

# SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY SECTION

## Report for the month of June

### 2017



SM Dan Pruitt, AE6SX- ASMs K6YK and N2NS, ACC W6DPD, SEC KF6FIR, aSEC WL7C00,

OOC N1VM, STM K6RAU, PIC KJ60UI, TC W6TE.

Still triple digits in the valley! The only thing less is just 99. My

Field Day was canceled by Fire, others were canceled by floodwaters and

by excessive heat. Bottom line anything can happen. For those

successful Field Day operations, I received about 6 pieces of traffic.

I'm always glad to get those.

On Museum Ship weekend I spent my time on the USS Lucid in Stockton.

They restoring the Minesweeper that was of the class built in Stockton

and used through the Vietnam era. It was great fun and I enjoyed

operating and seeing the shiny brass improvements.

Rough week for me, a little under the weather and an ARRL Presentation

to give this week. Looking forward to promoting ARRL and EmComm as

ARES. Look for some changes in the near future to ARES. Keep those EC

reports coming in.

In your own areas, stay tuned to your local events. They

could be  
planned Public Service or on call with your First Responders.  
Be  
prepared, go kits, batteries and personal items (medications  
and  
hydration) . Remember if you are in need, you are a liability  
during a  
response. Get with your local Emergency Coordinator and learn  
the lay  
of the land  
Remember to support "The Amateur Radio Parity Act". Go to the  
link  
on <http://www.arrl.org/amateur-radio-parity-act> the ARRL  
website <http://www.arrl.org/amateur-radio-parity-act> . The  
act was introduced in the Senate as S 1534. We have to  
continue the  
support for this legislation.

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

6/12/2017 | South African Telecoms Regulator Cancels 2,100 Ham  
Licenses

6/13/2017 | ARRL Field Day gear available

6/13/2017 | Amateur Radio Mesh Network Brought into Mix as  
Volunteers

Assist in South African Fire Disaster

6/14/2017 | Amateur Radio Net Activated in Wake of Magnitude  
6.9

Earthquake in Guatemala

6/14/2017 | Hundreds of Stations Report Hearing WSPR Signal  
from Canada

C3 Expedition

6/14/2017 | Bear is Unwanted Volunteer, as ARES Team Supports

Colorado

Road Race

6/15/2017 | Heard Island VK0EK DXpedition Named DXpedition of the Year

6/15/2017 | China Launches Satellites Carrying Amateur Radio Transponders

6/15/2017 | Quicker-Turnaround Digital Modes in Experimental Stage for WSJT-X Suite

6/15/2017 | Federal Register Publishes New MF/LF Rules, But Operation is Not Yet Legal

6/19/2017 | Thirteen US Schools/Groups Move Closer to Hosting ARISS

Contacts

6/19/2017 | INSPIRE-2 Ground Controllers Turn to Amateur Radio, Rescue Stalled Satellite

6/20/2017 | 13 Colonies Special Event Returns July 1-7

6/20/2017 | US Fish and Wildlife Service Okays Baker Island DXpeditions, with Strict Conditions

6/21/2017 | FCC Chairman to Appoint New Enforcement Bureau Chief

6/22/2017 | ARISS Commemorative SSTV Activity Planned for Mid-July

6/22/2017 | ARRL to Sponsor 2017 Atlantic Hurricane Season Webinar

6/26/2017 | 0F100HQ Will Celebrate Finland's Centennial in IARU HF

World Championship Event

6/26/2017 | International Lighthouse Lightship Weekend Registrations Top

200 and Rising

6/27/2017 | Amateur Radio Poised to Retain Full 76-81 GHz Band, Sharing with Vehicular Radars

6/27/2017 | ARRL Still Seeking Vintage DXpedition Logs for Archive

6/28/2017 | W8CDX Takes Field Day Back to its Roots

6/29/2017 | ARRL and IARU Headquarters Stations to be Active during IARU

HF Championship

6/29/2017 | Boy Scouts' Jamboree on the Air Announces Theme for 60th

Annual Event

6/03/2017 | IARU Revises Satellite Coordination Guidelines to Align with

WRC-15 Decisions

6/03/2017 | Ham Radio Aviator WB6RQN Reaches Approximate Half-Way Point

of Round-the-World Flight

7/04/2017 | K2BSA will be On the Air during National Scout Jamboree Jul

18 – Jul 28.

