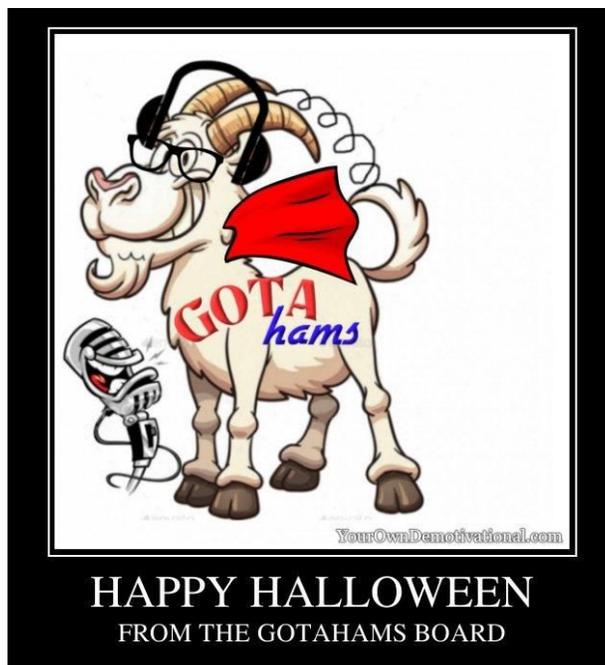


GOAT NOTES

October 2019



Welcome To Fall

I know it still has not cooled to fall like temperatures, but this is life in So Cal after all. This has been an exciting month AGAIN. We had our monthly meeting and welcomed a bunch of new people. We initiated our club dues structure which is posted at the end of our newsletter. The responsive has been more than positive.

We had another outstanding presentation, thanks to Scott KG6ABF, from Bioenno Power the leading edge of battery power.

We had our first raffle and THAT was a huge success. We want to thank Bob Hardcastle for providing a GOTA hams.com bumper sticker and a bunch of club QSL cards. Ken KC6WOK and Kathi KD6CAF donated the new club coffee cup- it's really good looking and you can order your own- the info is on our website in the store section. Kevin from Bioenno Power graciously donated a 12v battery which was quite a bonus.

We conducted our swapmeet outreach program with the GOTA HOME this time. Thanks to our President Ken KC6WOK and our Secretary Kathi KD6CAF.

On Tuesday September 17 we completed a trial run of our weekly Tuesday Rag Chew. An informal round table by and for our members and any other interested hams and 3rd party participants. Sounds like fun and another way to stay RADIO ACTIVE.

Also this month is the further adventures of our favorite reptile, Lionel the Lizard and his radio pals.

We are going to be showcasing some radio shacks that proudly belong to our members. Be it ever so humble, there is no place like sitting in front of that radio, doing radio stuff in whatever form. Be it bunker or mobile or whatever in between lets see 'em. Send me your pics at "newtvic@gmail.com" and we'll get them in the newsletter.

OK Goats let's get to it then.

Spotlight of the Month



Our SPOTLIGHT this month is Bob Hardcastle KM6OWV. Bob is a lifelong resident of the San Gabriel Valley. Bob is an avid equestrian and is a proud member of the LASD Volunteer Horse Patrol. Bob is one of GOTAhams charter members and is active in the club fundraisers. His horse Joe is also the clubs official animal ambassador. Bob had a long career with The Bell system (for those of you who remember Ma Bell) and was instrumental in implementing the LAPD' handheld (ROVER) radio system, not a small undertaking to say the least. And for those that benefit from that program he has their heartfelt thanks. Bob attained his General License this past year. So if you see a big smiling face underneath a white Stetson hat, after all he is one of the good guys, that'll be Bob- say hello you'll be glad you did. By the way Bob is the guy in the hat.

The GOATS Gather

The meeting was called to order and we were all delighted to have Kevin Zanjani KI6DHQ from Bioenno Power (www.bioennopower.com). Kevin explained the disticant advantages of his companies powerful yet compact batteries. I had read before and was somewhat familiar with these batteries, but seeing them in person

was really an eye opener. The presentation was informative and Kevin answered all our questions. Thanks Kevin Zanjani KI6DHQ for the information and the great gift that was won by Charles KM6CEM.



