

# SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY SECTION

## Report for the month of

### September 2013



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OOC N1VM, STM K6RAU, PIC K6QI, TC W6TE.

Hello all;

I have been recalling all that has been happening over the last 2 months. Not just in San Joaquin Valley Section but else where in the country. We normally are in the back seat watching calamities in other parts of the USA or even the world. This time we had our share and we handled it!

While the rest of the country battled blackouts, floods and the annual Hurricane season, our section was faced with Fire. Mariposa County had a small one, Kern County had a larger one, then the Rim Fire in Tuolumne and Mariposa.

Los Padres and the Mount Diablo "Morgan" fires were tough ones also. Around the country more events but in every one the Amateur Radio Emcomm Groups did their job and were recognized. Over and over ARES was commended for their actions.

No matter how minimal your contribution, if you were helping to serve, I thank you. For caring enough to train and put in the time and effort, I thank you. I do not want to single anyone out but Tuolumne ARES and RACES was heralded and the New Mariposa ARES did a fine job supporting the Red Cross.

It is my hope that we learn from this and pass on the “Best Practices” used. We need to train new persons with the same heart.

New technologies are coming of age and are being used. We saw a glimpse of them at the “Rally in the Valley”. Many thanks to those who brought their skills to the table. See you next year.

Hey Pacificcon is almost here! Pacific Division Convention at Santa Clara.

73; Dan AE6SX

NEWS: From ARRL newsletters. Read complete articles from August to now. 10/04/2013 | The ARRL Centennial QSO Party Starts January 1, 2014 will last all of 2014

10/01/2013 | K6OSC Steps Down as Queen Mary W6R0 Wireless Room Manager

10/01/2013 | FCC Closed! Licensing Functions on Hold.

09/30/2013 | FCC Makes Contingency Plans for Government Shutdown.

09/24/2013 | White House Recognizes California Radio Amateur as  
“Champion of Change” Matt Brisbois, KI6RBS, of Newport Beach

09/23/2013 | PSK31 Linear Transponder Wanted for Satellite Launch  
Opportunity WB4APR seeks someone to build it.

09/18/2013 | The FCC denies a petition asking it to permit encryption  
of certain ham radio communications during emergencies and exercises.

09/18/2013 | ARRL Centennial Convention Website Now Live!

09/18/2013 | Colorado ARES Teams Transition to Flood Damage Assessment

09/17/2013 | Republic of Kosovo presently does not qualify as a DXCC entity, but hams there are gearing up, with help from a well-known DXer.

09/17/2013 | Scouting's Jamboree on the Air 2013 is October 19-20.

09/14/2013 | Hurricane Watch Net to Activate for Hurricane Ingrid

09/13/2013 | Amateur Radio Provides Critical Communication in the wake of flash flooding in Colorado.

09/13/2013 | Have a Great Time with JT9 This weak-signal mode can give little pistol stations big gun results

09/12/2013 | SATERN, Red Cross Volunteers Activate for Morgan Incident Fire

09/12/2013 | The ARRL Audio News webcast returns on September 20.

09/12/2013 | SATERN and Red Cross volunteers activated in the aftermath of the Morgan Fire in California, which took down some ham repeaters.

09/09/2013 | Wildfire has taken down four California repeaters.

09/09/2013 | Some pirate stations have been active.

09/06/2013 | The JY9FC operation that began in August 2013 has been approved for DXCC credit.

09/05/2013 | ARES-RACES Volunteers Conclude Rim Fire Activation in California.

