

Amateur Radio Club

When an earthquake strikes, the power goes off rendering all electronic devices useless. You leave your house and you notice green suited volunteers in CERT gear walking through your neighborhood. They discover one of your neighbors with a head injury from falling debris. The team utilizes FRS radios to summon aid from the First Aid team at the lodge. The First Aid team arrives and finds that the person's speech is slow and unintelligible. They call the Communications team who call San Gorgonio Hospital. The team uses a ham radio to communicate with members of the SPARC Radio Club and the Beaumont EOC. A concise message form is filled out for the IC at the Lodge.

Local club members are operating the radios at SG hospital and the Beaumont EOC. The operator arranges for emergency transport to bring the injured person to the hospital. The Ham Radios are being powered by an emergency power supply. This would utilize the hospital's back up generator on their end and battery power on the Four Seasons side. The hospital generator comes on at the flip of a switch but the Four Seasons radios utilize some form of battery power. They would use either Double A batteries for their HT's or a gel battery for their more powerful mobile radios.

Radio Operators practice weekly on FRS and 2 Meter radio nets on Wednesday nights. A net control operator calls the roll from a list of members and all club members who are available answer back. These nets are used as general practice to keep their radios adjusted properly and loud enough and on the proper channel for everyone to hear them.

The City of Banning held their annual Disaster Preparedness Expo Saturday April 25, 2015. People learned about emergency supplies, the local CERT – Community Emergency Response Team, First Aid and Emergency Radio from the San Gorgonio Pass Amateur Radio Club aka. SPARC. Interested parties could buy Emergency Supplies, First Aid kits, sign up for CERT classes and learn about Amateur Radio.

CERT TRAINING Beaumont Civic Center 550 E. 6th Street

Visit:

<http://www.ci.beaumont.ca.us/forms.aspx?FID=54>

FOUR SEASONS RADIO CLUB

FRS Net- Wednesday Nights 5:45 pm

2 Meter Net- Wednesday Nights 6:00 pm

Club Meetings -The last Friday of the month 10:00 am in the Lodge Ballroom.

Mike Mendoza, KK6BUW, Club Secretary.