

# SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY SECTION

## Report for the month of April 2017

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

Warmth! A welcome change. Field Day a little over a month away and

other fun things in Amateur Radio. All the clubs and EmComm groups are

enthusiastic about Public Service. A word, remember to operate at the

top of your skills. Dress the part, act professionally and listen.

Only talk when you have something to constructively contribute. If you

are new to EmComm then take the online free FEMA courses.

Learn from

your leaders. What works in Fresno Co. may be unusable in Calaveras.

So develop a working plan before the fires start or a big accident

occurs on the interstate.

There is a lot of proponents of digital voice radios. They have many

helpful features. However, just like the operator that only does VHF

and the guy he wants to communicate with, is only on HF. So it is with

a very good top of the line xcvr that wants to pass traffic to an old

Heathkit. Have more than one option. Myself, I have a

Heathkit dual  
bander and other mostly HF Heathkits that I enjoy. For  
dependability, I  
have a Kenwood on HF and Yaesu at 75 watts on VHF. In the  
car, I go  
from near DC to 440 MHz. I like these new xcvr designs, get  
the most  
compatible one. Just keep that dual bander around.

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

04/11/2017 | 2017 ARRL/TAPR Digital Communications Conference  
Issues

Call for Papers

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

04/13/2017 | Article Links Amateur Radio Growth to Emergency  
Communications

04/17/2017 | FCC Proposes Levying Huge Fine on New York Police  
Radio

Jammer

04/19/2017 | Motorola Solutions Expands Patent Infringement  
Complaints

against Hytera

04/26/2017 | Armed Forces Day Crossband Military/Amateur Radio  
Communications Test is May 13

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05/01/2017 | NOAA Seeks Comments on Discontinuing WWV-WVH  
North

Atlantic and North Pacific Marine Storm Warnings

05/02/2017 | ARRL Field Day Site Locator is Live for 2017,  
PSAs

Available

05/03/2017 | Important Notice – New MF and LF Bands are Not  
Yet

Available to Use!

05/03/2017 | More Arduino Projects for Ham Radio by Glen  
Popiel, KW5GP,

Now Available

05/05/2017 | Spring Radio Club of America QSO Party is  
Saturday, May 6

Contests:

May 2017

+ CQ-M International DX Contest 1200Z, May 13 to 1159Z, May  
14

+ VOLTA WW RTTY Contest 1200Z, May 13 to 1200Z, May 14

+ FISTS Spring Unlimited Sprint 1700Z-2100Z, May 13

+ His Maj. King of Spain Contest, CW 1200Z, May 20 to  
1200Z, May 21

+ Baltic Contest 2100Z, May 20 to 0200Z, May 21

+ CQ WW WPX Contest, CW 0000Z, May 27 to 2400Z, May 28

June 2017

+ 10-10 Int. Open Season PSK Contest 0001Z, Jun 3 to 2359Z,  
Jun 4

+ SEANET Contest 1200Z, Jun 3 to 1200Z, Jun 4

+ VK Shires Contest 0600Z, Jun 10 to 0600Z, Jun 11

+ Asia-Pacific Sprint, SSB 1100Z-1300Z, Jun 10

+ Portugal Day Contest 1200Z, Jun 10 to 1159Z, Jun 11

+ GACW WWSA CW DX Contest 1500Z, Jun 10 to 1500Z, Jun 11

+ REF DDFM 6m Contest 1600Z, Jun 10 to 1600Z, Jun 11

+ ARRL June VHF Contest 1800Z, Jun 10 to 0300Z, Jun 12

## CLUBS

CALIFORNIA CITY ARC ++ The club is supporting W6LIE as Kern Co. Parks on the air [www.kcpota.com](http://www.kcpota.com) Check out their website. [www.ke6rn.com](http://www.ke6rn.com)

CLOVIS ARP ++ Clovis Club has had very interesting programs including digital voice communications and satellites. Rob AE6GE continues to take the lead in public service events (March of Dimes, Kirch Flat Bicycle century and more to come). Rick, W6KK0 keeps the T-Hunts going. [www.k6arp.org/](http://www.k6arp.org/)

FRESNO ARC++ The Prez, Stu WB6VRJ is still looking for a Field Day Chairman and added Easter and Passover blessings, though belated. SKIP offered a great story of The HISTORY OF THE CAR RADIO that has a very familiar company name. The Fresno VE quarterly exams are 20 May. Charles W6DPD lists the DX outlook. Glen N6HEW gives great advice in his ARES/RACES newsletter. John K6MI reviews the DX convention in Visalia. [www.w6to.com](http://www.w6to.com).

SIERRA ARC ++ Bob, AD6HF: The Blue Angels special event station logged 888 contacts. Next meeting is on "Homebrew" projects. SARC & BARC in the park – Lone Pine park was April 29,

it is always a great event to connect the orphan clubs of Bishop and Ridgecrest. Nice pictures. [www.qsl.net/wa6ybn/](http://www.qsl.net/wa6ybn/)

SEQUOIA ARG ++ WHEN SOUND CARDS ARE A SOUND IDEA is the title of the history of interfacing radios and computers. Check out the article and as always the history of the Kern River Valley from Al, N6ALP. Skip, N6SR says get out your portable stuff for Field Day. Next meeting will be supporting Kern Co. Parks on the Air. [www.n6krv.org](http://www.n6krv.org)

STOCKTON DELTA ARC ++ The club has to decide on antenna set-ups for the Museum Ship and plan a work day to set them up on the USS Lucid. Museum Ship Weekend is June 2 to 4. John, NZ6Q reminisced on 86 years of Club History and Public Service. He also remembered a friend Joe N7SPD, now SK. John also suggested going to QRZ and view the W6SFD page referring to their association with the Stockton Fire Department. Parachute Mobile is set for 13 May. QSO frequency will be 146.430 MHz simplex. We will also be dedicating one jump for D-star. Locally, D-Star will be via the W6CX C repeater on Mount Diablo, output 145.000, input 147.500, reflector REF014 C. Plans are to conduct an HF jump on 20 meters at 14.250MHz. [www.w6sf.org](http://www.w6sf.org)

TURLOCK ARC ++ Wireless handset law is discussed with good news, thank you Grady K6IXA. Buck Rock is getting an upgrade. Paul

Lambert

of Cooks Communications is putting a pair of Kenwood TK-8180 Units

which make a very solid 20 watt repeater. Great nostalgia about local

hams, Hewlet/Packard and Dean W6HAB. Want MESH networks, see Ken,

KF6IDK [w6bxn.org/arc-over/](http://w6bxn.org/arc-over/)

The following Amateur became a Silent Key since the last report:

.KA6CTF Gary, WA6HCT Louis, WB6IYX Marion, KD6PLF Donald and WA6PTE

William.

They will be missed.

SJV Section ORS/FOR Traffic Report: [Apr 2017]

(\*best view: View/Text Size/Larger) (k6rau / sjv-stm)

Call	Total
ws6p	2368
k6rau	17
Sum:	2385

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SJV Section PSHR/FOR Reports: [Apr 2017]

Call	(T)
ws6p	240
k6rau	70

Mark your Calendars:

05/12/2017 | Reno/Tahoe Hamfest

Location: Reno, NV

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Sierra Nevada Amateur Radio Society

Website: <http://renotahoehamfest.com>

05/21/2017 | North Hills RC Hamfest

Location: Carmichael, CA

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: North Hills Radio Club

Website: <http://k6is.org>

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>

09/23/2017 | Reno Fall Ham Swap

Location: Reno, NV

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Sierra Nevada Amateur Radio Society

Website: <http://renohamswap.com>

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, WAS, 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 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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