#### Contests:

October 2013

- + Microwave Fall Sprint                    0700 local – 1300 local, Oct 12
- + Oceania DX Contest, CW                0800Z, Oct 12 to 0800Z, Oct 13
- + QRP ARCI Fall QSO Party                1200Z, Oct 12 to 2400Z, Oct 13
- + Scandinavian Activity Contest, SSB                1200Z, Oct 12 to 1200Z, Oct 13
- + Arizona QSO Party                    1600Z, Oct 12 to 0600Z, Oct 13 and 1400Z-2359Z, Oct 13
- + Pennsylvania QSO Party                1600Z, Oct 12 to 0500Z, Oct 13 and 1300Z-2200Z, Oct 13
- + PODXS 070 Club 160m Great Pumpkin Sprint                2000 local, Oct 12 to 0200 local, Oct 13
- + North American Sprint, RTTY                0000Z-0400Z, Oct 13
- + 10-10 Int. Fall Contest, CW                0001Z, Oct 19 to 2359Z, Oct 20
- + New York QSO Party                    1400Z, Oct 19 to 0200Z, Oct 20
- + Illinois QSO Party                    1700Z, Oct 20 to 0100Z, Oct 21
- + ARRL School Club Roundup                1300Z, Oct 21 to 2359Z, Oct 25
- + ARRL EME Contest                    0000Z, Oct 26 to 2359Z, Oct 27
- + CQ Worldwide DX Contest, SSB                0000Z, Oct 26 to 2400Z, Oct 27

November 2013

- + Ukrainian DX Contest 1200Z, Nov 2 to 1200Z, Nov 3
- + ARRL Sweepstakes Contest, CW 2100Z, Nov 2 to 0300Z, Nov 4
- + DARC 10-Meter Digital Contest 1100Z-1700Z, Nov 3

## CLUBS

CLOVIS ARP ++ The Club officers have been reviewing and amending their bylaws. Rob AE6GE says everything will be ready for the clubs approval during the business meeting in January. T-Hunts are continuing and the Christmas Pot Luck is all planned out. [www.k6arp.org/](http://www.k6arp.org/)

FRESNO ARC++ "Skip" newsletter edited by John, K6MI talks of the VHF Contest. Charles, W6DPD has to be complimented on his excellent DX articles each month. Pres. Stu WB6VRJ tells of his trip to Scotland and the Highland Games held in Fresno. Full CA CQP rules are reprinted. Jim, W6NIF talks about raising his Hy-Gain AV-620. [www.w6to.com](http://www.w6to.com)

SEQUOIA ARG ++ Three-year-old Dies After Swallowing a "Button" Battery, is a very informative reprint. Mike KA6IYS & Gary K6RYD are caught by the camera during an Antenna Raising. Editor Al N6ALP laments on Black Licorice. [www.n6krv.org](http://www.n6krv.org)

STOCKTON Delta ++ Guy W6MSU reports that he will be teaching a class on emergency communications at this year's Pacificon on

Saturday,  
October 12. He reports that the Friday, October 11th antenna  
class is  
well worth making the effort to attend. Paul, N6KZW needs  
help  
removing the beam from the USS Lucid. Good advise for the CW  
beginner  
by Shirl, AA6K. [www.w6sf.org](http://www.w6sf.org)

TURLOCK ARC ++ Grady says, "It is that time again", Auction  
will be  
held November 9th! Wireless Emergency Alerts from your cell  
phone.  
Check the details in the "Arcover". Very good description of  
"Sending the Written Word Across the Airwaves" By Ken  
Stillwell,  
KF6IDK. [www.w6bxn.org](http://www.w6bxn.org).

No Silent Keys since the last report.

W6DPD has WAC on digital modes, and qualified for DXCC on the  
digital  
modes,

Traffic for JULY 2013:

ORS: WS6P 251, K6RAU 19, W6SX 25 Total 272

PSHR: WS6P 1, W6SX 52, K6RAU 70

Mark your Calendars:

NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE WEEK 12 to 20 October 2013

[www.nwrweek-radio.info](http://www.nwrweek-radio.info) PACIFICON 2013 is scheduled for  
October 11-13,

2013 at the Santa Clara Marriott. See [www.pacificon.org](http://www.pacificon.org) for  
information. SKYWARN Recognition Day is December 7, 2013. The  
2014

International DX Convention will be April 4-6, 2014, at the  
Visalia  
Convention Center. Check [www.dxconvention.org](http://www.dxconvention.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](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.

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](http://www.pdarrrl.org/K6RAU) 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.

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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