7/05/2017 | Band Plan Proposed for Eventual 472-479 kHz Use

7/05/2017 | Microwave Update 2017 Issues Call for Papers, Presentations

Contests:

July 2017

+ SKCC Sprint

0000Z-0200Z, Jul 26

+ RSGB IOTA Contest

1200Z, Jul 29 to 1200Z, Jul 30

August 2017

+ 10-10 Int. Summer Contest, SSB

0001Z, Aug 5 to 2359Z, Aug 6

+ European HF Championship

1200Z-2359Z, Aug 5

+ North American QSO Party, CW

1800Z, Aug 5 to 0600Z, Aug 6

+ SARL HF Phone Contest  
1300Z-1630Z, Aug 6  
+ WAE DX Contest, CW  
0000Z, Aug 12 to 2359Z, Aug 13  
+ SKCC Weekend Sprintathon  
1200Z, Aug 12 to 2359Z, Aug 13  
+ Maryland-DC QSO Party  
1600Z, Aug 12 to 2400Z, Aug 13  
+ SARTG WW RTTY Contest  
0000Z, Aug 19 to 1600Z, Aug 20  
+ ARRL 10 GHz and Up Contest  
0600 local, Aug 19 to 2400 local, Aug 20  
+ North American QSO Party, SSB  
1800Z, Aug 19 to 0600Z, Aug 20  
+ Run for the Bacon QRP Contest  
0100Z-0300Z, Aug 21  
+ SKCC Sprint  
0000Z-0200Z, Aug 23  
+ Hawaii QSO Party  
0700Z, Aug 26 to 2200Z, Aug 27  
+ YO DX HF Contest  
1200Z, Aug 26 to 1200Z, Aug 27  
+ SCC RTTY Championship  
1200Z, Aug 26 to 1159Z, Aug 27  
+ Ohio QSO Party  
1600Z, Aug 26 to 0400Z, Aug 27  
+ SARL HF CW Contest  
1400Z-1600Z, Aug 27

To all ARRL Affiliated Clubs: When your club elects new officer\,s, you should update your club's information on the ARRL web page.

The ARRL uses this information to contact your club, or to provide information to your club. You must update this information at least every 2 years to

keep your club on the active list.

## CLUBS

CALIFORNIA CITY ARC ++ Next Meeting: Wednesday July 19th.at 7 PM Club

Breakfast at Foxy's Landing, California City Airport. Next Breakfast:

Saturday July 15th at 8:30 AM. Wednesday Net at 7 PM on Randsburg

Repeater 145.340 (-) 100.0 (Except Meeting Night) Backup 147.480

Simplex [www.ke6rn.com](http://www.ke6rn.com)

CLOVIS ARP ++ Rob AE6GE, took CARP to Pine Ridge School for Field Day.

A lot going on with the "Climb to Kaiser" bicycle event headed by

James K6JDM. Rick, W6KK0 kicked off another T-Hunt with John, K6MI, and

Eric, NI6G as the fox on July 15. This was a nice respite after the

fireworks stand location change and the beginning of the Tour de Lakes

public service event coming up. [www.k6arp.org/](http://www.k6arp.org/)

FRESNO ARC++ For the August meeting Joe, WA6FFJ, has scheduled the

program with Jim Anderson to speak on the Code Talkers service men that

were used in WWI and WWII. The annual Picnic is on Aug 19 at WA60IB,

Ken's home. A total eclipse in NA happens on Monday Aug 21.

[www.w6to.com](http://www.w6to.com)

LODI ARC ++ Bob, N6TCE, was very pleased that there was mentoring of

new hams at the event. Dennis, NJ6G, stopped at three

different Field

Day locations. He said they were all different, showing the many ways

you can participate in Field Day. Jim, WB6BET, suggested that there

be team leaders next year for each band operated. These team leaders

would be in charge of set up of the antenna and radio for an individual

band. August Program is about Home Solar Power, by Roger Gearhart.

[www.lodiamateurradioclub.org/](http://www.lodiamateurradioclub.org/)

LOS BANOS ARC ++ June "Frequency" talked about the 4 members showing up

in May as the Field Day committee. This was the reason to cancel Field

Day in Los Banos. It is obvious that some enthusiasm has to be

exhibited, 73; George, W6YD. [www.aa6lb.org](http://www.aa6lb.org)

SIERRA ARC ++Field Day: Cap and Lori have again opened their home for

our effort and Mike, WA6ARA, has obtained the special event call: K6T.

We have refurbished the tower trailer with fresh paint, tires, and coax.

The tribander has been tested and is performing much better now. Plan on

participating ... Field Day is always a hoot and I promise that you will

have fun! Always the fourth full weekend in June! (That would be the

24th and the 25th!)

Lisa and I ventured to San Mateo for the Bay Area Maker Faire. This is

our sixth year as "Not Your

Grandpa's Ham Radio." It just keeps getting better. We again showed off the Broadband-Hamnet mesh networking, some microwave and DFing gear, software defined radios and the BITX40 low-cost transceiver. My co-author, Jack Purdum W8TEE, and I are creating a set of mods (which he presented at the same time at Hamvention for FDIM) to add a CW mode, AGC and a speech compressor to this sideband-only QRP rig. If you don't know about BITX, checkout <http://www.hfsigs.com>. \$59 shipped to the US. [www.qsl.net/wa6ybn/](http://www.qsl.net/wa6ybn/)

SEQUOIA ARG ++ At this time, several of us are planning our Field Day operations with our families, up at Camp Andrew Brown, a particularly great place to camp in the mountains above Kernville (after a few miles up into Mountain 99 and then back down the plateau to nearer Kernville). We have a great time; lots of camping fun, good food, great socialization, and yes, some ham radio. [www.n6krv.org](http://www.n6krv.org)

STOCKTON DELTA ARC ++ Museum ship weekend: We started setting up MSW on Friday with several hams volunteering to put up antennas and set up stations. This year we used the 3 element yagi, Gap Titan vertical, and end-fed ZEP antennas. Even with some challenging setup issues, we managed to be on the air and operating 2 stations by 4PM



Friday – a full hour before the event started. Weak propagation at times and noisy band conditions did not curb the enthusiasm of our operators and guests.

