

# SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY SECTION

## Report for the month of March

### 2014



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Hello SJV,

Has anyone seen Spring? Weather was in the 50 – 60 range now it is 80 – 90, and going up!

It is just an observation but if you are involved with ARES® in support of the Fire Service, I see a need to be updating your contacts and action plans. I took a trip through Kern County, passing through Fresno and Tulare Counties, and every reservoir is empty! Some do not have enough water to even reach their dams. So Fire is the first concern.

Come later in the year they are forecasting (or praying) for an El Nino event. This means a lot of water and the calamities that brings. These are evident in the articles about the mud slides in Oregon, Washington, and Colorado.

The fun stuff is always good. Field Day is coming very quickly.

Public Service events are great ways to meet and greet and see another

smile, hi hi. Where I am 10 Meters has been very active so the other

money bands are working too.

Don't forget that Pacificon is an ARRL Regional Centennial Convention,

so put it on your schedule.

Many thanks for the Hospitality of the Ridgecrest "Sierra" ARC. I

welcome the chance to attend any Club meeting. Just contact me and we

can arrange the details.

73;

Dan Pruitt, AE6SX

#### W1AW Centennial Operations for April

April 2nd – April 9th Pennsylvania (W1AW/3) Oregon (W1AW/7)

April 9th – April 16th Massachusetts (W1AW/1) Virginia (W1AW/4)

Puerto Rico (W1AW/KP4)

April 16th – April 23rd North Dakota (W1AW/0) Mississippi (W1AW/5)

April 23rd – April 30th New Jersey (W1AW/2) New Hampshire (W1AW/1)

Mark your Calendars: Dayton Hamvention May 16-18, 2014 -- Regional

ARRL Centennial Event, Dayton, Ohio . For details see [www.hamvention.org](http://www.hamvention.org) . May 30-Jun 1 Nevada State Convention, Virginia

City, Nevada. Go to [www.nvcon.org](http://www.nvcon.org) for more information. SEA-PAC June

6 - 8, 2014, Seaside, Oregon. For more information go to [www.seapac.org/](http://www.seapac.org/). 46th Mobile Amateur Radio Awards Club

Convention.

Dates, July 9-12 2014. Location: The Holiday Inn Hotel &  
Conference Center 9000 West Airport Drive Visalia, CA 93277

For

more info check <http://marac.org>. Pacificon 2014/Regional  
ARRL

Centennial Convention is 10 through 14 October 2014. Details  
at

[www.pacificon.org/](http://www.pacificon.org/).

## STATION ACTIVITIES

N6DVR, W6NIF, and KI6QEL, KJ6HUP, and AG6BP are active on  
JT65.

## CLUBS

CLOVIS ARP ++ The season for Public Service events are in  
full swing.

Rob AE6GE has 3 events in April alone. Mag Loop Antennas was  
the latest

program presented by Mike, KD6LDA. [www.k6arp.org/](http://www.k6arp.org/)

FRESNO ARC++ Did you ever wonder what is in WD-40? Check  
out the

"Skip" for April. The Fresno EC report, by Glen N6HEW, I  
think

shows the direction of most EmComm. This includes social  
media

(Facebook, twitter etc. Ron N6MTS enlightens us on the  
reports

required of 501 ( c ) 3 corporations. [www.w6to.com](http://www.w6to.com)

SIERRA ARC ++ The rescue of five adult hikers, who became  
lost in San

Emigdio Canyon was facilitated by hams like Bill, AB6CF and  
Don KW6PMC.

Relaying position and situation to the 911 Center.  
[www.qsl.net/wa6ybn/](http://www.qsl.net/wa6ybn/)

SEQUOIA ARG ++ Pres. Pete, W6SV highlighted the March program

from  
NOAA, Skywarn. Great turn out. James Brotherton of the  
National  
Weather Service will repeat his presentation in Bear Valley  
Springs.  
After seeing Lake Isabella, I think they were hoping for  
insight to the  
water situation. Thank you Mike, KA6IYS and the Western Kern  
Co. ARES  
group command staff. Keep the EmComm moving forward.  
[www.n6krv.org](http://www.n6krv.org)

STOCKTON DELTA ARC ++ Dave, N6LHL and John, NZ6Q reported on  
the  
success of the Peddling Paths for Independence Bike Ride.  
Mike, K6MDS  
gave a presentation on transmitter hunting. A Joint Manteca  
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Stockton — Lodi transmitter hunt was suggested. [www.w6sf.org](http://www.w6sf.org)

Tuolumne Co. ARES ++ Carl NI6Z submitted the Public Service  
Report  
form detailing the equivalent cost of communication and  
volunteer  
hours. Although there is no cost of volunteering Amateur  
Radio and  
there is no compensation, our portion would have cost the  
authorities  
\$4528.00 and 90 man hours for a 7 hour event. Again there was  
no  
compensation for this. It is merely an equivalent of the  
voluntary  
effort offered by the Hams.

