



TASMA NEWS

Twin-Band Area Spectrum Management Association
Frequency Coordination and Spectrum Management for Southern California

General Meeting – Saturday, August 4, 2012

Chairman’s Message
Ken Chafin, W6CPA



Fellow TASMA members:

After a busy spring, it’s nice to get into the slower summer. The Technical committee was unable to meet last May so they will have a lot on their plate for the next meeting on August 25.

Ian Venable (KI6IES) is doing a great job as the Technical Committee chairman and I really appreciate his dedication to the hobby.

As we discussed at our last annual meeting, the Board has been developing a Code of Conduct. We are developing this code in response to personal attacks against our volunteers in the past which were very disruptive to our organization. The code not only protects our volunteers from abuse, it will also guide them in making sure that our members are treated fairly and respectfully. We will be discussing the proposed code of conduct at the next meeting August 4 at the Walnut library. We welcome your input on the code.

The Board also decided to revisit the due date of dues payments. Several years ago we changed all memberships to expire at the end of the calendar year. It was thought that the workload on the

Treasurer would be lessened by the change. It hasn’t worked out that way. This also had the effect of having all memberships expire at the same time which caused our membership numbers to fluctuate dramatically. The Board has decided to ask the members to change the By-Laws to make the membership dues expire one year from payment instead of the calendar year. A copy of the by-law change is in this newsletter and will be presented for discussion in August and a vote in December.

We are always looking for volunteers for Board positions. If you are interested in serving our community through TASMA, please give me a call. I hope to see you at the meeting August 4 to discuss the code of conduct, by-law change, and for the nomination of officers for 2013.

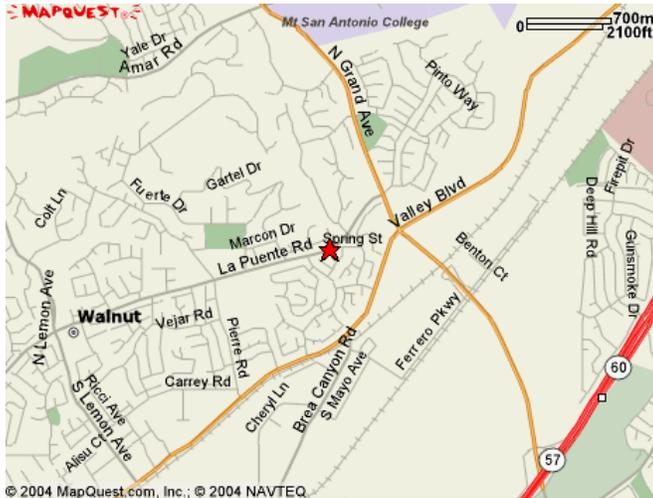
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Next Meeting is in Walnut on August 4th

The TASMA's August meeting of 2012 will take place on Saturday morning, **August 4th** at the 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 14th:

1. Registration
2. Call to Order
3. Introductions
4. Approval of Previous Minutes
5. Treasurer's Report
 - Budget and Financial Review
6. Membership Director
 - Membership Status
7. Correspondence Summary
8. IT Director
9. Committee Reports:
 - Technical Committee Report
 - TASMA database
10. Old Business

- Tech Committee membership
11. New Business
 - 70 cm grandfather coordination
 - Bylaw changes discussion
 - Code of Conduct Proposal
 - Nominations of Officers
 - Open Forum
 - Next Meeting Date is: **December 1st, 2012**

April Meeting Minutes

**TASMA
1439 W. Chapman, PMB 90
Orange, CA 92868**

**TASMA General Meeting Minutes
Saturday, April 4, 2012**

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Walnut Library
21155 La Puente Rd.
Walnut, CA 91789

The meeting minutes will be presented at the August 4th meeting.

July 7th Board Meeting Minutes

**TASMA
1439 W. Chapman, PMB 90
Orange, CA 92868**

**TASMA Board Meeting Minutes
Saturday, July 7, 2012**

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Murray Community Center
24932 Veterans Way
Mission Viejo, CA 92692

The meeting minutes will be presented at the August 4th meeting.

