2009 Covina Christmas Festival & Tree Lighting GERC Radio Operations

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The 2009 Covina Christmas Festival and Tree Lighting was held Saturday, November 21, 2009 at Civic Center Park in downtown Covina. The event was a festive Framer's market with special attractions for families and especially the children. There were over 60 vendors selling their wares along with ten food vendors filling the air with delicious food odors. The Glendora Emergency Response Communications group of hams provided radio communications for the event staff and also acted as "chaperones" for the "Little Parade That could" to escort the children through the downtown business district that evening. A great time was had by all. The following photos chronicle the activities of the radio operators. Thanks to cowboy Donny Hayden, KF6HZX for loading and transporting the equipment for our station and setting it up in the parking lot near the Police Station. Kudos to Shane Rountree, KC6PSH for staying behind the mike as Net Control for more than eight hours! Thanks to all of the hams who participated in the chilly temperatures that day. Special thanks to Steve Horstmann the perennial committee volunteer who facilitates our participation.



Donny, KF6HZX fills his truck with a Canopy owned by Ray, W8LH



It takes a lot of heavy lifting to set up a radio station for GERC



Jonathan, KG6TPZ was in charge of the volunteers who helped set up the vendor's booths in the park.



But we set up our station in the parking lot near the police station.



Our station is set up and



Ready to go by 9:30 am!



Shane Rountree, KC6PSH, was



our Net Operator all day!



(I)Cliff KI6TRH, May KE6QVJ, and Bill KJ6ASW



l to r: Carolyn KG6RFJ, Cliff KI6TRH, May KE6QVJ, Rich KG6MXP, Richard KG6TRD, Jim KG6TQT, and Donny KF6HZX



Santa Frank, KG6TQV



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