

# SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY SECTION

## Report for the month of May

### 2014

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May is done, now we start June, my favorite month.

We have contests and Field Day! A lot of special events are conducted in June. Museum Ship Weekend is a good one, and more. It is just a great month to operate. Go camping, Mountain topping, sailing, fishing and just touring. Then you stop, fire up the radio and find out where and what everyone else is doing.

Don't forget to show off your hobby, kids day is coming up. Show your relatives and friends all the varied ways to use Ham Radio. No it isn't CB (frown!). Show them the difference.

Take your Ice Cubes and play radio, hi hi.

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Dan Pruitt, AE6SX

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

++ 05/08/2014 | FUNcube-2 Launch Set for June 19

++ 05/14/2014 | Alpha and TEN-TEC to Merge Under RF Concepts Banner

++ 05/14/2014 | ARRL Announces Free Exam Review Website

++ 05/14/2014 | US House Committee Expresses Support for MARS Program

++ 05/15/2014 | ARISS International Partners Regroup at First In-Person Meeting since 2011

++ 05/19/2014 | ARRL Offers New Amateur Radio Public Service Announcements



1600Z-2359Z, Jun 14 and  
 0800Z-1559Z, Jun 15  
 + Portugal Day Contest 1200Z, Jun 14 to 1200Z, Jun 15  
 + GACW WWSA CW DX Contest 1500Z, Jun 14 to 1500Z, Jun  
 15  
 + West Virginia QSO Party 1600Z, Jun 14 to 0200Z, Jun  
 15  
 + REF DDFM 6m Contest 1600Z, Jun 14 to 1600Z, Jun 15  
 + ARRL June VHF Contest 1800Z, Jun 14 to 0259Z, Jun 16  
 + CWops Mini-CWT Test 1300Z-1400Z, Jun 18 and  
 1900Z-2000Z, Jun 18 and  
 0300Z-0400Z, Jun 19  
 + SMIRK Contest 0000Z, Jun 21 to 2400Z, Jun 22  
 + Ukrainian DX Classic RTTY Contest 1200Z, Jun 21 to  
 1159Z, Jun 22  
 + AGCW VHF/UHF Contest 1400Z-1700Z, Jun 21 (144) and  
 1700Z-1800Z, Jun 21 (432)  
 + Kid's Day Contest 1800Z-2359Z, Jun 21  
 + CWops Mini-CWT Test 1300Z-1400Z, Jun 25 and  
 1900Z-2000Z, Jun 25 and  
 0300Z-0400Z, Jun 26  
 + Ukrainian DX DIGI Contest 1200Z, Jun 28 to 1200Z, Jun  
 29  
 + His Maj. King of Spain Contest, SSB 1200Z, Jun 28 to  
 1200Z, Jun 29  
 + ARRL Field Day 1800Z, Jun 28 to 2100Z, Jun 29  
 + 10-10 Int. Spirit of 76 QSO Party 0001Z, Jun 30 to  
 2400Z, Jul 6

#### July 2014

+ RAC Canada Day Contest 0000Z-2359Z, Jul 1  
 + Venezuelan Ind. Day Ctst 0000Z, Jul 5 to 2359Z, Jul 6  
 + DL-DX RTTY Contest 1100Z, Jul 5 to 1059Z, Jul 6  
 + Marconi Mem HF Contest 1400Z, Jul 5 to 1400Z, Jul 6

#### CLUBS

CLOVIS ARP ++ CARP Transmitter Hunt Thursday June 5. Rob,

AE6GE and Duane, KI6QEL have these T-Hunts down to a science.  
A lot of fun.

[www.k6arp.org/](http://www.k6arp.org/)

FRESNO ARC++ Stu, WB6VRJ (Pres.) talks up Field Day as same place but new and improved with Ron, N6MTS as FD Chairman. W6DPD, Charles notes the increased rates for Bureau cards and an up to date postal rate chart for international postage at [ww.qsl.net/w9ol/IRC\\_Chart.htm](http://ww.qsl.net/w9ol/IRC_Chart.htm).

Charles also gives advice on DX Bulletins. Bob, N2NS and Steve, K6AAB put up some good number with poor conditions during CQWW WPX CW. ARES EC Glen, N6HEW sums up the EmComm accomplishments for May.

