, they are our SPOTLIGHT this month.

During the early stages of the net, we were able to re-connect with others, outside of our own closed environments. It was gratifying to know that there were other people we could connect to. As you know our club is pretty hands on, what with all our activities, meetings, swap meet and radio park days, so this net was a good bridge for us. Another way to Stay Radio Active. We made sure we were still in reasonable health and we even had a toilet paper sighting report.

For me this was a way to stay connected to people I have come to admire and whose friendship I cherish. We even get to squeeze in some actual radio reports and band reports. The round table forum, while conforming to Amatuer Radio Standards, we have a lot of fun, thanks to Jack's joke and/or pun of the evening. During the net we have shared some huge milestones, to include birthdays, anniversaries, sick reports, gardening tips and the welcoming of our newest and youngest ham James KN6IPL, who passed his test via remote testing, another first. Whenever this crisis passes, and it will pass, we can look back at the way the Goats were still able to keep their herd composition, with pride.

SPOTLIGHT OF THE MONTH

I thought it would be fitting to show off our Net Controllers. These Goats have compiled a huge accomplishment here. Every night these operators keep the net lively as well as entertaining. As a group they are as different as they are dedicated.

These folks are pretty well known to the club, and their combined experience and voice have truly, in my opinion, given us a lifeline and a sense that although we are apart we are still together. To me this net is more valuable than all the stars in Hollywood, in their mansions, telling us how we will all get through this together. They have no clue- but we on the net-we know reality is something different. We know that in this small way we will retain our sanity as well as our good humor. Sorry didn't mean to be so dramatic, but you know of which I speak. So with that here are your Net Operators.

Jack KM6UNQ- our Net Coordinator
and other Gotaham Net Control Operators in no particular order



Dave K6EV



Kathi KD6CAF

Chris KM6S



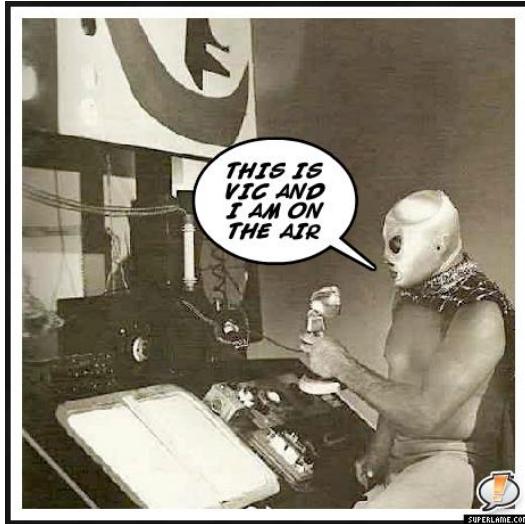


Mark KM6AHY and Vilma

Bruce AG6YS



Vic KM6RWB



Staying Busy During Lockdown

Ok I'll start this off- I had asked the rest of the Goats to see what has kept them busy during the lockdown. I started out trying to learn CW.

Well I lacked the dedication and the will. So, I cleaned up my garage and I found my old Radio Control trucks- The actual radios were 27 Mhz. I tried but it seems the internals (capacitors etc) had maybe dried out and died a slow death since they were parked about 25+ years ago. Then I found some that belonged to my son when he was in Hawaii between deployments. I found that these were more nonfunctioning but susceptible to being rehabbed. I had a huge learning curve as the technology surrounding that hobby had advanced. Well to make a long (boring haha) story short I was able to get these trucks back in the dirt.

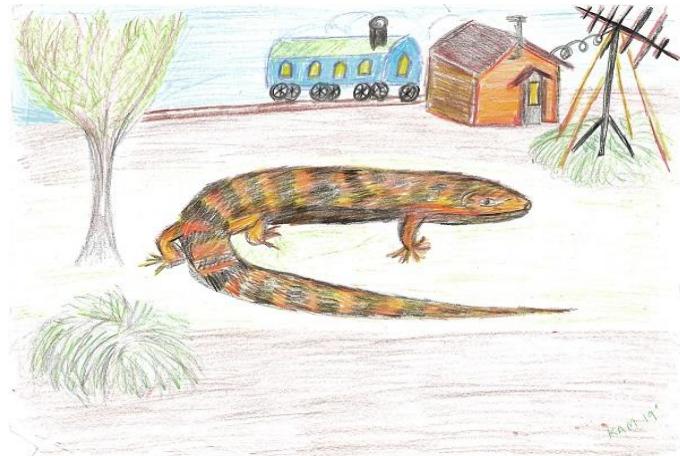
Now these are NOT speedsters, but in fact, are rock crawlers. Slow moving trucks with lots of torque and suspension articulation. Just before the lockdown I was able to take them out to a place near Brackett Field and test out my handy work. They worked great. I am looking forward to taking them back out once this crisis has passed. They ain't pretty, but they do the job.



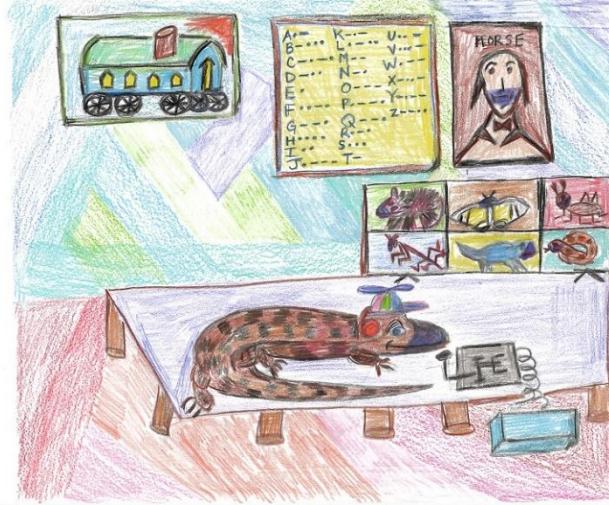
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Lionel Lizard L6ZRD by Kathi Mixon KD6CAF

Lionel Lizard lives in the mountain foothills and evergreen trees surrounded by silver-tasseled scrub bushes. His home is an abandoned telegraph shack. He taps out his message on his Morse Code key. CQ CQ CQ This is L6ZRD Lionel QSL?



In the telegraph shack a copy of the Morse Code next to a tattered picture of Samuel Morse. A colorful ornamental railcar sits outside the shack which he uses to ride to adventures with his friends.



One day Lionel was typing out his message when he heard about a dangerous virus. He learned he had to wear a mask, could not visit his friends and could not go on adventures. So Awesome Possum, Buttercup Butterfly, Brownie Grasshopper, Twigman, Sally Salamander and Gwen Gopher Snake used the Zoom app to check with Lionel to make sure he was doing fine.



Gwen Gopher Snake and Roo Kangaroo Rat lived in the Railroad behind his shack he crawled over there to check on their well-being. They seemed to be doing well so he went back outside in the sunshine.



He crawled back to the telegraph shack he saw Buttercup Butterfly and Seemore Blue Jay flying around his house. They wanted to make sure Lionel Lizard was doing okay. He was happy to see them. All the friends were helping each other through this unusual time in life. Lionel sent out his message spreading the word to take care of each other and stay in touch with your friends and family. CQ CQ CQ This is L6ZRD Lionel QSL?

The End

In Closing

These are indeed uncharted waters we are sailing through. Like the old sailors used to say "Hold Fast". We will come through this crisis, maybe a little smarter, better prepared and better equipped. We are Americans and adversity is just something we overcome, we always have. Stay Frosty, Stay Healthy, and Stay Radio Active. Until next month this is Vic in Covina KM6RWB 73-

