SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY SECTION Report for the month of October 2015



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Thanksgiving! Being grateful. We radio operators have a spectrum we

can use, a hobby to enjoy and the ability to make friends no matter how

far distant they are. This is enough to be thankful, but there is

more.

We all should appreciate those that came before us (Marconi, Fessenden,

Bell Labs and even Maxim), way to many to address here. Still we need

to recognize all those that have contributed to our hobby and

industry.

How and why was this possible? It was permitted by a people that saw

that freedom of will and choice was encouraged. All protected by

individuals that committed themselves to protecting those freedoms and

guaranteed the future of our way of life. It is in November, on the 11

day, at the 11 hour that we honour those that served in our military.

In peace and war, times of national or international strife, they stand between us and harm.

For this I encourage you to add a few more seconds to your Thanksgiving

list of things to be grateful. For me, it will be the first line of my prayer when I ask his blessing.

Make sure you have your letter in to ARRL. The link is: www.arrl.org/amateur-radio-parity-act.

Skywarn Recognition Day is December 5, 2015. Contact your local weather station for details.

73;

Dan Pruitt, AE6SX

NEWS: From ARRL newsletters. Read complete articles from October to

now.

10/07/2015 | New ARRL Handbook, Antenna Book Editions Now Shipping

10/07/2015 | ARRL President Congratulates Hurricane Watch Net on its

50th Anniversary

10/08/2015 | Now, "Clarity on Parity" — the Video!

10/08/2015 | AMSAT Fox-1A CubeSat Launches from California

10/12/2015 | IARU Administrative Council Stresses

Importance of Antenna

Systems for Amateur Radio

10/13/2015 | ARRL Asks FCC to Clarify that Hams May Modify Non-Amateur

Gear for Amateur Use

10/15/2015 | "ARRL National Parks on the Air" Event to Mark National Park Service Centennial 10/19/2015 | ARES/RACES Teams Expected

to Join MARS in Coronal Mass Ejection Disaster Exercise 10/20/2015 | Parity Act House Cosponsors Now in Triple Digits!

10/21/2015 | ARRL Executive Committee Presented with Draft Enforcement

Improvement Plan 10/21/2015 | Use of 146.52 MHz FM Simplex Frequency

Cleared for ARRL Contests

10/23/2015 | Fox-1A (A0-85) Transponder Again Open for Use 10/27/2015 | Amateur Radio to Have a Presence at National Tribal

Assistance Coordination Group Workshop

10/27/2015 | ARRL Field Day 2015 Results Now Available:

10/28/2015 | ARRL Medium-Wave Experimenters Sponsoring Special Event in

November 13 thru 14 November, see details

10/29/2015 | ARISS Celebrates 1000th Event, 15 Years of Permanent Ham

Radio Presence in Space

10/30/2015 | Polish Radio Amateur May Be a Step Closer to Activating

North Korea

10/30/2015 | Putting Contesting to Work for Your Public Service Team

10/30/2015 | It's ARRL November Sweepstakes Season!

11/04/2015 | January VP8 DXpedition to Incorporate "Youth and

Community Participation"

11/04/2015 | Amateur Radio Parity Act Continues to Gain Traction in US

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Contests:

November 2015

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+ RSGB 80m Club Sprint, SSB
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2000Z-2100Z, Nov 11

+ NCCC RTTY Sprint

0145Z-0215Z, Nov 13

+ WAE DX Contest, RTTY

0000Z, Nov 14 to 2359Z, Nov 15

+ 10-10 Int. Fall Contest, Digital

0001Z, Nov 14 to 2359Z, Nov 15

+ JIDX Phone Contest

0700Z, Nov 14 to 1300Z, Nov 15

+ OK/OM DX Contest, CW

1200Z, Nov 14 to 1200Z, Nov 15

+ Kentucky QSO Party

1400Z, Nov 14 to 0200Z, Nov 15

+ Homebrew and Oldtime Equipment Party

1300-1500Z, Nov 15 (40m) and

1500-1700Z, Nov 15 (80m)

+ Run for the Bacon QRP Contest

0200Z-0400Z, Nov 16

+ NAQCC CW Sprint

0130Z-0330Z, Nov 19

+ NCCC RTTY Sprint

0145Z-0215Z, Nov 20

+ YO International PSK31 Contest

1600Z-2200Z, Nov 20

+ SARL Field Day Contest

1000Z, Nov 21 to 1000Z, Nov 22

+ LZ DX Contest

1200Z, Nov 21 to 1200Z, Nov 22

+ All Austrian 160-Meter Contest

1600Z, Nov 21 to 0700Z, Nov 22

+ Feld Hell Sprint

1700Z-1859Z, Nov 21

+ NA Collegiate ARC Championship, SSB

2100Z, Nov 21 to 0300Z, Nov 23

+ RSGB 2nd 1.8 MHz Contest, CW

2100Z, Nov 21 to 0100Z, Nov 22

+ ARRL Sweepstakes Contest, SSB

2100Z, Nov 21 to 0300Z, Nov 23

+ UKEICC 80m Contest

2000Z-2100Z, Nov 25 + RSGB 80m Club Sprint, CW 2000Z-2100Z, Nov 26 + NCCC RTTY Sprint 0145Z-0215Z, Nov 27 + ARRL EME Contest 0000Z, Nov 28 to 2359Z, Nov 29 + CQ Worldwide DX Contest, CW 0000Z, Nov 28 to 2400Z, Nov 29

