



The QSX Newsletter



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Calendar of Events:

*Dec 13, 2007 6:30 PM at the Glendale Red Cross, 1501 S. Brand Blvd, Glendale, Ca. PLEASE NOTE THE EARLY STARTING TIME

✍ Presidents Message for December

Holiday Party, Thursday the 13th. HOLIDAY PARTY.

IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER the meeting is NOT at Verdugo Hills Hospital, but at the RED CROSS BUILDING on Brand Blvd in Glendale. Also remember it is to begin at 6:30 instead of our usual 7:30 time for Dinner. Ham and Turkey will be provided for the member's only party. Please bring something to go along with the meat and a non-alcoholic drink for you or to share.

Division of what to bring is with your Suffix, the letter after the number of your Ham radio call sign (or last name if no call sign yet):

A - H salad

I - Q dessert

R - Z side dish

Bring a nice unwrapped gift, could be ham related, but not necessarily. One gift per couple, if single you can bring something "lighter". It can be something used from around the house or new, somewhere between \$5 to \$20 worth. There will be

a not so silent auction with Don Carlson again, but it will not last so long and there should be stuff that people will be pleased to take home with them. Don has agreed to throw his unique brand of auctioneering out there again. Bring some money too, proceeds go to the club.

The breakfast was fun though a few people that we see usually were missed.

I understand we will likely have our new banner at the Holiday Party. Thanks for working on that Ed, Mitch and help from ZRP Mark.

It was a good Transponder Net with holiday wishes exchanged across the big pond. Thanks Mark, KE6ZRP for setting that up and running net control.

Hope to see you the 13th, but whether I see you or not, wish you a lovely peaceful loving Holiday time. Hope also you get new radios to try out.

Leah Shirokoff

President of CVRC

✍ Repeater Report:

The repeaters just keep on working as they are supposed to, and all is good.

You might have noticed, depending on where you were that there was a fairly strong pulsing signal on the same output of the 2 meter repeater. Mitch, N6WTF described it as sounding something like a circuit trace probe used to trace wiring. It has come to my attention that his description was exactly the source of the problem. Someone doing service on the Pomona repeater (one of the other repeaters co-channeled with ours) had used the

probe, but had inadvertently left it in place when he was finished, and it was causing their repeater to transmit the pulses constantly. The problem has been corrected. Unfortunately, that noise did hamper the efforts of the MARC group that used the 2 meter repeater for the Love Ride last November. Although the repeater worked well in the Glendale area, they were being taken out by the Pomona repeater out at the Fairplex in Pomona.

73, Mark, ke6zrp

Transponder Net news:

With a special “thanks” to Mark, W6MW and Terry, G4CDY, the December Transponder net went off very well.

We had a good connection with Echolink and were able to wish our friends and fellow hams in England and the US “Merry Christmas” and best Holidays.

On the English side were Terry, Andy J., Paul, and Stewart (at least in spirit, as he was too far away from Terry station to be heard)

On the US side were Leah, Mark MW, Mark ZRP, Jim and Mitch (a new member to the Club and first time on the Transponder Net)

Until next year, thanks for joining in on the fun, and Season’s Best.

73, Mark, ke6zrp

Echolink Node KE6ZRP-L

☞ Something New:

I found this while checking out the internet for “stuff” for the QSX Take a look, sound card **Digital HF**, similar to PSK31, but for voice.

<http://n1su.com/fdmdv/>

☞ Sunair Electronics and FlexRadio Working Together:

Sunair Electronics, announced in November that it has finalized an agreement with FlexRadio Systems to purchase certain customized state-of-the-art software defined high frequency radios (SDR) and accessory items for sale to Sunair's government and military customers. A software defined radio is a major departure from traditional designs where all radio frequency functions and processing are accomplished with hardware. In an SDR, many of

the processes are accomplished with high speed digital processors allowing for much simpler hardware designs and allowing for extreme flexibility with respect for filtering and user specified functionality. HF radios operate in the frequency range of 2-30 MHz and are designed for long range global communications circuits. Sunair President Mark Allen said, "FlexRadio has been refining their design for more than four years. FlexRadio has combined extremely innovative software and graphical interfaces with RF hardware to produce a product which is truly state of the art when it comes to high frequency (HF) radio. This product will help our customers with their critical national security communications requirements." Gerald Youngblood, President of FlexRadio, said, "SDRs represent the most significant change in communications technology in well over half a century, allowing flexibility and performance not practical with traditional analog approaches. We look forward to a long and productive relationship with Sunair."

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Crescenta Valley Radio Club Statement of Assets

As of November 30, 2007

		<u>CHECKING ACCOUNT</u>				
	Petty Cash	Repeater Maint Fund	General CVRC Fund	Gift Certificate Fund	Total Checking Acct Bal	Total Assets (Checking Account + Petty Cash)
Balance @ 10/31/07	12.93	2,035.20	1,622.61	547.00	4,204.81	4,217.74
Income from Dues			110.00		110.00	
Income from Drawing				16.50	16.50	
(Expenses)						
Repeater					0.00	
Telephone		(17.83)			(17.83)	
Insurance			(320.00)		(320.00)	
Bank Charges (October)			(10.00)		(10.00)	
Refund duplicate dues payment			(30.00)		(30.00)	
					0.00	
Total Expenses	0.00	(17.83)	(360.00)	16.50	(377.83)	
Balance @ 11/30/07	12.93	2,017.37	1,372.61	580.00	3,953.48	3,966.41