

# SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY SECTION

## Report for the month of November 2015

SM Dan Pruitt, AE6SX- ASMs K6YK and N2NS, ACC W6DPD, SEC KF6FIR, OOC N1VM,

STM K6RAU, PIC vacant, TC W6TE.

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving with plenty of food and

family. Is everyone ready for Christmas?



A couple of operating opportunities. Straight Key night on New Years

Eve. I also worked the WW1USA station for the WWI Museum in Kansas

City. Good site [ww1usa.org](http://ww1usa.org), and a QSL Certificate is available.

Remember the membership for ARRL increases after the First of January

2016. Now is a great time to consider "Life Membership". The amount of money you will save is significant. If you feel the Life

Membership is not for you then at least renew for 3 years. This will

save you \$30 (almost an annual membership at current prices) and will

be added to what ever you now are committed.

Get your letters in for the Amateur Radio Parity Act. If it was a

while ago, do a new one for each house. Tell your friends,

ARRL member

or not, go to "ARRL.ORG/amateur-radio-parity-act" and you will be able to complete it on line.

Merry Christmas! Oh yes, send me and/or the ACC Charles, W6DPD (w6dpd@arrl.org), your Club contact information and Officers for 2016.

Go the ARRL web page and update your club information also. This is very important so your records are up to date.

73;

Dan Pruitt, AE6SX

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

11/17/2015 | Recording of 1935 Marconi Speech Released

11/17/2015 | Oregon SM Pledges Continued Cooperation with Office of Emergency Management After Rift

11/18/2015 | AO-85 Commissioned and Turned Over to AMSAT-NA Operations

11/18/2015 | Amateur Radio Parity Act Passes Senate Committee, Gains

Cosponsors

11/18/2015 | National Parks on the Air (NPOTA) Map Now Available

11/24/2015 | FCC License and Examination File Processing System Getting Back on Track

11/25/2015 | Martti Laine, OH2BH, Article on Working DX Pileups Now Available

11/27/2015 | MARS-Amateur Radio Exercise an Overall Success

11/30/2015 | FCC Cites Homeowner for Unintentional

Interference to  
Telecoms Provider

12/01/2015 | The Radio Amateur's Workshop Explains Workshop  
Essentials

12/03/2015 | Santa Claus Arctic Circle Team Active During  
December

The Santa Claus Arctic Circle Team will be active as OH9SCL  
(Santa  
Claus Land) from the Finnish Lapland above the Arctic Circle  
during  
December.

12/05/2015 | SKYWARN Recognition Day is Under Way

12/07/2015 | Scouting's Jamboree On The Air (JOTA)  
Participation Dips  
for Third Year

12/08/2015 | Polish Radio Amateur Traveling to North Korea in  
Advance  
of Proposed Operation

12/11/2015 | Kosovo Amateur Radio Association SHRAK Joins  
International  
Amateur Radio Union

Contests:

December 2015

- + ARRL 10-Meter Contest 0000Z, Dec 12 to 2400Z, Dec 13
- + NAQCC CW Sprint 0130Z-0330Z, Dec 17
- + NCCC RTTY Sprint 0145Z-0215Z, Dec 18
- + NCCC Sprint 0230Z-0300Z, Dec 18
- + Russian 160-Meter Contest 2000Z-2400Z, Dec 18
- + AGB-Party Contest 2100Z-2400Z, Dec 18
- + OK DX RTTY Contest 0000Z-2400Z, Dec 19
- + RAC Winter Contest 0000Z-2359Z, Dec 19
- + ARRL Rookie Rdup, CW 1800Z-2359Z, Dec 20
- + NCCC RTTY Sprint 0145Z-0215Z, Dec 25
- + DARC Christmas Contest 0830Z-1059Z, Dec 26
- + RAEM Contest 0000Z-1159Z, Dec 27
- + CWops Mini-CWT Test 1300Z-1400Z, Dec 30 and

1900Z-2000Z,  
Dec 30 and  
0300Z-0400Z,  
Dec 31

## January 2016

- + AGB New Year Snowball test 0000Z-0100Z, Jan 1
- + NCCC RTTY Sprint 0145Z-0215Z, Jan 1
- + SARTG New Year RTTY test 0800Z-1100Z, Jan 1
- + AGCW Happy New Year test 0900Z-1200Z, Jan 1
- + AGCW VHF/UHF test 1400Z-1700Z, Jan 1 (144)  
and 1700Z-1800Z,  
Jan 1 (432)
- + PODXS 070 Club PSKFest 0000Z-2400Z, Jan 2
- + WW PMC Contest 1200Z, Jan 2 to 1200Z, Jan 3
- + Original QRP Contest 1500Z, Jan 2 to 1500Z, Jan 3
- + ARRL RTTY Roundup 1800Z, Jan 2 to 2400Z, Jan 3
- + EUCW 160m test 2000Z-2300Z, Jan 2  
and 0400Z-0700Z,  
Jan 3
- + Kid's Day Contest 1800Z-2359Z, Jan 3
- + ARS Spartan Sprint 0200Z-0400Z, Jan 5
- + UKEICC 80m Contest 2000Z-2100Z, Jan 6
- + Old New Year Contest 0500Z-0900Z, Jan 9
- + UBA PSK63 Prefix Contest 1200Z, Jan 9 to 1200Z, Jan 10