December 2015

+ NRAU 10m Activity Contest 1800Z-1900Z, Dec 3 (CW) and 1900Z-2000Z, Dec 3 (SSB) and 2000Z-2100Z, Dec 3 (FM) and 2100Z-2200Z, Dec 3 (Dig) + NCCC RTTY Sprint 0145Z-0215Z, Dec 4 + ARRL 160-Meter Contest 2200Z, Dec 4 to 1600Z, Dec 6 + TARA RTTY Melee 0000Z-2400Z, Dec 5

AMATEUR RADIO CLUBS

CLOVIS ARP ++ Rob announces the CARP Christmas Party -Friday

December 4th, 2015 - 7:00pm at the Clovis Senior Center classroom.

Windows 10 vs. Baofeng, and Chirp - The Windows 10 installation/upgrade

includes a newer version of the Prolific USB-Serial driver. This is the

interface driver software that translates many USB to Radio adapters via

a Com-Port (for lack of a more complex explanation). There is one

problem. The newer drivers prevent any updates to the radio using

Chirp software and forces your radio into an undesired transmit state.

by: Conrad Nerdahl - WA6KUE. www.k6arp.org/

FRESNO ARC++ Ron, N6MTS said "The FARC Field Day effort resulted in

the second highest score for the SJV, not only in our 3a category, but

in all categories." Swap meet at the November meeting! December

FARC Banquet Dec. 11. The Central Valley T-hunters November 21, 2015.

www.w6to.com

LODI ARC ++ Jason, KE5JTS opened up the floor for nominations for the

offices of president and vice president. Jason nominated Maria, KK6COR,

for president and Emilia, KI6YYT, for vice president (both are general

class hams). It was seconded by Ron Simpson. Emilia moved that the

nominations from the floor be closed and a vote was taken. The

nominated individuals were elected by a verbal vote. Jim and Doug will

retain their current positions as secretary and treasurer respectfully.

Program Schedule for 2015 - November - The Coherer, Dave, N6SWX;

December - Christmas Party @ Casa Flores, Dec 5th, 6:30 PM. lodiamateurradioclub.org/

LOS BANOS ARC ++ Please note that were it not for Phil, KC6JDL, we

would not have meeting pictures to include in your newsletter. So,

please, join me in thanking Phil for his service to the

Club. I

continue to be challenged by my work schedule and am only able to

sporadically take part in Club activities. We're hoping that will all

end soon, so please bear with me for the time being. Schedule: Nov

14th - Club Meeting; Dec 4th - Christmas Parade; Dec 10th - Christmas

Party. It seems only right that Veterans Day and Thanksgiving should

fall only days apart, in the same month. We should first thank God and

then honor our veterans, who served their Country to preserve our

freedom. www.aa6lb.org

SIERRA ARC ++ T HE A IRWAVES C ALENDAR Every Monday IWV Emergency Net

730pm

WA6YBN Repeater-147.00MHz +, 107.2 tone

09 Nov SARC Board Meeting, 6:30pm - USO building

09 Nov SARC General Meeting 7:00pm - USO building - Program:

"Grounded for Safety"

14 Nov Ridgecrest Desert Classic. Mike WA6ARA had the presentation on

Satellites- the future of ham radio. Satellite sub-bands were covered

and the various orbits used. Modes of the satellites include linear,

FM, APRS, and video. Simple antenna and 10 watts of power will do it.

Computer software is handy to have to plot where a satellite is

located. Mike also reviewed the use of commonly used forms in EmComm:

ARRL - Radiogram, both general and as a Disaster Welfare message,

General Message (ICS-213), and the Activity Log (ICS 214).

The group

then conducted a practice emergency net using the Club's emergency net

script as a guideline. Both presentations inspired numerous practical

comments. To wrap up the meeting, a live microphone was handed to Mike

(KK6TAZ) to be Net Control for the SARC emergency net. He did quite

well, despite it being his first time as Net Control. One of the goals

of the Ridgecrest ARES group is to see that all members are capable as

the Net Control operator. Pacificon - A session with the NORCAL QRP

group with a MUPPET build. Chuck (K7Q0) has developed the Manhattan-Ugly-Professional-Placement-Experimental-Technique (MUPPET)

for construction of electronic circuits. It's actually quite pretty.

