# The Death Ride 2024

Ken Ae6la and Lynn’s Hang Out

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Mark N6IV with faithful companion at Pac Grade

Pascal K6PWG

Ebbetts Pass

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# A Successful Application Of Amateur Radio

*Mike Fahmie WA6ZTY*

Wow!  Not your typical bike event. Out of 1400 registered riders, less than 900 made it to our side of Ebbetts Pass!

Things began as usual, with the exception of Hermit Valley, where the setup was on the wrong end of the clearing and the dumpster was mistakenly placed ¼ mile west of the checkpoint.

Soon after the beginning of the ride, we were hearing reports of thunderstorms along the Monitor Pass leg, it was still sunny along the CARS area of responsibility but we suspected that it wouldn't be long before it reached us. When it came, it came with a vengeance, driving rain with occasional hail, the wind blew the spray past our awnings but fortunately not enough to dampen our equipment (or spirits)!

The early riders, pre dampened by their Monitor Pass experience, had dried by the time they reached our side of the pass, but began their return leg in the rain, the later arrivals had rain both ways!  The riders had equipped themselves for 90° temperatures, not 50° rain and hail, their bikes had dubious traction on roads with running water, some types of brakes didn't hold when wet. Hypothermia was setting in and growing numbers of riders were bailing out and requesting SAG rides back to Turtle Rock Park.

SAG requests were being radioed back to DR HQ, nearly an order of magnitude above expectations, and the SAG capacity was soon overwhelmed. Some riders managed to get rides in private cars, the CHP sent several cruisers to ferry riders, their bikes would come down later in a box truck. There was a long wait before everyone was transported, at Hermit, we had a group of very cold riders rotating through my trailer with the furnace

turned up high. This scene was repeated at the other Ham sites.

I remained at Hermit Valley for several more days (and several more thunderstorms!), I spoke with Paul, WA6EWV, president of the TARA group via radio and he praised us for our expertise and dedication. He said that lives could have been lost.

All in all, it was a successful application of Amateur Radio, thanks to all of you who participated and I can’t wait until next year !!

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# Amador ARC Barbecue

Event will take place in the Park across the street from 88 Giant Burger Pine Grove, Ca

Saturday July 20th, 2024 11am-3pm

Photo Courtesy Of Google Images

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# Tevis Cup

Volunteers are needed for radio support along the trails of

this Equine event, click on the Link for details

Contact Bob Kehr at bob@bobkehr.net for volunteer information

*Homepage*

Trail Ride

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# Historic Special Event From Marine Station KPH

The Night Of Nights, click on the Link below for more information on this event

https://www.radiomarine.org/mrhs-events

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# Club Business Meeting 7/11/24

Roundtable Pizza 6:30 pm Hrs (local) 27 N Main St. Angels Camp, Ca.

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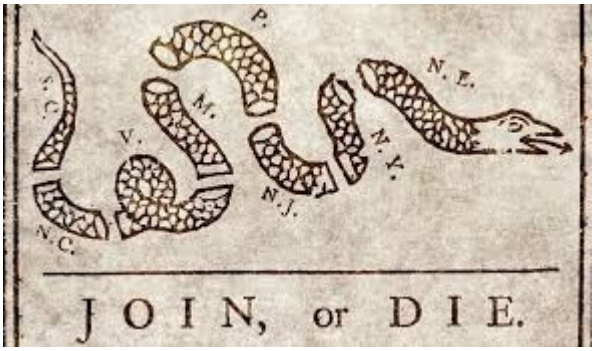
# Celebrate The 4th

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# 13 Colonies Special Event

# 2024

More Details can be found by clicking on the Link below

http://www.13colonies.us

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# Field Day 2024

A group of us Frogs trekked up to Avery, Ca to set up the station very warm temperatures prevailed. It was essential to provide shade and hydration for the group. Band conditions were not exceptional so a keen ear and several call outs were needed on many of the stations logged in. Perseverance was in

order which this group had no shortage of, equally our Fellowship between each other kept this Perseverance spirit!

Our diary of the day is written on the photos below.

Mark N6IV On The Hunt

Ken AE6LA Dropped In

Mike KB6USJ,Dee KM6ELF, Mike N6AXQ, Bob KA9MDP, Mark N6IV

That Shade Is Welcomed

Mike N6AKQ, Dee KM6ELF working 40 meters

The Dipole in Position

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# Work On Fowler Repeater Site Continues

Our Replacement Repeater Antenna has arrived at the Fowler Site, transported by Chuck Farr W6AJW and Al Lamore KF6OBM