TURLOCK ARC ++ Darren, K6RDJ briefed the club on DMR Radio and  
D-Star.  
Link is included in their ARC-Over news letter. Grady K6IXA,  
talked on  
the W4MQ remote base software. He also said the W6HHD D-Star  
is back  
on the air. [www.w6bxn.org](http://www.w6bxn.org).

These Silent Keys were recorded, since the last report: Ted, W5ILA, Tom, KA6Z and Solomon, KD6GHC. They will be missed.

Traffic for March 2014:

ORS: WS6P 1666, K6RAU 25 W6SX 19 Total 1710

PSHR: WS6P 145, W6SX 44, K6RAU 89

NEWS: From ARRL newsletters. Read complete articles from March to now.

03/11/2014 | NPR's "All Things Considered" Segment to Include Spark Gap Morse from ARRL

03/12/2014 | "Ham Video" Transmits Live Images of Astronaut Mike

Hopkins, KF5LJG, From the ISS

03/12/2014 | New SATERN Emergency Disaster Services Ham Station May Be Remotely Controlled

03/14/2014 | FCC Invites Public Comment on Petition Affecting 10-10.5 GHz Band

03/14/2014 | ARRL to FCC: "Grow Light" Ballast Causes HF Interference, Violates Rules

03/17/2014 | Former NASA Astronaut Visits Missouri School as Kids Talk

via Ham Radio with the ISS

03/21/2014 | ARRL Announces Centennial Station Giveaway!

03/24/2014 | Qatar's Geostationary Es'hailSat 2 Satellite to Carry

Amateur Radio Transponder

03/25/2014 | Amateur Radio Volunteers Staffing Shelters, EOC in

## Washington Landslide Response

03/26/2014 | HI-SEAS Mission Team Set for Mars "Landing" on March 28

03/27/2014 | Amateur Radio, Federal Government Engaged in Joint 5 MHz Communication Exercise

03/28/2014 | High-Altitude Balloon Flight to Carry APRS and Crossband Repeater

04/01/2014 | Lithuania's President Relays Greetings via Amateur Radio CubeSat

04/01/2014 | ARRL Calls for Timely, Visible FCC Amateur Radio Enforcement

04/04/2014 | Celebrate Ham Radio – WARD 2014

04/07/2014 | ARRL Releases First Repeater Directory App for Android Devices

04/08/2014 | The ARRL Rookie Roundup SSB is Sunday, April 20!

Contests:  
APRIL 2014

- + OK/OM DX Contest, SSB 1200Z, Apr 12 to 1200Z, Apr 13
- + New Mexico QSO Party 1400Z, Apr 12 to 0200Z, Apr 13
- + Georgia QSO Party 1800Z, Apr 12 to 0359Z, Apr 13 and 1400Z-2359Z, Apr 13
- + Yuri Gagarin International DX Contest 2100Z, Apr 12 to 2100Z, Apr 13
- + CWops Mini-CWT Test 1300Z-1400Z, Apr 16 and 1900Z-2000Z, Apr 16

- and 0300Z-0400Z, Apr 17
- + ARLHS Annual Spring Lites QSO Party 0001Z, Apr 17 to 2359Z, Apr 22
  - + Holyland DX Contest 2100Z, Apr 18 to 2100Z, Apr 19
  - + ES Open HF Championship 0500Z-0859Z, Apr 19
  - + CQ Manchester Mineira DX Contest 1200Z, Apr 19 to 2359Z, Apr 20
  - + EU Spring Sprint, SSB 1600Z-1959Z, Apr 19
  - + Michigan QSO Party 1600Z, Apr 19 to 0400Z, Apr 20
  - + Ontario QSO Party 1800Z, Apr 19 to 1800Z, Apr 20
  - + YU DX Contest 2100Z, Apr 19 to 1700Z, Apr 20
  - + CWops Mini-CWT Test 1300Z-1400Z, Apr 23 and 1900Z-2000Z, Apr 23 and 0300Z-0400Z, Apr 24
  - + 10-10 Int. Spring Contest, Digital 0001Z, Apr 26 to 2359Z, Apr 27
  - + SP DX RTTY Contest 1200Z, Apr 26 to 1200Z, Apr 27
  - + Florida QSO Party 1600Z, Apr 26 to 2159Z, Apr 27
  - + BARTG Sprint 75 1700Z-2100Z, Apr 27
  - + CWops Mini-CWT Test 1300Z-1400Z, Apr 30 and 1900Z-2000Z, Apr 30 and 0300Z-0400Z, May 1

#### May 2014

- + 10-10 Int. Spring Contest, CW 0001Z, May 3 to 2359Z, May 4
- + 7th Call Area QSO Party 1300Z, May 3 to 0700Z, May 4
- + Indiana QSO Party 1600Z, May 3 to 0400Z, May 4
- + New England QSO Party 2000Z, May 3 to 2400Z, May 4

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