



## GOTAhams March 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 good start of spring and a good month. Thank you 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>



## *Simplex Net*

Our last Simplex net was held on **March 25th**. This is a great way to explore the reach of your 2 meter equipment without the benefit of repeater, both receiving and transmitting.

Our next simplex net will take place on **April 22th 6:15 pm - 7:00 pm**, on **146.580MHz**. The Simplex Net will continue to take place on the fourth Wednesday each month. Bring a pad of paper and record signal reports for all you hear. We will collect your reports on the net.

## *Marconi Net*

The Marconi Net took place on **March 14 from 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm** on the WG6OTA repeater located on Sunset Ridge, north of Claremont, in Southern California and the GB3IW repeater located near Cowes, on the Isle of Wight, in the UK. 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 **April 11th @ 12:00 pm - 1:00 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 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)

## *POTA Activation*



This month's POTA activation took place on **March 7th** at **Chino Hills State Park**. headed by Marco KN6SJQ. If you wish to join, 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).

Our next POTA event will take place on **April 4th** from **8:00 am - 5:00 pm** at **Bolsa Chica State Beach**. You can come to watch or come and set up a station or you can participate from home (Hunters). All you have to do is check the POTA website here: <https://pota.app/#/> and look for WG6OTA. 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.

## *Club Meeting*

This month's club meeting took place on **March 12, from 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm**. We had **Terry and Gary** with a presentation for us on Wolf River Coils.



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

Our next club meeting will take place on **March 12 @ 7:00 pm**. Unfortunately our presentation will be Zoom only. Our presentation will be about Bioenno Power conducted by **Kevin Zanjani**.

## *Radio In The Park*

Our most recent Radio in the Park took place at **San Dimas Canyon Park**. It was a good day, the weather was great but it got really warm really fast. The trees gave us enough shade. We had six radio stations set up. We had a large turnout with a few new people, a few temporary guests, and a lot of brownies, donuts, and other snacks. Overall it was a fun event and I would encourage others to come too.

**Chris KF6LEX** using his  
JPC 12 antenna on 40 meters



**Joe AK6MB** using an Icom IC705  
with a Buddypole Mini on 15 meters



**Dave Wood W6OOD** using an elecraft kx2 with Morse code attachment with his new Moxxon antenna.



**Nelish KK6PAH** using a zBITx on 20 meters and FT8



**David KM6GTM** troubleshooting his POTA Performer antenna with his Yaesu FT891.



**Greg KO6ICW** experimenting with his first HF station



**Charles KM6CEM** with his Icom 7300mk2



We also had **Glin KO6BKA** with his FTDX 10 with a 20ft whip on 10, 20, and 40 meters. Unfortunately there was some issue with the picture so it didn't come through.

Our next Radio In The Park will take place on **April 18th Las Flores Park 3175 Bolling Avenue, La Verne, CA**. We would recommend bringing a chair and a table if you plan to set up a radio.

## Upcoming April Events

<b>Every night (except Club meeting)</b>	<b>7:30pm</b>	<b>Nightly Net</b>	
<b>28th</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>1:00pm</b>	<b>VE Testing</b>
<b>4th</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>POTA- Bolsa Chica</b>
<b>9th</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>7:00am</b>	<b>Club Meeting</b>
<b>11th</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>12:00am</b>	<b>Marconi Net</b>
<b>18th</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Radio In The Park</b>
<b>22nd</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>6:15pm</b>	<b>Simplex net</b>
<b>25th</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>1:00pm</b>	<b>VE Testing</b>

## *VE Testing*

Our next VE testing session will take place at Brackett Field on April 25th @ 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

