

San Joaquin Valley Section Report for August

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Welcome to the San Joaquin Valley Section.

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The San Joaquin Valley Section includes 12 counties in the central valley of California, Kern, Tulare, Kings, Fresno, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, Stanislaus, Tuolumne, Calaveras, San Joaquin, and Mono.

Thanks for visiting this page.

When your affiliated club elects officers for the next year, be sure to update your club's information on the affiliated club area of

the ARRL

web page. If your club fails to update the information for 2 years, your

club will be placed in the inactive file. ARRL HQ and the Director use

this information on these reports to send information to your club. If

the information is not up to date, your club will miss out. Please

notify your Section Manager of your club's election results, ae6sx@arrl.org and the Affiliated Club Coordinator, w6dpd@arrl.org.

As space allows I will enjoy relaying any events or occurrences which

illustrate Amateur Radio as a hobby and public asset. It need not be a

newsletter, if you think it important, it probably should be here.

You should also send your newsletter to the Affiliated Club Coordinator

(w6dpd@arrl.org) and the Director (w6rgg@arrl.org) vice director

(k6jat@arrl.org) and to ARRL HQ (clubs@arrl.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, WAS, 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. 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 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.

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 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>.

Mark your Calendars:

10/07/2017 | San Diego Hamfest 2017

Location: Lakeside, CA

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Lakeside Amateur Radio Club

Website: <http://www.lakesidearc.org/sdhamfest/sdhamfest.php>

10/20/2017 | Pacific Division Convention (PACIFICON 2017)

Location: San Ramon, CA

Type: ARRL Convention

Sponsor: Mount Diablo Amateur Radio Club

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

10/26/2017 Microwave Update 2017

October 26-29, 2017

Biltmore Hotel, Santa Clara CA

<http://www.microwabeupdate.org>

10/27/2017 AMSAT Annual Meeting and Space Symposium

October 27-29, 2017, Location is Reno NV.

Check <http://www.amsat.org> for information

10/26/2017 Microwave Update

Location: Santa Clara CA

Type: ARRL Specialty Convention

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

11/04/2017 San Joaquin Valley "Rally in the Valley"

Location: Salvation Army of Tulare

314 East San Joaquin Avenue

Tulare, CA 93274

Sponsor: Tulare County ARC & Porterville ARC

Talk-In: 146.880 minus (PL 103.2)

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SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY SECTION Report for the month of August
2017: SM

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ASEC

WL7C00, 00C N1VM, STM K6RAU, PIC KJ60UI, TC W6TE.

Hello San Joaquin Valley;

I find myself behind the 8-ball having to choose between my
doctors and

the Ham Radio I love. Well you know I was forced to be at the
doctors'

beck and call. Please forgive me for my tardy report.

Something's to report. Emergency communications were utilized
all

across the country. Out here we were hit with some big fires.
Over the

last couple years we have had a lot of practice. Although it
may not

have been purely ARES or RACES, Amateur Radio operators with
other hats

were involved with VIP (Cal-Fire), RED Cross Volunteers and State

Cal-OES. ARES was on call for the most part in our area. We need to

train to support these organizations. There were other events. Flash

Floods were experienced here and into Texas and Mountain states. Then

just when we catch a breath, we are hit with Harvey through Marie and

the record devastation. First time ARRL asked for comm volunteers since

Katrina. Add the Mexican Earthquake and you see the International scope.

Look around you and think of the worst-case scenarios. Protect yourself

and family, and then train in the public service events in your local.

Your regional weather station will be training SKYWARN Spotters too.

Fun Stuff: Pacificon and JOTA are October 20 to the 22. It is time for

swapmeets and Rally in the Valley is November 4. The California QSO

party is October 7-8 and is always fun for us. Contests and DX, Ham

Radio is a great Hobby!

Remember to support "The Amateur Radio Parity Act". Now in the Senate

<https://arrrl.rallycongress.net/ctas/urge-us-senate-to-support-amateur-radio-parity-act>

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Dan Pruitt, AE6SX

NEWS: From ARRL newsletters. Read complete articles from

August to now.

