



GOTAhams October Newsletter

GOAT NOTES

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Editor's Bit

Good day to you my fellow GOTAhams members. This is your very own Mark H., KN6LYX, and I bring you this edition of the GOTAhams monthly newsletter. Please, if you have any suggestions, improvements, or any constructive criticism please reach out to me through my email (85markj@gmail.com) so I can improve the newsletter. Also, please continue to send me inspiration, stories, and improvements to your ham shacks, memorable places associated with ham radio, or new friends or family members joining the club. **Thank you, and God bless.**

I am hoping that everyone is getting ready for Halloween and fall season, and a great thanks to everyone who provided pictures and other media for this month's edition of the newsletter.



For more information see the GOTAhams website: <https://gotahams.com>

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Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61573677329942>

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September Events



Every night	7:30pm	Nightly Net
9th Thursday	6:00pm	Club Meeting
11th Saturday	12pm	Marconi Net
18th Saturday	10am - 3pm	Radio in the Park
22nd Wednesday	6:15pm	Simplex Net
25th Saturday	1:00pm	VE testing

GOTAhams Club Meeting

This month for October we will have Joe, AK6MB, with a presentation on D-STAR. D-STAR is a digital voice and data protocol specification for amateur radio. The system was developed in the late 1990s by the Japan Amateur Radio League and uses minimum-shift keying in its packet-based standard. There are other digital modes that have been adapted for use by amateur operators, but D-STAR was the first that was designed specifically for amateur radio.

D-STAR, or Digital Smart Technologies for Amateur Radio, is a digital voice and data protocol designed for amateur radio communication. It allows users to transmit clear audio and data over various amateur radio bands and can connect to the Internet for broader communication capabilities.



POTA Event

Last Friday we had our Pota activation event at Chino Hills State Park. Parks on the Air is an international radiosport award program that encourages licensed radio operators to visit, enjoy and operate portable equipment in a variety of parks and public lands. POTA issues awards based on a wide range of criteria including the total number of radio contacts made, number made on each amateur radio band, and for different modes of communication including voice, Morse code or FT8. We had a good turnout including...

Bill KE6NAA, on his buddypole antenna at 10 meters



Marco on his icon IC 7200, looking Through all available channels





Nilesh KK6PAH doing FTS on his zBit x On 17 meters

We also had Ken KC6WOK setting up an antenna. Unfortunately me and my dad, Mike KN6HHW had to leave early but we did help set up and we did come back take down around 3:00pm. We had Jim KJ6MAC observing and a guest in the form of Dusty KG7UHJ. We also had Andy KO6CCI make a video documenting the event and interviewing those present.

The Great Shakeout

The Great ShakeOut is an International earthquake drill, to practice and prepare for an earthquake. This takes place every year on the third Thursday in October. This year it will take place on October 16th. On that Day there will be a special simplex net by the GOTAhams club at 10:16am. More details to come on the website.



The Event is aimed at educating people on how to prepare for and respond to the threat of earthquakes. It involves millions of participants practicing safety measures like "Drop, Cover, and Hold On" to enhance community readiness for seismic events.