



GOTAhams July Newsletter

GOAT NOTES

W6GOTA RPT: 449.160/PL 77.0 / Echolink Node 106963, All star Node 569430



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 summer so far despite the heat 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>

POTA Activation

Unfortunately, this month's POTA activation at **Los Angeles State Historic Park** has been canceled due to a high heat advisory and has been postponed until next month. If you wish to join in on future POTA events, you can find more information about POTA here: parksontheair.com. For more information contact Joe, ak6mb@arrl.net.

Our next POTA event will take place on **September 5th from 8:00 am - 5:00 pm at Los Angeles State Historic Park**. 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.

Simplex Net

Our last Simplex Net took place on **July 22nd 6:15 pm - 7:00 pm, on 146.580MHz**. Our next simplex net will take place on **August 26 @ 6:15 pm - 7:00 pm on 146.580MHz**. The Simplex Net will continue to take place on the fourth Wednesday each month as long as we have someone to do it. We hope to have someone volunteer soon. We have one or two backup operators who will host the net temporarily if needed.

Marconi Net

The Marconi Net took place on **July 11th 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 **August 8th @ 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> and <https://iowrs.org>. For information about the net, contact: Bill Appleton, KF4MCG at kf4mcg@hotmail.com

Club Meeting

For our July club meeting we had **Clint Bradford, K6LCS** teaching about working satellites.



Our next club meeting will take place on **August 13th @ 7:00 pm. at: 984 West Foothill Blvd. in Claremont from 6:00pm to 9:00pm.**

This month we will have **Greg, KJ6ER**. He will talk about portable antennas.

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

VE Testing

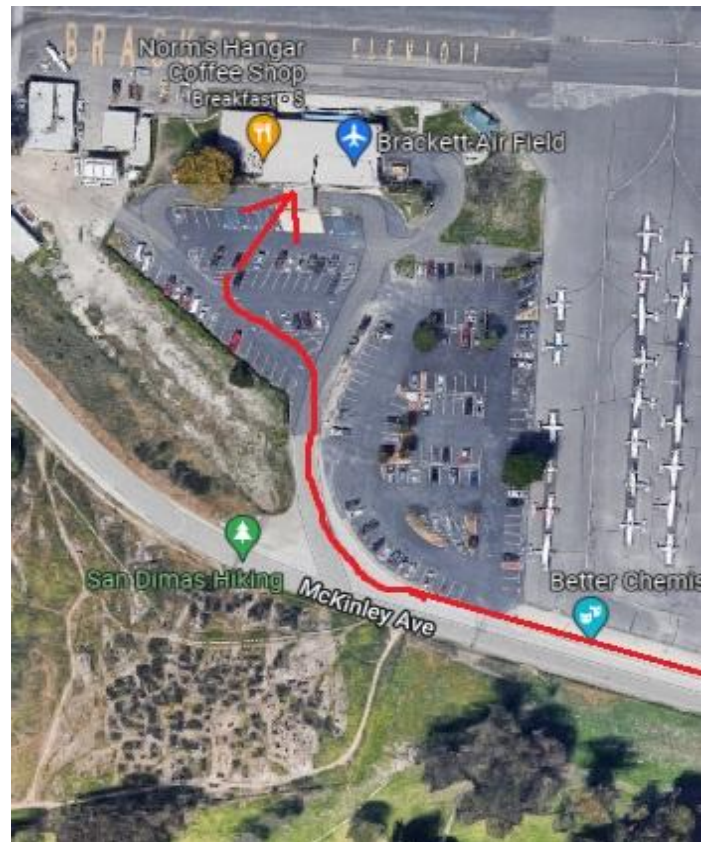
Our next VE testing session will take place at Brackett Field on **August 29th @ 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm.**

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 (see map). 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](#)

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Radio In The Park

Our July Radio in the Park took place at **San Dimas Canyon Park**. It was a good day. The weather was really warm in the morning and got hot in the afternoon, despite this we still had a good turnout. The trees gave us enough shade to do our thing. We had three radio stations set up while I was there. We had lots of brownies, donuts, and other snacks. Overall it was a fun event and as always, I would encourage others to come too. I was only there for about 2½ hours so if anyone else set up a station I apologise for not including them. Our next radio in the park will take place on **August 15th at Larkin Park, 660 N Mountain Avenue, Claremont**.

Nelish KK6PAH on FT8, 20 meters / Clayton KO6OBT on his Yaesu FTX / Joe AK6MB on FT8, 15 meters



Net Control Operators Wanted

We are looking for more NCO's. It is a good opportunity to get your voice on the air with a more professional feeling. You could cover once a week or once a month, any chance you get is a fun experience. We recommend NCO's not use an HT, because it will heat up or the battery could die, and sometimes you may need more power. Please contact **Jay KT5LA** if you're interested.

Upcoming August Events

Every night (except Club meeting) 7:30pm			Nightly Net
6th	Thursday	6:00pm	Board meeting
8th	Saturday	12:00am	Marconi net
13th	Thursday	7:00am	Club Meeting
15th	Saturday	10:00am	Radio In The Park
26th	Wednesday	6:15pm	Simplex net
29th	Saturday	1:00pm	VE Testing
5th	Saturday	8:00am	POTA