08/08/2017 | First Bulgarian Amateur Radio CubeSat to Launch in 2018

08/09/2017 | Radio Amateurs in Atlantic Canada Go on Standby During Telephone Outage

08/14/2017 | Youth DX Adventure Wraps Up

08/15/2017 | Radio Eritrea and Radio Ethiopia Still Battling on 40 Meters

08/17/2017 | Pirates on the Air!

08/17/2017 | Plane Crash Drill Turns to Major Fire Response

08/17/2017 | Revised NCVEC Form 605 Must Be Used at Starting on August 21

08/18/2017 | Cosmonauts Manually Deploy Three Nanosatellites with Amateur Radio Payloads

08/19/2017 | Canada Proposes Implementing a 60-Meter Band While Retaining Discrete Channels

08/19/2017 | Caribbean Emergency and Weather Net was Activated for Tropical Storm Harvey

08/23/2017 | Get with the SET: ARRL Simulated Emergency Test (SET) Fall Classic Just Ahead

08/24/2017 | Harvey Regains Strength, Hurricane Watch Net Plans to

Activate

08/24/2017 | Harvey Gains Hurricane Strength, Hurricane Watch and VoIP

WX Nets Activate

08/24/2017 | Southern Territory SATERN Net to Activate on Saturday,
August 26, for Hurricane Harvey

08/28/2017 | Top-Level Domain Name “.radio” Now Available

08/28/2017 | Texas Flood Zone ARES Volunteers Advised to Stay Home,
Family Safety Comes First

08/30/2017 | The 2018 ARRL Calendar is Now Shipping!

08/31/2017 | FCC Technological Advisory Council Investigating Technical
Regulations

08/31/2017 | Maritime Mobile Operation on LF May be a First for Amateur
Radio

09/01/2017 | Estonia, Kenya Join 60-Meter Club

09/04/2017 | Hurricane Watch Net to Activate for Hurricane Irma

09/05/2017 | FEMA Announces Regions that Could Activate on 60-Meters for
Hurricane Irma

09/06/2017 | New “Pre-Release” Version of WSJT-X Includes FT8 Changes

09/06/2017 | Hurricane Watch Net Now Watching Three Atlantic Basin
Hurricanes

09/08/2017 | Operating Procedures During Hurricane Irma

09/08/2017 | Hurricane Irma Amateur Radio Emergency and
Priority Traffic

is Moving; Health & Welfare Traffic Queued For Later Delivery

09/12/2017 | Caribbean Emergency and Weather Net Requests
Clear

Frequencies

09/12/2017 | Hurricane Irma Extensively Damages International
Broadcast

Station in Florida

09/13/2017 | Help the Ham Aid Response Effort in Florida and
the US

Virgin Islands

09/14/2017 | A Reminder for ARRL Volunteers

09/14/2017 | Not All "Intruders" on Ham Bands are Illegal –
But a

Lot of Them Are

Contests:

