GOTAhams October 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 is ready for winter and had an enjoyable spooky season and that you will have a stellar month as usual. Thank you Nilesh (KK6PAH) for the pictures of the last POTA Activation. 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

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I would greatly appreciate any additional media (IE current ham setup, new purchase, good story) that you want featured in the newsletter, please send them to me.

POTA Activation

This month's POTA activation took place on **October 3rd at Los Angeles State Historic Park.** It was hot but not so bad, there was shade under some big trees, with a fan. Unfortunately the propagation was apparently very bad according to Marco. He said he tried different antennas but with the same result.





Our next POTA event will take place on **November 7th 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). For more information contact Joe, ak6mb@arrl.net.

Club Meeting



For our October club meeting on **October 8th** we had a presentation from Hal and Danette talking to us about the upcoming **Quartzfest**. Quartzfest is a weeklong event in the Desert on BLM land near quartzite Arizona. January 17 - 23, 2027.

Our next club meeting will take place on **November 12th at 7:00 pm. Located at 984 West Foothill Blvd. in Claremont from 6:00pm to 9:00pm.** Where we will have a presentation from members of the CERT team.

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

Marconi Net

The Marconi Net is usually on the second Saturday every month. 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. 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.

If you wish to join a future Marconi Net the next one will be on **November 7th @ 11:00 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. 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.

Radio In The Park / Jamboree-On-The-Air

Our Radio in the Park for October was also the host for this year's Jamboree-On-The-Air or J.O.T.A. Where we helped to support Scouting by helping Scouts Get On The Air!

The weather was nice and cool on **October 17th at Larkin Park** and we had a massive turnout. We had a total of 5 stations, 30 scouts, and a total of about 44 people who showed up.

Once we set up for the Scouts to make contacts we started to help them log their contacts for credit towards their Radio Merit badges and to learn about Amateur Radio! We even had several new memberships and interest in getting licensed.

For the event we had 6 stations. 5 used different HF bands between 10m and 40m. One using 2m simplex and the WG6OTA repeater.

Tim N6DLC



Joe AK6MB



Jay KT5LA



Clayton KB1LLL



Marco KN6SJQ



Charlie W6JJZ & Michele KN6HHV



We did SSB and FT-8 on HF reaching some other scouts and plenty of other people for the Scouts to talk to. Many of them were excited and interested.

On the repeater we managed to make contact with a few members of the Isle of Wight Radio Club. Kirk was there in spirit, he was not at the park but he was very helpful on the repeater talking to several of the Scouts throughout the day.

The kids made contacts, had fun, and learned about amateur radio. Everyone was pleased with the event. We are looking forward to doing it next year.







Our next Radio-In-The-Park is on **November 21 @ 10:00 am - 3:00 pm at San Dimas Canyon Park**.

Nightly Net

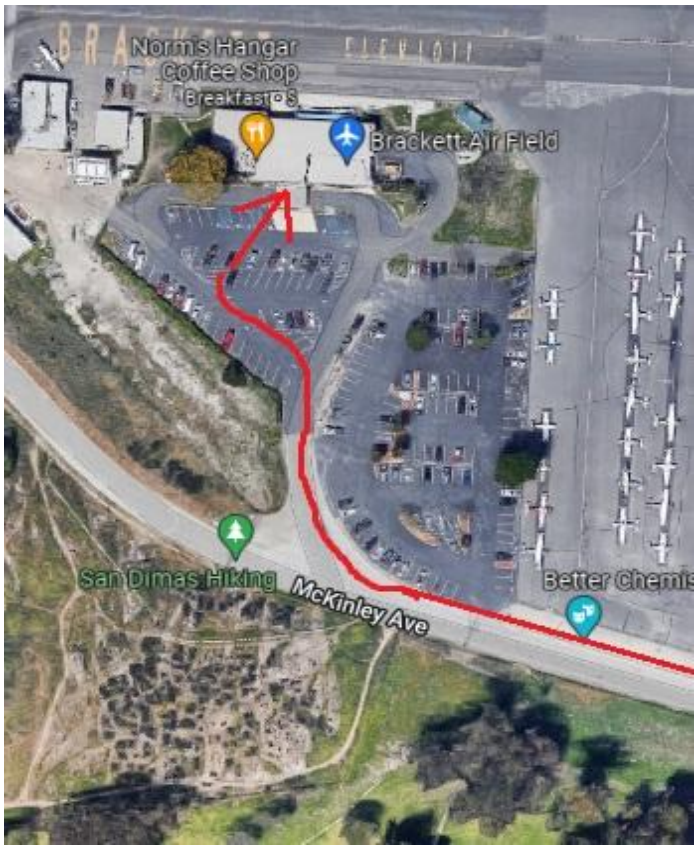
The Nightly net is every night at **7:30pm on the WG6OTA repeater**, except the second Thursday of each month, which is our Club Meeting. Each night we have a round table topic or you can just say hello and tell us about your day. For more info see: https://gotahams.com/upcoming-nightly-nets/

Simplex Net

The Simplex Net typically takes place on the 4th Wednesday each month at **6:15pm on 146.580MHz.** It is a great way to explore the reach of your 2 meter equipment without the benefit of repeater, both receiving and transmitting. Please have a pad of paper and a pen to record signal reports for all you hear. We will collect and collate these. Our next simplex will be on **November 25th.** If you are interested in being a Net Control for the simplex net please contact **Michael (KN6HHW)** h@harwick.us

VE Testing

Our next VE testing session will take place at Brackett Field on **October 31 @ 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.

Quartzfest (not a GOTAhams event)

This year's Quartzfest will take place on **January 17th through the 23rd, 2027** located at Quartzsite AZ, 33.67°N, 114.24°W (Elev. 912 ft) for a very small fee event. If you want to join, Quartzfest is a week-long ham radio, camping, learning, and living event held annually near Quartzsite, Arizona. It features activities focused on amateur radio, mobile antenna systems, and off-the-grid living. You do not need a reservation for your car, truck, or other vehicle as far as I know. Find your favorite cactus and plot of desert and park yourself right there.

Great Shakeout

The Great ShakeOut is an International earthquake drill, to help people to practice and prepare for an earthquake. This event takes place every year on the Third Thursday in October. This year it took place on **October 15th**. We had a special net that day at **10:15am**. With Bruce K6GH hosting the net for the great shakeout this year. for more information See The Great ShakeOut website.

Upcoming **November** Events

Every night (except Club meeting)		7:30pm	Nightly Net
28th	Wednesday	6:15pm	Simplex net
31st	Saturday	1:00pm	VE Testing
5th	Thursday	6:00pm	Board meeting
7th	Saturday	8:00am	POTA
7th	Saturday	12:00am	Marconi net
12th	Thursday	7:00am	Club Meeting
21st	Saturday	10:00am	Radio In The Park
25th	Wednesday	6:15pm	Simplex net
28th	Saturday	1:00pm	VE Testing