



TASMA NEWS

Two Meter Area Spectrum Management Association

Frequency Coordination and Spectrum Management for Southern California

Regular General Meeting – Saturday, April 5, 2008

Chairman's Message Bob Dengler, NO6B

Fellow TASMA members:



Here we are in 2008 already. I guess the busier you are, the faster time flies by. As I write this month's column for our newsletter the 23rd City of Los Angeles Marathon has just finished. Actually, officially there are probably a couple of stragglers still making their way to the finish line some 3 days after the start. Once again

amateur radio played a key role in the success of this major Southern California event.

This year we have a minor "changing of the guard" in regards to our Board of Directors & Technical Committee. Leaving the board this year are Mike Marin WW6MM & Lou Frank KG6FCT. Mike has served as our treasurer since 2003, & Lou has been our main Secretary and Technical Committee Secretary since 2004. Please offer Mike & Lou your thanks for their many years of selfless service when you see them at our meetings. Joining us on the board this year are Secretary Steve Early AD6VI & Steve Grasha WA6ARC. Steve Early brings us much needed representation from the San Diego area, as we haven't had a Board or Technical Committee member from that area in a few years. Steve has also recently been elected ARRL Section Manager for the San Diego area, so he will also keep us apprised on ARRL matters. Steve Grasha hails from the Big Bear area and is highly active in public service and disaster communications. Among his many roles, he is Disaster Communications Supervisor for the American Red Cross in San Bernardino County. Both Steves bring much experience to the board, & we are privileged to have them on the Board this year. Again, please thank them for their service to our association when you see them.

We also have a couple of new faces on the Technical Committee (TC) as well. Dan Lechlitter AC6NZ has

professional experience with military avionics and communications systems, and has already been attending TC meetings for the past couple of years. Jim Schellin K6JPS is the owner of the Cucamonga Amateur Radio Club's 440 MHz repeater on Sunset Ridge. While not involved with supporting any 2 meter repeaters, he has a great desire to serve on our TC.

Late last month I attended the Yuma Hamfest. When I went there 2 years ago there was a small flea market that had quite a bit of interesting items like a working Mini-Circuits broadband low noise preamp for only \$1. Unfortunately, this time the pickings were much slimmer. However, I did



Lance Halle, KW7LH at the February ARCA meeting in Yuma, AZ

get a chance to meet with our coordination counterpart in Arizona, Lance Halle KW7LH, Frequency Coordination Committee Chairman for the Amateur Radio Council of Arizona (ARCA) at their regional meeting held at the Hamfest. It turns out that ARCA does much more than coordination: it's an umbrella organization of regional amateur radio clubs in Arizona that, among other things,

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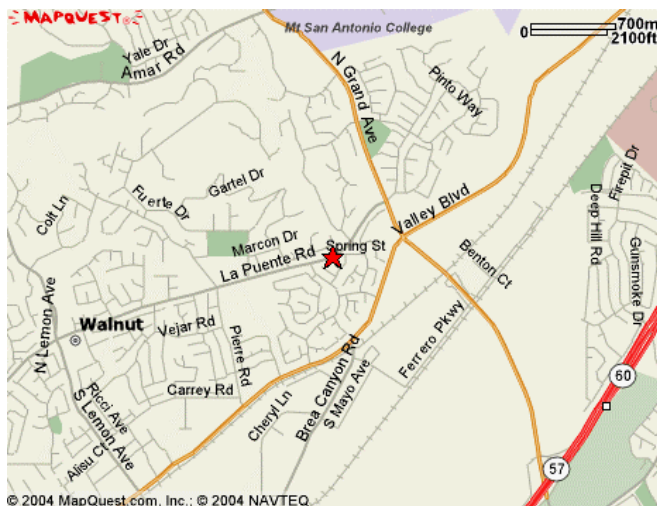
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organizes all the hamfests & conventions in the state. Frequency coordination is just one of the many other functions that ARCA performs. Although the amateur population density is much lower in Arizona than it is here, Arizona hams seem to be much more active. Add to that the fact that Arizona has many communications facilities ("comm sites") on mountains that are taller than ours, and it becomes clear that frequency coordination in Arizona is by no means trivial. Still, we are blessed with wide open, sparsely populated areas along our service area boundaries, which makes cross-coordination issues non-existent at this time.

