

# SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY SECTION

## Report for the month of October 2013



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Here come the Holidays!

As the weather turns for our Section, it is time to start snuggling into our shacks for the fall and prepping for winter. Hopefully you have all your antenna work done and you have heat in the Shack, hi hi. Field operations are on hold for a while.

This means it is a good time for planning our next escapade. Could be an IOTA, QRP, different mode like digital or a full on DXpedition. It is also a good time to invite some one to help you plan, operate and enjoy Amateur Radio.

Please take the opportunity to advertise our hobby while you slurp some coffee or attend meetings at other venues. We need new and younger HAMs to perpetuate the hobby.

Check out the news items and contests and get on the Air!

73; Dan AE6SX

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

10/01/2013 | K6OSC Steps Down as Queen Mary W6R0 Wireless Room Manager

K6OSC has handed over the reins to the W6R0 Queen Mary wireless room.

10/04/2013 | The ARRL Centennial QSO Party Starts January 1, 2014! And will last all of 2014!

10/04/2013 | Pam's Shack Bridges the Gap – Some begging, borrowing and re-purposing gets an ARES® station on the air.

10/08/2013 | NASA Awards CubeSat-class Launch Contract and will

support Ham CubeSat launch opportunities.

10/08/2013 | TAPR Officers, Board Members Elected for the next three years.

10/10/2013 | Army MARS discussing ways to work a Partnership with ARRL and ARES.

10/13/2013 | ARRL.net E-mail Forwarding Service Changed Providers on October 15.

10/14/2013 | AMSAT Celebrates 30th Anniversary of Amateur Radio

Involvement in Human Spaceflight during the Annual Meeting November 1-3 in Houston.

10/15/2013 | ARRL Headquarters Hosts 30th USTTI Amateur Radio Administration Course. Students from Ecuador and Barbados attended an Amateur Radio Administration Course at ARRL Headquarters.

10/15/2013 | ARRL Designates Six Regional ARRL Centennial Events extending the reach of the League's 100th anniversary celebration.

Pacificon will be one!

10/16/2013 | Ham Radio (Friedrichshafen) 2013 Forum Presentations Available on the Web. Several Friedrichshafen 2013 lectures are available on the web in PowerPoint format.

10/21/2013 | Preview for the 2013 ARRL On-Line Auction starts NOW! Check now to see what's up for auction!

10/21/2013 | FCC Turns Away Petition to Expand Technician 10 Meter voice Privileges

10/22/2013 | New Free QST App Available for Android Devices!

10/24/2013 | A Shot in the Arm, is how one club gave their meetings a boost.

10/25/2013 | New E-Pub to Take Up Where Monitoring Times Leaves Off.

A new electronic publication, The Spectrum Monitor, will debut in January.

10/28/2013 | HPM's "Old Betsy" is Made New to Wow the Crowds. Maxim's "Old Betsy" spark transmitter is once again operational.

10/29/2013 | Cal Poly ARC Marks 71 Percent Increase in Exam Session Attendance at its October 19 exam session.

10/29/2013 | K9W Wake Atoll DXpedition Team Gets Entry Okay and is on again!

10/29/2013 | IARU Region 2 Publishes New Band Plan

10/30/2013 | Easter Island DXpedition Set for November 1-7.

10/31/2013 | The 2012 and 2013 operations of T6MH, Afghanistan, have been approved for DXCC credit.

W6DPD has DXCC on Digital modes.

## Contests:

November 2013

- + WAE DX Contest, RTTY 0000Z, Nov 9 to 2359Z, Nov 10
- + 10-10 Int. Fall Contest, Digital 0001Z, Nov 9 to 2359Z, Nov 10
- + JIDX Phone Contest 0700Z, Nov 9 to 1300Z, Nov 10
- + OK/OM DX Contest, CW 1200Z, Nov 9 to 1200Z, Nov 10
- + Kentucky QSO Party 1400Z, Nov 9 to 0200Z, Nov 10
- + CQ-WE Contest 1900Z-2300Z, Nov 9 (CW/Digital) and 0100Z-0500Z, Nov 10 (Phone) and 1900Z-2300Z, Nov 10 (Phone) and 0100Z-0500Z, Nov 11 (CW/Digital)
- + Y0 International PSK31 Contest 1600Z-2200Z, Nov 15
- + ARRL EME Contest 0000Z, Nov 16 to 2359Z, Nov 17
- + SARL Field Day Contest 1000Z, Nov 16 to 1000Z, Nov 17
- + LZ DX Contest 1200Z, Nov 16 to 1200Z, Nov 17
- + All Austrian 160-Meter Contest 1600Z, Nov 16 to 0700Z, Nov 17
- + Feld Hell Sprint 1600Z-1800Z, Nov 16
- + ARRL Sweepstakes Contest, SSB 2100Z, Nov 16 to 0300Z, Nov 18