Kevin from Bioenno Power



Charles KM6CEM winner of the 12v Bioenno Battery



Dave K6EV winner of that rare Bumper sticker



Scott KG6ABF was the night's double winner, he scored the QSL cards and the coveted coffee cup



Vilma, our Hospitality Director, won a coffee cup too



Here are the guys in the back both

L-R

Francisco W6MHS, Chris KI6AMK and Patrick KK6UTP



A lively bunch enjoying the meeting, Scott and Grace KM6LJL agree



GOTA HAMS GENERAL MEETING SEPTEMBER 2019

I to r- Back Row- George, WB6OEB; Lori, K6LRY; Grace, KM6LJL;
VP-Mark A., KM6AHY; Dave, K6EV; Ken C., N6PCD; Jim, KM6OKV;
Pres.- Ken M., KC6WOK; Bob, KM6OWV;

Middle Row- **Hospitality-Vilma A.**; Scott-KG6ABF; Neil, N6EIL; Cornelio, KN6CZ;
Front Row-**Treasurer-Jack, KM6UNQ; Secretary-Kathi, KD6CAF;** James, W6FRQ;
Seated on Right-Francisco, W6MHS; **Membership-Chris A., KI6AMK;** Patrick, KK6UTP;
Charles, KM6CEM; **Newsletter"Goat Notes" Editor-Vic, KM6RWB**
not pictured-Bruce V.,KM6WBI; John S.,AC6FJ; Kim S.,KE6RXX; James S.; Samuel J.;Marlene
G.; Greg H., KN6BRZ, Michael G., KM6WCD

GOATS RADIO ROUNDTABLE

We conducted our first club roundtable on Tuesday September 16th, we conducted our first club sponsored Radio Roundtable. The group was called by Jack KM6UNQ promptly at 7:00pm (1900 hrs for you military type types). We had a great time just doing some old fashioned rag chewing. The talk was lively, informative and most of all a lot of fun. We stayed over 45 minutes discussing everything from retirement edicate to radios and beyond.

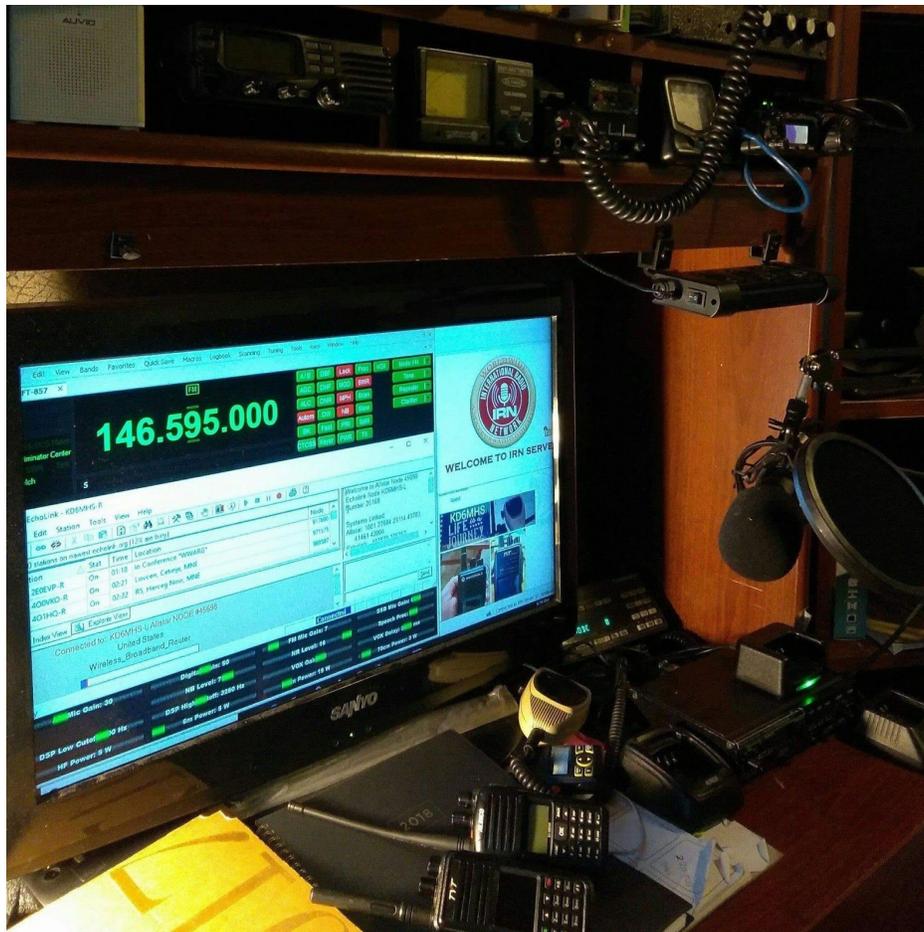
The following GOATS made the initial roundtable a success Attendees: Jack Sklar KM6UNQ, Net Control (Moderator), Vic KM6RWB, James W6FRQ, Ken KC6WOK, Kathi KD6CAF and Mark KM6AHY. We will be conducting this roundtable on the Johnstone Peak repeater WA6WFZH - (446.400 tone 103.5) every Tuesday night at 7:00 PM, except on our meeting night- see you there.

