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NOTE: There was no business conducted at the October breakfast meeting at Cousin's Restaurant in Grand Rapids, and thus no minutes recorded.

Volunteers fill in for Phones

from ARRL Letter---

Amateur Radio volunteers fill communication gap when telephones fail: When a telephone outage occurred in Southern California October 18, the Long Beach Emergency Communications and Operations Center (ECOC) declared a "communication failure protocol," and ARES/RACES members and other ham radio volunteers stepped in to help.

The outage disabled 911 service in communities along the coast and through parts of Los Angeles and Orange counties. It also cut off at least 150,000 telephone and Internet service customers for up to 12 hours along with many cell phone users. Radio amateurs worked with police and fire officials to support the departments with auxiliary communications.

Hams also were stationed at 17 of the largest nursing homes in town. The emergency net successfully relayed traffic through the ECOC to the hospitals, nursing homes and ambulance services, ensuring access to 911.

When the City of Long Beach built its new ECOC three years ago Emergency Services Coordinator Casey Chel,

**WCARC Weekly Net:
Tuesdays at 2130
147.18 & 444.475 MHz**

**Next Meeting
MONDAY, November 14th
Location: Sheriff's Training
Room-Gypsy Lane
Time: 7:30 PM---social
hour preceding**

November Hamfests

Nov. 19-20 Fort Wayne Hamfest
9:00 am

Allen County AR Technical Society, at Allen County War Memorial Coliseum Exposition Center, 4000 Parnell Ave., Fort Wayne, IN. Contact James Boyer, KB9IH, (260) 489-6700. e-mail:

kb9ih@arrl.net

<http://fortwaynehamfest.com>

Dec 4 L'Anse Creuse ARC 8:00 am
Harrison Twp., MI, at L'Anse Creuse High School. Contact David Herrington, N8NLK, (586) 465-2797. e-mail:

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<http://www.n8lc.org>

KD6DOV, had the foresight to include a complete Amateur Radio facility for those rare occasions when all other communication systems might fail. Those plans paid off on October 18. ■

November Contests

The full contest lineup for the month of November includes the following:

Nov. 5-6	1200 to 1200 Z	160 m to 10 m
Ukrainian DX 'test		all modes
Nov. 5-7	2100 to 0300Z	160 m to 10 m
ARRL Sweepstakes		CW
Nov. 12-13	0700 to 1300 Z	80 m to 10 m
Japan Int'l DX 'test		SSB
Nov. 12-13	1200 to 1200 Z	160 m to 10 m
OK/OM (Czech, Slovak) 'test		CW
Nov. 12-13	0000 to 2359 Z	160 m to 10 m
Worked All Europe 'test		RTTY
Nov. 19-20	1200 to 1200Z	80 m to 10 m
LZ (Bulgaria) 'test		all modes
Nov. 19-21	2100 to 0300Z	160 m to 10 m
ARRL Sweepstakes		SSB
Nov. 26-27	0000 to 2359Z	80 m to 10 m
CQ WW DX 'test		CW

Brain Teasers

- The WAS award is given for:
 - working all sixes in California
 - working all states
 - working any sideband station
 - working all of the south
- The DXCC award is given for:
 - receiving a DX QSL card
 - working all DX country clubs
 - working 100 DX stations
 - working 100 DX countries
- WAZ is an award given for:
 - working all world zones
 - working all of Zambia
 - working all New Zealand
 - working all Zulus

WCARC Net Control Roster

Net meets every Tuesday at 2130

Nov. 1	N1RB
Nov. 8	K8OVO
Nov. 15	WD8ICP
Nov. 22	N8QMV
Nov. 29	WB8NQW
Dec 6	N1RB
Dec 13	K8OVO

WCARC Net Check-ins

Oct 25: WB8NQW (NC), K8OVO, WB8VUL, K8BBK, W8PSK, KD8BIN, N8QMV, KC8EKT, N8VNT (9)

Oct 18: N8QMV (NC), WB8VUL, K8OVO, WD8JWJ, W8PSK, K8BBK (6)

NO-CODE POSTINGS RAMP UP AS FILING DEADLINE NEARS

from ARRL Letter---

With three days to go, nearly 3200 comments had been filed--more than 500 of them in the past week--in response to the FCC "Morse code" Notice of Proposed Rule Making and Order (NPRM&O) in WT Docket 05-235. The NPRM&O proposes to do away with the 5 WPM Morse code requirement for all license classes. The July NPRM&O also denied several proposals to create a new entry-level license class. The closing date for comments is Monday, October 31. Reply comments--ie, comments on comments filed by October 31--are due Monday, November 14. ■

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