

# SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY SECTION

## Report for the month of March

### 2017

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

Hello Central Valley,

One quarter of the year is gone and the weather is still with us. I

have replaced the coax on my VHF/UHF antenna. Still need to put up a

new HF antenna I constructed. I have plenty of projects to push toward

completion. Seems I have a lot of home projects and "She who must be

obeyed" has a list of requests. Where is the end?

I do know there are public service events that are on everyone's

agenda. As I read the newsletters, I see they are universal.

It is

good practice and good Public Relations. Keep up the good work. We

need to perfect our craft and excel at keeping the events as safe as

possible.

Mind the new laws and support the Parity Act. Be recognized by those

in responsible positions in your respective counties. If you have a

cabinet position, be forthcoming with your monthly reports.

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 registration.

Also put your 2 cents in to repeal or amend AB1785.

[https://www.change.org/p/correct-ambiguities-of-ab-1785-cvc-23123-5-cellular-hands-free-public-safety-law?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=51137&utm\\_campaign=petition\\_update&sfmc\\_tk=mW3mGXktAjHb8xs4Ad9LM4SBpdi3qWsdskXvFlsYvHvl2f7T3hh3AuVcVh6mR19W](https://www.change.org/p/correct-ambiguities-of-ab-1785-cvc-23123-5-cellular-hands-free-public-safety-law?utm_medium=email&utm_source=51137&utm_campaign=petition_update&sfmc_tk=mW3mGXktAjHb8xs4Ad9LM4SBpdi3qWsdskXvFlsYvHvl2f7T3hh3AuVcVh6mR19W)

73;

Dan Pruitt, AE6SX

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

03/09/2017 | RadioShack Again Files for Bankruptcy

03/10/2017 | Teen Radio Amateur to Activate Iceland on his Inaugural DXpedition

03/10/2017 | International Crystal Manufacturing Going Out of Business

03/14/2017 | Boy Scouts Announce 2017 JOTA-JOTI Theme

03/14/2017 | ARISS Moves Closer to Launching New Radio System to Space Station

03/14/2017 | ARRL Weighs In on New California 'Driving While Wireless' Statute

03/15/2017 | New ARRL Repeater Directory® is Biggest Ever!

03/16/2017 | Maritime Radio Day Event Set for April

03/17/2017 | Girl Scouts and Guides "Thinking Day on the Air" Generates Enthusiasm for Ham Radio

03/17/2017 | Nevada ARES Team Honored

03/21/2017 | Cuba Institutes New Amateur Radio Regulations

03/21/2017 | ARRL Seeking Synergy with Maker Movement

03/22/2017 | Virginia Engineering Students Tackle Satellite,  
Ground

Station Projects

03/23/2017 | NVIS Research Paper Available

03/27/2017 | College Students in Belize Introduced to Amateur  
Radio

03/27/2017 | UK Museum Wants to Hear from Those Who Remember  
Sputnik

Launch

03/28/2017 | AMSAT Reschedules Fox Series Launches

03/28/2017 | Talks on Possible 4U1UN Reactivation Continue

03/29/2017 | The Netherlands Modifies 5 MHz Amateur Radio  
Privileges

to Conform to WRC-15

Global Allocation

03/31/2017 | New Bands! FCC Issues Amateur Radio Service  
Rules for 630

Meters and 2,200

Meters

03/31/2017 | Midway and Kure Islands are Now Deleted DXCC  
Entities

04/03/2017 | A New QST QuickStats Poll Has Been Posted

04/03/2017 | Club Log is Now a Logbook of The World Trusted  
Partner

04/04/2017 | 30th International Marconi Day Event Set for  
April 22

04/05/2017 | Free App Allows Blind Hams to Work PSK31

04/10/2017 | New Rookie Roundup Rules Go into Effect for SSB  
Event on

April 16

04/11/2017 | Grounding and Bonding for the Radio Amateur Now  
Available

CQWW WPX Contest, SSB

Call: N2NS Class: S0(A)SB20 HP

Summary: Band QS0s

Total 101

## BARTG HF RTTY Contest

Call: N2NS/6 Class: SOSB/20 HP

Band QSOs Countries Call Areas

Total: 200

### Contests:

#### April 2017

+ WAB 3.5/7/14 MHz Data Modes 1200Z-1400Z, Apr 16 (RTTY)

and

1400Z-1600Z, Apr 16 (PSK) and

1800Z-2000Z, Apr 16 (RTTY) and

2000Z-2200Z, Apr 16 (PSK)