October 2017

+ German Telegraphy Contest

0700Z-0959Z, Oct 3

+ SARL 80m QSO Party

1700Z-2000Z, Oct 5

+ SKCC Weekend Sprintathon

1200Z, Oct 7 to 2359Z, Oct 8

+ California QSO Party

1600Z, Oct 7 to 2159Z, Oct 8

+ 10-10 Int. 10-10 Day Sprint

0001Z-2359Z, Oct 10

+ Makrothen RTTY Contest

0000Z, Oct 14 to 1559Z, Oct 15

+ Oceania DX Contest, CW

0800Z, Oct 14 to 0800Z, Oct 15

+ Scandinavian Activity Contest, SSB

1200Z, Oct 14 to 1200Z, Oct 15

+ Arizona QSO Party

1600Z, Oct 14 to 2359Z, Oct 15

+ Pennsylvania QSO Party

1600Z, Oct 14 to 2200Z, Oct 15

+ FISTS Fall Unlimited Sprint

1700Z-2100Z, Oct 14

+ Asia-Pacific Fall Sprint, CW

0000Z-0200Z, Oct 15

+ 10-10 Int. Fall Contest, CW

0001Z, Oct 21 to 2359Z, Oct 22

+ New York QSO Party

1400Z, Oct 21 to 0200Z, Oct 22

+ Worked All Germany Contest

1500Z, Oct 21 to 1459Z, Oct 22

+ Illinois QSO Party

1700Z, Oct 22 to 0100Z, Oct 23

+ CQ Worldwide DX Contest, SSB

0000Z, Oct 28 to 2400Z, Oct 29

CLUBS

CLOVIS ARP ++ K6MTS QRP Portable SOTA Mt. Tom. Tour de Fresno bicycle

ride event. September 16. Bass Lake Double Century Oct 14. Club Gavel

Competition for the ARRL September VHF contest. CARP Board of Directors

Nominations 2017 Open during September. The October 6, 2017 CARP meeting

will be the annual SKYWARN Spotter Training Class. AB 1222 Heads to the

Governor's Desk. Jeff Austin, 9Y4J, Emergency Coordinator Advisory

Group, IARU Region 2, Area E, reports that the Caribbean Emergency

Weather Net (CEWN), activated at 1030 UTC on 3.815 MHz. The net will use

3.815 and/or 7.188 MHz as propagation dictates. www.k6arp.org/

FRESNO ARC++ Pres Stu, WB6VRJ recognized the new faces and reminds

everyone of simple CW skills are fun. . Upcoming Transmitter Hunt Date

is Nov 11, during the swapmeet. DX report from W6DPD. The ARES/RACES

EMCOMM report from Glen N6HEW. Memorabilia of the Code Talkers and

Pictures of the Fresno ARC Picnic. www.w6to.com

LODI ARC ++ The Worked All Cities Contest is going well. Ron reminded

members of how to work a "pile up". Dennis, NJ6G spoke about CQP.

The rules for clubs size are changing for this year's CQP and will

affect this years ranking a lot. Rodger, W6PKB, on solar panels. His

panels ran about \$900 each. Programs: September Queen Mary Special Event

operation, by Emilia KI6YYT, October The History of the Atomic Bomb, by

Roger Gearhart, K6PKB and November USS Hornet Special Event operation,

by Emilia KI6YYT lodiamateurradioclub.org/

LOS BANOS ARC ++ August was Pizza night. September program is about an

Emergency communications class that Will K6WJR, attended. Skywarn Class

is to be given in Los Banos on 5 October. ARRL SET is 7,8 October. .

www.aa6lb.org

SIERRA ARC ++ .Pres. Dennis W6DQ says, "turn off the heat!", The

SARC club program at the September meeting will be about SSTV. Thank you

Julie Stephens, KI6YRA, for a very enjoyable August Ice Cream Social

held at the Maturango Museum. Ok hunters, summer is just about over and

time for the next T-Hunt on 23 September. Read about using relay

discipline when the ARES repeater went down. Good job SARC.

www.qsl.net/wa6ybn/

SEQUOIA ARG ++ Lessons learned on Field Day about setting up

ham

emergency stations on quick notice in strange conditions, says Skip,

N6SR. One club in South Carolina had a gem of an idea for Field Day.

Visitors were encouraged to learn a little Code first and then spell

their names out with beads representing dots, dashes and spaces between.

From there, they made bracelets. www.n6krv.org

STOCKTON DELTA ARC ++ John NZ6Q did training on radio-sport and

contesting. We are a Hobby, a National Resource and Life Savers. I had

the privilege recently of helping out with an Emergency Preparedness

Fair sponsored by The Mormons. We set up a go box, demonstrated a few

portable radios, and continuously played several public service videos

in the background, John NZ6Q.

September 16th – Elmer University – 0830 – Ham Cram will be held

at Fire Station #2. October 7th – 8th, 2017 – California QSO Party

1600Z – 2200Z. www.w6sf.org

TURLOCK ARC ++ .On September 30 TARC will be holding a DMR programming

course. We will get started at 8:30 AM and be done at about noon. The

2017 Fall auction will be held on October 14 at Crossroads Church in

Turlock. It appears that it will be a large auction with a wide variety

of items. More information as well as pictures of items to be

sold can
be found on our auction page. www.w6bxn.org.

The following Amateur became Silent Key since the last report:
Gary (AA6R, Michael WB6EGP, Barry, WB6BW, and Dale N6PUF.
They will be missed.

Traffic for July 2017:

ORS: WS6P 1272, K6RAU 13 Total 1285

PSHR: WS6P 140, K6RAU 71

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