Winter Field Day January 25th,2025

Winter Field Day is an exciting annual event for amateur radio enthusiasts, taking place on the last full weekend of January. It offers a unique opportunity for radio operators to set up field operations in remote locations, enabling them to connect with other participants worldwide. You may choose to participate solo or get your your friends, family, or whole club involved. Winter Field Day is organized by the Winter Field Day Association. The association strongly believes that ham radio operators should practice portable emergency communications in winter environments. This is because freezing temperatures, snow, ice, and other hazards pose unique operational concerns.

ARRL January VHF Contest

Contest Objective: For amateurs in the US and Canada (and their possessions) to work as many amateur stations in as many different 2 degrees x 1 degree Maidenhead grid squares as possible using authorized frequencies above 50 MHz. Stations outside the US & Canada (and their possessions) may only work stations in the US (and its possessions) and Canada.

Dates: The third or fourth full weekend in January as announced. **(January 18-20, 2025)**

Contest Period: Begins 1900 UTC Saturday, ends 0359 UTC Monday.

Click Here for Complete ARRL January VHF Contest Rules (PDF)

For contest information contact **contests@arrl.org** or (860) 594-0232

ARRL Town Hall Meeting January 11th 10 am PDT

ARRL Division NewsPacific Division

Please join us for the Pacific Division Town Hall Meeting on Saturday, January 11th at 10AM PDT. We will again meet on Zoom for this meeting to allow all those in the Pacific Division to attend. **Meeting Information:** **ARRL Pacific Division Town Hall Meeting** When: Jan 11, 2025 10:00 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada) Please Register in advance for this meeting:us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/xH7c04IVQrSMaVNqGp34SQ After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. Please allow a day or two before seeing the confirmation with the meeting link and information. The meeting is being held to provide quick updates about topics related to the division, information before the ARRL Board meeting scheduled to be held in Newington on January 17th and 18th and to allow time for those attending to provide comment/feedback and questions. Hope to see everyone at the Town Hall Meeting on Zoom.
Anthony Marcin, W7XMARRL Pacific Division Directorw7xm@arrl.org

I thought I distributed this a couple of days ago.

Please register for and attend the Pacific Division Saturday, Jan 11, 10 AM Town Hall Meeting and encourage all of your Jurisdiction’s Amateur Radio Service operators to do the same whether they are ARRL Members or not.

Widely distributing this in your jurisdictions could help steer Tony’s and the Board’s future decisions re: supporting Emergency Communications.

Tony knows & understands the importance of the Amateur Radio Service’s need to perform radio-related duties as required by local AHJs (Authorities Having Jurisdiction).

As our voice in the ‘The National Association for Amateur Radio, a Registered Trademark,’ to represent your thinking, he must understand your relationships with local AHJs.

Please be kind to Tony and register for this Jan. 11 Town Hall Meeting sooner rather than later.

TIA, Cheers & 73,

Dan Sohn

San Joaquin Valley Section Emergency Coordinator

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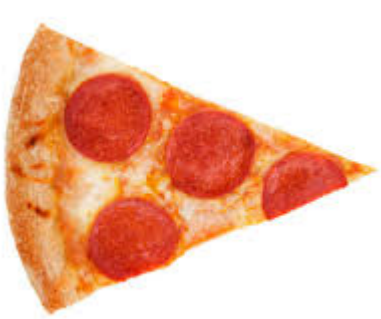
Forwarded By Sam Hernandez W6SP

Club Business Meeting January 9, 2025



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

POTA Activation

Give a listen for Marlin N6MIV from Indian Rock on the HF frequencies hours of operation will be January 2, during the afternoon.

Happy New Year!

El Paso TX

ARRL Straight Key Night: January 1, 2025

January 1, 2025, from 0000 UTC through 2359 UTC. This 24-hour event is not a contest but rather a day dedicated to celebrating our CW heritage — radio communications by Morse code.

Participants are encouraged to get on the air and simply make enjoyable, conversational CW QSOs (radio contacts). The use of straight keys or bugs to send CW is preferred. There are no points scored and all who participate are winners. All authorized amateur frequencies may be used but activity has traditionally been centered on the HF bands.

Entries for Straight Key Night must be received by January 3, 2025. Votes for “Best Fist” and “Most Interesting QSO” will be tabulated and included in the results. Send your information to straightkey@arrl.org or by mail to ARRL Straight Key Night, 225 Main Street, Newington, Connecticut 06111. For more information, contact contests@arrl.org or (860) 594-0232.

Visit the ARRL website for more details: www.arrl.org/straight-key-night.

President’s Corner

Merry Christmas

ARRL 160 and 10 Meter Contest

December brings two ARRL-sponsored single-band contests. The ARRL 160-Meter Contest begins Friday, December 6 at 2200 UTC and concludes on Sunday, December 8 at 1559 UTC. Stations in the US (including Alaska, Hawaii, and US possessions) and Canada can contact any station; stations located overseas can only contact US and Canadian stations. Contacts may be made using the CW mode only. See the contest rules at http://www.arrl.org/160-meter for more information.

Next weekend, the ARRL 10-Meter Contest begins on Saturday, December 14 at 0000 UTC (Friday evening in North America), and concludes on Sunday, December 15 at 2359 UTC. Stations may contact any other station, regardless of location, using CW and phone. All stations send a signal report. Stations located in the US and Canada (including Alaska and Hawaii) send their state or province; Mexican stations send their state; DX stations send a serial number. Contest rules are available at https://contests.arrl.org/10m/.