

# SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY SECTION

## Report for the month of JUNE

### 2015

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Amateur Radio Summer, that is how I see June. So much going on, so much to do and all of it FUN!

Just finished with Dayton, we start with "Museum Ships Weekend", and our contribution from SJV is the USS Lucid. She is an ocean going minesweeper that is being restored in Stockton, CA. I personally operated 40 meters (some 20 and 80) and it was great fun. The guys from W6SF (Stockton Club) were extremely hospitable.

Next came the VHF contest. Our own TC Dave, W6TE blasted the valley and the LA basin from Fraser Peak. He was playing with new toys in the GHz range.

FIELD DAY! My favorite time of the year. This year I chose to remain in Fresno and looked for everyone on NVIS at the Salvation Army EOC.

We were very successful in covering San Diego to Reading on 40 and 75

meters. I switched to 20 meters on the "dog watch" and had a great

QSO with Guam. Now it is time to plan for next year!

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Dan Pruitt, AE6SX

## NEWS

06/10/2015 | New York Ham Inaugurates “Collegiate Ham Radio Operators” Facebook Group

A young ARRL member from New York has begun a “Collegiate Ham Radio

Operators” Facebook group.

06/10/2015 | The ARRL Extra Class License Manual Now Available on

Kindle

The ARRL has just released a digital edition of The ARRL Extra Class

License Manual in Kindle format.

06/12/2015 | FCC Chairman, Lawmakers Announce Agreement to Scale Back

Field Office Shutdowns

Leaders of the US House Energy and Commerce Committee have reached

agreement with FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler to amend the Commission’s

plans to close FCC field offices.

06/15/2015 | Colorado to Host US Amateur Radio Direction Finding

Championships

Registration is open for the 15th USA and 8th IARU Region 2 Amateur

Radio Direction Finding (ARDF) championships, August 27-30, in Elbert,

Colorado

06/15/2015 | W1AW Portable Operations Booklet Now Available

The W1AW Portable Operations booklet is available from the ARRL Store.

06/19/2015 | ARRL 2015 Hurricane Season Webinar Set for July 20

The ARRL will host a 2015 Hurricane Season webinar Monday, July 20,

getting under way at 8 PM EDT (July 21, 0000 UTC).

06/23/2015 | Geomagnetic Storming Reaches Severe Level  
Geomagnetic storming reached the G4 – severe – level at 0513 UTC on June 23.

06/23/2015 | New World Distance Records Set on 2.3 and 3.4 GHz Ham Bands  
Two California radio amateurs – one of them in Hawaii – have set new world distance records on the 2.3 and 3.4 GHz microwave amateur bands.

06/23/2015 | OJ0B on Market Reef Logs Hundreds of 2 Meter Moonbounce, Meteor Scatter Contacts  
The recent Market Reef OJ0B expedition resulted in 462 contacts via 2 meter Earth-Moon-Earth (EME) and meteor scatter activity with stations on all continents.

06/24/2015 | ARRL Offering 20 Percent Off on Select Antenna Publications  
Save 20 percent on select ARRL antenna-themed publications when you order online through July 31, 2015.

06/25/2015 | Ohio ARES “NVIS Antenna Day” Concludes That the Truth is Up There  
Ohio ARES NVIS Antenna Day on April 25 attracted participation from some 100 Buckeye State stations in an effort to determine which configurations of near-vertical incidence skywave (NVIS) antenna offer the best results.

06/26/2015 | The Amateur Radio Parity Act of 2015 Introduced

in the US

Senate

A companion Amateur Radio Parity Act of 2015 bill has been introduced

in the US Senate.

06/29/2015 | ARRL Website Has New Amateur Radio Parity Act of 2015 Page

Now that there is Amateur Radio Parity Act of 2015 legislation in both

chambers of the US Congress, the League has a combined web page to

accommodate activities on behalf of the two bills.

06/29/2015 | Senate Sponsor of "Amateur Radio Parity Act of 2015"

said Bill Promotes Regulatory Transparency, Equality

US Senator Roger Wicker (R-MS), who sponsored "The Amateur Radio

Parity Act of 2015" in the Senate, says the bill he introduced, with

original cosponsor Richard Blumenthal (D-CT), would allow for transparency and equality in the regulatory process.

07/02/2015 | FCC Invites Comments on Proposed Rules for New LF and MF

Amateur Allocations

The FCC is inviting comments on its recent proposals to authorize

Amateur Radio operation on two new bands – an LF allocation at 135.7

to 137.8 kHz (2200 meters), and an MF allocation at 472-479 kHz (630

meters).

