



Amateur Radio Club

The governing body for Amateur radio in the US, the ARRL, is celebrating their first 100 years . The convention in Hartford, Conn. addressed the second century of radio with some interesting projections. An agreement between FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) and the ARRL was signed. A Nobel laureate addressed the next century of Ham radio and legislation that could change the landscape of private land use restrictions on antennas was initiated.

Coordination with FEMA and licensed radio ops will enhance the cooperation between a major Government agency and the thousands of Amateur radio organizations dedicated to responding to Emergencies.

Locally, the Beaumont EOC (Emergency Operation Center), with the cooperation of Beaumont city hall is complete and has been in operation for 2 months. The EOC was made possible through the office of Rick Cook – emergency coordinator for Beaumont, and funding via another. Government agency. Work is proceeding with the City of Banning and we hope the Banning EOC will soon be reestablished.

Since local ham radio operators established a radio center at San Gorgonio Hospital, the pass area has now matured into a coordinated radio approach to handling emergency communications.

At 4 Seasons we have been training residents to program the FRS radios (Family Radio Service) for communication. Future training sessions will also focus on protocol and handle messages in emergency situations. We will also establish an Information channel so residents can receive current information during an emergency. Establishment of a FRS channel for any resident to call in will also be established.

So join the radio group, participate in emergency communication and have fun.

The 4 Seasons radio club meets 10:00 a.m. in the lodge on the last Friday of the month. Our next meeting is October 31, 2014. Our website is w6fsb.com. Come to our meetings or join us for one of the Wednesday night nets.

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