

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY SECTION

Report for the month of March and April 2015



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I am still attempting to catch up and getting closer!
I have a new
computer and most of my address books are reasonably
untangled.

At the time of this writing, Dayton Hamvention should
be complete.
They had a lot to discuss. This included new band plans, FCC
shrinkage, Public Service Communications and consolidation of
component
manufacturers and distributors. All are concerns to the Ham
radio
operator. However we have little affect on the resolution of
these
things, other than giving our honest opinions.

What we do best and most enjoy is operating! This
part of the year
offers the most contests, best conditions and a variety of
special
events. I look forward each year for these opportunities and
rue those
I am unable to join. Stay informed. There are many contest
sites.
Recurring special events are well published. Some are passed

on by
regular Net QSTs. Join in them. There are Museum Ship
Weekend, IOTA
and SOTA contests. Scouting Jamboree On The Air (JOTA).
Don't forget
Field Day! If your Club cannot participate, join a nearby
club. They
will have a spot for you.

This is the Ham Radio Hobby, have fun. Go operate,
chew the rag, and
test that equipment.

Remember to support HR-1301 and get your letter to
ARRL and your
Congressional Representative. Go to the link on the ARRL
website:
www.arrl.org/hr-1301. We have 55 sponsors. We need many
more. Follow
the above link and follow the instructions.

73;
Dan Pruitt, AE6SX

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

03/05/2015 | Amateur Radio Parity Act of 2015 Introduced in
Congress

03/11/2015 | FCC Enforcement Bureau Field Resources Poised to
Shrink

03/17/2015 | Amateur Radio Roundtable Offers Live, Weekly Ham
Radio

Discussions

03/16/2015 | ARRL President: H.R. 1301 is All About Fairness

03/16/2015 | Colorado Governor Signs Amateur Radio Antenna
Bill Into

Law

03/13/2015 | IARU Emergency Telecommunications Guide Available
Online

03/26/2015 | "Radio DARC" Program Debuts on Ham-Operated
German

Shortwave Outlet

04/01/2015 | Utah Group Puts Broadband-Hamnet to Work for Food Project

04/02/2015 | Standard General Affiliate Acquires 1743 RadioShack Stores

04/03/2015 | TEN-TEC and Alpha Purchased from RF Concepts

04/08/2015 | WWV's 25 MHz Signal Still Going Strong After 1 Year Back on the Air

04/10/2015 | New iOS App Available for The ARRL Repeater Directory®

04/13/2015 | "Thinking Day" Activity Gets Girl Scouts Thinking About Ham Radio

04/13/2015 | Switching Power Supplies a More Common Noise Source than Power Lines, ARRL Lab Manager Says

04/14/2015 | Ohio ARES to Sponsor "NVIS Antenna Day"

04/15/2015 | Call for Papers: ARRL/TAPR Digital Communications Conference

04/16/2015 | ARRL 600 Meter Experiment Coordinator Recommends Renewing Experimental License

04/16/2015 | FCC Proposes to Make Past Amateur Radio Address Information Private

04/17/2015 | Australian Ham's "PicoSpace" Balloon Circumnavigates the Globe

04/20/2015 | Fox-1C and 1D Satellites to Include L-Band Uplink; Fox-1E to Have Linear Transponder

04/22/2015 | Participants May Apply Anytime for Centennial Points Challenge, W1AW WAS Awards

04/23/2015 | CQ DQs Two Dozen CQ World Wide DX Contest SSB Participants

04/24/2015 | House Committee Asks FCC for Documents Related to Proposed Enforcement Bureau Closures

04/26/2015 | AMSAT: Amateur Radio Payload Could Share Space on Geosynchronous Satellite
04/27/2015 | Jacob Nunez-Kearny, KF7DSY, is 2015 Goldfarb Scholarship Recipient
04/28/2015 | FCC Proposes to Permit Amateur Access to 2200 and 630 Meters
04/29/2015 | ITU Telecom World Young Innovators Competition Seeks "Social Entrepreneurs"
04/30/2015 | Central States VHF Society Annual Conference Set for July 23-26 in Denver
04/30/2015 | ARRL Facebook Repost of Interview with Ham in Nepal Draws Huge Response
05/01/2015 | Remotely Controlling VY1JA Station in Yukon Territory a Win-Win
05/05/2015 | Whistler Recalls Jump&Go Portable Jumpstart and Power Supply Units Due to Fire Hazard
05/05/2015 | ARISS "Ham Video" Ground Station Tests Under Way
05/07/2015 | US Naval Academy CubeSat Launch to Include Next APRS Satellite
Contests:
MAY 2015

+ NCCC RTTY Sprint
0145Z-0215Z, May 15
+ NCCC Sprint
0230Z-0300Z, May 15
+ Aegean RTTY Contest
1200Z, May 16 to 1200Z, May 17
+ His Maj. King of Spain Contest, CW
1200Z, May 16 to 1200Z, May 17
+ WAB 7 MHz Phone
1000Z-1400Z, May 17
+ UA2 QS0 Party

