



## GOTAhams January 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. As usual, if you have any suggestions, improvements, or any constructive criticism please reach out to me through my email ([85markj@gmail.com](mailto:85markj@gmail.com)) so I can improve the newsletter. **Thank you, and God bless.**

I am hoping that everyone had a wonderful New Year. Thanks to everyone who provided pictures and other media for the newsletter. See you next month. Sincerely, **Mark (KN6LYX) :-)**

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

Email Gary, the Club Secretary: [1gtke6cbw@gmail.com](mailto:1gtke6cbw@gmail.com)

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

Join the Facebook group here: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/747704755629648>



## *POTA Activation*

Our Last POTA activation was canceled due to rain.

Our next POTA activation is at **Dockweiler State Beach, 12505 Vista Del Mar, Playa Del Rey, CA 90293**. Do NOT use the entrance where Imperial ends at Vista Del Mar; instead, turn left from Imperial (or continue south on Vista Del Mar) for about 1/4 a mile and enter there. You can come to set up your own station, help with other stations, or just come to watch. The ocean view is great.

To participate in our next Pota event on **February 7 from 8:00 am - 5:00 pm** from home (Hunters) all you have to do is check the POTA website here: <https://pota.app/#/> and look for WG6OTA or look for [US-3425](#). Listen to the frequency the Club POTA group is using. Then make a contact. That is it. Signing up for your own account or logging your contacts at the POTA website is not required but optional if you want to keep track of your POTA contacts. You can find more information about POTA here: [parksontheair.com](http://parksontheair.com). For more information contact Marco, [KN6SJQ@gmail.com](mailto:KN6SJQ@gmail.com)

## *Club Meeting*

If you wish to join our next club meeting it will be on **February 12 from 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm**. Please be aware If you are meeting at the restaurant, they will expect you to order a meal so, come by 6pm so you can order and eat before the meeting. We will have **Kirk, KN6UMV** with a presentation on How to Use DMR.

If anyone wants to do a presentation for the club, Please contact our club president **Micheal Harwick KN6HHW**.

## *Marconi Net*

The Marconi Net took place on January 10, 2026 with no problems. In the past we have had issues with the WG6OTA or the GB3IW repeaters or if the internet is down at either location the net can't happen. But lately it has been working great. We had a good time talking with our hams across the pond, in the UK.

If you wish to join a future Marconi net the next one will be on **February 14 from 11:00 am - 12:00 pm**. Please be aware these are open repeaters, and we welcome guests. As usual, we encourage all participants to completely ignore (do not acknowledge in any way) any intentional interference during this or any other net.

The WG6OTA repeater on Sunset Ridge, North of Claremont, in Southern California, will be linked to the GB3IW repeater, near Cowes, on the Isle of Wight, in the UK. The KS7MC repeater (Spirit Mountain Amateur Radio Club) in Fort Mohave Arizona may also be linked during these nets.

No special radio programming is required, just access the WG6OTA repeater as usual and it will be linked to GB3IW.

Keep transmissions to less than 2 minutes and allow time for a FULL carrier drop (by the repeater) between transmissions. We do ask that participants pay special attention to avoid time outs.

For information about the clubs, please check out their respective web sites at:

<https://gotahams.com>

<https://iowrs.org>

For information about the net, contact: Bill Appleton, KF4MCG at [kf4mcg@hotmail.com](mailto:kf4mcg@hotmail.com)

## *Radio In The Park*

Our most recent Radio in the Park took place at Las Flores Park. It was a good day, the weather was great. The trees gave us enough shade. We had three HF stations set up. We had a good turnout with a few new people and a lot of cake, brownies, candy, and other snacks. It was a fun event.

Our next Radio In The Park will take place on **February 21 from 10:00 am - 3:00 pm At Larkin Park 660 N Mountain Avenue CA, Claremont**. We would recommend bringing a chair and a table if you plan to set up a radio.

## Upcoming February Events



<u>Every night (except club meeting)</u>		7:30pm	<u>Nightly Net</u>
28th	Wednesday	6:15pm	Simplex Net
31st	Saturday	1:00pm	VE Testing
7th	Saturday	8:00am	Pota Activation
12th	Thursday	7:00pm	Club Meeting
14th	Saturday	11:00am	Marconi Net
21st	Saturday	10:00am	Radio In The Park
25th	Wednesday	6:15pm	Simplex net
28th	Saturday	1:00pm	VE Testing

## *Simplex Net*

The Simplex net will be back on January **28**, after a two month hiatus for Thanksgiving and Christmas. The Simplex net will be on **146.580MHz** starting at 6:15pm. A great way to explore the reach of your 2 meter equipment without the benefit of repeater, both receiving and transmitting. Bring a pad of paper and record signal reports for all you hear. We will collect your reports on the net.

Our next simplex net will take place on **February 25 from 6:15 pm - 7:00 pm**, on the fourth Wednesday each month.



## *VE Testing*

Our next VE testing session will take place at **Brackett Field on February 28 @ 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm.**

Tests will be held on the LAST Saturday of each month (EXCEPT DECEMBER) at 1PM in the Pilots Lounge of the Brackett Field airport in La Verne (map below). Walk-ins are allowed, but you are strongly encouraged to contact Frank at 909-257-7205 in advance. Please leave a message with your contact information and indicate which license level(s) you are pursuing.

Please bring \$15.00 for the A.R.R.L. VEC exam fee. (\$5 if under 18). Payment must be cash or check – no credit cards or electronic payment methods. Also, please review the ‘preparation’ link below to ensure that you have completed the other required preparations for a successful test. **You MUST bring an FCC FRN number** to the test event – contact us if you need help with creating this on the FCC website. Successful candidates will be contacted by the FCC for payment of any additional fees due before issuance of the license.

Preparation: Please review this page: <http://www.arrl.org/what-to-bring-to-an-exam-session>

Information on FCC License Fees

(NOT collected at test):

<https://www.arrl.org/fcc-application-fee>

Map and Directions:

The pilot's lounge is located in the terminal building also housing Norms Hanger Coffee Shop.

Enter the front entrance and turn to the left just after the gift shop. One door down on the left.

[Brackett field la Verne](#) Click for directions

GOTAhams is grateful to Frank and his team for their commitment to continue this long-standing volunteer effort, having conducted hundreds of prior exam sessions.

