2025-01-15 DecemberFest 2025 reservation confirmed

Date: January 15, 2025

On January 6, 2025, Robert Shank, KM6RSS, Vice President of the Ventura County Amateur Radio Club (K6MEP/VCARC), met Madison, then an assistant manager at Black Bear Diner in Ventura, and left the club card with reservation details for the club's December dinner. After checking twice without a callback, he spoke on January 15, 2025, with Manny, an assistant manager, who confirmed the reservation by looking at the restaurant's reservation calendar.

Robert reported that confirmation the same day to the officers and board. The reserved date was December 12, 2025. In the later October 6, 2025 letter to the store, Robert wrote that the restaurant had been hosting the club's annual December dinner since 2022.

No 2025-dated email from the restaurant itself was found in the km6rss account. The January 15 report is preserved in later forwards of that letter.

Source: Robert Shank, KM6RSS, January 15, 2025, subject "Finally received confirmation about 12/12/25 reservation at BBD," as quoted in his October 17, 2025, 2:00 PM PT forward, message 199f42fd8cf4c1d3 (also forwarded October 6, 2025, 5:20 PM PT, message 199bc4100d4f63a4).