

# SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY SECTION

## Report for the month of

### September 2014

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September was a very busy month. Now October is going to be just as involved with all the good things Amateur Radio.

The Centennial QSO Party continues and I enjoy the Red Badge contacts. It is great to see the enthusiasm and camaraderie.

Pacificon is less than a week away and will sport W100AW/6 and the final regional Centennial Convention. We are so lucky to see the 100 years come to fruition. All the interactions with Scouting, Do it Yourself (Maker Fairs) projects, scholarships and Public Service.

Scouting is a great way to introduce Ham Radio to the youth. Make sure you are on the air October 18-19, 2014. Better yet, work with a local troop and get them on the air! Great fun.

Our own "Rally in the Valley" was a very pleasant 1-day event. It was very educational, drawings and practical demonstrations. Even the Bakersfield Salvation Army communications vehicle was on display.

Plans are already in the works for next year.

Remember to support HR4969 and get your letter to ARRL and your  
Congressional Representative. Go to the link on the ARRL  
website

<http://www.arrl.org/hr-4969> .

See you at Pacificon! Don't forget the SET exercise, Great  
Shake Out  
and JOTA!

73;

Dan Pruitt, AE6SX

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

09/04/2014 | Fox-1 Satellites to Offer Slow-Speed Telemetry  
During

Normal Transponder Operation

The Fox-1 family of CubeSats will be able to transmit  
continuous

slow-speed telemetry while the FM transponder is in use.

09/08/2014 | Selected "Ham Radio" 2014 Presentations Now  
Available

Online

Selected presentations from the 2014 "Ham Radio" exhibition in  
Germany have been posted online.

09/09/2014 | Keynote Convention Speech of FEMA Administrator  
Craig

Fugate, KK4INZ, Available on YouTube

Keynote The ARRL Centennial Convention speech of FEMA  
Administrator

Craig Fugate, KK4INZ, now is available on YouTube

09/09/2014 | Morse Learning Machine Challenge Catching on with Hams

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09/11/2014 | No Easy Answers for RadioShack's Slow, Downward Slide

Radio Shack has been unable to turn around it's financial situation and could go under.

09/15/2014 | New \$21.40 Vanity Call Sign Fee Now in Effect

The new \$21.40 vanity call sign fee is now in effect.

09/15/2014 | Moon-Bound Ham Radio Payload Will Transmit Your Message

from Space – But Hurry!

The deadline to upload short digital messages to the 4M spacecraft is September 17!

09/16/2014 | Qatari Es'hail 2 Satellite will Include AMSAT-DL Phase 4

Amateur Radio Transponders

The Qatari Es'hail 2 communication satellite will include AMSAT-DL

Phase 4 Amateur Radio digital and analog transponders.

09/22/2014 | ARDF Team USA Takes Home a Silver Medal from World

Championships

ARDF Team USA takes home a silver medal from the 17th World Championships in Kazakhstan.

09/23/2014 | Amateur Radio is "Communications Superpower," IARU

Region 1 Delegates are Told

IARU Region 1 General Conference delegates are told that Amateur Radio

is a "communications superpower."

09/23/2014 | ARRL Deploying Ham Aid Kits to Hawaii to Assist in

## Possible Lava Flow Response

ARRL Headquarters is deploying Ham Aid kits to Hawaii to assist in a possible activation in the wake of a lava flow.

09/24/2014 | Satellite Carrying Amateur Radio Payload Launched to

International Space Station

The SpinSat satellite carrying an Amateur Radio payload was launched to

International Space Station on September 21 for later deployment.

09/24/2014 | List of "Amateur Radio Parity Act of 2014" Co-Sponsors

Swells Before Congressional Recess

The list of "Amateur Radio Parity Act of 2014" co-sponsors has swelled to 47 ahead of the Congressional recess.

09/24/2014 | ARRL Presents Barry Goldwater, K7UGA, Achievement Award to

Rep Greg Walden, W7EQI

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Rep Greg Walden, W7EQI.

10/01/2014 | RSGB Outlines "New" Islands on the Air (IOTA) Vision,

Seeks Partnership

RSGB outlines its "New IOTA" vision and seeks a partner to take the program forward.

10/06/2014 | ARRL Hosts 31st USTTI Amateur Radio Administration Course

ARRL Headquarters was the host for the 31st USTTI Amateur Radio

Administration Course.

10/07/2014 | Late October Exercise to Test MARS-ARES

## Interoperability

A late October exercise is aimed at testing MARS-ARES interoperability and cooperation.

N2NS: CQ Worldwide DX Contest, RTTY Class: SOAB (A) HP QTH: ZONE 3

Operating Time (hrs): 17

651 Qs for a Score of 553,900

KI6QEL: Duane, holding his First Place Certificates from 2013, is pictured in Fresno ARC 'SKIP' at w6to.com. Class: S0 portable, January and September VHF Contests in SJV.