1300Z-1659Z, May 17
+ CWops Mini-CWT Test
1300Z-1400Z, May 20 and
1900Z-2000Z, May 20 and
0300Z-0400Z, May 21
+ NAQCC CW Sprint
0030Z-0230Z, May 21
+ RSGB 80m Club Championship, CW
1900Z-2030Z, May 21
+ NCCC RTTY Sprint
0145Z-0215Z, May 22
+ NCCC Sprint Ladder
0230Z-0300Z, May 22
+ UN DX Contest
0600Z-2100Z, May 23
+ Portuguese Navy Day Contest, Digital
0800Z-2359Z, May 23
+ EU PSK DX Contest
1200Z, May 23 to 1200Z, May 24
+ Baltic Contest
2100Z, May 23 to 0200Z, May 24
+ SKCC Sprint
0000Z-0200Z, May 27
+ CWops Mini-CWT Test
1300Z-1400Z, May 27 and
1900Z-2000Z, May 27 and
0300Z-0400Z, May 28
+ UKEICC 80m Contest
2000Z-2100Z, May 27
+ NCCC RTTY Sprint
0145Z-0215Z, May 29
+ NCCC Sprint Ladder
0230Z-0300Z, May 29
+ CQ WW WPX Contest, CW
0000Z, May 30 to 2359Z, May 31
+ SARL Digital Contest
1300Z-1600Z, May 31

JUNE 2015

+ CWops Mini-CWT Test

1300Z-1400Z, Jun 3 and
1900Z-2000Z, Jun 3 and
0300Z-0400Z, Jun 4
+ NRAU 10m Activity Contest
1700Z-1800Z, Jun 4 (CW) and
1800Z-1900Z, Jun 4 (SSB) and
1900Z-2000Z, Jun 4 (FM) and
2000Z-2100Z, Jun 4 (Dig)
+ NCCC RTTY Sprint
0145Z-0215Z, Jun 5
+ NCCC Sprint Ladder
0230Z-0300Z, Jun 5
+ 10-10 Int. Open Season PSK Contest
0000Z, Jun 6 to 2400Z, Jun 7
+ DigiFest
0400Z-1200Z, Jun 6 and
2000Z, Jun 6 to 0400Z, Jun 7 and
1200Z-2000Z, Jun 7
+ VK Shires Contest
0600Z, Jun 6 to 0600Z, Jun 7
+ SEANET Contest
1200Z, Jun 6 to 1200Z, Jun 7
+ UKSMG Summer Contest
1300Z, Jun 6 to 1300Z, Jun 7
+ IARU Region 1 Field Day, CW
1500Z, Jun 6 to 1459Z, Jun 7
+ RSGB National Field Day
1500Z, Jun 6 to 1500Z, Jun 7
+ Alabama QSO Party
1600Z, Jun 6 to 0400Z, Jun 7
+ NAQCC CW Sprint
0030Z-0230Z, Jun 10
+ CWops Mini-CWT Test
1300Z-1400Z, Jun 10 and
1900Z-2000Z, Jun 10 and
0300Z-0400Z, Jun 11
+ RSGB 80m Club Championship, CW
1900Z-2030Z, Jun 10
+ NCCC RTTY Sprint
0145Z-0215Z, Jun 12
+ NCCC Sprint Ladder

0230Z-0300Z, Jun 12

AMATEUR RADIO CLUBS

CLOVIS ARP ++ The Lodi ARC is sponsoring a website for the area's VHF UHF contest enthusiast. It's called the "Nor Cal" vhf uhf contest page and the URL is www.n6sjv.org. Continuing with their event schedule the California Classic Bicycle Event is 16 May and T-Hunt on 23 May.
www.k6arp.org/

FRESNO ARC++ N6HEW, Glen's ARES/RACES report noted, "It is with great sorrow I bring the news of the passing of Edward Plummer Jr. (KB6LBS). Ed authored the original RACES Plan and was first Assistant RACES Officer in Fresno Co. SKIP also offers great pictures of Hams at a local Swap meet and open house at Red Monkey, one of the local Ham outlets. The Pres. Stu, WB6VRJ, had this advice for the club, "Yes, that is part of the ARRL code-to be courteous and friendly. I know that all of you club members are just that and more. "In April Joe, WA6FFJ, gave a talk on Western Public Service (WPSS); history and procedures. Then Rob, AE6GE described an emergency call he handled. It was discussed by the group, especially, the failing of the reporting person giving inadequate and misleading information. He then left the

scene! The need to get as much information before instigating the call was key to conveying the traffic calmly and accurately.
www.w6to.com

LODI ARC ++ Jim WB6BET, club Sec., reported program was "Show and Tell". Everyone brought something. The items ranged from old QSL cards to a 6 – 20 Meter Antenna brought by himself. For the SJV contest enthusiast, Lodi is sponsoring the "Nor Cal" VHF UHF contest page at www.n6sjv.org. lodiamateurradioclub.org/

LOS BANOS ARC ++ April sported a visit from Steve Adams, AD6HP and the Merced County Sheriff. Also pictures of the "After Party" to the Fox Hunt. May meeting talked about ARES. Parade setup discussion.
www.aa6lb.org

SIERRA ARC ++ Cap, WX1WIZ, has stepped up to be our Field Day coordinator. Looks like it'll tentatively be held at Kennedy Meadows. April 25 was the annual BARC and SARC in the Lone Pine Park.

