

## **Report of the Glendora Emergency Response Communications Annual Kick-Off Meeting, January 19, 2009**

The annual meeting of the Glendora Emergency Response Communications was held on Tuesday, January 19, 2010 at the Casa Jimenez Restaurant in Glendora. Twenty-four guests were present at this annual event, which was held at the restaurant for the second year. Plenty of good food was served prior to the meeting. The meeting was started at 7:00 pm beginning with a self-introduction by the hams. The meeting was conducted according to the agenda by Mark Hayden, N7YLA. The following hams and their guests were present:

Mark Hayden, N7YLA; Carolyn Hayden, KG6RFJ; Tom Morgon, KB6JVE; Pat Wilson, KG6LQQ; Steve Horstmann, Covina Parade Committee; May Cheng, KE6QVJ; Rich Koch, KG6MXP; Cliff Fuller, KF6RPA; Jim Burton, KG6VBM, Marge Burton, KG6VBL; Nathan Wall, GERC First Aid Instructor; Scott Armstrong, KG6RPA; Richard Anderson, KG6TRD; Janet Anderson; Tom Higham, KI6YCC; Florante Pineda, KI6CEW; Larry Cude, KE6EOL; Rhonda Budge, KD7AFK; Nick Budge, AF6PM; Roy Bishop, KG6RGD; Ray Hertzberg, W8LH; Wayne Kalama, KI6YCA; Jo Ann Kalama; Gary Watson, KG6RED.

As a first order of business, May Cheng circulated a get well card for Jim Dowdle, KG6TQT. Subsequently it was learned that Jim was recuperating from his surgery at home and is doing quite well.

The participants were given Certificates of Appreciation for their participation in all or some of the six GERC operating events and activities in 2009.

The new 2010 GERC Radio operator's Guidebook was given to each ham at the meeting. This year the Guidebook is in color and there is a photo gallery celebrating the GERC radio operations and activities in the last four years.

It was announced that on February 23, 2010 the GERC net will be conducted on the N6WZK repeater. The repeater frequency is 145.495 MHz , negative offset, PL 167.9.

This was the first year that the newly created "25 Ohm Award" was given to the ham who made the most unusual or humorous contribution to GERC during the preceding year. This award will be perpetual and will be passed on again next year to another ham. This year's honoree was Frank Bigelow, KG6TQV and was presented by Roy Bishop, KG6RGD. Frank earned this award for his inadvertent stuck VOX key that caused the Parade Net to QSY to the back-up frequency.

Special guest Steve Horstmann, Covina Christmas Committee Parade Control chairman addressed the group and expressed his thanks for GERC participation at the 2009 events.

A good time was had by all setting a very positive tone for our 2010 operating activities. We sincerely thank everyone for making the meeting a big success!

## Glendora Emergency Response Communications Group

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Agenda - Tuesday, January 19, 2010, 7:00 pm

Location: Casa Jimenez Restaurant, 1938 E. Route 66, Ste. B/C, Glendora, CA

Opening Prayer.....Florante Pineda, KI6CEW

Welcome and Self Introductions.....Mark Hayden, N7YLA

Announcements and Old Business:

Get Well Card for Jim Dowdle, KG6TQT.....May Cheng, KE6QVJ

Radio operation plans for the Boy Scout *Jamboree Centennial Celebration* at Bonelli Park, May 22, 2010 .....Mark Hayden, N7YLA

**New Net operations:** We have received permission to use the N6WZK private repeater for our radio net on the fourth Tuesday of each month beginning on February 23, 2010 at 8:30 pm. *Amateur Radio Newsline* will be featured after the Net. The repeater frequency is 145.495 MHz , negative offset, PL 167.9 The regular simplex Net will still be held on the first, second and fifth Tuesdays.....Mark Hayden, N7YLA

New Business:

Presentation of Certificates of Appreciation.....Mark Hayden, N7YLA

Special Presentation: "The 25 Ohm Award".....Roy Bishop, KG6RGD

Special Guest: Review of the Covina Christmas Festival & Parade with Steve Horstmann, Parade Control Chairman, 2009 Covina Christmas Parade.

Handouts: Agenda, 2010 Radio Operator's Guidebook, Major Surplus & Survival Catalog, quick release belt loop key holders, revised EchoLink Codes list.

Closing Prayer.....Gary Watson, KG6RED

Meeting Photos by May Cheng, KE6QVJ

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N7YLA announces the proposed Operating Event in May, 2010



Frank, KG6TQV receives the first annual 25 Ohm Award from Roy, KG6RGD for the most unusual and humorous radio operations during 2009.



Frank will keep this plaque for one year and then help select the next recipient!





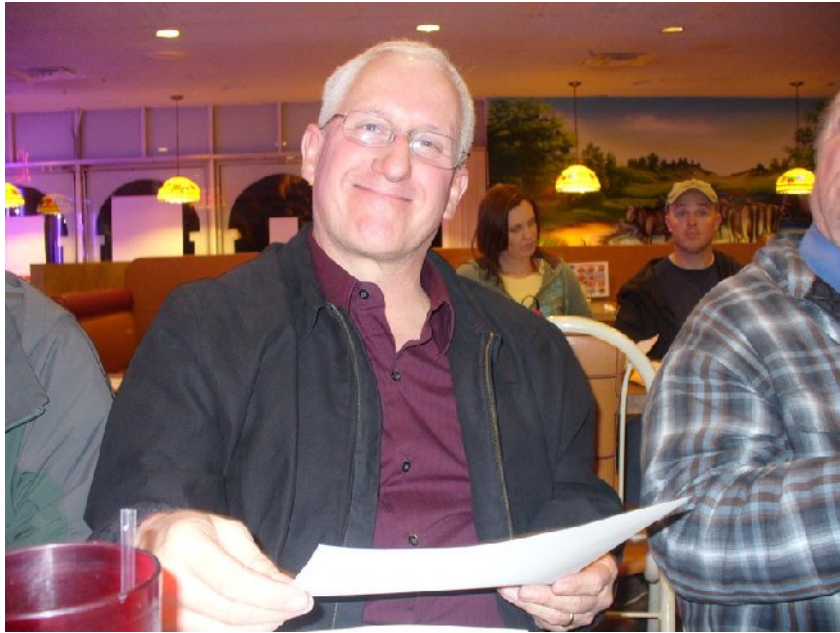
This Award commemorates a Field Day operating event that occurred in 2005 when a ham accidentally drove a ground rod through a water pipe. The result was a flooded parking lot! 25 Ohms is the “ideal” electrical resistance that a properly installed ground rod creates with the soil, but water in pipes is not included!



Jim, KG6VBM and his wife Marge, KG6VBL. Jim was the Net control Operator for the Covina Christmas Parade in 2009



Wayne, KI6YCA and his wife Jo Ann



Steve Horstmann, Covina Christmas Committee Parade control Chairman  
Addressed the group and expressed his thanks for our yearly participation.



Back row left to right: Roy, KG6RGD; Ray, W8LH, Rhonda, KD7AFK, Nick, AF6PM

Front row left to right: Tom KI6YCC; Steve Horstmann, Richard, KG6TRD





Richard, KG6TRD and his wife Janet.



Next Meeting is February 16, 2010 at 2121 E. Rte. 66 in Glendora at 7:00 pm

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