

# October San Joaquin Valley Section Report

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Happy Turkey Day! Let us remember what we have to be thankful and pass

it on.

This is hoping you receive this in time. It has been very busy over the

last 30 days and I can not stress the fact that Emcomm and Public

Service has been on all of our calendars. We have 2 new bands, new

satellites and world wide recognition. We need to Elmer the youth to

continue our legacy. DIY projects and maker fairs should be in our

vocabulary. We helped bring in the digital age and we should continue

all the facets that are integrated in Amateur Radio and remember to have

fun!

Pacificon and Rally in the Valley had good presentations alluding to

MESH Networks and digital communications. With digital, all modes are

available and logging, spotting and APRS. Find your niche and enjoy.

Remember to support "The Amateur Radio Parity Act". Go to the link

on the ARRL website <http://www.arrl.org/amateur-radio-parity-act> . We

have to continue the support for this legislation.

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

10/13/2017 | ARRL Section Manager Evacuates When Fire Comes Within Two Blocks

10/15/2017 | Amateur Radio Facilitates Another Patient Evacuation on Puerto Rico

10/16/2017 | Volunteer Shelter Duty Slots in Northern California Filled on the Fly "via RF"

New Ham Bands Spring to Life; Veteran LF Experimenter Denied Amateur

Access to 2200 Meters

10/18/2017 | Focus on Emergency Communication at Pacificon 2017

10/19/2017 | Chinese CAS-4A and CAS-4B Amateur Radio Satellite Transponders Activated

10/20/2017 | RadFxSat (Fox-1B) FM Satellite Set to Launch in November

10/23/2017 | New IOTA Website is Up and Running

10/24/2017 | New BBC Amateur Radio Station G8BBC Officially Opened

10/26/2017 | SSTV Goes Very High Profile

10/27/2017 | Caution Urged in Using High Duty Cycle Digital Modes on Satellites

10/27/2017 | CWops Announces Awards for Advancing the Art of CW

10/27/2017 | CW Gets the Message Through in Wake of Hurricane Irma

10/27/2017 | Tiny LF Signal Makes the Hop from Newfoundland to the UK

10/31/2017 | American Red Cross Hails “New Partnership” with ARRL

Following Puerto Rico Deployment

11/02/2017 | New Digital Modes Changing Complexion of Bands and Perhaps of Ham Radio

11/06/2017 | SKYWARN Recognition Day is Saturday, December 2

11/09/2017 | Radio Amateurs in Spain, Argentina Gain New and Extended Bands

11/09/2017 | Announcing: The ARRL International Grid Chase!

Contests:

November 2017

+ SKCC Sprint

0000Z-0200Z, Nov 22

+ RSGB 80m Autumn Series, SSB

2000Z-2130Z, Nov 22

+ CQ Worldwide DX Contest, CW

0000Z, Nov 25 to 2400Z, Nov 26

+ UKEICC 80m Contest

2000Z-2100Z, Nov 29

+ RSGB 80m Autumn Series, CW

2000Z-2130Z, Nov 30

December 2017

+ NCCC RTTY Sprint

0145Z-0215Z, Dec 1

+ QRP Fox Hunt

0200Z-0330Z, Dec 1

+ ARRL 160-Meter Contest

2200Z, Dec 1 to 1600Z, Dec 3

+ TOPS Activity Contest

1600Z, Dec 2 to 1559Z, Dec 3

+ EPC Ukraine DX Contest

2000Z, Dec 2 to 1959Z, Dec 3

+ Ten-Meter RTTY Contest

0000Z-2400Z, Dec 3

+ SARL Digital Contest

1300Z-1600Z, Dec 3

+ ARS Spartan Sprint

0200Z-0400Z, Dec 5

+ ARRL 10-Meter Contest

0000Z, Dec 9 to 2400Z, Dec 10

+ International Naval Contest

1600Z, Dec 9 to 1559Z, Dec 10

+ AWA Bruce Kelley 1929 QSO Party

2300Z, Dec 9 to 2300Z, Dec 10 and

2300Z, Dec 16 to 2300Z, Dec 17

+ QRP ARCI Holiday Spirits Homebrew Sprint

2000Z-2359Z, Dec 10

+ CQC Great Colorado Snowshoe Run

2100Z-2259Z, Dec 10

+ 4 States QRP Group Second Sunday Sprint

0100Z-0300Z, Dec 11

CLUBS – Download the whole newsletters from the links. There is much more info than I can paraphrase.

