



## GOATNOTES NOVEMBER 2019



### Welcome to November

Well the Holiday season is now truly upon us. Hope everyone had a lot of visitors for Halloween. I have been sort of out of the loop this month as our daughter Krystal has married her long time finance Chris in Las Vegas. The happy couple packed up and moved to Salt Lake City, Utah. Yeah not radio related but she helped me study through both my licenses, so it kinda qualifies. I could not have done it without her. Besides this is a SOCIAL CLUB that happens to communicate with Ham Radios so there you go. So good luck and enjoy your new adventure Krystal and Chris.

Now we had another full house at our monthly meeting and thanks to Chris KI6AMK we had quite an interesting presentation on antennas and how they operate. This was presented in the context of the Advanced license lesson plan that Chris will present when we get ready to offer that class.

Our Treasurer Jack KM6UNQ gave the state of our treasury and seems we are doing ok. Good job there Jack.

This month our spotlight is one of our charter members, Bruce KM6WBI. Bruce is a great guy and a key member of our club.

The GOATS were well represented at the HAMCON in San Diego and Kathi KD6CAF did a nice write up for us.

We were also represented by our President Ken KC6WOK and our Secretary Kahi at Pacificon. The presentations and lectures were worth the trip according to Kathi.

Our efforts at the swap meet also showed some promising contacts and potential new members. We also met some Hams who saw our website and came by to meet us in person.

This month is Thanksgiving and without getting political, please keep our men and women in service to our great country in your thoughts, and our first responders as well, as they protect and serve us 24-7. And my thanks to our club members who make this all possible and worthwhile.

OK GOATS let's get to it.

## THIS MONTHS SPOTLIGHT



This month it is my pleasure to introduce this month's SPOTLIGHT,

Bruce Van Buskirk, KM6WBI. I first met Bruce at the meeting of another club. We talked and convinced each other to study for the General License before we forget all it took to make Technician. We took the class in LaVerne with Jack KM6UNQ, Bob KM6OWV. Well after so many weeks of study we all eventually took the test and passed with only a few weeks before the test had changed and we would have had to start all over again. I guess guys like Bruce just work better under pressure.

Bruce is also one our charter members and has been with the club from the first meeting.

Bruce came to the Los Angeles area while he was a young boy. His family came to California and settled in the San Gabriel Valley area, where Bruce still lives.

When he's not playing on his Yaesu FT-991, Bruce likes to travel and visit with his kids and grandkids who live all over the country from California to North Carolina.

Bruce was the first recipient of the now fabled, Propagation Brothers antenna job. They got Bruce on the HF air and that adventure began for him.

Bruce's other interests include camping, fishing and aviation. Bruce has quite a love of riding in his friends single engine aircraft, no wonder he seemed so at ease at Bracket field.

Bruce actually stumbled into ham radio when he met Kathi and Mark KM6AHY at the Covina Concert in the park booth a couple of years ago.

Bruce took some literature and thought this would be a challenging hobby. Little did he know it would blossom into such a hobby. We at GOTAHAMS are thankful Kathi and Mark were such great ambassadors for our hobby.

So if you get a chance to see Bruce at the next meeting it will be time well spent.

## **MONTHLY MEETING**

As usual we met at Casa Jimenez in Claremont. It was another full house and we had a lot to get to. After a call to order by our President, Ken we had a presentation by our treasurer Jack. Looks like we are doing ok and we are now looking forward to being able to assist with Field Day 2020. Never too early to start thinking of that event.



Ken opens the meeting and Jack gives with the good financial news



Dave K6EV was the winner of the coveted GOTAHAMS first design mug. You know Dave I saw one of those on ebay for 150.00 bucks wow



Grace KM6LJL guest for the meeting Milt KK6WWN won the big raffle prize of a Apachee case. Not bad for the first time out.



When I say Full House this is what it looks like



Chris KI6AMK made a great presentation of antennas and how they operate. Chris is quite experienced and we are glad to have him.



Bruce Bolton AG6YS gave us information on the Covina Christmas Parade and an appeal for volunteers for that event. Those that have participated have reported what a great time it was and a chance to serve our community through the use of our unique capabilities as ham radio operators. Check out our website for his contact info and further info on this wonderful event.