Treasurer's Report

TASMA

Treasurers Report

December 1, 2011 through July 31, 2012

Revenue:

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| Membership Dues | 1,425 |
| Database Sale Revenue | <u>322</u> |

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| Total Revenue | 1,747 |
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Expenses:

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| Insurance | 320 |
| Mailbox Rent | 216 |
| Postage | <u>109</u> |

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| Total Expenses | <u>645</u> |
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| Excess of Revenues over Expenses | 1,102 |
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| Bank Balance as of 12/1/11 | <u>5,706</u> |
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| Bank Balance as of 7/31/12 | <u>6,808</u> |
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Membership Director

Membership Status:

- Membership as of 7/31/12 = 78 members

You can check your membership status at our web site: <http://www.tasma.org/members.html>. Please help support our organization and our hobby and renew your membership today. A membership renewal form is conveniently located on the back page of the newsletter. Thank you for your support.

IT Director

The Coordinated 440 repeater Guide has been added to web site as a separate utility. It can be found in the left-hand menu bar under the "Coordinated 440 Repeater Guide" link. Behind the scenes, there is a dedicated SQL database table for maintaining the 440 data, along with tools that enable the database manager to update the SQL database. A handbook was developed for the current tool set. A workshop for the board and technical committee members was conducted to review the web-based file and database management tools and solicit feedback on new features and modifications.

70 cm Grandfather Coordinations

When we began the 70cm coordination process, we had a procedure to grandfather existing 70 cm repeaters. The grandfather coordination process had a due date which has expired. Unfortunately, it has taken longer than we had hoped to get the 70 cm coordination process started and it has come to the board's attention that several amateurs have repeaters that qualify for grandfather coordination but have yet to apply.

The board decided to re open the 70 cm grandfather coordination process. No due date has been set to file grandfather 70 cm coordinations. Any 70 cm repeater station meeting the grandfather requirements is invited to apply for grandfather coordination. Hopefully we will have further information about the 70 cm coordination process soon.

70 cm Grandfather Coordination Requirements

Repeater stations that meet the Grandfather Coordination requirements will automatically be coordinated by TASMA. There are three ways you can qualify for grandfather coordination:

1. The coordinee shows proof of a current existing SCRRBA coordination in a written or electronic form. These coordination's will be given the highest priority by the Technical Committee. Stations wishing grandfather coordination under this provision should complete a TASMA coordination form and send it to the Technical Committee along with a copy of the documentation showing the existence of a current SCRRBA coordination.
2. The coordinee shows proof of the filing of an application to SCRRBA for coordination prior to January 1, 2009 which was not acted on by SCRRBA for a frequency which will not cause harmful interference to any coordinated repeater. Stations wishing grandfather coordination under this provision should complete a TASMA coordination form and send it to the Technical Committee along with a copy of the documentation showing application for coordination.
3. The coordinee can demonstrate the use of a frequency over a long period of time that is not causing harmful interference to other stations. The coordinee must submit any documentation they have to show they meet this requirement.

TASMA Proposed Bylaw Change

Existing language:

ARTICLE VI - DUES (Amended 10/27/00, 12/06/08)

- a. The dues for membership in the Association shall be recommended by the Officers of the Association, which shall be due and payable upon application for membership and shall be due at the beginning of each fiscal year thereafter. In the absence of action on the part of the Officers, the dues are established at Ten Dollars (\$10) per year. The Officers may recommend a change to the dues at any time by formal vote and the change shall be voted on at the General meeting. If approved, it shall become immediately effective. (Amended 4/9/2005, 12/06/08)
- b. Failure to remit dues within ninety (90) days after the end of each fiscal year, shall result in the member being dropped from the membership. Any person so dropped from membership may seek reinstatement to membership only upon resubmitting of an application for membership and the membership dues to the Secretary of the Association. (Amended 10/27/00, 12/06/08)

Proposed language:

ARTICLE VI - DUES (Amended 10/27/00, 12/06/08)

- a. The dues for membership in the Association shall be recommended by the Officers of the Association, which shall be due and payable upon application for membership and shall be due ~~at the beginning of each fiscal year~~ **each year**

thereafter. In the absence of action on the part of the Officers, the dues are established at ~~Ten~~ **Fifteen** Dollars (\$~~10~~ **15**) per year. The Officers may recommend a change to the dues at any time by formal vote and the change shall be voted on at the General meeting. If approved, it shall become immediately effective. (Amended 4/9/2005, 12/06/08)

b. Failure to remit dues within ninety (90) days after the ~~end of each fiscal year~~, **expiration of membership** shall result in the member being dropped from the membership. Any person so dropped from membership may seek reinstatement to membership only upon resubmitting of an application for membership and the membership dues to the Secretary of the Association. (Amended 10/27/00, 12/06/08)

Update Your E-Mail Address

Many of the e-mail addresses on our list are quite old and the Board is concerned that members may not be able to receive communication including the newsletter or the Reflector. The Treasurer maintains the list based on addresses provided on membership renewal forms.