I hope to see you at the April 5th general meeting. I know rising gas prices are making it difficult for some of you in more remote areas to attend. But it's important to keep the information flow going both ways between coordinators as well as others interested in how the 2 meter band is used. E-mail certainly serves this purpose well, but an occasional in-person meeting provides a much more efficient 2-way "data dump" for everyone. If every TASMA member made it a point to attend just one general meeting every two years, I think we would all be better connected.

**Next Meeting in Walnut on
April 5th**

TASMA's first meeting of 2008 will take place on Saturday morning, April 5th at Walnut Public Library at 21155 La Puente Road next to City Hall in Walnut, a few miles northwest of the 60/57 intersection. From 57 north, exit at N. Grand and proceed north; turn left and proceed approximately 1/2 mile.



Talk-in Frequency = 146.64 MHz, PL = 167.9 Hz

Please arrive at 10:00 AM to take care of renewing your membership and avoid disrupting the meeting. The meeting will start promptly at 10:30.

Agenda for TASMA General Meeting
April 5th:

1. Registration
2. Call to Order
3. Introductions
4. Approval of Previous Minutes
5. Treasurer's Report
 - Membership Status
 - Budget and Financial Review
6. Correspondence Summary
7. Committee Reports:
 - NFCC Report
 - Technical Committee Report
 - TASMA database
 - Old Business
8. New Business
 - TBD
 - Open Forum
9. Next Meeting Date

General Meeting Minutes

TASMA December 1st General Meeting Minutes

Location:

Walnut Library
21155 La Puente Rd.
Walnut, CA 91789

These Minutes Are Not Approved

Attendees:

Members:

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| NO6B | Bob Dengler |
| KG6GI | Howard Brown |
| KG6FCT | Louis Frank |
| WA6ARC | Steven Grasha |
| KC6ACL | Pat Finke |
| WW6MM | Mike Marin |
| KC6FNA | Jeanneth Finke |
| AD6VI | Stephen Early |
| KB6KOV | Jose Almada |
| KB6TRD | Rogierio Guterrez |
| KC6BEU | Migual Sawchey |

1. Registration.
2. Meeting called to order at 11:03AM by Bob NO6B.

3. The members and guests present introduced themselves
4. The minutes of the April 7, 2007 General Meeting was reviewed and corrected. On a motion by Pat, KC6ACL; seconded by Steve AD6VI, the corrected minutes were approved by a vote of 7-0-0.
5. Mike WW6MM presented an overview of our financial status. The additional membership from the mail solicitation resulted in that our income for the year has exceeded our expenses. We have also switched to a new ISP provider and paid for two years. This results in a saving for next year. Our income for next year should also exceed expenses.
6. Howard KG6GI summarized our correspondence at about 275 pieces of mail.
7. The National Frequency Coordination Council (NFCC) action was presented by Howard. The NFCC sent a letter to Bill Cross of the FCC, presenting its position that a D-Star unit is a repeater, not an auxiliary station. In response to that action Bob representing TASMA responded with a letter to Bill Cross presenting our position that D-Star systems can be defined as auxiliary stations, and how the digital radios should be accommodated in regional band plans.. Bob presented his views on the action of NFCC.
8. Bob Dengler reviewed the needs of other digital modes like P25 that require a 12.5 KHz bandwidth and the need to consider a 15 KHz bandwidth.
9. In response to the membership vote at the previous meeting expressing its concern over SCRRBA's recent performance, Bob gave a report that SCRRBA is going to clear out its backlog of coordination requests, & it appears that TASMA will not need to involve itself with 420-450 MHz frequency coordination at this time.
10. Howard reviewed the present Database and how it is maintained by individuals on Excel spreadsheets. With our change to a new ISP we will have new database tools and his goal is improve the database and automate how the data is maintained.
11. There is at least one candidate for each Board position, Bob called for any nominations from the floor. Motion to close nominations by Steve WA6ARC, second by Steve AD6VI. Bob declared the nominated individuals be accepted for the positions. Motion to accept by

Steve WA6ARC, second by Mike WW6MM.
The elected individuals are:

Chairman	Bob Dengler, NO6B
Vice-Chairman	Pat Finke, KC6ACL
Secretary	Stephen Early, AD6VI
Treasurer	Steven Grasha, WA6ADC
Board Member At Large	Howard Brown, KG6GI

12. Howard presented some PowerPoint slides on D-Star and then showed some active D-Star data lists showing real time data.
13. Next General Meeting to be April 5, 2008 at this same place (Walnut library).
14. The meeting was adjourned at 1:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Louis Frank KG6FCT Secretary 2007

Board Meeting Minutes

TASMA January 26th Board Meeting Minutes

These Minutes Are Not Approved

Location:

1762 Clark, Long Beach, CA

Attendees:

Pat Finke, KC6ACL
Bob Dengler, N06B
Steve Early, AD6VI

Absent:

Mike Marin, WW6MM
Lou Frank, KG6CFT
Steve Grasha, WA5ARC
Howard Brown, KG6GI

Called to Order at 10:20 AM

Note: This meeting was re-scheduled from January 12th due to meeting room availability. Due to re-schedule, several key players could not attend.