## AMATEUR RADIO CLUBS

BEAR VALLEY SPRINGS++ Check out the message board on this  
site. Many  
useful download-able files.  
[bvsemergencyradioteam.shutterfly.com/](http://bvsemergencyradioteam.shutterfly.com/)

CENTRAL VALLEY RADIO CLUB ++ Bill K6WGJ, help sponsor and made  
his  
"Red monkey Communications" facility available for an over 30

person Tech Class over 4 weeks of Saturday Classes. A  
brainstorm of  
Greg, KJ60UI, he collected the instructors and VE team to  
extract a  
nearly 100% pass result. [www.centralvalleyradioclub.org](http://www.centralvalleyradioclub.org)

CLOVIS ARP ++ Marty K6KTP was the fox for the 21 Nov T-Hunt.  
Skywarn  
recognition day Dec 4 1600 hrs, Rob AE6GE provided an on line  
sign up  
sheet and Ed KA6PNL from Kings County headed for surgery.  
Representation from Tulare, Kings, Fresno Counties kept the  
station up  
and running for the event. CARP announced The Ham Radio  
'INTRO-NET' Are you a relatively newly licensed HAM with  
questions about what to do next now that you have your  
license? The  
'INTRO-NET' is the perfect place to go for the answers to  
those  
questions or any other question you may have regarding  
operating your  
new HAM radio. The 'INTRO-NET' will have three HAMS standing  
by to  
respond to your questions on the RACES repeater 147.15+ PL  
141.3 at 1930  
hrs. [www.k6arp.org/](http://www.k6arp.org/)

FRESNO ARC++ Dave, W6TE, will be our January speaker at the  
FARC  
meeting. He is looking forward to informing all Hams  
concerning an  
exciting project from AMSAT Phase IV Geosynchronous Satellite  
mission,  
on a very fast track with a launch at the end of 2016 or early  
2017.  
Lew, KI6YWX and Glen, N6HEW, have assembled a project for the  
EmComm

(ARES/RACES/SATERN etc) Group to build an interface for digital communications. The kit is available then some added features are incorporated. Details are in Skip on the website. Christmas party Italiano is planned for December. [www.w6to.com](http://www.w6to.com)

LODI ARC ++ QST for January and saw that the Lodi Amateur Radio Club has two August UHF contest winners. Tom; WA6OSX was the Pacific Division single operator low power winner. Tom also placed 2nd in the West Coast region. Jim; WB6BET was the Pacific Division classic rover winner and placed 11th in the West Coast region, classic rover.

[lodiamateurradioclub.org/](http://lodiamateurradioclub.org/)

LOS BANOS ARC ++ Mike, AD6AA states, "The Christmas Party isn't

all fun and games, this is traditionally when we hold our elections.

Nominations are kept open until the election. At the last meeting, I

announced that 2016 will be my last year as president unless someone

else wishes to run for president in December. I first became president

in or around 1997. On the same subject, our Sec/Treas, Dorothy W6DME,

recently told me she will not be running for the position this year.

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

SIERRA ARC ++ Just how well does your HT live up to its specifications?? The December meeting will be a HT Spectrum

Clinic.

Why Bob's New Antenna had a bad mismatch on 26 December 2014 is the object of the photo in the "Airwaves". It was obvious considering all the critters dangling precariously from an ornately decorated Sleigh that emptied its red, white and white bearded pilot onto the beam as it snagged the unlighted center mast! Very good article, "A tale of two batteries" from Bill WA6QYR. [www.qsl.net/wa6ybn/](http://www.qsl.net/wa6ybn/)

SEQUOIA ARG ++ 2016 Officers directors. Pete, W6SV, remains President; Donna, WA6FUN, remains Vice President, Christine, KK6AZQ, joins the board as our new Secretary; Mike, KA6IYS, stays on as Treasurer and Web Master; and last, but not least; Al, N6ALP, will be taking over the newsletter again starting with the January 2016 Issue. [www.n6krv.org](http://www.n6krv.org)

STOCKTON DELTA ARC ++ The club emblem was right in the middle of all the sponsors on the Run Against Hunger commemorative long sleeve shirt? That's pretty cool!, says Chuck, W6C0B. Make it to the December Meeting / Christmas Party to see me pass the gavel to Dan KI6FTT who takes over as President on 1 January. November meeting had the election of officers for 2016. Dan KI6FTT was elected President for 2016. Guy W6MSU was elected Vice President after a "run-off" tiebreaker vote with Charlie WB6NVB. Dave N6LHL was unopposed

and  
re-elected Treasurer. Eric W6INP retained his seat as  
Secretary for  
another term. Our December Meeting will be the Christmas  
Dinner  
celebrated on December 10. [www.w6sf.org](http://www.w6sf.org)

The following Amateurs became Silent Keys since the last  
report:

Eleanor WA6JGR,  
Steve K6SNL, and John, KK6DIG in June. They will be missed.

Traffic for November 2015:

ORS: W6SX 37, WS6P 710, K6RAU 10 Total 757

PSHR: W6SX 61, WS6P 165, K6RAU 76

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

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>



04/15/2016 | International DX Convention

Location: Visalia, CA

Type: DX Convention

Sponsor: Southern CA DX Club

Website: [DXConvention.com](http://DXConvention.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>

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