

Valley of the Moon Amateur Radio Club WIRELESS



FROM THE TOP OF THE HILL

This month's meeting will be a picnic/party at my house on 1496 Nut Tree Ln. Burgers will start rolling off the grill around 6:00 pm, but come early and see the only battery powered Margarita maker on the block in action.

Thanks to all who participated in this year's Field Day. It was a great time but I will have to admit I was getting frustrated Sunday morning when I couldn't get stations to return my call. I think the TA-33 beam might have to "issues". We won't win any awards since the REDEXA made over 3000 QSO's but we all had a good time and ate well, thanks to Darrel.

Glad to report that Darrel is doing fine after some medical problems.

Six meters continues to pop open on sporadic E conditions. Arizona and New Mexico seem to come in especially well here.

Remember to check into the Wednesday night club net at 7:30 pm on the 145.35 mhz repeater. This is one way that club news is transmitted and a chance to check your radios.

See you at the party.

73, JIm, K6UUW



FIELD DAY 2010

or

I ate WAY too much again -YOU make the call!

Fieldday 2010 has come and gone and now it is once again time to go on a diet. The VOMARC Fieldday site was at the very nice Camp Via, above the Sonoma Development Center. We had 3 stations and were up and running by the 11 am start time on Saturday.

The club is getting pretty good at putting up the portable tower and beam, but still needs to work on the accuracy of the tennis ball launcher. It took a couple of shots to get the wire antennas up.

The computer logging network was up and running with only a few minor hiccups and the digital station worked this year. We logged 381 (222 phone, 111 CW and 48 digital) contacts this year on 6 meters through 80 meters. The bands were not great but we had fun.

Chef Darrel once again barbequed up an incredible feast. Thank you to all the people that brought side dishes and desserts. As always there was more than enough food. I always enjoy having coffee and Ed's famous cheese cake for breakfast the next day. Chef Darrel made another appearance and whipped up breakfast on Sunday. Yes, we do eat well at fieldday!!!!!!!

Compared to last year we made about 65 more contacts and our score went up about 400 points. There were some big guns that were in the same category (3A-SF) with VOMARC this year, so we will not fare quite as well in the score, but I would bet we beat them in the food category!!!!!!!!!!

—Submitted by Dave KD6FIL

**For all you engineers out there;
This is pretty heavy scientific
stuff.....converting units:**

1. Ratio of an igloo's circumference to its diameter = Eskimo Pi
2. 2000 pounds of Chinese soup = Won ton
3. 1 millionth of a mouthwash = 1 microscope
4. Time between slipping on a peel and smacking the pavement = 1 bananosecond
5. Weight an evangelist carries with God = 1 billigram
6. Time it takes to sail 220 yards at 1 nautical mile per hour = Knotfurlong
7. 16.5 feet in the Twilight Zone = 1 Rod Serling
8. Half of a large intestine = 1 semicolon
9. 1,000,000 aches = 1 megahurtz
10. Basic unit of laryngitis = 1 hoarsepower
11. Shortest distance between two jokes = A straight line
12. 453.6 graham crackers = 1 pound cake
13. 1 million-microphones = 1 megaphone
14. 2 million bicycles = 2 megacycles
15. 365.25 days = 1 unicycle

16. 2000 mockingbirds = 2 kilomockingbirds
17. 52 cards = 1 decacards
18. 1 kilogram of falling figs = 1 FigNewton
19. 1000 milliliters of wet socks = 1 literhosen
20. 1 millionth of a fish = 1 microfiche
21. 1 trillion pins = 1 terrapin
22. 10 rations = 1 decoration
23. 100 rations = 1 C-ration
24. 2 monograms = 1 diagram
25. 4 nickels = 2 paradigms
26. 2.4 statute miles of intravenous surgical tubing at Yale University Hospital = 1 IV League

—Submitted by Darrel, WD6BOR

**2010 ACS
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*Receipt of the Wireless is one of the most sought after
benefits of membership in VOMARC—S. Marler.*

CLUB MEETINGS are held on the third Wednesday of
each month at McDougal Hall at the Sonoma
Developmental Center, Eldridge or the Sonoma Fire
Station on 2nd St West. Meetings start at 19:30 local
(7:30 P.M.).

WEB PAGE: <http://www.vomarc.org/>

Nets are held every Wednesday night at 19:30 (7:30
P.M.) local, except meeting nights on the 145.350
repeater, -600 kHz, PL 88.5 Hz.

ACS holds a net each Monday evening at 19:30 local on
the 146.205, +600, PL 88.5 Hz repeater.

PACKET STATION INFO: The VOMARC packet station
is off the air until further notice.

CLUB BREAKFASTS are held on the first Saturday of
each month at Palms Grill (formerly Issa's) Restaurant,
18999 Sonoma Highway, Sonoma. The fun starts at
09:30 local.

Comments and submissions of material may be sent to:

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**THE NEXT VOMARC MEETING IS JULY 21, 2010 AT 5:30PM AT THE HOME OF JIM KSUUW,
COME AND ENJOY OUR ANNUAL PICNIC.
SEE YOU THERE.**

VOMARC MEMBERSHIP

VOMARC 2010 Membership Dues: \$15/year individual; \$5/year family member.

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VOMARC.