07/07/2015 | Amateur Radio Becomes Primary on 1900-2000 kHz on August 6

As of August 6, Amateur Radio will be upgraded from secondary to

primary in the 1900-2000 kHz segment of 160 meters in the US.

07/08/2015 | ARRL/TAPR Digital Communications Conference Seeks Papers

The ARRL/TAPR Digital Communications Conference (DCC) invites technical papers for presentation at this year's conference.

07/08/2015 | MRHS "Night of Nights 2015" Set for July 12

The Marine Radio Historical Society (MRHS) will hold its annual

"Night of Nights" event, in which historic maritime CW stations

such as KPH and WLO return to the air for a few hours on July 13 UTC

(July 12 in US time zones).

07/08/2015 | Get Ready for the Golden Packet Event!

APRS Developer Bob Bruninga, WB4APR, has invited radio amateurs to take

part in the annual Golden Packet Event on Saturday, July 18.

07/05/2015 | W1AW/5 Will Represent ARRL Headquarters in the 2015 IARU

HF World Championship

The summer's most popular HF contest -- The 2015 International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) HF World Championship -- gets under way on

July 11 at 1200 UTC and continues for 24 hours.

Contests:

July 2015

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+ RSGB 80m Club Championship, SSB

1900Z-2030Z, Jul 15

+ NAQCC CW Sprint

0030Z-0230Z, Jul 16

+ QRP Fox Hunt

0100Z-0230Z, Jul 17

+ NCCC RTTY Sprint

0145Z-0215Z, Jul 17

+ NCCC Sprint

0230Z-0300Z, Jul 17  
+ North American QSO Party, RTTY  
1800Z, Jul 18 to 0559Z, Jul 19 +  
+ DMC RTTY Contest  
1200Z, Jul 18 to 1200Z, Jul 19  
+ CQ Worldwide VHF Contest  
1800Z, Jul 18 to 2100Z, Jul 19  
+ NCCC RTTY Sprint  
0145Z-0215Z, Jul 24  
+ NCCC Sprint  
0230Z-0300Z, Jul 24  
+ RSGB IOTA Contest  
1200Z, Jul 25 to 1200Z, Jul 26

## August 2015

August 2015  
+ TARA Grid Dip Shindig  
0000Z-2400Z, Aug 1  
+ 10-10 Int. Summer Contest, SSB  
0001Z, Aug 1 to 2359Z, Aug 2  
+ European HF Championship  
1200Z-2359Z, Aug 1  
+ ARRL August UHF Contest  
1800Z, Aug 1 to 1800Z, Aug 2  
+ North American QSO Party, CW  
1800Z, Aug 1 to 0559Z, Aug 2  
+ Maryland-DC QSO Party  
1600Z, Aug 8 to 0400Z, Aug 9 and  
1600Z-2400Z, Aug 9  
+ 50 MHz Fall Sprint  
2300Z, Aug 8 to 0300Z, Aug 9  
+ SARTG WW RTTY Contest  
0000Z-0800Z, Aug 15 and  
1600Z-2400Z, Aug 15 and  
0800Z-1600Z, Aug 16  
+ ARRL 10 GHz and Up Contest  
0600 local, Aug 15 to 2400 local, Aug 16  
+ Russian District Award Contest  
0800Z, Aug 15 to 0800Z, Aug 16  
+ Keyman's Club of Japan Contest

1200Z, Aug 15 to 1200Z, Aug 16  
+ North American QSO Party, SSB  
1800Z, Aug 15 to 0559Z, Aug 16  
+ SARL HF Digital Contest  
1300Z-1630Z, Aug 16  
+ Hawaii QSO Party  
0400Z, Aug 22 to 0400Z, Aug 24  
+ ALARA Contest  
0400Z-1359Z, Aug 29 and  
0400Z-1359Z, Aug 30  
+ W/VE Islands QSO Party  
1200Z, Aug 29 to 0300Z, Aug 30  
+ YO DX HF Contest  
1200Z, Aug 29 to 1200Z, Aug 30  
+ Kansas QSO Party  
1400Z, Aug 29 to 0200Z, Aug 30 and  
1400Z-2000Z, Aug 30  
+ North American SSB Sprint Contest  
0000Z-0400Z, Aug 30

## AMATEUR RADIO CLUBS

CLOVIS ARP ++ CARP Fireworks Stand operated through July 5 to fund expenses for the K6ARP repeater system. AE6GE, Rob (Pres of CARP) stated the new location was effective. During Field Day, presented by the Clovis Independent Four Wheeler's by special use permit from the Sierra National Forest. Rob (AE6GE), & Greg (KJ60UI) will be operating HF, VHF, and UHF portable radios at the Clovis Independent four wheel club, "Moonlight Madness" Bald Mt. base camp as K6M. A get on the air (GOTA) station was available for those participating at the poker run. [www.k6arp.org/](http://www.k6arp.org/)

