

# SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY SECTION

## Report for the month of April 2016

SM Dan Pruitt, AE6SX- ASMs K6YK and N2NS, ACC W6DPD, SEC KF6FIR, OOC N1VM, STM K6RAU, PIC vacant, TC W6TE.

WOW! Here we are in May and there is a lot going on. The VHF Contest and Field Day are next month. Dayton HAMVENTION, Armed Forces Crossband, MARS/DHS drills, National Parks on the Air and all the QSO Parties.

Weather has been fantastic so I'm sure Antennas have been upgraded, installed, replaced or repaired. You can't have new antennas without new gear. The modes, oh my all the modes. We have PSK, Packet and CW, of course, then there is JT, SSTV, Video, FM and old AM. Now add MESH Networks and all the digital modes, voice, video and packet. Looking forward to Phase IV satellite and ground stations, cube SAT micro SAT. Kids winning awards for loop antennas and SAT construction. Like I said, Wow!

I don't think this is CB or old tube radio exclusively. Amateur Radio is even back in 600 Meters while Raspberry PII's control everything with Linux GPL.

Tell your friends, your relatives even those not so close.

There is a future for Amateur Radio and a present and a past to expand. Bring them to Field Day or any other public event

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.

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Dan Pruitt, AE6SX

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

04/12/2016 First-Ever D-STAR Satellite to Launch in April

04/18/2016 Radio Amateurs Asked to Keep 7.060 MHz Clear for

Ecuador Earthquake Emergency Traffic

04/18/2016 New ARRL CEO Tom Gallagher, NY2RF, Pledges World-Class

Service, Openness, Inclusiveness

04/19/2016 Commemorative ARISS Slow-Scan TV Transmissions a

Success

04/19/2016 Brazil Eases Authorization for Radio Amateurs Attending

the 2016 Summer Olympics

04/20/2016 Lack of Power Stymies Amateur Radio Post-Quake Aid in

Ecuador

04/20/2016 SHARES Interoperability Exercise to Use 5 MHz Channels,

Involve Amateur Radio

04/20/2016 EchoLink VoIP Service Proving Valuable in Handling

Ecuador Earthquake Traffic

04/21/2016 Amateur Radio Praised Following Participation

in

Washington Interoperability Exercise

04/21/2016 TAPR Dayton Hamvention Digital Forum to Include

SatNOGS, HamWAN, SDR Talks

04/23/2016 New AO-85 Distance Record Claimed

04/23/2016 Romania Puts Toe in the 5 MHz Waters with Scheduled

Amateur Radio Testing

04/25/2016 Now Shipping: High Speed Multimedia for Amateur Radio

by Glen Popiel, KW5GP

04/26/2016 Three ESA "Fly Your Satellite!" Program CubeSats

Now in Orbit

04/27/2016 Young Ham Wins First-Place Science Fair Trophy with Mag

Loop Antenna Entry

04/27/2016 ARRL/TAPR Digital Communications Conference Issues Call

for Technical Papers

04/27/2016 FCC Invites Comments on Petition to Eliminate 15 dB

Gain Limit on Amateur Amplifiers

04/28/2016 IARU Region 2 Calls for Emergency Communications

Workshop Papers, Presentations

04/28/2016 RFinder – The World Wide Repeater Directory Now Lets

Users File Jamming Reports

05/02/2016 ARRL Aims to Connect Engineers, Educators, Students at

IEEE International Microwave Symposium

05/02/2016 Deadline is June 1 for US Radio Amateurs to Submit IARU

Region 2 HF Band Plan Suggestions

05/03/2016 No Need for Panic Regarding Synthetic Aperture Radars on

70 Centimeters, ARRL CTO Says

05/03/2016 FCC Action Anticipated on ARRL's "Symbol Rate" Petition for Rule Making

05/04/2016 Digital Storage Oscilloscopes for Ham Radio Now Available

05/07/2016 ARRL Ham Aid Gear Headed to Ecuador to Support Earthquake Relief, Recovery Some 400 pounds of Ham Aid Amateur Radio equipment

05/10/2016 AMSAT's Fox-1B CubeSat Gets a January 2017 Launch Date

05/10/2016 Rare de Forest Audion Donated to ARRL, Mated with Vintage Radio for Museum Display

05/11/2016 Over-the-Horizon Radars, Fishery and Taxi Traffic, Buoys, and Broadcasters Continue to Mar Ham Bands

05/11/2016 Canadian Radio Amateurs Went on Alert to Assist in Alberta Wildfire Emergency, Evacuations

