



GOTAhams May 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) so I can improve the newsletter. **Thank you, and God bless.**

I am hoping that everyone has been having a good leadup to summer and a stellar month as usual. 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

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 **May 27th**. 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 **June 24th 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 **May 9th 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 **June 13th @ 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

POTA Activation

This month's POTA activation took place on **May 2nd at Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area**. If

you wish to join in on future POTA events, you can find more information about POTA here: parksontheair.com. For more information contact Marco, KN6SJQ@gmail.com.



Since June and July POTA's have both been canceled. Our next POTA event will take place on **August 1st from 8:00 am - 5:00 pm** **Location still to be decided**. 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 **May 14th, from 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm**. We had **Marty VK4KC** with his presentation live from Australia. He showed us some product options for portable operations.

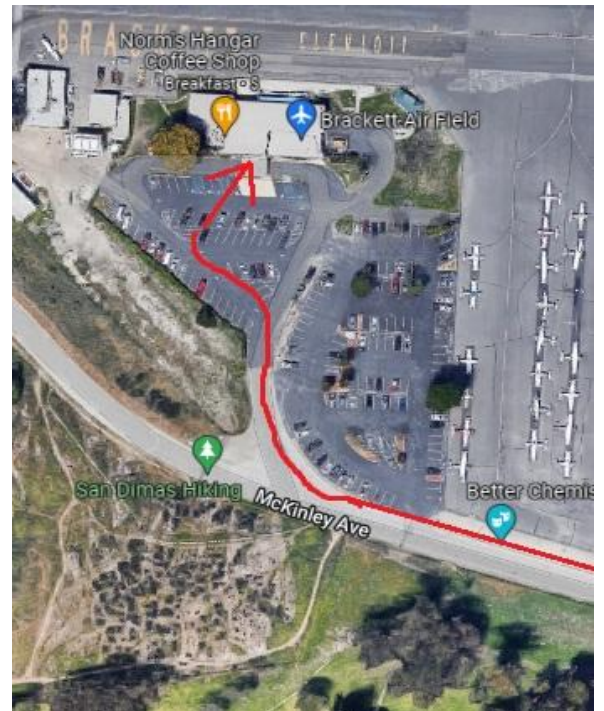


Our next club meeting will take place on **June 11th @ 7:00 pm**. Where we will be discussing our Field Day plans and preparations, your inputs are greatly appreciated. If anyone wants to do a presentation for the club in the future, please contact our club president **Michael Harwick KN6HHW**.

VE Testing

Our next VE testing session will take place at Brackett Field on **June 27th @ 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. 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. For 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



Field day

Field Day is a public demonstration of amateur radio. It is a great opportunity to see what amateur radio is all about. You can come and watch, learn, or give it a try. We will have licensed and experienced operators that will help either set up a station of your own or guide you to operate a radio and communicate over the air.

We will be at the **Bonelli Bluffs RV Park & Campground: 1440 Camper View Rd, San Dimas, CA 91773**, sites B146 and B148. The GOTAhams will be operating from **11am Saturday, June 27th, till 9am Sunday, June 28th**. Setup will begin at **1pm on Friday, June 26th**. We have plans for 4 stations plus a GOTA station. More information coming soon, check our website at GOTAHAMS.com



Commemorative Air Force Museum

Recently we have been called to help out at the **Commemorative Air Force, Inland Empire Wing, Museum**.

We have been assisting David Seiler with setting up a working radio station inside for people to interact with. We have also considered the possibility of linking them up with other museums on the repeaters.



The plan is to eventually add a modern HF radio as well. They have some usable antennas, cables, and power supplies setup now. They need another UHF/VHF radio, one of theirs is dead and the other is only good for receiving. They are also looking for more WWII Radio equipment, working or not. If you wish to help or are interested in more info contact our club president **Michael Harwick KN6HHW** if you wish to participate. Our next date to meet is still to be decided.



Radio In The Park

Our most recent Radio in the Park took place on **May 16th at Larkin Park 660 N Mountain Avenue, Claremont**. It was a good day, the weather was warm and we had a good turnout. The trees gave us enough shade. We only had two radio stations set up while I was there. We had a decent turnout and a lot of brownies, donuts, and other snacks. Overall it was a fun event and I would encourage others to come too. Our next radio in the park will take place on **July 18th at Larkin Park 660 N Mountain Avenue, Claremont**. Unfortunately I was unable to get pictures of the event and I apologize to everyone who set up a station.

Upcoming June Events

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| <u>Every night (except Club meeting) 7:30pm</u> | | | Nightly Net |
| 6th | Saturday | 8:00am | POTA- Cancelled |
| 11th | Thursday | 7:00am | Club Meeting |
| 13th | Saturday | 12:00am | Marconi net |
| 24th | Wednesday | 6:15pm | Simplex net |
| 26-28th | Friday-Saturday | 1:00pm | Field Day |
| 27th | Saturday | 1:00pm | VE Testing |