

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY SECTION

Report for the month of April 2013

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Time for planning the fun, food and frequencies for Field Day. April is gone, May is in full swing and the temperature is still quite comfortable.

It seems we always plan our Antenna work and Field Day about the same time. Maybe to knock the dust off the stored equipment from last year.

I think it is our nature to improve over and above last year. A good antenna always goes a long way. Get out and work while the temperature is right.

If you do not have your contacts in place for your bonus points for Field Day, time is a wasting. The Political and Government officials are always scheduling 90 days ahead. Put your story together for the press and media. Make sure to line up the youth for your GOTA Station too.

Enjoy the planning, add food, good equipment and a good place to operate, add some contacts, and you will have a great time.

73; Dan AE6SX

NEWS:

04/10/2013 | Applications for Teachers Institute, ETP Grants
Due in
May

04/20/2013 | Chinese Amateurs Assist in Earthquake Aftermath

04/19/2013 | Surfin': Wire in the Spring, outdoor maintenance
-- with
wire antennas in mind.

04/16/2013 | Radio Amateurs Provide Communication Support in
Boston

Marathon Bombings

04/22/2013 | Seattle Will Host the 32nd (TAPR) Digital
Communications
Conference

04/23/2013 | Changes to FCC Radiotelegraph Operator
Certificates
Coming May 20

05/01/2013 | Annual Armed Forces Day Crossband Test Scheduled
for May
11

W6TV placed #1 in September VHF Contest

W6SX placed #1 in 160 Meter contest

WC6H placed #1 in November Sweepstakes -Phone

Contests:

May 2013

+ Armed Forces Crossband Test 1400Z, May 11 to 0300Z, May
12

+ HPC World Wide DX Contest 1200Z, May 11 to 1159Z, May
12

+ CQ-M International DX Contest 1200Z, May 11 to 1159Z,
May 12

+ VOLTA WW RTTY Contest 1200Z, May 11 to 1200Z, May 12

+ Nevada Mustang Roundup 1700Z, May 11 to 1700Z, May 12

+ CQ WW WPX Contest, CW 0000Z, May 25 to 2359Z, May 26

June 2013

+ 10-10 Int. Open Season PSK Contest 0000Z, Jun 1 to
2400Z, Jun 2

+ Maritimes QSO Party 1200Z-2400Z, Jun 1
+ SEANET Contest 1200Z, Jun 1 to 1200Z, Jun 2
+ Alabama QSO Party 1600Z, Jun 1 to 0400Z, Jun 2

CLOVIS ARP ++ The Clovis group will be doing communications for the California Classic Century Bike Ride, 18 May. The May meeting will be a "how to" on Fox Hunting by Rob AE6GE. www.k6arp.org/

FRESNO ARC ++ "Skip" includes pictures and reports from the DX Convention in Visalia. Paul W6VPS continues his journal on refurbishing his Mosley Beam and adding 12 & 17 Meter elements. Also pictures and comments from the M Squared Open House showing owners Mike Staal, K6MYC, and the team. www.w6to.com/

LOS BANOS ARC ++ Dr. Joe will be presenting at the 11 May meeting. His topic will be his operating aboard a Submarine during WWII. Time is 7 PM at the Police Annex building.

SEQUOIA ARG ++ Nice article in the "Voice" of the awarding of the Amateur Radio Rating Badge to a young Boy Scout. Pete W6SV, praises the guests from Bakersfield at a recent club function. I am thrilled about hearing of collaborative events like these. The other colorful articles are worth the reading. www.n6krv.org

SIERRA ARC ++ Hal N6HAL describes many good Emcomm practices and public service events. The Club is very good at working with other clubs and groups in the area. A very well rounded example of cooperation with the local CERT members. www.qsl.net/wa6ybn/

STANISLAUS ARC ++ SARA Quarterly spells out the public service events. Registration for FEMA training courses offered by the ARES group. Joe WB6AGR offers 2 links regarding videos on "Situational Awareness" <http://freedv.org/tiki-index.php?page=video> and http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MCmE_vvHeqw . . . www.saraclub.net

STOCKTON Delta ++ Charlie WB6NVB and Fred WB6ASU are preparing an ATV presentation. The club is very involved in a multitude of public service events. The Club is activating the minesweeper USS Intrepid for the June 1 Museum Ship Weekend. . www.w6sf.org

TURLOCK ARC ++ Amateur Radio & Velveeta Cheese link: <http://youtu.be/aTeAtPFEuyc> depicting Ham Radio in the add. Grady, K6IXA, said a new diagram of the repeater system has been created and placed on the club's web page. Grady also said a new satellite receiver has been put in place in Modesto and one will soon be going into place in Atwater and Fresno. Plans for Field Day seem to be in place. A reprint of the ARES participation in the Boston Marathon Bombing was very informative. www.w6bxn.org

The following Amateurs became Silent Keys since the last report: Edd, K6LSB and John, AE6QR. They will be missed.

Traffic for February 2013:
ORS: WS6P 136, K6RAU 13, W6SX 1 Total 150
PSHR: WS6P 202, W6SX 22, K6RAU 70

Mark your Calendars: May 17-19 -- Dayton Hamvention, Trotwood, Ohio.
For more information see hamvention.org. SEA-PACK 31 May through 2 June
2013 Seaside, OR. Check the details at www.seapac.org/ .
ARRL Field
Day is June 22-23, 2013. You can download 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.pdarrl.org/K6RAU or www.pdarrl.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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