GOAT SHACKS ? OH YEAH WE GOT 'EM

We are going to show some pictures of the shacks where the magic of radio happens. Don't worry we have folks who operate from a HT on their patio to secure bunkers with NO GPS location available- well maybe not THAT secure- but it doesn't matter as long as you are "RADIO ACTIVE" So send them pics in jpeg form to me at "newtvic@gmail.com" and we will put them here in our newsletter.

So let's get started.

Our first location belongs to Jim KM6OVK



Francisco W6MHS works at his hobby right here



This station belongs to a couple of Hams Ken N6PCD and Pat N6PRC

This impressive set up consists of the following equipment :

Transceivers: icom IC-7300, IC-7000, IC-706 MKIIG, Alinco DR-235

Antennas: Comet CHA-250b HF-6M vertical, Diamond 2M-440 high gain ground plane vertical, Ringo 2M vertical, various magmounts for 2M, 220, 440

Scanner:Uniden BC7850

Power Supply: Astron RS-50M

Computer: HP EliteDesk 800 G2 SFF with Dell monitors

Computer interface: RIGblaster pro

Mic: Heil iCM

Accessories: Heil Clear Speech amplified speaker, West Mountain Radio COMspkr computer speakers, La Crosse Atomic clock, homebrew ship's radio watch analog clock (EASY to make), Kent iambic paddle, RadioShack external speakers.

There you have it folks, keep 'em coming.

Saturday Outreach and Radio in the Park Day

On Saturday September 21, the GOATS set up the club corner meet and greet at the CARS Ham Radio Swapmeet located in the parking lot at 1580 N. Claremont Bl., Claremont Ca. The swap meet is held on the 3rd Saturday of the month from 6:00 am till 11:00 am- get there early for some of the best bargains in ham radio. The easy-up was erected and the coffee pot was set up.

Chris showed up and brought the best doughnuts I have had in awhile, and I am somewhat of a donut expert. Chris was celebrating with us on passing the AMATEUR ADVANCED test. Congrats Chris well done.





Ken and Francisco W6MHS at GOTA club outreach



Jack KM6UNQ radio talking



Early morning GOATS
Chris, Ken, Jack and Vic

We also conducted Radio in the Park day with power supplied by a pair of small 12ah batteries and it worked out well, not as good as the GOTA Home, but good just the same.

MEMBERSHIP

Our new membership structure is now going live. Dues are voluntary for the rest of this year. Formal call for dues will be in January 2020.

20 dollars for full membership

30 dollars for a family (spouse or partner)

50 dollars Silver membership

100 dollars for Gold membership

250 dollars Platinum membership

500 dollars and above will be considered a Sponsoring member.

