

# SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY SECTION

## Report for the month of

### February 2017

SM Dan Pruitt, AE6SX- ASMs K6YK and N2NS, ACC W6DPD, SEC KF6FIR, aSEC  
WL7C00, OOC N1VM, STM K6RAU, PIC KJ60UI, TC W6TE.

Welcome Spring;

I hope you moved your clocks forward! Just one of those necessities we go through. Thanks for UTC, that always works, hi hi.

Time to fix up the antenna that has given you trouble all winter and those that did not weather the storms at all. Fun but time consuming and physical! For the more senior like me, it also means rounding up a support group to assist at elevation.

Nice to have water again, some places too much. We've survived what flooding there was. Now the grasses will be the next threat. Lush growth means a lot of fuel for Fire Season. Let your DEC's know of your training and resources like mobile comm trailers and local Incident Action Plans in place. These should be exchanged with counties next door to you. Again, confide and inform your DEC's.

On a personal note, I have been to Bakersfield and I will be traveling

to different areas in the section. Look for me on APRS for my location and text message beginning April 1, 2017 (no fooling).

Looks like I'll be here for a couple more years. I am also encouraged as I'm receiving more news letters to post. The content is varied from special events to dongles and everything in between.

Pay attention to the legislation and put your 2 cents in. ARRL also has a survey for a new starting license. Your opinion matters!

AB1785 Petition to repeal or amend:

[www.change.org/p/california-state-house-qualify-or-repeal-ab-1785-re-immersive-v-passive-devices?recruiter=17018523&utm\\_source=share\\_petition&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=share\\_email\\_responsive](http://www.change.org/p/california-state-house-qualify-or-repeal-ab-1785-re-immersive-v-passive-devices?recruiter=17018523&utm_source=share_petition&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=share_email_responsive)

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 February to now.

02/07/2017 | QCWA Invites ARRL Members, Family, and Friends to 70th

Anniversary Charity Cruise

02/07/2017 | Radio Australia Shortwave Station VL8A Signs Off in CW

02/08/2017 | Slow-Scan TV Transmissions from International

Space

Station Planned

02/10/2017 | Visalia International DX Convention Top Band Dinner Set

02/14/2017 | Alaska's HAARP Facility Once Again Open for Business

02/16/2017 | Field Day 2017 Packet is Now Available

02/16/2017 | FCC Invites Comments on ARRL Petition to Allocate New 5

MHz Band

02/22/2017 | MARS Refocuses Its Mission, Encrypts Data Nets

02/23/2017 | Youthful BY70-1 CubeSat Builders: We'll be Back!

02/23/2017 | HAARP Goes Classical During New Experimental Campaign

02/24/2017 | Two Amateur Radio CubeSats Carrying Transponders Set for

Future NASA Launches

02/28/2017 | Nayif-1 Amateur Radio Satellite Transmits Message from

Dubai's Ruler

03/01/2017 | RSGB Says Regulator Ofcom is Not Resolving Interference

Complaints

03/04/2017 | More Countries Authorize 5 MHz Bands; Comments Due on ARRL

5 MHz Petition by March 2

03/08/2017 | Combined National, IARU Region 2 ARDF Championships Set

for this Summer in Ohio

03/09/2017 | Radio Shack Again Files for Bankruptcy

North American QSO Party, RTTY – February Op: N2NS Class: Single Op

LP Operating Time (hrs): 5 Total: 258 96 Total Score = 24,76  
Comments:

Part time effort.

ARRL DX Contest, CW Operator: N2NS Class: S0 Operating Time

(hrs): 14

Total Score = 542,976 Comments: Missed most of both Fri and Sat

evenings. Fine 40m LP openings to EU both mornings around W6 s/r.

ARRL DX Contest, CW Operator: K6AAB SO Op time 12 hours

Total 12,229 Comments: TS-850s and MFJ 2289 antenna, N1MM logger.

CQ WW RTTY WPX Contest Operator: N2NS Class: S0AB Operating Time (hrs):

11

Total: 555 Prefixes = 341 Total Score = 419,430

Comments: Missed Friday night, obligation, Sat night, Sunday due to

flu. 10m seemed MIA whenever I checked. 15/20/40m in OK shape, though

less than spectacular.

Contests:

March 2017

- + RSGB 80m Club Championship, CW 2000Z-2130Z, Mar 15
- + BARTG HF RTTY Contest 0200Z, Mar 18 to 0200Z, Mar 20
- + Russian DX Contest 1200Z, Mar 18 to 1200Z, Mar 19
- + Virginia QSO Party 1400Z, Mar 18 to 0200Z, Mar 19 and 1200Z-2400Z, Mar 19
- + Louisiana QSO Party 1400Z, Mar 18 to 0200Z, Mar 19
- + AGCW VHF/UHF Contest 1400Z-1700Z, Mar 18 (144) and 1700Z-1800Z, Mar 18 (432)
- + UBA Spring Contest, SSB 0700Z-1100Z, Mar 19
- + Run for the Bacon QRP Contest 0200Z-0400Z, Mar 20
- + Bucharest Contest 1800Z-2059Z, Mar 20
- + CLARA Chatter Party 1700Z, Mar 21 to 1700Z, Mar 22 and 00Z, Mar 25 to 1700Z, Mar 26
- + Phone Fray 0230Z-0300Z, Mar 22 300Z-0400Z, Mar 23
- + RSGB 80m Club Championship, SSB 2000Z-2130Z, Mar 23

- + FOC QSO Party 0000Z-2359Z, Mar 25
- + CQ WW WPX Contest, SSB 0000Z, Mar 25 to 2359Z, Mar 26
- + UBA Spring Contest, 6m 0600Z-1000Z, Mar 26
- + QRP Fox Hunt 0100Z-0230Z, Mar 29
- + Phone Fray 0230Z-0300Z, Mar 29
- + UKEICC 80m Contest 2000Z-2100Z, Mar 29