## **SAN DIEGO HAMFEST**

The Goats were out in force for this event. The Lakeside Radio club out of San Diego area put on this shindig and GOTAHAMS were the largest club in

attendance. This event is right in our own backyard and I am sure next year we will have an even greater presence. Thanks to them Goats who attended and they look like it was a fun event- besides anywhere the Goats gather is a good time.



L-R V.P Mark KM6AHY, Our Hospitality Director Vilma, Treasurer Jack KM6UNQ, Club Secretary Kathi KD6CAF, our Propagation Brothers, Scott KG6ABF, Chris KI6AMK and clubmember Karen, Standing to the back is our President Ken KC6WOK

## **PACIFICON 2019**

Wow two hamfests in one month the goats put in some mileage that's for sure. The club was represented by Ken and Kathi, the Pacificon was sponsored by the Mount Diablo Amateur Radio Club ( <http://www.mdarc.org>). Kathi did a terrific job on reporting this adventure and it's posted on the website with a ton of pictures. Ken and Kathi attended classes on Antennas, and techniques to keep our club up and running at a RADIO ACTIVE pace. Good job folks another event where our club was well attended.

## San Dimas Charity Rodeo

San Dimas Charity Rodeo October 12 & 13

This month the Rodeo came to town. Gotham Bob Hardcastle KM6OWV was very generous giving all Gotham members the opportunity to attend.



Saturday, Gotahams Mark KM6AHY and Vilma Arlotti along with Ken KC6WOK and Kathi KD6CAF Mixon enjoyed the Rodeo



Bob Hardcastle at the Rodeo

The Rodeo was a Charity Event benefiting First Responders. A true Pro Rodeo with Justin Sports Medicine Healers, who brought their mobile hospital. Sunday, Gotham James Janssen W6FRQ went with his wife and son, Samuel attended the Rodeo.



Gotham Charles McCants KM6CEM had fun at the San Dimas Rodeo too.

## **Saturday Swap Meet**

Our Monthly meet and greet at the Claremont swap meet went off without a hitch. Our Hospitality Director Vilma assisted by Mark coffee was on and what a treat. Mark brought out Black Rifle coffee- oh man my favorite, The donuts were supplied by Chris, and man my day was complete. Believe me when I say I am a donut expert and them is good donuts- thanks Chris. Chris' wife Karen came by to give support to the club and was a welcome addition to the morning. Jack donned his mobile antenna hat and he says he can get the space station on it, it sounds like the real deal to me.



Mark and Vilma 88's



Karen and Vilma early morning smiles



Jack and his antenna hat

## LIONEL THE LIZARD

The newsletter would not be complete without the adventures of our favorite amphibian. Thanks to Kathi and her magic pen- here we go

Lionel Lizard lives in the mountain foothills among the evergreen trees and silver-tasseled scrub bushes. His home is an old abandoned telegraph shack.



On the telegraph shack wall hangs the Morse Code alphabet and a tattered picture of Samuel Morse. Behind the shack sits a colorful ornamental train car.

One day Lionel was typing out his message, CQ CQ CQ This is L6ZRDLionel, QSL?



He received a message about Pacificon, the ARRL Pacific Division Ham Radio Convention. He started thinking it would be fun to go to this three day event. He would learn about antennas, helping new hams get on the air and using digital radio. He was excited to see his friends, Bob Brehm, AK6R, Palomar Engineers and Kevin Zanjani, KI6DHQ, Bioenno Power. Lionel heard Gordon West, WB6NOA and Bob Heil, K9EID would be there. He hoped he would be able to meet them too.



Lionel Lizard with friend, Sally Salamander rode their ornamental railcar to Pacificon. They rode past the ocean shore, acres of farmland and arrived at the land of the giant redwoods. They met lots of people, had a fun time and learned a lot about Amateur Radio.

After their adventure they were happy to return home. Lionel couldn't wait to send out his message and transmit his adventures to his friends.

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The End

Well another RADIO ACTIVE month in the books. Oh and let's not forget the great job Jack is doing as Net Control on the Goat Round Up on Tuesday nights at 7 PM. 446.400 tone 103.5. Come check us out it's a good time and lots of topics covered just for fun, but also to make sure your equipment is working properly.

Don't forget to check out our website [www.gotahams.com](http://www.gotahams.com) for all the latest information on our club activities. Till next month 73- Vic in Covina