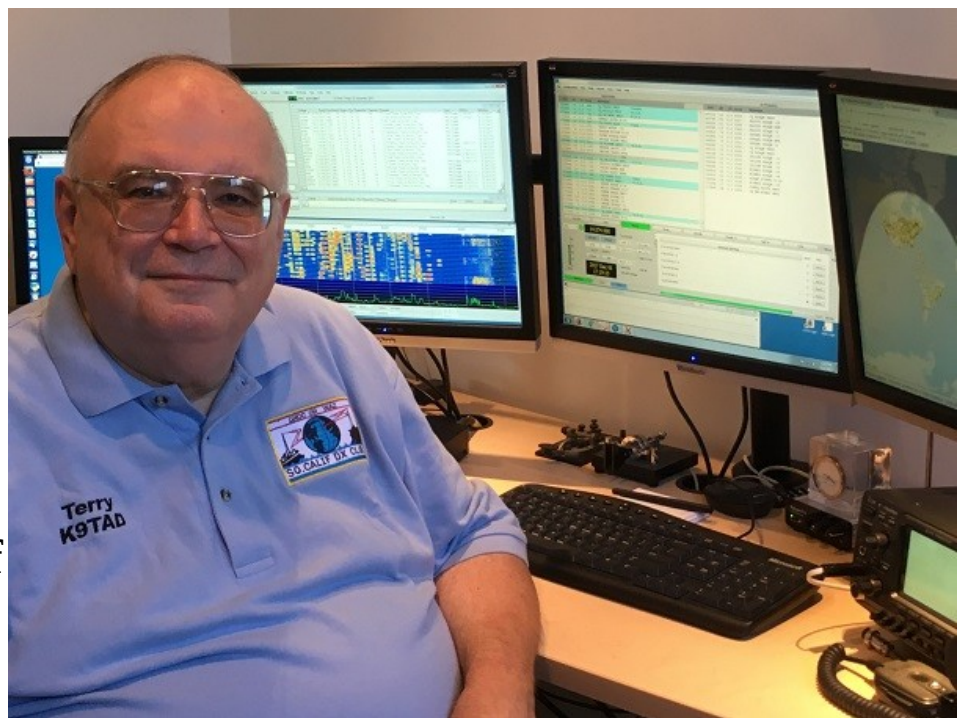


Western Amateur Radio Association Monthly Newsletter for February 2020

We had a great turnout this month on February 3rd at the Sizzler restaurant on Harbor Blvd in Fullerton. Nearly 40 members came including a distinguished guest from Australia.

Old news included the installation of the solar panel to the repeater using the panels donated by George Jacob and the battery and controller donated by Bioenno. A team of 4-5 workers and a few on-lookers finished the job in about 3 hours and it is up and ready for any power outage.

**The presentation was given by
**TERRY A. DENNISON
K9TAD**, extra Class Ham.**



He is a member of American Radio Relay League (ARRL),

Southern California DX Club, and PAPA System (Southern California FM Repeater Club). He has received many awards: WAC (Worked All Continents). He has confirmed contacts from all six continents plus Antarctica, Africa, Asia, Australia, Europe, and North and South America, and he has confirmed contacts with all 50 US states and 100 countries and DX entities.

His interesting and informative talk to WARA was about the sun: its history, its possible future, its make up and how sun spots and solar flares affect communication. His lecture was a fascinating one with interesting facts such as the sun has 24,000 times the gravity than earth and sun spots form in groups, and many more interesting information.

You can buy WARA stuff (merchandise) which includes currently a jacket or tee shirt with the WARA logo and your call sign on them or a Hat with the WARA logo. Please see WARA Stuff on the website: <https://n6me.net>. New WARA badges were also proposed. The specific design is yet to be finalized but will be available to view on the website. You can order the hat, jacket, and tee shirt by printing a form on the website, filling out what you want and the appropriate sizes, and then mailing it to the address provided on the website.

Additional gatherings were also proposed. A day long field day late this spring or early this summer is being considered and is just lacking a date and venue. Any suggestions, please email the club. Also, a social dinner at Blake's BBQ was proposed but no date as yet. Check the website for details.

Finally, but very important, Gene is looking for volunteers for the Fullerton Donate Life Run Walk event at California State Intramural Field on April 25, 2020. Please coordinate with Gene via email at KB6CMO@ARRL.net. He needs volunteer HAM operators to start early (6:00 AM) and go til about noon to support emergency services. Please contact him if you want to participate.