

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY SECTION

Report for the month of

November 2014



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November usually means fall season and Thanksgiving. Color of red and gold, cool weather, leaves and fire in the fireplace are all motifs of this season. We, as amateur radio operators, also think of projects that start the holiday season. Charity events, parades and functions that will lead to the Christmas season in December.

We also tend to socialize with potluck dinners and simple meetings of our clubs, reminiscing the clubs accomplishments. We also finish our contesting and start planning for projects that we wish to accomplish after the weather breaks. It is the time to create committees and install officers for the next year over good food and coffee.

We also pull up the plans to cover us through the winter season. This includes road and traffic nets, repeater checks, ARES training

and
practice, checking your equipment and go bags and generally
planning
for the worst and hoping for the best.

A couple of new items: One shows the importance of initiating
the youth
to amateur radio. The IARU has instigated an all December
event that is
called YOTA (youth on the air). Much like jamboree on the air
except
you attempt to make contact with stations sporting a YOTA call
sign
suffix anywhere in the world. This should be fun as well as
giving you
an opportunity to allow anyone under the age of 22 to operate
and
contact those stations with third party reciprocating
agreements. Give
it a try especially if you have connections with organizations
that have
younger individuals.

Your section emergency coordinator has developed a site for
the
emergency coordinator's and district emergency coordinator's
to leave
and receive information. This can be contacted via Email to
kf6fir@kf6fir.net and registering. Ed, KF6FIR, will then send
you a
confirmation Email. The next time you log in, you will be
able to see
all that is available.

Pacificon will be returning to San Ramon in 2015 and will
return to the
third weekend of October. I am looking forward to being
catered by the

facility there. Hope to see you there.

Remember to support HR4969 and get your letter to ARRL and your
Congressional Representative. Go to the link on the ARRL
website,
<http://www.arrl.org/hr-4969>. We have to start now for the big
push
next year.

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