If your e-mail address has changed, please send a message to Leon Brown, KC6JAR at kc6jar@ircradio.org.

Code of Conduct Proposal

TASMA

Code of Conduct

TASMA is a volunteer organization of amateur radio operators whose goal is to minimize interference and maximize spectrum usage in the bands we serve. This is done primarily by recommending frequencies for repeater operation and the development of band plans. TASMA is an organization for the entire amateur community. Membership is open to any licensed amateur with privileges on any band we serve.

In order to further our goals and to be fair to all, we insist that members and volunteers follow a code of conduct. The code of conduct is designed to minimize conflict and to keep relations between members respectful and considerate.

- We do not tolerate personal attacks, racism, sexism or any other form of discrimination. Disagreement is inevitable from time to time but respecting the views of others will go a long way in winning respect for your own view. We expect that all interactions between us will be civil and respectful.

- TASMA volunteers will keep private coordination information confidential and will follow TASMA information dissemination policies as prescribed by the Board.
- TASMA will strive to be transparent in our dealings with the amateur community.
- TASMA volunteers will stay free of conflicts of interest and will recuse themselves from any TASMA matter in which a significant conflict of interest exists.
- Members and volunteers will deal with each other in a honest manner and will act with integrity. We do not tolerate the deliberate misinforming or misleading of information being exchanged.
- Members and volunteers should always act in a manner that is in the best interest of the amateur community and our members.

Failure of a member adhere to the code of conduct may lead to TASMA refusing to do business with that member. Failure of a TASMA volunteer to adhere to the code may result in the loss of their position at TASMA.

to Leon Brown, KC6JAR at kc6jar@ircradio.org.

2012 Schedule of Meetings

The following schedule has been established for TASMA 2012 activities. The Board hopes to adhere to this plan but it may have to be adjusted to allow for personnel and meeting space availability.

| Year 2012 | Jan | Feb. | Mar. | Apr. | May | Jun. | Jul. | Aug. | Sep. | Oct. | Nov. | Dec. |
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| Board Meeting | 21 (Sat) | | 24 (Sat) | | | | 7 (Sat) | | | | 3 (Sat) | |
| General Meeting | | | | 14 (Sat) | | | | 4 (Sat) | | | | 1 (Sat) |
| Technical Committee | | 25 (Sat) | | | 26 (Sat) | | | 25 (Sat) | | | 10 (Sat) | |

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PMB 90
1439 W. Chapman
Orange, CA 92868

Address Correction Requested

Remember: 2012, the year to rebuild Association Board and Technical Committee!

NOTICE: The next General Membership Meeting is at 10:30 AM, Saturday, August 4th 2012 at the Walnut Library. Check in starts promptly at 10:00.

You can contact your board members at the following:

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| Chairman: | Ken Chafin, W6CPA | 818/957-1699 | chairman@tasma.org |
| Vice Chairman: | David Elder, KA6TBF | 949/348-2724 | vice-chairman@tasma.org |
| Secretary: | Nate Duer, KI6IGR | 951/239-6683 | secretary@tasma.org |
| Treasurer: | Leon Brown, KC6JAR | 818/720-8331 | kc6jar@sbcglobal.net |
| Member at Large: | Howard Brown, KG6GI | 949/581-2634 | kg6gi@soara.org |
| Membership Director: | Pat Finke, KC6ACL | 562/858-2402 | membership@tasma.org |
| IT Manager: | Brian Roode, NJ6N | 949/257-2749 | it-dir@tasma.org |

Technical Committee Members:

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| KI6IES | Ian Venable | 951/545-6583 | tc-chairman@tasma.org |
| KN3ICK | Nick Nixon | | tc-secretary@tasma.org |

Database Manager

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| KG6GI | Howard Brown (Repeater) | 949/581-2634 | kg6gi@soara.org |
| KC6ACL | Pat Finke (Membership) | 562/858-2402 | membership@tasma.org |

Visit the TASMA Web Page at: www.tasma.org

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](mailto:secretary@tasma.org). The document should be in Microsoft Word format.