CALAVARAS Amateur Society++ The Calaveras Amateur Radio Society elected

Chuck Farr W6AJW & Jerry Tannhauser WA6AVR as Co-Presidents at the

November Club Meeting.

[calaverasars.org/Web/](http://calaverasars.org/Web/)

CLOVIS ARP ++ Christmas Party – Friday December 1st, 2017.  
JORDAN'S

FIRST SATELLITE – JY1-SAT. Elections for the 2018-2019 term of the

Clovis Amateur Radio (CARP) Board of Directors was held at the CARP

Annual Business Meeting on November 3, 2017. Congratulations to the new Board of Directors members: James Majors K6JDM Tom Reinhart N6MQG Craig Roberts W6CMR A Board of Directors meeting will be held on November 8, 2017. [www.k6arp.org/](http://www.k6arp.org/)

FRESNO ARC++ Oct. Presentation on the new mode FT8! Very popular!  
Christmas  
Dinner, Dec. 8, Friday 6 P.M. The November meeting of course will be a swap meet!  
It will be on Saturday, November 11th, Wayne decided to come up the San Joaquin Valley and formed a microwave rover team consisting of himself N6NB, John K6MI, Dave W6TE, and myself N6MTS. Wayne also brought portable microwave stations so that we could all make microwave band contacts. So now instead of operating the usual 4 bands, I am able to make contacts on 11 bands, from 6 meters all the way up to 24Ghz. ..  
[www.w6to.com](http://www.w6to.com)

LODI ARC ++ Program presented by Barry Marson, K6ZZD, on how to operate ham satellites. Barry is a retired high school chemistry teacher. Bob Schuldheisz spoke about his plans, for the ARRL "Kids Day" January 6th, at the Galt library. He plans to have rigs set up on HF and the WB6ASU VHF repeater. Treasurer Andy and Mike Zane volunteered

to count

ballots. The results were: Emilia for President, Ron for VP, Jim for

Secretary, Andy for Treasurer. [lodiamateurradioclub.org/](http://lodiamateurradioclub.org/)

LOS BANOS ARC ++ Will K6WJR, spoke about emcomm from March meeting.

The September meeting found the club locked out of the meeting place so

discussions were held on the street. Orchestrated by Will K6WJR, John

KE6UCX, Bill WB6KBS, Anne KK6QLR and Dave KG6NU0, the impromptu sidewalk

meet was a success.. [www.aa6lb.org](http://www.aa6lb.org)

SIERRA ARC ++ In the interest of expanding club activities, there has

been discussion of taking some of the "boat-anchors" from Elvy's estate

and using them as teaching tools in repair and restoration of old

radios. If this sounds interesting to you get in touch with either Mike,

WA6ARA or myself. There are some nice Hammarlund and Hallicrafters

receivers just waiting for someone to work on them. Dennis WW6DQ

mentioned the passing of Tammy KG6YZW. The program was presented by

Mike WA6ARA on the 147.00 MHz repeater status. Some time back the power

supply died and was on battery backup until they ran down. There needs

to be some on air indication that it is on battery power. .