Mike, WA6ARA reported on the communications for the 20 Mule Team Endurance Horse ride. Dennis W6DQ talked about the recovery of a Collins 821A-1 250 KW transmitter from the Voice of America site in Delano (DL-8). April's meeting was highlighted by Dennis W6DQ, concerning EME using Cal Tech's dish near Lone Pine. May's program will be about T-Hunts. www.qsl.net/wa6ybn/

SEQUOIA ARG ++ March issue announces The FCC has issued a Notice of

Unlicensed Operation to Martin K. Elliott of Inyokern, California for operating an unlicensed radio transmitter. That is closer to the Sierra Club but not too far away. ARRL asks members to comment on draft HF band plan proposals. NO more printed amateur radio licenses being issued by FCC. www.n6krv.org

STOCKTON DELTA ARC ++ HOW DO YOU USE REPEATERS? Is a great article in the March Flysheet. Then May offers "How to do that HF Thing" reminding us of the Amateur's Code. Just the best advice for all Hams.

Finally the DX Code and Proper Phonetics round out good operating techniques. There is also the highlights of all the public events; Bicycle Rides, March of Dimes etc. www.w6sf.org

TURLOCK ARC ++ May ArcOver announces Grady, K6IXA, will be presenting a program on Winlink. Very appropriate since his recognition as steadfast sysop. Also much discussion regarding Field Day. www.w6bxn.org.

The following Amateurs became Silent Keys since the last report: Peter W6QEU, Harold N6KDJ, Elvin N6SJR, Jack KD6MRF, and David WA6WLJ.

They will be missed.

Traffic for March 2015:

ORS: W6SX 28 WA6IAF 382, WS6P 1039, K6RAU 13 Total 1462

PSHR: W6SX 52, WA6IAF 90, WS6P 365, K6RAU 82

Traffic for April 2015:

ORS: W6SX 6 WA6IAF 0, WS6P 1314, K6RAU 12 Total 1332
PSHR: W6SX 29, WA6IAF 0, WS6P 380, K6RAU 77

Mark your Calendars:

05/17/2015 | Sacramento Hamfest

Location: Sacramento, CA

Sponsor: North Hills Radio Club

Website: <http://k6is.org>

06/05/2015 | Northwestern Division Convention (Sea-Pac)

Location: Seaside, OR

Sponsor: Oregon Tualatin Valley ARC

Website: <http://www.seapac.org>

06/20/2015 | Santa Maria Radio Swapfest

Location: Orcutt, CA

Sponsor: Satellite Amateur Radio Club (W6AB)

Website: <http://www.satellitearc.com>

09/11/2015 | Southwestern Division Convention (Hamcon 2015)

Location: Torrance, CA

Sponsor: Los Angeles Area Council of Amateur Radio Clubs &
Orange

County Council of Amateur Radio Organizations

Website: <http://www.hamconinc.org>

09/19/2015 | Ninth Annual Sacramento Valley Hamfest

Location: Lincoln, CA

Sponsor: Western Placer Amateur Radio Club

Website: <http://www.wparc.us>

10/16/2015 | Pacific Division Convention (PACIFICON 2015)

Location: San Ramon, CA

Sponsor: Mount Diablo Amateur Radio Club

Website: <http://www.pacificon.org>

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 Webinar by Hank Garretson, W6SX, has been posted to the WWROF

webpage (www.wwrof.org) under the Webinars link. Hanks presentation

will be of particular interest to "Little Pistols" and those who are

space limited. He added a link to the elevation plot which can be

viewed at <http://www.heywhatsthat.com/> it's worth checking out! Also

the Ladder Snaps in the presentation can be found at

http://www.73cnc.com/product_p/ls100.htm You can e-mail Hank at

w6sx@arrl.net for additional details.

The K6RAU (our Traffic Manager) Morse Code Instruction Course is

available at www.pdarrrl.org/K6RAU or www.pdarrrl.org/k6rau.

No need to know a "dit" from a "dah", simply with paper and pencil, and following the instructions.

CWops Tests are held weekly – Every Wednesday at 1300Z, 1900Z, and

0300Z (Thursday). Info and rules at <http://www.cwops.org/cwt.html>.

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 Pac 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.

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