

# Section Report SJV Feb 2016

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*SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY SECTION Report for the month of February  
2016: SM*

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STM K6RAU, PIC vacant, TC W6TE.

It is raining. Long way from curbing the drought but we are filling up the reservoirs, a little. Best part is we are getting some snow!

Obviously not time to work on those antennas, hi hi.

I've been visiting some clubs and ham radio DIY is being practiced.

Alternative power, contesting both DX and local. Fox Hunts are prolific too.

A couple of areas are showing popularity. One being Satellite and what the future holds. The other is digital, a broad genre that encompasses many modes. Some quite surprising.

Although Satellites have been around for awhile, the anticipation of a geosynchronous satellite offers consistent communications. Being new, it requires all new protocol infrastructures. The ground stations will have some interesting capabilities, even in Emergency Communications.

Check out the AMSAT Phase IV plans. Find out when and where our

Section TC Dave, W6TE, will be talking on the subject.

This brings us to digital. We have already experienced efficient mufti-mode, PSK, JT and packet systems. Now we can expand this with "Mesh Networks" that can use dmr, digital TV and internet connectivity on Micro Wave systems. And they are affordable! Look into these and imagine what you will. What fun and quite the idea of advancing the art of amateur radio. By the way, tell those video game junkies about it and Ham Radio!

Remember to support "The Amateur Radio Parity Act". Go to the link on the ARRL website.  
<http://www.arrl.org/amateur-radio-parity-act>  
We have to continue the support for this legislation.

Get into the year long National Parks on the air celebration also. Many Parks still need to be activated. Make sure you check with the Park officials before you go.

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Dan Pruitt, AE6SX

NEWS: From ARRL newsletters. Read complete articles from February to now.

02/12/2016 | Amateur Radio Parity Act Gets Favorable Subcommittee Report

02/12/2016 | "Ham TV" System Used for First Time During ARISS Contact with UK School