+ ARRL Rookie Roundup, SSB 1800Z-2359Z, Apr 16

+ NCCC RTTY Sprint 0145Z-0215Z, Apr 21

+ NCCC Sprint 0230Z-0300Z, Apr 21

+ QRP to the Field 0800-1800 local, Apr 22

+ UK/EI DX Contest, CW 1200Z, Apr 22 to 1200Z, Apr 23

+ SP DX RTTY Contest 1200Z, Apr 22 to 1200Z, Apr 23

+ Nebraska QSO Party 1300Z, Apr 22 to 0100Z, Apr 23 and  
1300Z-2200Z, Apr 23

+ BARTG Sprint 75 1700Z-2059Z, Apr 23

+ 222 MHz Spring Sprint 1900 local – 2300 local, Apr 25

+ UKEICC 80m Contest 2000Z-2100Z, Apr 26

+ RSGB 80m Club Championship, Data 1900Z-2030Z, Apr 27

+ 10-10 Int. Spring Contest, Digital 0001Z, Apr 29 to  
2359Z, Apr 30

+ Florida QSO Party 1600Z, Apr 29 to 0159Z, Apr 30 and  
1200Z-2159Z, Apr 30

#### May 2017

+ RSGB 80m Club Championship, SSB 1900Z-2030Z, May 1

+ 432 MHz Spring Sprint 1900 local – 2300 local, May 3

+ MIE 33 Contest 2300Z, May 3 to 0300Z, May 4

+ NRAU 10m Activity Contest 1700Z-1800Z, May 4 (CW) and  
1800Z-1900Z, May 4 (SSB) and  
1900Z-2000Z, May 4 (FM) and

2000Z-2100Z, May 4 (Dig)  
+ 10-10 Int. Spring Contest, CW 0001Z, May 6 to 2359Z, May 7  
+ F9AA Cup, PSK 1200Z, May 6 to 1200Z, May 7  
+ ARI International DX Contest 1200Z, May 6 to 1159Z, May 7  
+ 7th Call Area QSO Party 1300Z, May 6 to 0700Z, May 7  
+ Indiana QSO Party 1500Z, May 6 to 0300Z, May 7  
+ FISTS Spring Slow Speed Sprint 1700Z-2100Z, May 6  
+ Delaware QSO Party 1700Z, May 6 to 2359Z, May 7  
+ New England QSO Party 2000Z, May 6 to 0500Z, May 7 and 1300Z-2400Z, May 7

## CLUBS

CLOVIS ARP ++ Clovis Club organized in conjunction with Fresno ARES/RACES/SATERN to offer communications for the Blossom Trail and California Classic lead by Rob, AE6GE. Rick W6KK0 supervised the by-monthly Fox Hunt. Field Day and the Climb to Kaiser will be done simultaneously, at Pineridge school. [www.k6arp.org/](http://www.k6arp.org/)

FRESNO ARC++ Ramrodded by Joe WA6FFJ, the club discussed many topics, The news letter's hi-lite offered a 100KC. Project. A recap of the Fox-Hunt was explained and the support for the March of Dimes was detailed.. [www.w6to.com](http://www.w6to.com).

SEQUOIA ARG ++ April 08, 2017. Was our Weldon Annual Pot Luck and Swap Meet, says Al N6ALP. [www.n6krv.org](http://www.n6krv.org)

STOCKTON DELTA ARC ++ I encourage everyone this month to check into a

net – maybe while relaxing on the patio or porch and using your HT or Go-Box. W6SF Monday ; SARA Tuesday; Tracy and Lodi both are on Wednesday nights; W6SF 10-Meter net on Thursday; Space Net on Friday's on the SARA repeater, just to name a few. Don't forget to check into the noon-time net on 40M. On Saturday there are several HF nets.

With all the things we do, it's easy to push radio to the back of the list until suddenly you haven't been heard on the air for quite a while. So take a few minutes this month and check into a few nets –

you'll be glad you did and the nets will be better for the added

participation. W6SFM, The SFM ARC would like to announce that we will

once again be running our CW beginners course in Sacramento. ACES

training considered a success. [www.w6sf.org](http://www.w6sf.org)

TURLOCK ARC ++ It's broke! The March ARCOVER describes and shows

the damage to the W6BXN repeater site. It depicts a disaster zone akin

to a cruise missile impact. Repairs to the installation took 4 hams and

8 hours and is eloquently reported by Grady K6IXA.

Caronell Majors was memorialized by Grady on her passing.

Dick Decker, K6SUU will be coordinating communications for the Turlock

Chaplaincy Run.

The 11 April program was provided by Grady, K6IXA. Several years ago,

1997 the existing HF ham station became almost exclusive dedicated to Winlink Pactor radio email. With three stations on 40, 30 and 20 meters, operation on 40 meters and above was out of the question. A HF station with decent antennas requires more space than is on a city lot. Chuck Mancebo W6GAM came to the rescue offering ten acres. We ended up with a Remote Station, software designed by W4MQ and was accessible via the internet anywhere in the world. In fact when Chuck and I were in Thailand we were able to check into the Modesto commuter net run by Mark WB6BJN.

The following Amateur became a Silent Key since the last report:  
Ron K60Q, Diane KD6UCX, Marcell K6YTK, Scot AG6IS and Greg W6CNJ.  
.They will be missed.

Traffic for March 2017:  
ORS: WS6P 2220, K6RAU 18 Total 2238  
PSHR: WS6P 130, K6RAU 73

Mark your Calendars:

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>

10/20/2017 | Pacific Division Convention (PACIFICON 2017)

Location: San Ramon, CA

Type: ARRL Convention

Sponsor: Mount Diablo Amateur Radio Club

Website: <http://www.pacificon.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. 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](mailto:w6sx@arrl.net) for additional details.

The K6RAU (our Traffic Manager) Morse Code Instruction Course is

available at [www.pdarrrl.org/K6RAU](http://www.pdarrrl.org/K6RAU) or [www.pdarrrl.org/k6rau](http://www.pdarrrl.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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