- + RSGB 2nd 1.8 MHz Contest, CW                      2100Z, Nov 16 to 0100Z, Nov 17
- + NA Collegiate ARC Championship, SSB                      2100Z, Nov 16 to 0300Z, Nov 18
- + Homebrew and Oldtime Equipment Party                      1300-1500Z, Nov 17 (40m) and 1500-1700Z, Nov 17 (80m)
- + CQ Worldwide DX Contest, CW                      0000Z, Nov 23 to 2400Z, Nov 24

## December 2013

- + SARL Digital Contest                      1300Z-1600Z, Dec 1
- + NRAU 10m Activity Contest                      1800Z-1900Z, Dec 5 (CW) and 1900Z-2000Z, Dec 5 (SSB) and 2000Z-2100Z, Dec 5 (FM) and 2100Z-2200Z, Dec 5 (Dig)
- + ARRL 160-Meter Contest                      2200Z, Dec 6 to 1600Z, Dec 8
- + TARA RTTY Melee                      0000Z-2400Z, Dec 7
- + Ten-Meter RTTY Contest                      0000Z-2400Z, Dec 8

## CLUBS

CLOVIS ARP ++ The November program, "Effective Communications and the Amateur Radio Operator" by Matt KG6YLJ gave a look at refining our skills as operators. Pres. Rob AE6GE reports the installation of the new 4 bay 2 Meter Antenna. Also RDF is alive and well in Clovis with the T-Hunts. [www.k6arp.org/](http://www.k6arp.org/)

FRESNO ARC++ Bob, KB6DI, had the local hams out to dismantle his tower installations. He is off to the Carolinas to start anew. Great pictures and article in "Skip" depicting Hams helping Hams. Ken, WA6OIB, has an extensive list of N7TNQ's donated inventory. Paul, W6VPS, continues his progress on his beam revamping. Almost but not quite finished. [www.w6to.com](http://www.w6to.com)

LOS BANOS ARC ++ George, W6YD, reminds us November is a month to be grateful and remember our armed Forces. [www.aa6lb.org](http://www.aa6lb.org)

SIERRA ARC ++ Hal, N6HAL, gives insight to his beginnings in Ham Radio. Good operating practices are discussed in the whole of the newsletter. [www.qsl.net/wa6ybn/](http://www.qsl.net/wa6ybn/)

SEQUOIA ARG ++ Kern River Voice is full of anecdotes and historical references. There is a short write up on the October Meetings "Service Dog" program. Well done. [www.n6krv.org](http://www.n6krv.org)

STOCKTON Delta ++ The "Flysheet" mirrors the issues at most clubs. I'm looking forward to seeing how it works out. A fantastic and descriptive article on power line RFI is well worth reading. [www.w6sf.org](http://www.w6sf.org)

TURLOCK ARC ++ AUCTION – 9 November. Check out the Website for details. Grady, K6IXA, and food are always the pluses. Located at the United Methodist Church, 1660 Arbor Way, Corner of Arbor Way & North Berkeley, Turlock, Ca. 'The Spectrum Monitor' to take up where 'Monitoring Times' leaves off with December's final issue. [www.w6bxn.org](http://www.w6bxn.org).

No Silent Keys since the last report.

Traffic for October 2013:

ORS: WS6P 291, K6RAU 16, W6SX 4 Total 311 PSHR: WS6P 165, W6SX 28, K6RAU 81

Mark your Calendars:

SKYWARN Recognition Day is December 7, 2013. Quartzfest 2014 January 19th thru 26th 2014. For more information see [www.quartzfest.org/](http://www.quartzfest.org/).

The 2014 International DX Convention will be April 4-6, 2014, at the Visalia Convention Center. Check [www.dxconvention.org](http://www.dxconvention.org) for information.

Pacificon 2014/Regional ARRL Centennial Convention is 10 through 14 October 2014. Details at [www.pacificon.org/](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](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 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.

The Young Ham Net every Saturday 2:00 PM local time 145.230 –0.6 PL 100 or Echolink KR6DD-R 271122 or N6WN-R 477737

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