[www.qsl.net/wa6ybn/](http://www.qsl.net/wa6ybn/)

SEQUOIA ARG ++ Before you jump in your car or run out the front door

with your HT, studying some FEMA guidelines is not only helpful, but it is more and more being required for membership in ARES (Amateur Radio Emergency System). The minimum is to learn the structured system which an emergency response functions in. <https://training.fema.gov/is/crslist.aspx> for the list of courses. We received word from his son, Jeff Payne, that his father Dale N6PUF, passed away at home on September 15, 2017, at the age of 87.. [www.n6krv.org](http://www.n6krv.org)

STOCKTON DELTA ARC ++ We are a Hobby We are a National Resource We are Life Savers  
Part 2—I'm following the national news coverage of the disaster in Puerto Rico and several stories about the deployment of Amateur Radio Operators after the devastation. The most intriguing story so far has been the "call up" of ham operators by the Red Cross to the CEO of the ARRL for 50 volunteers to be sent to Puerto Rico. In last month's President's message, I related the story of helping out with an Emergency Preparedness Fair sponsored by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and the questions we got. Questions like: Q: "What do you guys do anyway?" A: "We save lives" Q: "HUH?" A: "Besides talk to people all over the world, we train, we prepare, we

experiment and we stand ready in a disaster to assist – not just with radios, but with a pool of resourceful minded professionals (who are Amateurs)”

On Saturday, September 9, the ARRL’s September VHF Contest was held, so

John K6YK and Dave

N6LHL loaded up the pickup with radios, batteries, antennas , coax,

turkey sandwiches and Pepsi’s and

headed for the mountains to do battle with the gods of VHF propagation.

From 7000 feet on Highway 88 antennas with coax were set up, radios were

plugged into batteries, and the 11am start was awaited..

[www.w6sf.org](http://www.w6sf.org)

TULARE Co. ARC ++ A major sponsor of Rally in the Valley, partnered

with the Boy Scouts and SATERN to put on the SJV Section Hamfest

centered on digital modes. Boy Scouts and Eric, N6VYT put together a

splendid lunch and a DMR Radio was the main prize.

[www.tcarc.net/](http://www.tcarc.net/)

TURLOCK ARC ++ The W6HHD D-Star system was the inspiration of Rick

Swanson, KF6FR. He called up one day and said, “Grady we gotta get

going on D-Star”. What’s D-Star I retorted. “Man it’s the latest

greatest and we gotta have it.”After a short break, Dick Decker

(K6SUU) gave a very detailed presentation with hand held visual aids



(radios) on what to do and not to do when buying a Chinese Radio, his experiences as well as that of others in making on line purchases, the "ins and outs" of warranty providers, and as to the continuing progress the Chinese have been making on quality, particularly as to DMR systems. . [www.w6bxn.org](http://www.w6bxn.org).

The following Amateurs became Silent Keys since the last report:

Dale N6PUF, Joe WB6EAN, John KF6JG, and Tim K4E0V.  
They will be missed.

Traffic for October 2017:

ORS: WS6P 2571, K6RAU 10 Total 2581

PSHR: WS6P 410, K6RAU 70

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Mark your Calendars:

01/21/2018 | QuartzFest Convention

Location: Quartzsite, AZ

Type: ARRL Convention

Sponsor: QuartzFest Planning Committee

Website: <http://quartzfest.org>

02/16/2018 | Southwestern Division Convention (Yuma Hamfest)

Location: Yuma, AZ

Type: ARRL Convention

Sponsor: Yuma Amateur Radio Hamfest

04/14/2018 | Communications Academy 2018 – 20th Anniversary

Location: Seattle, WA

Type: ARRL Convention

Sponsor: King County ARES, Seattle ACS, Bellevue ACS, WWA Medical

Services Comm.

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

06/01/2018 | Northwestern Division Convention (SEA-PAC)

Location: Seaside, OR

Type: ARRL Convention

Sponsor: Oregon Tualatin Valley ARC

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

07/20/2018 | Nevada State Convention (NVCON 2018)

Location: Reno, NV

Type: ARRL Convention

Sponsor: Sierra Nevada Amateur Radio Society

Website: <http://nvcon.org>

Need to take an Amateur exam? Are you having an exam? Check the ARRL web

page, [www.arrl.org/arrlvec/examsearch.phtml](http://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](http://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](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](http://www.pdarrrl.org/K6RAU) or [www.pdarrrl.org/k6rau](http://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 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.

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

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

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