



## **Amateur Radio Club**

**There have been many events in the Radio world, especially for our club, in the past month or so. Since our March meeting, we have added two amateur ham radio operators:**

**Pat Haynie KD6NBG  
Alfred Blair KK6IGU**

**The 4Seasons Radio club has a number of members who belong to the Banning Radio Club, SPARC. As such, we have opportunities to participate in various local and state wide activities. Last month the call went out for participation to assist in communications in the 30'th annual Classic Redlands Bike Race. With our hand held radios, volunteers act as race marshals and participate in relaying information for those in the race.**

**Race Marshals are also responsible for keeping autos off the local course when bicyclists are in the vicinity, for pedestrian control, and in assisting residents in reaching their destination. Training is provided by the Race officials and local law enforcement. Marshals function as observers, report any events that may require assistance, or report injuries that require attention.**

**They often collaborate with local police to assist in warning local traffic on the impending rush of bikers. A most important position is to act as the Net Control to consolidate information and direct the Radio traffic.**

**Pat Haynie, KD6NBG, and Mike Mendoza, KK6BUW, volunteered as marshals. They were quickly assigned the critical duties as Net control for the race.**

**Another yearly event we participate in is a mini 'field day'. This year some of our members will be with the Banning Radio Club at Nobel Creek Park on April 12'th. Setting up radios and testing 'off the grid' operation as a warm up for the ARRLs' national Field Day at the end of June.**

**Within the 4Seasons community, we utilize FRS (Family Radio Service) radios. The first and foremost is for emergency reasons: earthquakes, floods, fires, any emergency in your home and you are alone, or away from your home. We have FRS training sessions and a weekly net in order to maintain our skills.**

**Consider being a member of our group. We can always use more volunteers; it is an opportunity to have fun while you're learning something new.**

**Our website is [W6FSB.com](http://W6FSB.com), meetings are held in the ballroom on the last Friday of the month at 10 AM. – Dick Van Bree, W6RVB, President**