FRESNO ARC++ Field Day was a success! According to Mr. Pres., Stu WB6VRG, There was even coverage of the local event on Channel 47. Pat, W6YEP, pulled out good old A0-07. GOTA was manned by Pete, NA6C and Joe, W0PJD. It was a busy station...lots of fun with kids participating. Members Glen, N6HEW, Dan, AE6SX, and Captain Breazeale, KG6SYA, all helped feed the evacuees from the SKY Fire. Check out the pictures of Field Day and fire in SKIP. Also stories of Frazer Peak from W6TE, W6YEP on 24 GHz and KI6QEL, Duane, as a rover,. [www.w6to.com](http://www.w6to.com)

LODI ARC ++ Meeting discussed the Field Day operations. Testing the radios before the event and food for next year was discussed. Notice of up coming programs were committed. [lodiamateurradioclub.org/](http://lodiamateurradioclub.org/)

LOS BANOS ARC ++ Field Day effort was successful We made many contacts and, also made the front page of the Los Banos Enterprise. Corey Pride wrote a nice article about us. In addition, Mayor Mike, WB6FML visited us and everyone enjoyed the camaraderie. Great pictures de W6YD. [www.aa6lb.org](http://www.aa6lb.org)

SIERRA ARC ++ In preparation of Field Day we are having a Flash Field day on June 13th. The idea is to pack everything you need, head up to the Field Day site and see what works and what doesn't. That way on the actual field day we should have everything worked out. The

June meeting

will feature Dennis, W6DQ, talking about Arduinos.  
[www.qsl.net/wa6ybn/](http://www.qsl.net/wa6ybn/)

SEQUOIA ARG ++ Field Day at Camp Andrew Brown was a joyous one. Once again Mr. Murphy decided to accompany us. He must have ridden with Chuck KI6GOG as he locked the doors on Chuck's truck. Al and Jayne, KK6JPZ, didn't bring Murphy, they brought 3 mice. Bill's, N6TF, computer didn't like the wireless network on the new computer program so we ended up using the old software. We beat last year and that was our goal. [www.n6krv.org](http://www.n6krv.org)

STOCKTON DELTA ARC ++ Museum ships weekend just concluded as I write  
There was lots of great Ham Radio fellowshipping with AE6SX, Dan, San Joaquin Valley ARRL Section Manager in attendance on the USS Lucid. Operators came from several valley clubs to check out the ship and grab the microphone or key. I had to leave Saturday night for a business trip Sunday morning and we were well above 500 QSOs in the logs then. I'm looking forward to hearing the final tally at the club meeting. Now with Radio in the Park, we can get to some Elmering. [www.w6sf.org](http://www.w6sf.org)

TURLOCK ARC ++ Grady K6IXA made a presentation on Winlink. Winlink, RMS, was developed to get all the same page in case of emergencies. There is a Volunteer Network, American Radio Safety

Foundation. Rick  
 Frost, K4REF on You Tube has the details on how to get  
 started. Mike  
 KJ6VFL, demonstrated how to send a text message/ email to a  
 cell phone  
 (Bambi's) and other stations (one in Las Vegas). 7.702 (40  
 meters)  
 Winmore. www.w6bxn.org.

The following Amateurs became Silent Keys since the last  
 report:  
 Cliff N6ZU, Shirley KB6BSF, KF6GNA Fenton, KC6N0Q Peter,  
 KF6VNU Ralph  
 and W6YGZ Rod. They will be missed.

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SJV Section ORS/FOR 2015 Traffic Report: [June 2015]  
 (\*best view: View/Text Size/Larger) (k6rau / sjv-stm)

| Call  | Org   | Rcvd  | Sent  | Del   |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Total |       |       |       |       |
| ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- |
| w6sx  | 0     | 7     | 11    | 0     |
| 18    |       |       |       |       |
| ws6p  | 0     | 382   | 362   | 0     |
| 744   |       |       |       |       |
| k6rau | 0     | 9     | 13    | 0     |
| 22    |       |       |       |       |
| ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- |
| Sum:  | 0     | 398   | 386   | 0     |
| 784   |       |       |       |       |

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 SJV Section PSHR/FOR Reports: [June 2015]  
 Call (1) (2) (3) (4) (5)