[www.w6to.com](http://www.w6to.com)

LOS BANOS ARC ++ I want to thank Michael, AD6AA and the AA6LB club for their hospitality. There was a good discussion on ARRL and Amateur Radio in general. Looking forward to Field Day 2014 at Big Page Park

[www.aa6lb.org](http://www.aa6lb.org)

SIERRA ARC ++ A suggestion of the 146.64 repeater new location was in the Salvation Army Building by the SARC repeater committee. The 147.00 repeater remains running, Echolink is now available,tnx Bob, KK6ECM. Summer will slow things down but Field Day is coming and so are the "Socials so stay tuned. [www.qsl.net/wa6ybn/](http://www.qsl.net/wa6ybn/)

SEQUOIA ARG ++ New Arizona law bans all 2-way communication and is the work of the leaders of Coconino County. Located in the north central part of Arizona and is a part of the Flagstaff metropolitan statistical area. It not only includes the city of Flagstaff but the Grand Canyon and adjacent areas as well. As written, the new ban outlaws mobile radio communications most drivers who depend on the technology unless they are using a hands-free device. It also stops amateur radio operators and others who use push to talk microphone from being able to easily assist in a volunteer capacity with local events. For more on this use these links: [tinyurl.com/arizona-hams-react-to-ban](http://tinyurl.com/arizona-hams-react-to-ban) and

[www.coconino.az.gov/DocumentCenter/View/5309](http://www.coconino.az.gov/DocumentCenter/View/5309). [www.n6krv.org](http://www.n6krv.org)

STOCKTON DELTA ARC ++ John NZ6Q, Robert N6GT0, Craig KJ6PKU and Bill AE6J were invited to the host station of W1AW/7 at the W7RN Contest Superstation just outside of Reno, Nevada. WOW was the description given by Bill AE6J. Mike KJ6KDL's "Comm Station" in a box, made operating Net Control easier and a lot more fun at the Delta Century Bike run. That is one of many events successfully supported in May.

[www.w6sf.org](http://www.w6sf.org)

TURLOCK ARC ++ Ken, KF6IDK, and Lucian , KF6NPG are leading the crew for The Canyon Classic Bike Ride coming 14 June and I know a few of the Merced ARES members have enjoyed working at this event. Field Day Location: The Schmidts' (KI6PBL & KI6YQL). [www.w6bxn.org](http://www.w6bxn.org).

The following Amateurs became Silent Keys since the last report:

Charles, WB6HWH, Larry, W6KY0 (ex WA6LUT), and Roy W6WZM. They will be missed.

Traffic for May 2014:

ORS: W6SX 12, WA6IAF 215, WS6P 1692, K6RAU 11 Total 1930

PSHR: W6SX 37, WA6IAF 90, WS6P 145, K6RAU 67

Mark your Calendars: Santa Maria Radio Swapfest June 14, 2014. Check out the website at [www.satellitearc.com](http://www.satellitearc.com) . Field Day is June 28 – 29. For information and to post your locations access [www.arrl.org/fieldday](http://www.arrl.org/fieldday) 46th MARAC national convention (Mobile Amateur Radio) July 9, 2014 in Visalia, CA. See [www.marac.org](http://www.marac.org) for particulars.

ARRL Centennial Convention, The National Convention is July 17 – 19, 2014. For details for the 100 year celebration, go to [www.arrl.org/centennial.org](http://www.arrl.org/centennial.org) Pacificon 2014/Regional ARRL Centennial Convention is 10 through 14 October 2014. Details at [www.pacificon.org/](http://www.pacificon.org/). The International DX Convention will be April 17-19, 2015 in Visalia. Check [www.dxconvention.org](http://www.dxconvention.org) for information as the convention time approaches..

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 Webinar by Hank Garretson, W6SX, has been posted to the WWROF webpage ([www.wwrof.org](http://www.wwrof.org)) under the Webinars link. Hanks presentation will be of particular interest to "Little Pistols" and those who are space limited. It's worth checking out!

Hank added a link to the elevation plot which can be viewed at <http://www.heywhatsthat.com/> Also the Ladder Snaps in the presentation can be found at [http://www.73cnc.com/product\\_p/ls100.htm](http://www.73cnc.com/product_p/ls100.htm) You can e-mail Hank at [w6sx@arrl.net](mailto:w6sx@arrl.net) for additional details.

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 Monday-Saturday 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.

CWops Tests are held weekly – Every Wednesday at 1300Z, 1900Z, and 0300Z (Thursday). Info and rules at <http://www.cwops.org/cwt.html> .

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