

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY SECTION

Report for the month of

January 2013

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Here we go!

The year 2013 is off and running. Time to plan our events, contests and programs. This is where your Club becomes the way to organize.

The structure is there. Defining your goals well in advance allows all your members to align with each other and enjoy the best possible experience. Those clubs that plan for the up coming year find they are better able to span the trying times that are always with us.

The Field Day packets are available for June. There is one rule change for 2013. Contest calendars are everywhere. There are over 400 contests each year. Planning your events will give you the option to request Amateur Radio information from ARRL, as well as advice.

Some of the best contests are just around the corner. Plan now and leave the contest to enjoy!

73; Dan AE6SX

NEWS:

* The ARRL filed a Petition for Rulemaking with the FCC, asking it to amend Sections 2 and 97 of its rules and create a domestic Amateur Radio allocation at 472-479 kHz, conforming to the allocation status and limitations set forth in the international Radio Regulations and as approved at the 2012 World Radiocommunication Conference.

* The FCC issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, seeking to give primary status of the entire amateur portion of the 160 meter band to the Amateur Radio Service. It also proposed a new LF amateur band at 135.7-137.8 kHz.

* A video and a web page to introduce the ARRL's Evolution of Amateur Radio exhibit.
www.arrl.org/arrl-vintage-amateur-radio-equipment-exhibit.

* A New Book on Handheld Transceivers and the 2012 Periodicals DVD are now available.

* 2012 Marks All-Time High for Amateur Radio Licenses

* January 27, it will cost more to mail first class letters, postcards and packages within the US. The cost to mail a first class letter is 46 cents, while the cost to mail a postcard is 33 cents, an increase of 1 cent for each; this is the third increase for postcard postage in less than two years. IRCs are no longer being sold by the USPS.

* BSA to Offer Amateur Radio Operator Rating Strip to be worn

on

uniforms signifying Licensed Amateur Radio Operators.

Contests:

February 9-10 CQ WW RTTY WPX Contest

February 11-15 School Club Roundup

February 16-17 ARRL International DX Contest – CW

February 22-24 CQ WW 160 M SSB Contest

March 2-3 ARRL International DX Contest – Phone

March 30-31 CQ WW WPX Phone

Mark your Calendars: ARRL Arizona State Convention, Yuma, Arizona

February 15-16, 2013. For details go to <http://www.yumahamfest.org/>

The annual M Squared Open House is scheduled 16 March. For more

details contact sales@m2inc.com. Radiofest Monterey Bay – March 23rd,

2013. For more information go to www.radiofest.org. The 64th Annual

International DX Convention sponsored by the Northern California DX

Club will be held at the Visalia Conference Center in downtown Visalia,

California from April 19-21, 2013. See www.dxconvention.com for the

latest information. EMCOMM West for 2013 has been cancelled. PACIFICON

2013 is scheduled for October 11-13, 2013 at the Santa Clara Marriott.

See www.pacificon.org for information.

CLOVIS ARP ++ Mike, W6YDE, gave a demonstration on his method of

soldering coax connectors. Rob AE6GE brought good expectations to the

meeting after operating the VHF contest. www.k6arp.org/

FRESNO ARC ++ Rob AE6GE and Pat W6YEP collaborate on the VHF contest.

New CW android app is mentioned. Vintage link to an MGM youtube on Ham

Radio: www.youtube.com/watch?v=xYQ1f5o_XCY. www.w6to.com/

SEQUOIA ARG ++ Officers for 2013: Pres – Pete W6SV, VP – Donna WA6FUN,

Sec. – Marty KC6RIZ and Treas. – Jane KA6CZS. Great article on SPAM and

ARES/RACES. www.n6krv.org

SIERRA ARC ++ Hal, N6HAL lays out the projects in the near future.

Good discussion of ARES/RACES collaboration and linked communications

in East Kern County. www.qsl.net/wa6ybn/

STOCKTON Delta ++ Club officers 2013: Pres. – WB6NVB, Charlie, VP –

N6KZW, Paul, Treas. – KD6CPA, Peter and Sec. – W6INP, Eric.

Young hams are pictured operating and good Elmering described. Very

active calendar announced. www.w6sf.org

TURLOCK ARC ++ Field Day is again at Lake McSwain! Planning now

advancing at full speed, frequency details will be examined at their

next meeting. Good article on the New York City permit tower battle.

www.w6bxn.org

Central California DX Club ++ 2013 officers are pres KB6DI, 1st vp

WA5VGI, s/t W6DPD, dirs K6XJ, NA6G, and N2NS. For information check

www.ccdxc.org. The club meets quarterly at Apple Annie's in Tulare and supports some DXpeditions and ARRL DX Contest plaques. The club has a breakfast meeting on Saturday morning of the DX Convention at Apple Annie's in Tulare.

The following Amateurs became Silent Keys since the last report: Cass WA6IMN, Ron KE6KJB, Betty KF6PV0, and Rube ex-K6RCW. They will be missed.

Traffic for January 2013:

ORS: W6DPD 0, WS6P 355, K6RAU 15, W6SX 19 Total 389

PSHR: WS6P 165, W6SX 44, K6RAU 73 Total 282

CTN (Calif Traffic Net)

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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.

San Joaquin Net meets nightly on 3918khz, at 6 PM Pacific 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.

Western Public Service System (WPS) 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.

The Young Ham Net every Saturday 2:00 PM local time 145.230 –0.6 PL

100 or Echolink KR6DD-R 271122 or N6WN-R 477737

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

is available at www.kj6art.com or www.pdarrrl.org/k6rau.

No need to know a “dit” from a “dah”, simply with paper and pencil, and

following the instructions.

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 to the present. K6ZZ can

check cards for 160 meters. 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.

Need to take an Amateur exam? Are you having an exam? Check the ARRL

web page, 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.

As space allows I will enjoy relaying any events or occurrences, which

illustrate Amateur Radio as a hobby and public asset. It need not be a

newsletter, if you think it important, it probably should be here.

You should also send your newsletter to the Affiliated Club Coordinator

(w6dpd@arrl.org) and the Director (w6rgg@arrl.org) vice director

(k6jat@arrl.org) and to ARRL HQ (clubs@arrl.org).

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