05/12/2016 Elementary School's SSTV CubeSat Now Set to Deploy from ISS on May 16

05/14/2016 SATERN Founder Pat McPherson, WW9E, SK Contests:  
May 2016

- + RSGB 80m Club Championship, CW 1900Z-2030Z, May 19
- + UN DX Contest 0600Z-2100Z, May 21
- + NZART Sangster Shield Contest 0800Z-1100Z, May 21 and 0800Z-1100Z, May 22
- + Aegean RTTY Contest 1200Z, May 21 to 1200Z, May 22
- + His Maj. King of Spain Contest, CW 1200Z, May 21 to 1200Z, May 22
- + EU PSK DX Contest 1200Z, May 21 to 1200Z, May 22
- + Baltic Contest 2100Z, May 21 to 0200Z, May 22
- + CQ WW WPX Contest, CW 0000Z, May 28 to 2359Z, May 29
- + Portuguese Navy Day Contest, Digital 0800Z-2359Z, May 28
- + SARL Digital Contest 1300Z-1600Z, May 29

June 2016

- + NRAU 10m Activity Contest      1700Z-1800Z, Jun 2 (CW) and  
1800Z-1900Z, Jun 2 (SSB) and  
1900Z-2000Z, Jun 2 (FM) and  
2000Z-2100Z, Jun 2 (Dig)
- + PVRC Reunion    0000Z-0400Z, Jun 4 (CW) and  
0000Z-0400Z, Jun 5 (SSB)
- + 10-10 Int. Open Season PSK Contest      0000Z, Jun 4 to 2400Z,  
Jun 5
- + DigiFest            0400Z-1200Z, Jun 4 and  
2000Z, Jun 4 to 0400Z, Jun 5 and  
1200Z-2000Z, Jun 5
- + SEANET Contest            1200Z, Jun 6 to 1200Z, Jun 7
- + IARU Region 1 Field Day, CW    1500Z, Jun 4 to 1459Z, Jun 5
- + RSGB National Field Day            1500Z, Jun 4 to 1500Z, Jun 5
- + Dutch Kingdom Contest 1500Z, Jun 4 to 1500Z, Jun 5
- + Alabama QSO Party        1600Z, Jun 4 to 0400Z, Jun 5
- + RSGB 80m Club Championship, Data      1900Z-2030Z, Jun 6
- + DRCG WW RTTY Contest 0000Z-0759Z, Jun 11 and  
1600Z-2359Z, Jun 11 and  
0800Z-1559Z, Jun 12
- + VK Shires Contest        0600Z, Jun 11 to 0600Z, Jun 12
- + Portugal Day Contest 1200Z, Jun 11 to 1200Z, Jun 12
- + GACW WWSA CW DX Contest            1500Z, Jun 11 to 1500Z, Jun 12
- + ARRL June VHF Contest 1800Z, Jun 11 to 0259Z, Jun 13
- + RSGB 80m Club Championship, CW      1900Z-2030Z, Jun 15
- + All Asian DX Contest, CW        0000Z, Jun 18 to 2400Z, Jun 19
- + SMIRK Contest 0000Z, Jun 18 to 2400Z, Jun 19
- + Ukrainian DX Classic RTTY Contest      1200Z, Jun 18 to  
1159Z, Jun 19
- + Stew Perry Topband Challenge 1500Z, Jun 18 to 1500Z, Jun 19
- + West Virginia QSO Party            1600Z, Jun 18 to 0200Z, Jun 19
- + Kid's Day Contest        1800Z-2359Z, Jun 18
- + WAB 50 MHz Phone        0900Z-1500Z, Jun 19

SK -The following Amateur became Silent Key since the last report:

John NZ6Q, Gene W7POR, Lloyd, WA6KZV and Tim, K6TRK.  
They will be missed.

Traffic Report: [Apr 2016]:

ORS: W6SX 4 , WS6P 781, K6RAU 15 Total 800  
PSHR: W6SX 28, WS6P 315, K6RAU 74

Mark your Calendars:

06/03/2016 | Northwestern Division Convention (SEA-PAC)

Location: Seaside, OR

Type: ARRL Convention

Sponsor: Oregon Tualatin Valley ARC

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

06/11/2016 | Reno Ham Swap & Hamfest

Location: Verdi, NV

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Sierra Nevada Amateur Radio Society

Website: <http://renohamswap.com>

06/18/2016 | Santa Maria Radio Swapfest

Location: Orcutt, CA

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Satellite ARC

Website: <http://satellitearc.com>

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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There was an error on my part in April's SM Report:

I am happy to report that JOHN, NZ6Q, IS WELL and will be on  
the USS  
Lucid for Museum Ships Weekend!

I will blame it on my ineptitude in cutting and pasting his  
notice of  
an SK from the Stockton Club.

My apologies for my error and especially to John, who  
humorously  
informed me of my oops.

God Bless and 73 John.

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SM of SJV for ARRL