No holes, no numbers, just etched with household chemicals. This is a

multi-frequency signal generator with interchangeable crystals. Mike

(WA6ARA) whiz-built his signal generator with the help of his

multi-element transistor tester. The perfect Christmas present - is a

half scale model of the J-36Vibroplex. These limited production

collectible CW keys are handcrafted, numbered, with every part made in

the USA. Field Day Results! or It all matters how you look at it! The

Field Day results are in! We were near the bottom of the 4A list, out of

155 total. We have been lower! But, we are at the top, number uno, for

our section, San Joaquin Valley (SJV)! Yah! (there were only two

entries for 4A in SJV). During a recent public service event base camp

kept hearing a QSO. Repeated attempts to notify the two holding the QSO

that a public service event was being held went unacknowledged.

Strange, some with the event were hearing the QSO, other were not.

Finally the repeater identified, and it wasn't ours! As it turns out

another 147.00 repeater is on the air west of Lake Isabella. What can

we do about it? Tone Decode. If implemented the squelch only opens if

it receives the specified sub audible tone and our repeater re-transmits the 107.2 Hz tone. So the fix is to implement your radio's

tone encode and decode for the 147.000 repeater. You. www.qsl.net/wa6ybn/

SEQUOIA ARG ++ W6SV says "Weather will be a large concern this year.

Emphasis on BE PREPARED." Saturday December 12, 2015. Our annual

Christmas Dinner will be held at the Elk's Lodge. Camping at

7,500' in October? Well 7 of your club members did just that. On

Oct. 6th we went to Glass Creek Campground just north of Mammoth Lakes.

. www.n6krv.org

STOCKTON DELTA ARC ++ October 15th , 2015 — Great Shakeout

Earthquake Drill www.shakeout.org . The Stockton-Delta Amateur Radio

Club has participated in this drill for several years with check-in

numbers rivaling larger cities like Sacramento and Fresno. The plan was a directed net on the W6SF 147.165 repeater and take checkins from

around the city and county. Participating stations checkedin with

their call sign, location and radio capabilities.. www.w6sf.org

TURLOCK ARC ++ Dick, K6SUU, was called forward to make an announcement

regarding a program with Pacificon. Mission 22 will be this October

17th. For information go to parachutemobile.org. Also, the radio to

hit the ISS has been fixed. There was an issue with the GPS, but

hopefully it won't be a problem. Let Dick know if you are interested

in using the radio. Grady Williams, K6IXA, gave the evening

presentation on the W6BXN Repeater System. His presentation was

excellent, including a Power Point with a diagram of all the repeaters,

how they work together, and pictures of the different sites. (Turtle

Dome, Sentinel Dome and Buck Rock. It was very interesting and

informative. Grady stated that the new engine has been put in, tested

and is working fine. An alarm panel with three lights has been ordered.

There was a question about if there were power failure, how long would

the system run? There would be approx. 72 days power to run it. On

behalf of the TARC we would like to thank Grady, W6BXN, and Spencer

Boyd for the extensive commitment they have shown, taking care of the

W6BXN Repeater System. www.w6bxn.org.

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The following Amateurs became Silent Keys since the last
report: Mario
W6FMC, John KK6DIG, Suzanne KD6ANX, Jerry WB6ZTI, Gary
K6RYD and Sandi
KJ6KEF.
They will be missed.
SJV Section ORS/FOR 2015 Traffic Report: [Oct 2015]
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k6rau
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SJV Section PSHR/FOR Reports:
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k6rau 85
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Mark your Calendars:
01/17/2016 | Quartzfest 2016
Location: Quartzsite, AZ
Type: ARRL Convention
Sponsor: QuartzFest Planning Committee
Website: http://QuartzFest.org
02/19/2016 | Southwestern Division Convention (Yuma
Hamfest)
Location: Yuma, AZ
Type: ARRL Convention
Sponsor: Yuma Amateur Radio Hamfest Organization
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Website: http://www.yumahamfest.org/

03/12/2016 | Hamfest 2016

Location: Loomis, CA Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Sierra Foothills Amateur Radio Club

Website: http://www.w6ek.org

03/12/2016 | Palm Springs Hamfest

Location: Palm Springs, CA

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Desert R.A.T.S. ARC

Website: http://www.palmspringshamfest.com 04/29/2016 | Nevada State Convention (NVCON)

Location: Las Vegas, NV Type: ARRL Convention

Sponsor: Las Vegas Radio Amateur Club

Website: http://www.nvcon.org

06/03/2016 | Northwestern Division Convention (SEA-PAC)

Location: Seaside, OR Type: ARRL Convention

Sponsor: Oregon Tualatin Valley ARC

Website: http://www.seapac.org

06/18/2016 | Santa Maria Radio Swapfest

Location: Orcutt, CA Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Satellite ARC

Website: http://satellitearc.com

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 WWR0F

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.pdarrl.org/K6RAU or www.pdarrl.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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