The ship stayed busy mostly on 40M and 20M but we did get in some good operating on 80M at night and on 15M, 30M and 17M. Our Section Manager

Dan, AE6SX joined us again this year from Fresno for the entire weekend.

John NZ6Q stayed on the boat from Friday morning through Sunday

afternoon and scored us some early morning and late night QSO points.

Sierrah KM6IJT and Brent KM6IKB got on the air on 20Meters for the first

time. Brent's daughter Brianna also got on the air and created a nice

run of stations Saturday afternoon. Duztyynn KM6HDY was a huge help in

setting up and taking down as well as getting on the air.

Field Day:

The club members voted this year to join the Lodi Club Field and I'd

have to say the joint venture was as much successful as it was fun. Club

members also put W6SF on the air at the club operating site on DeVries

Rd. As of publication I have not heard final scores on that effort. Here

are pictures club members sent to the newsletter from their Field Day

activities and Jim Siefertling, WB6BET's Field Day Report. We had a

great Field Day this year, in spite of the predicted marginal HF

propagation. The final attendance count was 43. Thank you to all that participated in any aspect of our field day operation. Craig and Matthew Thompson were great hosts for field day. Thank you Jason for manning the "DeLorean", grilling the sausages, and Emilia for arranging all food. We had 17 operators in the log data file. Congratulations to John Litz on being top dog, with 90 contacts. Mike Zane followed closely with 78 contacts. (editor's note: CW CW CW – an empty station and wide open 40M CW band made the difference [www.w6sf.org](http://www.w6sf.org))

TULARE Co. ARC ++ Hopefully Tulare Co. ARC and Porterville will sponsor the Rally in the Valley, this year. This will be at the close of the National Tribal Emergency Conference. [www.tcarc.net/](http://www.tcarc.net/)

TURLOC ARC ++ Buck Rock Repeater is alive and well, as of 3:00 PM  
6-21-2017 thanks to AT&T Tech David Lee... For those of you have forgotten Buck Rock is located in Kings Canyon, Sequoia National Park area on a dirt and sometimes impassable road just north of Horse Corral... That means, folks it's a good three hour oneway-trip from Atwater. Field Day For the 1st time in the memory of most, TARC cancelled field day... The traditional site on the Schmidt Ranch under the shade trees with picnic tables was in an array of mud and debris due

to the receding waters of the San Joaquin river... With the abundance of snow melt this lower section of the site has been under water and just began to recede... In that the area was not conducive to occupation the decision to hold field day on the upper shelf of the embankment was decided... However with the extreme heat and the lack of shade it was determined, I might say, wisely, to forego Field Day as such.

DMR

Thanks to Sam (K6ACR), former owner of Aircall Communications, TARC is now the proud owner of four new DMR repeaters, A UHF on Mt. Oso, another UHF in downtown Turlock and two, one VHF and one UHF on Mt. Bullion. We wish to thank Sam for this most generous gesture... This network of DMR repeaters will be a welcomed addition to the W6BXN repeater system.

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

The following Amateur became Silent Key since the last report:

.Harry KG60PR, Jan WA6WTF, Roger W60QV, Elvy N0LV and Clem K6G0X

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They will be missed.

Traffic for June 2017:

SJV Section ORS/F0R Traffic Report: [June 2017] (k6rau / sjv-stm)

ws6p 2607

k6rau 10

Sum: 2617

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SJV Section PSHR/FOR Reports: [June 2017]

ws6p 360

k6rau 70  
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Mark your Calendars:

09/15/2017 | Southwestern Division Convention (HAMCON 2017)

Location: Torrance, CA

Type: ARRL Convention

Sponsor: Los Angeles Area Council of Amateur Radio Clubs

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

9/16/2017 | WPARC's 11th Annual Hamfest

Location: Lincoln, CA

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Western Placer Amateur Radio Club

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

9/23/2017 | Reno Fall Ham Swap

Location: Reno, NV

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Sierra Nevada Amateur Radio Society

Website: <http://renohamswap.com>

10/07/2017 | San Diego Hamfest 2017

Location: Lakeside, CA

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Lakeside Amateur Radio Club

Website: <http://www.lakesidearc.org/sdhamfest/sdhamfest.php>

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>

### 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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