



To Our Wonderful SCIRA Members,

April 3, 2013

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

Happenings & Updates:

We have made some updates to the repeaters. The links are running on the San Diego and Los Angeles repeaters. We are working on the links between Snow Peak and Jobs Peak. We hope to have those running soon.

We have an IRLP node on the Eagle Tower Command repeater. That node number is 3138. The SCIRA Board is in the process of moving the node link from Colton to the new BCS (Bishops Central Storehouse) in Mira Loma. Actually all of that equipment has been moved. All we are waiting on is the configuration of the Networking ports in the router. We have placed a UPS (Uninterruptible Power Supply) at the BCS for Internet backup. This will give the office and the IRLP node an Internet connection backup power in an emergency. We will be posting pictures of: the radio, antennas and other work on our website, blog and Facebook pages. We have two batteries for the radios at the BCS and will be adding a third once all of the radio equipment is moved from Colton.

We are in the process of adding a Winlink system to Eagle Tower. We are searching for an open VHF/UHF frequency and making the necessary computer configurations to put this system on the air. More will be forthcoming when we have this system running.

We need a frequency pair for the Fountain Valley area. Any help here would be greatly appreciated. We are also looking for a home for a repeater system in the Bakersfield area. This will be our link between here and Fresno.

We are grateful for Aaron Scullin getting the Critical Worker pass so we can access the repeaters to work on them when the roads are blocked. Nice Work as always Aaron!

Take a look at the list of repeaters on the following page. We THANK ALL of YOU, the SCIRA membership, who have done so much by your donations! It is through your memberships and donations that all of this has been made possible!!!

With the Greatest Thanks we are;

- **Craig N. Holmes**, KF6ZAF - President
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- **Tom Thomas**, WB6TT - Member at Large Director (Term Ending 12/12)
- **Dale Hanks**, N6NNW - Member at Large Director (Term Ending 12/13)
- **Michael McDonald**, KC7YSW - Member at Large Director (Term Ending 12/14)

Repeaters

Eagle Tower 445.700 – PI 151.4, A 2 meter Winlink system coming soon to this location.

Jobs Peak 146.910 – PI 151.4, Links expected soon to Snow Peak

Snow Peak 445.160 – PI 151.4, Links expected soon to Jobs Peak.

San Diego 445.940 – PI 136.5, is on the air and functioning. Thanks to Gary Bollschweilers help and work they are now linked to Jobs Peak. We do need a set of new batteries here.

Los Angeles, 445.940 – PI 151.4, The antennas have been moved higher on the silos and we believe the signal is a bit better. We have added a link radio to this location.

Bakersfield, is in the works. We have the solar panels, charger controller, a few radio's and a 440 duplexer for this location. Other equipment is still needed. We are also looking for a location in the Bakersfield area for this repeater. 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, W6CTR-R on the air. Jared Case launched our (W6CTR-L) Echolink station. He will be installing another computer here. This runs via solar power. Give them a try. We have the W6CTR-R on the two meter Jobs Peak repeater and W6CTR-L on the 440 Snow Peak repeater.

IRLP The IRLP Node # 3138 is linked to our Eagle Tower Command repeater.

Winlink, We are in the process of installing a 2 meter Winlink station at Eagle Tower. We have this installed at Eagle Tower and are in the process of learning and installing the Winlink software.

Other Items

2013 Meetings

Jan 16 – SCIRA Board Meeting

Mar 20 – SCIRA General Membership & Board Meeting

May 15 – SCIRA Board Meeting

Jul 17 – SCIRA General Membership & Board Meeting

Sep 18 – SCIRA Board Meeting

Oct 16 – SCIRA Board Pre-elections review

Nov 20 – SCIRA Elections

ERC Events 2013

August 3 ERC Conference

October 19 ShakeOut

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