#### April 2017

- + 15-Meter SSTV Dash Contest 0000Z, Apr 1 to 2359Z, Apr 2
- + LZ Open 40m Sprint Contest 0400Z-0800Z, Apr 1
- + Missouri QSO Party 1400Z, Apr 1 to 0400Z, Apr 2 and 1400Z-2000Z, Apr 2
- + Mississippi QSO Party 1400Z, Apr 1 to 0200Z, Apr 2
- + SP DX Contest 1500Z, Apr 1 to 1500Z, Apr 2
- + EA RTTY Contest 1600Z, Apr 1 to 1600Z, Apr 2
- + North American SSB Sprint Contest 0000Z-0400Z, Apr 2
- + RSGB RoLo SSB 1900Z-2030Z, Apr 2
- + RSGB 80m Club Championship, CW 1900Z-2030Z, Apr 3
- + ARS Spartan Sprint 0100Z-0300Z, Apr 4
- + UKEICC 80m Contest 2000Z-2100Z, Apr 5
- + SARL 80m QSO Party 1700Z-2000Z, Apr 6
- + NRAU 10m Activity Contest 1700Z-1800Z, Apr 6 (CW) and 1800Z-1900Z, Apr 6 (SSB) and 1900Z-2000Z, Apr 6 (FM) and 2000Z-2100Z, Apr 6 (Dig)
- + NCCC RTTY Sprint 0145Z-0215Z, Apr 7
- + NCCC Sprint 0230Z-0300Z, Apr 7
- + JIDX CW Contest 0700Z, Apr 8 to 1300Z, Apr 9
- + PODXS 070 Club PSK 31 Flavors Contest 1000Z, Apr 8 to 0400Z, Apr 9
- + OK/OM DX Contest, SSB 1200Z, Apr 8 to 1200Z, Apr 9
- + QRP ARCI Spring QSO Party 1200Z, Apr 9 to 2359Z, Apr 10
- + SKCC Weekend Sprintathon 1200Z, Apr 8 to 2400Z, Apr 9
- + Texas State Parks on the Air 1400Z, Apr 8 to 0200Z, Apr 9 and 1400Z-2000Z, Apr 9
- + New Mexico QSO Party 1400Z, Apr 8 to 0200Z, Apr 9

+ Georgia QSO Party 1800Z, Apr 8 to 0359Z, Apr 9 and  
1400Z-2359Z, Apr 9  
+ Yuri Gagarin International DX Contest 2100Z, Apr 8 to 2100Z,  
Apr 9  
+ International Vintage Contest HF 1300Z-1900Z, Apr 9  
+ Hungarian Straight Key Contest 1500Z-1700Z, Apr 9  
+ 4 States QRP Group Second Sunday Sprint 0000Z-0200Z, Apr 10  
The following Amateur became Silent Key since the last report:  
Glen AF6CY, Marcell, K6YTK and Shirley AA6K.

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They will be missed.

Traffic for February 2016:

ORS: WS6P 1860, K6RAU 15 Total 1875

PSHR: WS6P 140, K6RAU 72

Mark your Calendars:

03/18/2017 | Hamfest 2017

Location: Loomis, CA

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Sierra Foothills Amateur Radio Club

Website: <http://w6ek.org>

03/31/2017 | Nevada State Convention (NVCON)

Location: Las Vegas, NV

Type: ARRL Convention

Sponsor: Las Vegas Radio Amateur Club

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

04/21/2017 | International DX Convention 2017

Location: Visalia, CA

Type: ARRL Convention pending Executive Committee approval

Sponsor: Northern California DX Club, Central AZ DXA, Utah DXA

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

04/29/2017 | Valley of the Moon ARC Annual Hamfest

Location: Sonoma, CA

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Valley of the Moon ARC

Website: <http://VOMARC.ORG>

05/12/2017 | Reno/Tahoe Hamfest

Location: Reno, NV

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Sierra Nevada Amateur Radio Society

Website: <http://renotahoehamfest.com>

06/02/2017 | Northwestern Division Convention (SEA-PAC)

Location: Seaside, OR

Type: ARRL Convention

Sponsor: Oregon Tualatin Valley ARC

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

09/16/2017 | WPARC's 11th Annual Hamfest

Location: Lincoln, CA

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Western Placer Amateur Radio Club

Website: <http://www.wparc.us>

10/27-28/2017 Microwave Update (fondly abbreviated as MUD) is the premier microwave amateur radio conference. This year it is being hosted by the 50 MHz and Up Group of Northern California ([www.50mhzandup.org](http://www.50mhzandup.org) <<http://www.50mhzandup.org>> ).

MUD 2017 will be the last weekend of October (10/26 gathering day, 10/27-28 presentations/dinner/etc, 10/29 morning flea market and farewells) at the Santa Clara Biltmore (Santa Clara, CA, near US 101 & Montague Expy), the same place as MUD 2012.

It's not too late to think about writing up your winter microwave projects ... we will be issuing a call for paper and presentations.

We haven't set up the [www.microwaveupdate.org](http://www.microwaveupdate.org) site for 2107 yet ...  
coming soon.

10/27-29/2017 AMSAT-NA Space Symposium and annual member meeting will be October 27-29, 2017, in Reno NV. More information will be posted on the AMSAT-NA web page as it becomes available.

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. It's worth checking out!

Hank added a link to the elevation plot which can be viewed at <http://www.heywhatsthat.com/>

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 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.

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 Pacific 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.

CWops Tests are held weekly – Every Wednesday at 1300Z, 1900Z,  
and

0300Z (Thursday). Info and rules at  
<http://www.cwops.org/cwt.html> .

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