## CONTESTS:

October 2014

+	10-10	Int.	10-10	Day	Sprint
	0001Z-2359Z,	Oct 10			
+	NCCC RTTY Sprint Ladder			0145Z-0215Z,	Oct 10
+		NCCC			Sprint
	0230Z-0300Z,	Oct 10			
+	ARRL EME Contest			0000Z,	Oct 11 to
	2359Z,	Oct 12			
+	Makrothen		RTTY		Contest
	0000Z-0759Z,	Oct 11 and			
	1600Z-2359Z,	Oct 11 and			
	0800Z-1559Z,	Oct 12			
+	Oceania DX Contest, CW				0800Z, Oct
	11 to 0800Z,				
	Oct 12				
+	Scandinavian Activity Contest, SSB			1200Z,	Oct 11 to
	1200Z,	Oct			
	12				
+	Pennsylvania QSO Party				1600Z, Oct
	11 to 0500Z,	Oct			
	12 and 1300Z-2200Z,	Oct 12			
+	Arizona		QSO		Party
	1600Z,	Oct 11 to			

0600Z, Oct 12 and 1400Z-2359Z, Oct 12  
 + PODXS 070 Club 160m Great Pumpkin Sprint 2000 local,  
 Oct 11 to 0200  
 local, Oct 12  
 + NAQCC Straight Key/Bug Sprint 0030Z-0230Z, Oct  
 15  
 + CWops Mini-CWT Test 1300Z-1400Z,  
 Oct 15  
 and 1900Z-2000Z, Oct 15 and  
 0300Z-0400Z, Oct 16  
 + JARTS WW RTTY Contest 0000Z, Oct 18 to 2400Z,  
 Oct 19  
 + 10-10 Int. Fall Contest, CW 0001Z, Oct 18  
 to 2359Z,  
 Oct 19  
 + New York QSO Party 1400Z, Oct 18 to  
 0200Z, Oct 19  
 + Iowa QSO Party  
 1400Z-2300Z, Oct 18  
 + Worked All Germany Contest 1500Z, Oct 18 to  
 1459Z, Oct 19  
 + Stew Perry Topband Challenge 1500Z, Oct 18 to  
 1500Z, Oct 19  
 + South Dakota QSO Party 1800Z, Oct  
 18 to 1800Z, Oct  
 19  
 + Illinois QSO Party  
 1700Z, Oct 19 to  
 0100Z, Oct 20  
 + Run for the Bacon QRP Contest 0100Z-0300Z, Oct  
 20  
 + ARRL School Club Roundup 1300Z, Oct 20 to  
 2359Z, Oct 24  
 + CWops Mini-CWT Test 1300Z-1400Z,  
 Oct 22  
 and 1900Z-2000Z, Oct 22 and  
 0300Z-0400Z, Oct 23  
 + CQ Worldwide DX Contest, SSB 0000Z, Oct 25 to  
 2400Z, Oct 26  
 + CWops Mini-CWT Test 1300Z-1400Z,  
 Oct 29

and1900Z-2000Z, Oct 29 and  
0300Z-0400Z, Oct 30

November 2014

+ Ukrainian DX Contest	1200Z, Nov 1
to 1200Z, Nov 2	
+ ARRL Sweepstakes Contest, CW	2100Z, Nov 1 to
0300Z, Nov 3	
+ DARC 10-Meter Digital Contest	1100Z-1700Z, Nov
2	

CLUBS – Please get your news items and club information to me  
by the  
5th of each month.

CLOVIS ARP ++ Rob AG6GE is gearing up for another bicycle  
event. The  
Powerhouse Double Century on October 11. The fourth quarter  
training  
class begins 23 October for those that want to get their  
technician  
license. The Fox Hunt schedule can be found on their web  
site.  
[www.k6arp.org/](http://www.k6arp.org/)

FRESNO ARC++ The next program for the Fresno Club will be on  
JT-65 by  
Jim, W6NIF. Everyone is planning on the Swapmeet in November  
and the  
Christmas Party. [www.w6to.com](http://www.w6to.com).

SEQUOIA ARG ++ Al N6ALP, editor and Pres. Pete W6SV have  
another great  
newsletter. Note the Texas assault and the up coming geology  
program.  
Good job guys & gals. [www.n6krv.org](http://www.n6krv.org)

STOCKTON DELTA ARC ++ Check out the informative article  
regarding  
Wartime Radio: The secret listeners: The secret listeners, in

their

'Flysheet'. Bob, K6DGQ exhibited a very nice "Go Kit" for portable

2 Meter operation at events. Bill, AE6J, John, NZ6Q, and Ed, N6XMA are

doing a Buddi-pole demonstration Oct. 9. [www.w6sf.org](http://www.w6sf.org)

TURLOCK ARC ++ TARC's Fall Auction is postponed. Tentatively the

date is 15 November. Morse Learning Machine Challenge Catching on with

Hams. Interesting article. [www.w6bxn.org](http://www.w6bxn.org).

No Amateurs became Silent Keys since the last report.

Traffic for September 2014:

ORS: W6SX 10, WA6IAF 118, WS6P 1009, K6RAU 10 Total 1147

PSHR: W6SX 34, WA6IAF 90, WS6P 150, K6RAU 71

BPL: WS6P

Mark your Calendars: Pacificon 2014/Regional ARRL Centennial

Convention is 10 through 12 October 2014. Details at [www.pacificon.org/](http://www.pacificon.org/). 20th Annual Pacific Northwest VHF-UHF-M/W Conference Oct 11 - 12, 2014 in Seaside, Oregon [www.pnwhfs.org/](http://www.pnwhfs.org/) Boy

Scouts JOTA is October 18 & 19. For more details visit [www.scouting.org/jota.aspx](http://www.scouting.org/jota.aspx). School Club Roundup – October 20-24,

2014 [www.arrl.org/school-club-roundup](http://www.arrl.org/school-club-roundup). 2015 International DX Convention is April 17-19 in Visalia. Check [www.dxconvention.com](http://www.dxconvention.com) for information as the dates approach.

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