

Information Sheet for the Carlsbad Ham Radio Test Site

March 27, 2008

Important note: to enable us to provide you with a pleasant experience, please read and follow sections 1-4 carefully!

1 Contact information for reservations:

- Please make reservations one to two weeks before the exam date via one of two ways:

Phone: (858) 638-1580 extension 13

Email: exam@kiloxray.com

- When registering please provide:
 - Name
 - Callsign – if any
 - Exam element you wish to take
 - Contact information: phone number or email.

2 Before the exam:

- Obtain an FRN from the FCC:
 - Go to: <http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/>.
 - Select the **Register CORES/CALLSIGN** button, and follow the instructions to obtain an FRN and associate it with your call signs.
 - The FRN will be *required* on Form NCVFC 605.
 - Note: applications will not be accepted without a valid FRN.
- Obtain Form NCVFC 605:
 - Fill out Form NCVFC 605 (provided at the end of this document).
 - Note: even though form 605 states you may use your SSN or FRN, applications will only be accepted with a valid FRN.

3 Exam day:

- Bring a completed Form NCVFC 605.
- Bring \$5, exact change please!
- Bring government issued photo ID (driver's license, passport, military ID etc...).
 - If photo ID is not available you must present two of the following items:
 - Nonphoto ID/ driver's license
 - Birth certificate with appropriate seal
 - Minor's work permit or school report card
 - Utility bill, bank statement or other business correspondence that specifically names the person or postmarked envelope addressed to the person at his or her current address as it appears on form 605
- Bring the original and copy of your ham radio license and any CSCEs you may have.
- Calculators are allowed, however they are not to be programmed.
- Bring your favorite pen or pencil.
- Exam date: second Saturday of the month.

- Test session starts at 9:30 AM, sharp. Please show up on time.
- Exam location: Carlsbad Safety Center / Carlsbad Police:
 - 2560 Orion Way, Carlsbad CA 92008
 - See map in Section 5
 - From Interstate 5:
 - Take **Palomar Airport Road** east to **El Camino Real**.
 - Turn left on **El Camino Real**.
 - Drive north to **Faraday Ave.**
 - Turn right on **Faraday** in the direction of the Safety Center arrow and go past the FedEx facility.
 - At the intersection with Orion Way, turn left and follow the road around to the right.
 - Drive past the fire station and skate board park up to the Carlsbad Safety Center, on the right.
 - From Highway 78 - Oceanside area:
 - Take the **El Camino Real** exit and head south.
 - Turn left on **Faraday** in the direction of the Safety Center arrow and go past the FedEx facility.
 - At the intersection with Orion Way, turn left and follow the road around to the right.
 - Drive past the fire station and skate board park up to the Carlsbad Safety Center, on the right.
 - From Highway 78 - Escondido area:
 - Take **San Marcos Blvd** exit and head west.
 - **San Marcos Blvd** turns into **Palomar Airport Road** at Rancho Santa Fe Road.
 - Turn right on **El Camino Real**.
 - Go north to **Faraday Ave.**
 - Turn right on **Faraday** and go past the FedEx facility.
 - At the intersection with Orion Way, turn left and follow the road around to the right.
 - Drive past the fire station and skate board park up to the Carlsbad Safety Center, on the right.

4 Miscellaneous comments:

- Retesting during the same session is generally allowed. In all cases, the final decision is up to the team leader.
- Four examiners volunteer and commit their time and resources to support an exam session. If you made a reservation and cannot attend, please be courteous and inform the team leader ahead of time.
- Walk-ins are allowed, providing all the prerequisites of Sections 2 and 3 are met. Since sessions may be canceled if there are not a sufficient number of candidates, please make every effort to call ahead and make a reservation.
- Important note to minors taking the exam: we routinely run into minors wishing to take the exam without identification, with a parent wishing to “vouch” for the minor,

or with the parent's identification. Per the guidelines, since a minor does not have a government issued photo ID, you must follow the ID guidelines in section 3 and present two forms of identification! No exceptions will be made under any circumstances.

