



To Our Wonderful SCIRA Members,

April 22, 2012

We take a few moments to give an update on the happenings of SCIRA Inc. and to thank you for your support!

As always we have multiple items going on at the same time. The Lords blessings come in bunches.

One of our “blessings” between the last newsletter and this one is the new 2 meter frequency of 146.910 from Tasma and it is now on the air with a – offset and a PI of 151.4. This may be old news to many of you but we are in test mode with Tasma and should be until September of this year if everything goes well. To really make this system fully functional we need an amplifier and a preamp.

The second bit of information is from the Bakersfield area. We are making some headway into putting up a repeater in this area. With some extra donations, good weather and a lot of prayers we hope to have this repeater on the air before the summer of 2012 comes to an end. More information will be forthcoming as this project progresses.

San Diego is another of our works in progress. Some of the older equipment that was donated for this project needs to be changed out.

On Thursday evening April the 19th there was a very special event that happened in Mira Loma. It was the dedication of a new Bishops Central Storehouse. I will share excerpts from the dedicatory prayer given by Elder Douglas Higham, Area Seventy.

“. . . We thy children come together this evening to offer praises of thanksgiving unto thee for the bounteous blessings and gifts thou hast bestowed upon us. We desire to give to others as well—to lift the arms that hang down, to care day-by-day and in times of disaster for those who stand in distress—to inspire, to uplift, to edify and to increase the capacity of those around us to both give in times of plenty and to receive in times of need.

We pray for a blessing of comfort and strength upon all who are serving and participating in this great program, from those who dedicate their full lives, time and energy to this effort, to those who give their “widow’s mite” in obedience to thee and love of others. May they feel in their lives that their work and sacrifices are accepted by thee. Bless them and each of us with every needful thing to continue in these noble and sacred efforts. . . .

Now Father, we ask that thou wilt bless this building and the surrounding grounds and keep them safe from the elements and men. Protect them from vandalism of any kind and form and let this edifice withstand any storm, earthquake or other ravages of nature. . .

May divine inspiration always lead, guide and direct those who serve in this facility.

We pray for protection from any harm or danger to this facility and its purposes and to those who labor here. May those who enter this facility be blessed to find comfort, safety, peace and joy. May the activities of the Mira Loma Bishops Central Storehouse always be an offering of service to thee and thy holy purposes, and to the mission of thy Son, our Savior and Redeemer, Jesus Christ.

. . . Bless us that we may flourish and grow and prosper in this area as we are willing to sacrifice to bless the lives of others. Bless us that we will spread the good news of God in word and deed. Bless us that we will be an obedient and worshipful people." End quotes of dedicatory prayer.

We are truly blessed to have a "Bishops Central Storehouse" here in California. Some interesting facts you may not be aware of. The Church has only 6 BCS's worldwide. We are most fortunate to have one. In this BCS storehouse the Church is stocking it to hold the needs of all the storehouses it services with a year's supply of goods to the current needs!

We have yet to put a radio or sat phone in this building. Those are in the works. We, SCIRA have already put a donated UPS (Universal Power Supply) in the electric room so that when we move the IRLP node and radio gear into this facility we will have backup power to this equipment and for Internet access to Salt Lake if the Internet is functioning. We will need help, with donations and labor to install the remainder of this equipment.

Please look at the list of repeaters below and think of what YOU the SCIRA membership have done in so few years. Yes, we have much work yet to do but look at what you have accomplished!

Once again, we the SCIRA Inc. board, wish to thank all of you, the membership, who make these repeaters possible by your generous donations and support!

With the Greatest Thanks we are;

- **Craig N. Holmes**, KF6ZAF - President
- **James L. Dowdle**, KG6TQT - Vice President
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Repeaters

Eagle Tower 146.910 – PI 151.4 & 445.700 – PI 151.4, The Solar panels have been installed and hooked into the system. They are now connected with both repeaters there.

Snow Peak 445.160 – PI 151.4, is one of our highest repeaters. We have installed a battery backup system on this site. This backup power will last approximately 8 hours.

San Diego 445.940 – PI 136.5, is now on the air and functioning but we have as with every new repeater a few bugs to work out and a few more items of work to finish this repeater. We do need a new set of batteries for this site and to change out some of the older donated equipment!

Los Angeles, 445.940 – PI 151.4, is almost completed and is making some fine tuning with the reception of the repeater and is close to having the link up and running. Work here, had been delayed because of construction on the silos. That work is finished and our work will resume.

Bakersfield, is in the works. We have the solar panels and charger controller for this location. Other equipment, such as batteries, have been purchased by the members of Bakersfield. Other equipment is still needed. We along with Fresno, look forward to this project with great anticipation.

Fountain Valley We are looking for a 440 frequency.

Fresno, is in the difficult position of waiting for us to complete Bakersfield before they can link to our Eagle Tower repeater.

Echolink, callsign W6CTR-R. We hope to have another Echolink station (W6CTR-L) soon, by Jared Case, KD6YPD, of the SCIRA Board for backup.

Other Items

SCIRA meetings will be

May 16th - SCIRA Board Meeting

Jul 18th - SCIRA General Membership & Board Meeting

Sep 19th - SCIRA Board Meeting

Oct 17th - SCIRA Board Meeting for Pre-Elections

Nov 14th - SCIRA General Membership & Board Meeting

ERC Events

August 4 ERC Training Conference

October 20 The Great ShakeOut