

# SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY SECTION

## Report for the month of

### February 2013:

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Dan Pruitt, AE6SX- ASMs K6YK and N2NS, ACC W6DPD, SEC KF6FIR,  
OOC N1VM,  
STM K6RAU, PIC K6QI, TC W6TE.

Time springs forward in March!

In fact the day after the "15th annual M Squared Open House".  
That  
event is 16 March, one of the 2 large events in San Joaquin  
Section.  
The other is the DX Convention in Visalia!

This year is the first time M Squared has been an ARRL  
Sanctioned  
event. I'm looking forward to seeing Bob W6RGG, our Pacific  
Division  
Director at M Squared. At present Ron W6KJ, Section Manager  
of  
Sacramento Section and Jim AF6AQ, East Bay Section Manager,  
have plans  
to attend. The Open House is always well attended. As is  
usual,  
Burgers, Dogs and Chili will be copiously consumed. Vendors,  
new Ham  
goodies, Amateur Exams, T-Hunts and prize drawings just for  
fun.

I enjoy networking with hams from all over. We get to chew  
the fat and  
compare ideas.

See you there!

73; Dan AE6SX

NEWS:

John K6MI placed first in Pacific Division A Class January 2012 VHF Contest.

Patrick K6BRW placed first Pacific Division RL Class January 2012 VHF Contest.

Rob AE6GE took First Place in January 2012 VHF Portable for Pacific Division Q Class

Patrick K6BRW placed first and Duane KI6QEL placed second in June VHF Contest RL Class.

02/05/2013 | ITU Offering Free Download of 2012 International Radio Regulations

02/06/2013 | New International Reply Coupon Introduced

02/07/2013 | IARU Region 2 Seeks Input on HF Band Plan

02/11/2013 | Three New "How To" Videos on the ARRL Website

<http://www.arrl.org/news/fcc-adopts-sweeping-changes-to-experimental-radio-service>

02/11/2013 | FCC Adopts Sweeping Changes to Experimental Radio Service

02/14/2013 | Oklahoma Ham Helps Develop New Winter Weather App for NOAA

In a Report & Order (R&O) -- FCC 13-15 -- released February 4, the FCC adopted numerous changes to its Experimental Radio Service (Part 5), revising and streamlining its rules.

02/21/2013 | American Red Cross to Phase Out Emergency Communication Response Vehicles

ARRL DXCC credit: 5X8C in Uganda (commencing in 2012) and the T6TJ (commencing in 2012) and T6BP (commencing in 2011) operations in

Afghanistan.

02/21/2013 | Amateur-created "Varicode" Adopted as ITU Recommendation

02/27/2013 | ARRL Website Debuts New Features

03/04/2013 | Montana Governor Signs Legislation to Protect Mobile

Amateur Radio Operations from Distracted Driving Regulations and right

to a 100 ft tower.

03/07/2013 | More Than 20,000 arrl.net, arrl.org E-mail Addresses

Blocked by Microsoft

Contests:

March

+ Idaho QSO Party	1900Z, Mar 9 to 1900Z, Mar 10
+ North American Sprint, RTTY	0000Z-0400Z, Mar 10
+ Wisconsin QSO Party	1800Z, Mar 10 to 0100Z, Mar 11
+ BARTG HF RTTY Contest	0200Z, Mar 16 to 0200Z, Mar 18
+ Russian DX Contest	1200Z, Mar 16 to 1200Z, Mar 17
+ North American Sprint, SSB	0000Z-0400Z, Mar 17
+ CQ WW WPX Contest, SSB	0000Z, Mar 30 to 2400Z, Mar 31

April

+ SARL 80m QSO Party	1700Z-2000Z, Apr 4
+ LZ Open 40m Sprint Contest	0400Z-0800Z, Apr 6

21 Apr Rookie Roundup – Phone

Mark your Calendars: The annual M Squared Open House is scheduled 16

March. For more details contact [sales@m2inc.com](mailto:sales@m2inc.com). Radiofest Monterey

Bay is March 23rd, 2013. For more information, go to [www.radiofest.org](http://www.radiofest.org). The Turlock ARC Spring Auction is April 13, 2013.

For information check [www.w6bxn.org](http://www.w6bxn.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](http://www.dxconvention.com) for the latest  
information.

EMCOMM West for 2013 has been postponed. Field Day is June  
22-23, 2013.

PACIFICON 2013 is scheduled for October 11-13, 2013 at the  
Santa Clara  
Marriott. See [www.pacificon.org](http://www.pacificon.org) for information.

CLOVIS ARP ++ First big event for public service was the  
annual  
"Blossom Trail 10K Run". Communications from supporting  
groups  
included ARES, RACES, SATERN, Fresno CERT (Cedric KI6FHD) and  
at least  
4 Ham Clubs. [www.k6arp.org/](http://www.k6arp.org/)

FRESNO ARC ++ Members Steve NA6G, Richard KE6SHL, Bob N2NS,  
and John  
K6MI were all heard operating on RTTY contesting in February.  
Bob N2NS  
and Steve K6AAB also were in the CW contests. Of course M  
Squared  
Antenna Open House was mentioned for 16 March! [www.w6to.com/](http://www.w6to.com/)

SEQUOIA ARG ++ This month is all about humor. Pig stories,  
road signs  
and a reprint of a 1923 QST article. On a serious note, an  
discussion  
on how to avoid being computer hacked while traveling.  
[www.n6krv.org](http://www.n6krv.org)

SIERRA ARC ++ Hal N6HAL reports on the results of CW training  
and the  
continued rag chew net on 75 meter AM. This is a Monday net  
at 2000  
hrs. The March meeting is on preparedness. He also states  
that the  
plan is to meet on 4 May as the second annual "BARC and SARC  
in the  
Park". Last years combined Bishop and Sierra clubs had a

great time.

[www.qsl.net/wa6ybn/](http://www.qsl.net/wa6ybn/)

STOCKTON Delta ++ Flysheet includes an article about managing the wireless microphones at the Super bowl, Thank you Shirl AA6K. February's presentation on SDR radio by Guy, W6MSU, was well received. Nice description of Public Service events during February. Congratulations to the 11 new Ham techs! [www.w6sf.org](http://www.w6sf.org)

TURLOCK ARC ++ April 13 is the date for the auction. Maps, fees and details are in the "ARCOVER" newsletter, on the website. The TV show "Last Man Standing", is previewed showing the ham shack that will be used in the episode. Hints to the upcoming episode regarding ham radio, from the producer. The Field Day plans are well set with the assignment of frequencies. [www.w6bxn.org](http://www.w6bxn.org)

The following Amateurs became Silent Keys since the last report: Stan AC6T0, Karen AF6DR and Ed K6AHQ. They will be missed.

Traffic for February 2013:

ORS: WS6P 273, K6RAU 11, W6SX 5 Total 289

PSHR: WS6P 160, W6SX 29, K6RAU 67

CTN (Calif Traffic Net)-FEB 2013: See Sacramento Valley Section]

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](http://www.kj6art.com) 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.

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](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.

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](mailto:w6dpd@arrl.org)) and the Director ([w6rgg@arrl.org](mailto:w6rgg@arrl.org)) vice director ([k6jat@arrl.org](mailto:k6jat@arrl.org)) and to ARRL HQ ([clubs@arrl.org](mailto:clubs@arrl.org)).

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