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|       |    |    |    |     |   |    |
| w6sx  | 3  | 18 | 20 | 0   | 0 |    |
| 0     |    |    |    |     |   |    |
| 41    |    |    |    |     |   |    |
| ws6p  | 40 | 40 | 20 | 200 | 0 | 20 |
| 320   |    |    |    |     |   |    |
| k6rau | 39 | 22 | 30 | 0   | 0 |    |
| 0     |    |    |    |     |   |    |
| 91    |    |    |    |     |   |    |
| Sum:  | 82 | 80 | 70 | 200 | 0 | 20 |

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07/24/2015 | ARCA/Williams Annual Summer Hamfest

Location: Williams, AZ

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Amateur Radio Council of Arizona

Website:<http://www.arca-az.org>

07/25/2015 | Pacific Northwest Largest Indoor/Outdoor Ham Radio

Tailgate/Swapmeet

Location: Chehalis, WA

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Chehalis Valley Amateur Radio Society

Website:<http://www.cvars.org>

08/07/2015 | Pacific Northwest DX Convention

Location: Everett, WA

Type: ARRL Convention

Sponsor: Western Washington DX Club

Website:<http://www.WDXC.org>

09/11/2015 | Southwestern Division Convention (Hamcon 2015)

Location: Torrance, CA

Type: ARRL Convention

Sponsor: Los Angeles Area Council of Amateur Radio Clubs & Orange  
County Council of Amateur Radio Organizations  
Website:<http://www.hamconinc.org>

Need to take an Amateur exam? Are you having an exam? Check the ARRL

web page, [www.arrl.org/arrlvec/examsearch.phtml](http://www.arrl.org/arrlvec/examsearch.phtml) for exam information.

You can also search for Amateur Radio Classes in your area and register

your exam. Instructors can also register classes there.

Card Checking in the Section: You can get cards checked for awards

within the section. W6XK, K6ZZ, and W6DPD can check your cards for DXCC

in accordance with the rules for field checking. DXCC card checkers may

now check cards dated from Nov 15, 1945, including Deleted DXCC

Entities. K6ZZ can now check 160 Meter Cards. DXCC card checkers may,

at their discretion, check cards for WAS, WAC, and VUCC. W6DPD and K6ZZ

can check cards for the CQ Awards, WAZ, DX, Field, and Prefixes. The

card checkers may also check applications for the IARU Region 2 Award.

ARRL Special Service Clubs may appoint a HF awards manager for WAS and

a VHF Awards Manager for VUCC.

The Webinar by Hank Garretson, W6SX, has been posted to the WWROF

webpage ([www.wwrof.org](http://www.wwrof.org)) under the Webinars link. Hanks presentation

will be of particular interest to "Little Pistols" and those who are

space limited. He added a link to the elevation plot which can be

viewed at <http://www.heywhatsthat.com/> It's worth checking out! Also

the Ladder Snaps in the presentation can be found at [http://www.73cnc.com/product\\_p/ls100.htm](http://www.73cnc.com/product_p/ls100.htm) You can e-mail Hank at [w6sx@arrl.net](mailto:w6sx@arrl.net) for additional details.

The K6RAU (our Traffic Manager) Morse Code Instruction Course is available at [www.pdarrl.org/K6RAU](http://www.pdarrl.org/K6RAU) or [www.pdarrl.org/k6rau](http://www.pdarrl.org/k6rau). No need to know a "dit" from a "dah", simply with paper and pencil, and following the instructions. CWops Tests are held weekly – Every Wednesday at 1300Z, 1900Z, and 0300Z (Thursday). Info and rules at <http://www.cwops.org/cwt.html> .

#### San Joaquin Valley Nets:

The Noontime net meets on 7.268.5 MHz. This net handles a lot of messages.

Daytime Region 6 Traffic Net meets daily at 3:30 pacific time on or near 7.275 MHZ. This one is probable not in operation at this time.

The California Traffic Net meets daily on 3.906 MHZ and 6:00 PM local time.

The Golden Bear Amateur Radio Net meets nightly at 7:00 PM local time on 3.975 MHZ.

Northern California Net (NCN), the Section Traffic Net, meets nightly on 3.533 MHZ at 7 PM Pac Time.

San Joaquin Net meets Monday-Saturday on 3918khz, at 6 PM Pacific Time.

Western Public Service System (WPSS) meets nightly on 3952khz, roll - at 7:30 PM local Pacific Time.

The Mission Trail Net meets nightly on 3.856 MHZ at 8:00 PM local

time.

Northern California Net 2 (NCN2) The slow speed training session of NCN, meets nightly on 3.533 MHZ at 9 PM Pacific Time. Handling traffic on CW is a good way to improve your CW skills.

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