Lionel The Lizard by Kathi KD6CAF

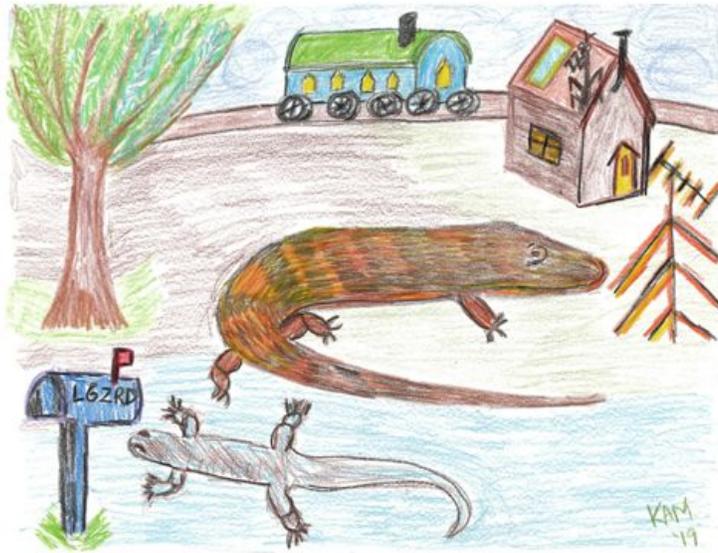
Lionel Lizard lives in the mountain foothills among the evergreen trees and silver-tasseled scrub bushes. His home is an abandoned telegraph shack. He taps out his message on his old Morse Code key. CQ CQ CQ This is L6ZRD Lionel QSL?



He can see the colorful ornamental train car out his back window. On the telegraph shack wall hangs the Morse Code alphabet and a tattered picture of Samuel Morse.

One day Lionel was typing out his message when he noticed his lead-acid battery was losing power.

So before he lost all his battery power, he contacted Kevin Zanjani, KI6DHQ, from Bioenno Power. Kevin suggested Lionel use a Lithium Iron Phosphate Battery.

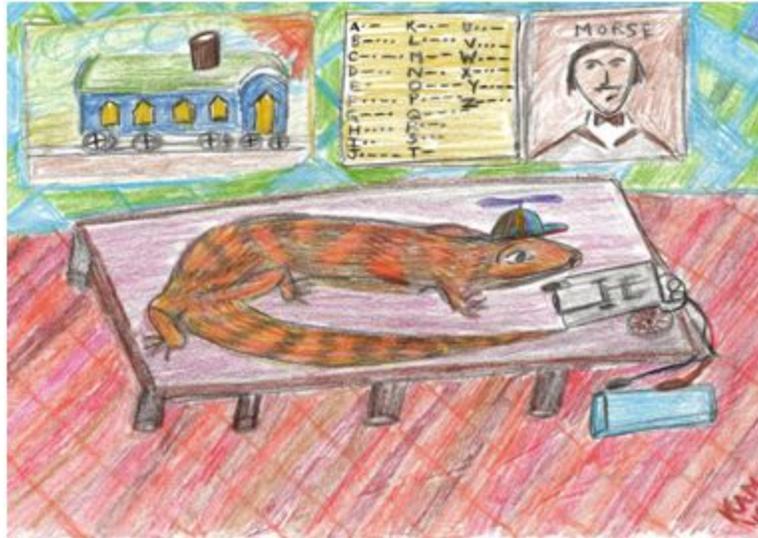


made it easy for Lionel to move the battery around the shack with this large lizard snout.

Lionel Lizard and Sally Salamander went outside to wait for the mail to be delivered.

While they waited, a Praying Mantis scampered over to them saying, his name was Mr. Stick but his friends called him Twigman.

Twigman climbed to the telegraph shack roof and checked the solar panel connections. He told Lionel everything looks good.



The new battery arrived. Lionel used his large lizard snout to push it into place.

Lionel was able to send out his message CQ CQ CQ This is L6ZRD Lionel QSL?

The End

Well there you go, another newsletter in the books. Remember to check out our website GOTAHAMS.COM for more information and news about our club. Till next month this is Vic in Covina 73 and STAY RADIO ACTIVE.