02/15/2016 | Presidential Signing Creates a New National Parks on the

## Air Unit

02/17/2016 | Japanese Satellites with Amateur Radio Payloads Launched

02/17/2016 | Arkansas VHFer Claims “Mathematically Impossible” A0-7

Mode B Distance Record

02/17/2016 | New Amateur Extra Question Pool Puts Greater Emphasis on

Digital, SDRs, Propagation

02/18/2016 | Article Profiles First African-American Radio Amateur,

Rufus Turner, W3LF

02/19/2016 | AMSAT Seeks Volunteers to Support Phase 4 “Five and

Dime” Ground Terminal Effort

02/22/2016 | First Solid-State Transmitter to Span the Atlantic Now

Part of ARRL Historical Collection

02/22/2016 | Fox-1E (RadFxSat-2) Selected for Participation in NASA’s

CubeSat Launch Initiative

02/23/2016 | FCC Invites Comments on ARRL Petition That Seeks 80/75

Meter Adjustments

02/24/2016 | FCC Seeks Comments on Petition to Grant Lifetime Amateur

Radio Licenses

02/25/2016 | “Frequency” TV Series Now Planned for CW Network

02/25/2016 | Entire Popular Science Magazine Archive Now Available

02/27/2016 | Vessel with Rich Ham History – the Bowdoin – Being

Refurbished for Further Exploring

02/29/2016 | Winter 2016 Edition of Radio Waves Now Available

02/29/2016 | ARRL Chief Operating Officer Harold Kramer, WJ1B, Retires

after 11 Years at Headquarters

03/01/2016 | Armed Forces Day Communication Test to Include Direct

Military-Ham Contact on 60 Meters

03/05/2016 | Elementary Schoolers’ CubeSat Ready to Deploy

from ISS

## Contests:

### March 2016

- + AWA John Rollins DX TST 2300Z, Mar 9 to 2300Z, Mar 10 & 2300Z, Mar 12 to 2300Z, Mar 13
- + NCCC RTTY Sprint 0145Z-0215Z, Mar 11
- + Nauryz DX Contest 0800Z-1359Z, Mar 12
- + RSGB Commonwealth Contest 1000Z, Mar 12 to 1000Z, Mar 13
- + South America 10 Meter Contest 1200Z, Mar 12 to 1200Z, Mar 13
- + Oklahoma QSO Party 1400Z, Mar 12 to 0200Z, Mar 13 and 1400Z-2000Z, Mar 13
- + Stew Perry Topband Challenge 1500Z, Mar 12 to 1500Z, Mar 13
- + EA PSK63 Contest 1600Z, Mar 12 to 1600Z, Mar 13
- + TESLA Memorial HF CW Contest 1800Z, Mar 12 to 0759Z, Mar 13
- + QCWA QSO Party 1800Z, Mar 12 to 1800Z, Mar 13
- + Idaho QSO Party 1900Z, Mar 12 to 1900Z, Mar 13
- + Wisconsin QSO Party 1800Z, Mar 13 to 0100Z, Mar 14
- + BARTG HF RTTY Contest 0200Z, Mar 19 to 0200Z, Mar 21
- + Russian DX Contest 1200Z, Mar 19 to 1200Z, Mar 20
- + F9AA Cup, SSB 1200Z, Mar 19 to 1200Z, Mar 20
- + Louisiana QSO Party 1400Z, Mar 19 to 0200Z, Mar 20
- + Virginia QSO Party 1400Z, Mar 19 to 0200Z, Mar 20 and 1200Z-2400Z, Mar 20
- + Run for the Bacon QRP Contest 0100Z-0300Z, Mar 21
- + RSGB 80m Club Championship, SSB 2000Z-2130Z, Mar 24
- + FOC QSO Party 0000Z-2359Z, Mar 26
- + CQ WW WPX Contest, SSB 0000Z, Mar 26 to 2359Z, Mar 27

### April 2016

- + 15-Meter SSTV Dash Contest 0000Z, Apr 2 to 2359Z, Apr 3
- + LZ Open 40m Sprint Contest 0400Z-0800Z, Apr 2
- + Mississippi QSO Party 1400Z, Apr 2 to 0200Z, Apr 3
- + Missouri QSO Party 1400Z, Apr 2 to 0400Z, Apr 3 and 1400Z-2000Z,

Apr 3

- + SP DX Contest 1500Z, Apr 2 to 1500Z, Apr 3
- + EA RTTY Contest 1600Z, Apr 2 to 1600Z, Apr 3
- + North American SSB Sprint Contest 0000Z-0400Z, Apr 3
- + SARL 80m QSO Party 1700Z-2000Z, Apr 7

The following Amateur became Silent Key since the last report:  
.KE7NVX Mike, AA6ZG Leon, KC6ZKE John, K6RDJ Darren and WA6KZV  
Lloyd.

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They will be missed.

Traffic for February 2016:

ORS: W6SX 3, WS6P 996, K6RAU 12 Total 1011

PSHR: W6SX 32, WS6P 130, K6RAU 74

Mark your Calendars:

03/12/2016 | Hamfest 2016

Location: Loomis, CA

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Sierra Foothills Amateur Radio Club

Website: <http://www.w6ek.org>

04/15/2016 | 67th International DX Convention

Location: Visalia, CA

Type: ARRL Convention

Sponsor: Southern California DX Club

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

04/29/2016 | Nevada State Convention (NVCON)

Location: Las Vegas, NV

Type: ARRL Convention

Sponsor: Las Vegas Radio Amateur Club

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

04/30/2016 | VALLEY OF THE MOON ARC's ANNUAL HAMFEST

Location: Sonoma, CA

Type: ARRL Hamfest  
Sponsor: Valley of the Moon ARC  
Website: <http://vomarc.org>

06/03/2016 | Northwestern Division Convention (SEA-PAC)  
Location: Seaside, OR  
Type: ARRL Convention  
Sponsor: Oregon Tualatin Valley ARC  
Website: <http://www.seapac.org>

09/17/2016 | Tenth Annual Sacramento Valley Hamfest  
Location: Lincoln, CA  
Type: ARRL Hamfest  
Sponsor: Western Placer Amateur Radio Club  
Website: <http://www.wparc.us>

10/14/2016 | Pacific Division Convention (PACIFICON)  
Location: San Ramon, CA  
Type: ARRL Convention  
Sponsor: Mount Diablo Amateur Radio Club  
Website: <http://www.pacificon.org>

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