Exam Preparation Resources

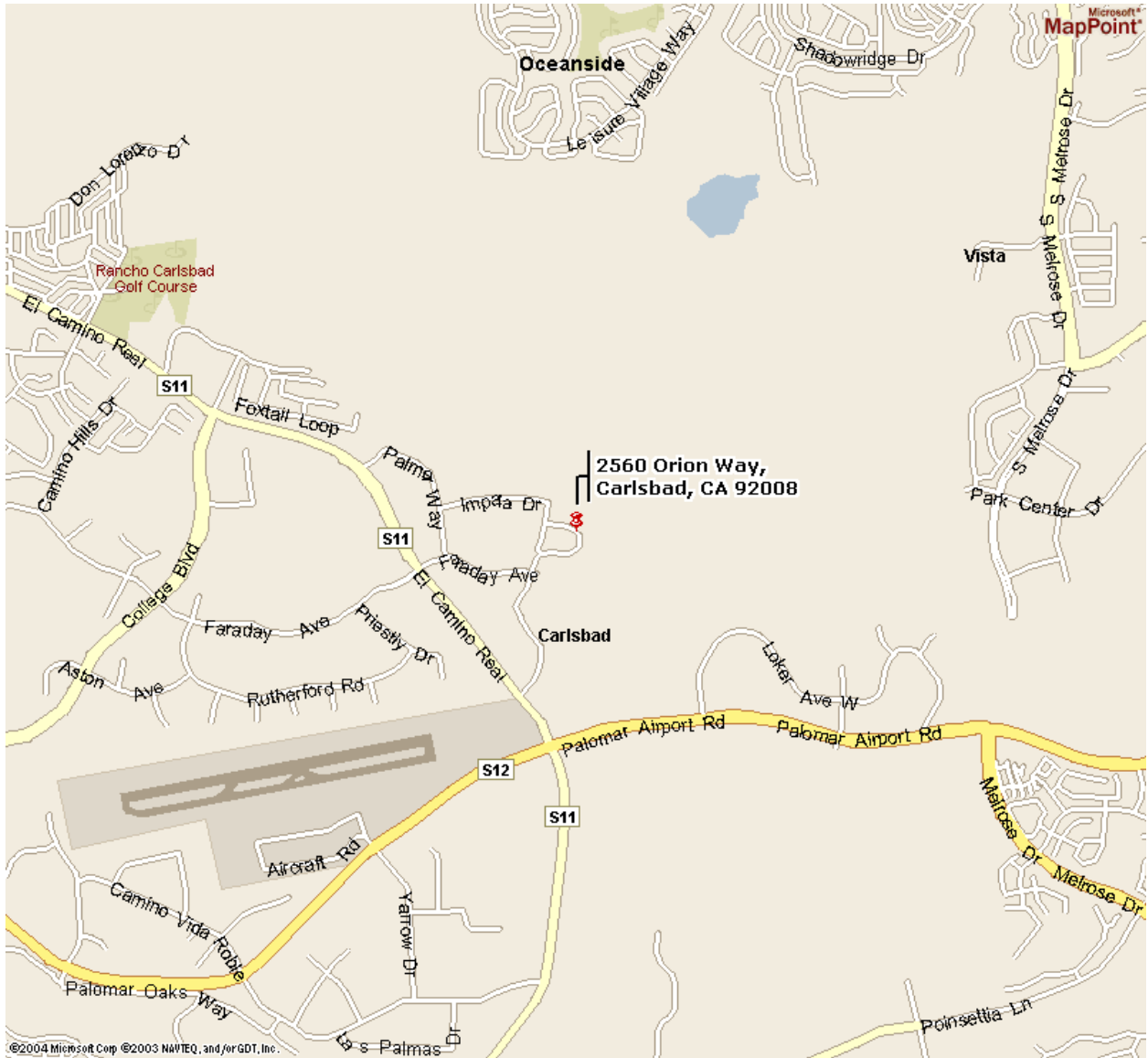
1 Online written practice exams:

- <http://www.qrz.com/testing.html>.
- <http://www.eham.net/exams/>.
- <http://www.aa9pw.com/radio/index.html>.
- These online exams use the same question pool that SANDARC exams are based.

2 After the exam:

- If you pass, processing takes 10-14 days. Following that, go to one of the following sites to find your new call sign:
 1. QRZ new entries: http://www.qrz.com/new_hams.html.
 2. QRZ name search: <http://www.qrz.com/i/names.html>.
 3. FCC license search: <http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/>.
- Once you receive your call sign, you are approved to go on the air within the band restrictions of your new license.
- The license will arrive from the FCC within several months.
- Yes! HRO is open on weekends too! ☺
- If you failed, please practice and come again!

3 Map of the Carlsbad exam site



4 Form NCVEC 605

Attached is the form as downloaded from the SANDARC (<http://www.sandarc.net>) links provided in section 2. Please note that this is a fill-in PDF form, so you can edit it using Adobe Acrobat reader (<http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readermain.html>) , print and bring it in.

