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KK6TDU Scott
KK6WLD Greg
KN6CJK Scott
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KM6YXE Mike
KG6TR Todd
KM6TUG Wayne
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IN THE WORMHOLE

11/6 The wormhole was a bit constricted with signal reports lower than usual. Except Manny. Armed with his jpole on a 30ft mast, and pushing more power with his NEW Yaesu FTM-7250, he was receiving and being received with much higher signal reports. Scott-CJK was getting over a cold, so he worked out of his warm and cozy QH. Not, Lars and Jen, they biked up to their spot in Elysian park and braved the wind and cold. We also were graced with third party traffic from her. Hopefully soon, she will have her ticket and rag chewing with all of us. Jen loves CW, so she and Rick can be conversing back and forth. Unfortunately, none of the rest of us will understand them. Brian operated from a new spot. (I didn't even know. He always has a strong signal to me). He took a short drive out to the Scholl Canyon Golf Course parking lot. Using a Yaesu FT-817ND with the stock rubber duck, he had no problem hearing everyone, including Greg in San Diego. Greg was not at his usual spot, but transmitting from his backyard at home. Only the high elevated stations were able to hear him well. He was always and S-0 signal coming to me but was able to make him out most of the time.

11/13 Wormmies crawling up mountains and a wide open wormhole equals big signals everywhere. Scott-CJK and Mike KM6YXE, headed up to the Wisdom Tree on Lees mountain, Ben and Lars on their hill in Elysian park, and Manny hiked up Mt Hollywood, a few peaks over from Lees Mountain. Ted met Greg by the glider port and their signals were strong all night. Todd-KG6TR was scanning around on his radio and happened to come across us. He popped in for a short to say hello. You are always welcome to join us, Todd.

It was getting late and the bones of the guys outside were getting chilled, so they all made their way down the hill tops. Everyone got back safely, so no dinner for P25 and P27.

HUM-BUZZ JAMMER CAUGHT AND EXPOSED

Rick has been complaining of an 120Hz 20dB/S9 interference blanketing the low bands, wiping out his secret foreign communications.. This interference had no consistency as to the time of its emission. Speculation of the noise source included appliances, lights, chargers, aquarium pumps, thermostats and sex toys.

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This net (non net) occurs every Wednesday evening starting at anywhere from 8:30 - 8:50 PST on 446.500MHz FM until everyone can't hear each other anymore or falls asleep.

UPCOMING EVENTS

11/2-4 Sweepstakes-CW

11/16-18 Sweepstakes-PH

12/22 Rookie Roundup-CW

N6IET quote

Any stations that can't hear me, call now.

FLASHERS SPOTTED

Scott-CJK and Manny were caught flashing on the mountain tops. With flashlights that is. They were able to see each others' light from the peaks they were on.

WATER DROPS

On Nov 9th, another fire broke out. This time near Scott-CJK's favorite radio spot-Cahuenga Peak. Luckily the Wisdom Tree is still safe. Scott captured some great shots of the water dumping birds on page 3.

SOTA BUG

Ben and Lars set out to hike to two summits on Saturday, Nov 9th. The first one was Vetter mountain in the San Gabriel's, where they worked stations on 2, 20 and 40 meters, then headed off to another mountain designated as 4202.

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FRENCH DIP, GREAT CONVERSATION

The Wormholers converged on Felipe's in Los Angeles for an afternoon of great conversation and delicious sandwiches. Rick made his way by bus, Manny on the train, Lars and Jennifer pedaled by bicycle, and Justin, Brian, Scott, Greg, Harold, Squat and I, the more conventional way by automobile. This was the first time most would see each other face to face after talking to each other for hours at a time over radios. Hmmm, you think the future holds video transmission while talking? I hope not, but Yaesu supports low res image transfer with some radios.

Afterwards, Greg hung around LA because he didn't want to head back to San Diego in traffic. He took a trip up to Elysian Park where Ben and Lars usually Hang out for the nets. A short time later, Lars went bicycle mobile and headed up there as well meeting Greg. Scott-TDU and made contact with them simplex until it was time for them to get out of there. Greg started his drive back home, but not without first stopping for dinner. He ate the French dip for lunch, but that pastrami never left his mind. So, he went back to Felipe's to satisfy his craving. That made for a content and comfortable drive home. Scott-TDU, and I kept in touch with him on the Wilson machine until he got down to San Clemente, where we switched over to simplex. Lars rode out to another high point near his house to also make contact. We kept in contact with Gregg all way to his driveway.



Photos courtesy of
Jennifer Diamond.

HUM-BUZZ JAMMER

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Rick searched the hallways of his complex with his C Crane shortwave radio in hand. He finally came upon a door where the noise was strongest. Knocking on the door, a young student answered and Rick demonstrated the his receive, and the noise he is hearing. When asked about appliances or lights, the student replied "no." But when Rick said the noise was strongest by an adjacent wall to her door, she said "oh, that's where I charge my laptop." She unplugged her Apple wall charger, and the noise instantly stopped. Upon closer inspection of the offending charger, tape was wrapped around it. She explained that one of her siblings stepped on it and broke the case. Rick took the charger back to his place and rewrapped it with aluminum foil tape with the addition of some ferrite beads on the cable. Rick plugged the charger into an AC outlet and all was quiet... until the Mac Book was connected. The noise was back in full force. The computer was old, and was about time to replace it, but in the mean time, the student agreed to not charge her computer around the times that Rick is transmitting.

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WATER DROPS

Fantastic shots from Scott-CJK



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They made it out to summit 4202 by around 1:30 and made their contacts easily. But that wasn't enough for Ben. He headed back out the next day to activate Flint Peak. I think he was feeling it the day after all that hiking.

KN6CJK on Mt Lee