Tech Committee for 2007 was composed of:

Howard Brown, KG6GI
Lou Frank, KG6CFT
Art Pineda, WW6Y

Bob Dengler formally requested to remove:

Art Pineda, WW6Y

Bob Dengler formally requested to add (2) persons to Tech Committee.

a) Dan Lechlitter, AC6NZ

b) Jim Schellin Jr, K6JPS

Comments:

Dan has defacto attended many meetings and is retired from Pt Mugu NAS and is an independent voter

Jim owns a UHF Repeater, but has no investment in 2 meter repeaters. Jim has knowledge of repeater owner issues, but no perceived conflict of interest for TASMA duties.

Technical Committee meetings are usually scheduled for day of TRW Swap Meet and are held at Santa Monica Red Cross Office.

Bob submitted changes.

Pat motioned to add (2) and remove (1), as requested. Steve E. seconded. Vote 2-0 in favor.

Attempted to contact Howard, who was ill.

Secondary purpose of meeting was Transition of Duties from 2007 Board members to 2008 Board Members.

This was not possible due to missing key players. Transition will have to be accomplished by another meeting/method.

TASMA needs Tech Committee Secretary Duties currently shared by Matt, Lou, and Howard.

General discussion followed, for purpose of getting new TASMA Secretary up to date.

Adjourned; 11:15 AM.

Submitted
March 1st, 2008

Stephen M. Early, AD6VI
TASMA Secretary

Treasurer's Report
Steve Grasha, WA6ARC

As your newly elected Treasurer, I am pleased to report to you that our cash on hand as of March 5th, 2008 is \$3717.09.



As you know TASMA, like many Amateur Radio organizations is always trying to improve its membership base and TASMA is no exception.

Please remember to keep your membership current by sending the renewal form on the back of this newsletter with your membership fee so that we can continue to serve the armature radio community. If you're a club leader ask your members to support TASMA by becoming an individual member.

As you know, TASMA serves an important role in HAM radio and we need TASMA to stay strong and viable, so be sure to inspire people to join in by becoming a member. For those of you that are already members, be sure to offer your time to serve this important organization.

2008 Schedule of Meetings

The following schedule has been established for TASMA's 2008 activities. The current Board hopes to adhere to this plan but it may have to be adjusted to allow for personnel and meeting space availability.

Year 2008	Jan	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Board Meeting	26 (Sat)		8 (Sat) (cancelled)				12 (Sat)				1 (Sat)	
General Meeting				5 (Sat)				9 (Sat)				6 (Sat)
Technical Committee		26 (Sat)			31 (Sat)			23 (Sat)			8 (Sat)	

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Address Correction Requested

Remember: 2007, the year to rebuild Association membership!

NOTICE: The next General Membership Meeting is at 10:30 AM, Saturday, December 1, 2007 at the Walnut Library. Check in starts promptly at 10:00.

You can contact your board members at the following:

Chairman:	Bob Dengler, NO6B	909/396-0991	no6b@no6b.com
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Secretary:	Steve Early, AD6VI	619/461-2818	ad6vi@cox.net
Treasurer:	Steve Grasha, WA6ARC	909/557-7860	wa6arc@truefog.com
Member at Large:	Howard Brown, KG6GI	949/581-2634	kg6gi@soara.org

Technical Committee Members:

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KG6FCT	Louis Frank	949/206-1986	kg6fct@soara.org
KG6GI	Howard Brown	949/581-2634	kg6gi@soara.org
NO6B	Bob Dengler – ex-officio member & Secretary	909/396-0991	no6b@no6b.com
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		Database Manager	
KG6GI	Howard Brown	949/581-2634	kg6gi@soara.org

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This newsletter is intended to keep all Tasma members informed. Anyone wishing to submit articles for the Tasma newsletter may do so by the 1st of the month preceding the month of a General Membership meeting. Please send your article by E-mail the Secretary at the e-mail address found on the Tasma Web Page. The document should be in Microsoft Word format.