

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY SECTION

Report for the month of March

2013

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Hello All;

Public Service events are in full swing. Charity events and spring celebrations in the form of bike rides, Marathons, picnics, parades and carnivals are worthy of community support. They also offer good opportunities for training in safety and security, also fun radio. I recommend you plan ahead and choose the commitments you will enjoy volunteering and gain the most benefit.

Some calendar items for April in SJV. I think it note worthy that the annual Turlock Auction is on 13 April. Check out their website for details www.w6bxn.org . Remember the International DX convention is in Visalia starting 19 April. See all the happenings at: www.dxconvention.com/ .

Last but not least, Field Day in June. You should have your plans so you can post your site at ARRL.org and get your publicity going for the event.

Weather is nice so go play radio!

73; Dan AE6SX

NEWS:

* Montana Governor Signs Legislation to Protect Mobile Amateur Radio

Operations from Distracted Driving Regulations and giving Amateurs a

100-foot tower by right.

* Bob Bruninga, WB4APR, led a group of radio amateurs earlier this

month to Mammoth Cave National Park in Kentucky to test how APRS can be

used as a means to extend radio communications underground via digi-peaters

* 03/11/2013 | W1AW Announces 2013 Spring Operating Schedule

* Radio Before Radio – Article about the 1910 pamphlet “The Wireless

Telephone.”

* Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Administrator Craig

Fugate, KK4INZ, met with ARRL leadership at FEMA Headquarters in

Washington, DC last month.

* 2013 World Amateur Radio Day – April 18 – Celebrates 100 Years of

Disaster Communications

Contests:

April

21 Rookie Roundup – Phone

CLOVIS ARP ++ The Clovis club is taking the lead on 3 events in Fresno

County. Rob, AE6GE, will be doing a program of "Fox Hunting from the fox's point of view". www.k6arp.org/

FRESNO ARC ++ Read about; "New Antenna material! Make antennas that will float in the air and be invisible!" Paul, W6VPS, journaled his antenna restoration. Pictures from the M Squared open house show food, hams and swappers. If you like state of the art tech – check out the insect transmit drone! www.w6to.com/

SEQUOIA ARG ++ This issue reports on a 15 year old from Sierra Leone earning a trip to MIT. Some history: Hungry Gulch described. Pete W6SV reminds us even the Tech Class can participate in the "Rookie Round-up" by using 6 and 10 Meters in the contest. www.n6krv.org

SIERRA ARC ++ John, KJ6MQN will be talking on his work on the SDR dongle radio featured in QST during the April Meeting. Elmer Says – discusses measuring SWR accuracy. This month shows great pic of Pan-Starr Comet. Hal, N6HAL, gives a tour of the Ridgecrest ARES/RACES at PD and Mobile Command Center. www.qsl.net/wa6ybn/

STOCKTON Delta ++ Charlie WB6NVB is working with Fred Coe WB6ASU to put on a demonstration of amateur television, when the ATV repeater is up and operating. Charlie also put on a presentation on

batteries, power

supplies, inverters and how they can be used. www.w6sf.org

TURLOCK ARC ++ Field Day Countdown, by Bob, WB3CDB, is a great checklist for prepping for Field Day. Feed System Discussion By Larry,

K6IY, compares voltage and current fed antennas. Don't forget the

Auction 13 April. www.w6bxn.org

The following Amateurs became Silent Keys since the last report: Ed,

K6AHQ and Bill, KB6HRB. They will be missed.

Traffic for February 2013:

ORS: WS6P 315, K6RAU 15, W6SX 4 Total 334

PSHR: WS6P 175, W6SX 27, K6RAU 73

Mark your Calendars: The Turlock ARC Spring Auction is April 13, 2013,

at 9:00 AM, at the First United Methodist Church in Turlock. For

information check 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 for the latest information. EMCOMM

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

You can down load the FD Packet from ARRL. PACIFICON 2013 is scheduled

for October 11-13, 2013 at the Santa Clara Marriott. See www.pacificon.org for information.

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.

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 K6RAU (our Traffic Manager) Morse Code Instruction Course is

available at www.pdarrrl.org/K6RAU or www.pdarrrl.org/k6rau.

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

following the instructions.

Elmering: Guy W6MSU's Elmer talk group is at W6SF@yahoogroups.com

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 nightly 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.

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

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