

THE UNOFFICIAL WORMHOLE NET - NON NET

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KJ6CBE Lars
KK6WLD Greg
N6IET Rick
KM6IVE Harold

AA6IO Steve
KM6LJE Josh

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AG6N Ben
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KK6TDU Scott
KK6WLD Greg
N6IET Rick
N6MDZ Manny

IN THE WORMHOLE

12/18

With most of you out and about on vacations, only a few diehards remained in town for the net-non net. Ben is out in Florida boating around doing Islands on the Air activations. I think Scot-TDU is visiting family in Hawaii. Lars made it out to his spot in Elysian park, armed with 3 layers of clothing to try and combat the outside elements. Greg-WLD setup in Carlsbad, a different location from his usual spot at the glider port. The Wormhole was wiggling as Greg's signal was like a teeter-totter. When Rick was receiving Greg strong, I was barely coping him, but when his signal came up to me, it dropped way down to Rick. I usually receive Steve-AA6IO on an average of S7. But tonight was a solid S9 all night. Harold-IVE was also very strong, and Josh -LJE came in for a short time on his Handy Scratchy from Pasadena.

1/8/2020

I hope everyone had an enjoyable holiday! I'm not sure if there was much of a net-non net the past 2 weeks, as they fell right on Christmas and New Years. I wasn't at home, so I couldn't check to see if anyone was around. Ben, Lars, Jennifer and their friend were back on top of Elysian park braving the cold, as well as Manny with his portable setup in his backyard. Everyone's signal was clear and strong. Manny was trying out different spots in his yard and had a good signal to everyone...but me. When his signal strength came to me, it dropped considerably to everyone else. Manny, you are just going to have to keep one hand on the antenna, and the other arm and leg straight out so you can make sure everyone hears you. Greg was heading back home from San Francisco and was lucky enough to check into the net while traveling down the 405.

LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD MEN

The L.A. Chinatown Firecracker (<https://firecracker10k.org/bike>) 20 mile and 40 mile charity bike rides are looking for amateur radio volunteers to help man the SAG wagons February 15th, 2020. The task includes partnering up with a SAG Wagon which patrols the 20 and 40 mile routes assisting with riders needing help. Assistance comes in the form of communicating route incident information back to net control and assessment of the situation. SAG wagons are not tasked with making repairs. I know many of you are cyclists so you may want to participate in the ride itself but for those not riding, the organization can really use and appreciate your help.

Sign up at <https://register.chronotrack.com/r/53290?tag=Ham>

SOTA SPOTTING

It was a nice day so Ted-TED headed out to do a Summits On The Air activation on a mountain peak near his house. *Continued next page*



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

12/22 Rookie Roundup-CW
1/1/2020 Straight Key Night
1/5/2020 Kids Day
1/19/2020 VHF Contest
2/1/2020 British Columbia QSO Party
2/1/2020 MN, VT QSO Party

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With his backpack filled with radio gear, he trekked up the trail with anticipation of making several CW and SSB contacts. He made it to his designated spot, took a long gaze at the beauty of the Earth below him.



After getting a bit of rest, Ted proceeded to unpack his gear. Antenna over here, battery pack all charged up, coax,, composition book to write all his contacts in, radio. ..radio... NO RADIO! The radio is sitting on the counter back at home. Not even an HT. Ted thought he'd leave it behind to save some weight. Yeah, a little too much weight... Oh well, the exercise of the hike and the view of the countryside was still worth it.

Ted did head back out a few days later. This time with both HF radio and HT, and collected many CW contacts. Still being a fairly new CW operator, he was comfortable in copying and sending code. Great work Ted!

Ben was back from Florida, and he was already heading up to the peaks in the San Gabriel mountains.

I "chased" a SOTA activator in Santa Clarita. After making contact on 2 meters, he asked if I had 1.2Ghz capability. I have an Alinco DJ-G7T tri-band HT that does 1.2Gig at 1 watt. He had the same radio, so I ran out to my back yard to attempt the exchange. No go. I grabbed a ladder nearby and climbed up, which raised me about 5 feet. His CQ was coming through but my 1 watt was still obstructed by buildings and terrain. Still hearing the other station's CQ, I resituated the ladder and climbed up on the roof. A successful contact was made. Boy, all that for just 4 points.