

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY SECTION

Report for the month of February 2014

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Is it Spring or Winter? Weather is so changeable; it is difficult to make plans. Still all the newsletters report Public Service Events, projects on antennas and for served agencies. Emergency Communications Training using the latest modes are being practiced.

Amateur Radio has always been exciting and the Centennial events continue to entice all operators. Every month we are reminded, in QST, of the leaps and progress of radio over the last 100 years.

Yet we continue to advance. Satellites are orbited like confetti, digital modes and applications and smaller devices every day.

If you are not participating, you are missing out on all the fun! Winlink, PSK, JT65, RTTY and ATV are in the capability of every Ham.

Attend your local Club meetings, get into a contest, and build something. Let's play radio! When we see you at the Centennial Regional Convention at Pacificon in October, there will be many stories to tell.

73;

Dan Pruitt, AE6SX

Mark your Calendars:

Desert RATS Hamfest March 15, 2014, Palm Springs.

www.palmspringshamfest.com Red Monkey Communications Open house &

swap meet & VE testing March 15th at 5719 W. Barstow Ave, Fresno. See

details at www.redmonkeycb.com/ . Communications Academy, March 22-23,

2014. Go to www.commacademy.org/ for details. Seattle, Washington. The

2014 International DX Convention will be April 4-6, 2014, at the Visalia

Convention Center. Check www.dxconvention.org for information. SEA-PAC

is June 6 - 8, 2014 at Seaside, Oregon. For more information go to

www.seapac.org/. Pacificon 2014/Regional ARRL Centennial Convention is

10 through 14 October 2014. Details at www.pacificon.org/.

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

now, on the website.

02/05/2014 | Cuba's 5 MHz Band Comes with Strings Attached. Hams

using Cuba's new 5 MHz band may not contact hams outside of Cuba.

02/07/2014 | The Arecibo Observatory Club (KP4A0) is setting up a new

Amateur Radio station.

02/10/2014 | ARRL's Education & Technology Program will offer three

Teachers Institute sessions this year.

02/14/2014 | Orlando HamCation was the first of six ARRL Regional

Centennial conventions.

02/18/2014 | ARRL's Atlantic Division has provided forum resources aiming at helping clubs.

02/18/2014 | FEMA Administrator Craig Fugate, KK4INZ, will keynote the ARRL Centennial Banquet in July.

02/24/2014 | "Amateur Radio: Your Gateway to Wireless Communication" is World Amateur Radio Day 2014 Theme, April 18.

02/27/2014 | March 1, Gary Grant, K7VY, will take over as Nevada Section Manager.

02/28/2014 | More Amateur Radio CubeSats Released into Orbit from ISS, Launched from Japan.

03/04/2014 | Ham Radio Will Play a Role in "HI-SEAS" Simulated Mars Mission. Science researchers will have ham radio along when they simulate life in a Martian habitat.

03/06/2014 | Hams' Experimental VLF Signals Heard in the UK, Europe.

Contests:
MARCH 2014

+ Wisconsin QSO Party	1800Z, Mar 9 to 0100Z, Mar 10
+ CWops Mini-CWT Test	1300Z-1400Z, Mar 12 and
1900Z-2000Z, Mar 12	
and	
0300Z-0400Z, Mar 13	
+ BARTG HF RTTY Contest	0200Z, Mar 15 to 0200Z, Mar 17
+ Russian DX Contest	1200Z, Mar 15 to 1200Z, Mar 16
+ Virginia QSO Party	1400Z, Mar 15 to 0200Z, and Mar 16

1200Z-2400Z,

Mar 16

- + North American Sprint, SSB 0000Z-0400Z, Mar 16
- + Bucharest Contest 1800Z-2059Z, Mar 17
- + CWops Mini-CWT Test 1300Z-1400Z, Mar 19 and
1900Z-2000Z, Mar 19
and
0300Z-0400Z, Mar 20
- + Oklahoma QSO Party 1300Z, Mar 22 to 0100Z, Mar 23 and
1300Z-1900Z, Mar 23
- + Louisiana QSO Party 1500Z, Mar 22 to 0300Z, Mar 23
- + QCWA Spring QSO Party 1800Z, Mar 22 to 1800Z, Mar 23
- + CWops Mini-CWT Test 1300Z-1400Z, Mar 26 and
1900Z-2000Z, Mar 26
and
0300Z-0400Z, Mar 27
- + CQ WW WPX Contest, SSB 0000Z, Mar 29 to 2359Z, Mar 30

APRIL 2014

- + SARL 80m QSO Party 1700Z-2000Z, Apr 3
- + Mississippi QSO Party 1400Z, Apr 5 to 0200Z, Apr 6
- + New Mexico QSO Party 1400Z, Apr 12 to 0200Z, Apr 13
- + Georgia QSO Party 1800Z, Apr 12 to 2359Z, Apr 13
- + Hungarian Straight Key Contest 1500Z-1700Z, Apr 13

CLUBS

CLOVIS ARP ++ Their website sings of exploits from T-Hunts, Public

Service events and praises of The ARRL Centennial information. Rob

AE6GE, with one event completed has 2 more to look forward to in April.

www.k6arp.org/

FRESNO ARC++ Identity theft was the topic for February's monthly

club meeting. Excellent program for the Valentines Day backdrop. The

XYL's were impressed. The topic was discussed by the well-

versed XYL

of Duane KI6QEL. Ron N6MTS discusses 160 mtr Vert in a small lot.

www.w6to.com

KERN CCV ARC++ Feb 'Communicator' adds 2 new items to the news letter.

"Ham of the Month" is a biography of renowned Ham in the Club by John

KG6ZBN. The first in the spot light is Steve KB6WR. "Mode of the

Month" . The other item is "Mode of the Month" by Eric NI6TE. Of

course the first is the simplest, CW.

Email:KCCVARC@gmail.com also

on facebook.

LODI ARC ++ March Program is Digital Amateur Television, by Ron,

N6GKJ. April Program is an Emergency Exercise, San Joaquin County

ARES EC-Guy W6MSU. lodiamateurradioclub.org/

LOS BANOS ARC ++ Fox hunt & Dinner is on the March program..

www.aa6lb.org

STANISLAUS ARA ++ Club Officers 2014 - Pres: Lucian, KF6NPG; VP: Don,

KR6US; Sec: Bill, AE6J; Treas: Paul, W6UHF. Complete 2014 Calendar

for SARA is here. www.saraclub.net/

SIERRA ARC ++ "How do you know you are ready?", said the Pres Dave, KJ6VRV. He is referring to disaster preparedness. It is

necessary to shut down the 146.64 translator so the IWW emergency Net

is moving to the 147.00 repeater, same time and day. 20 Mule Team

Endurance Ride Report is a good read. www.qsl.net/wa6ybn/

STOCKTON DELTA ARC ++ "The squeaky wheel gets the oil", says Pres.

Paul, N6KZW. His article is an accurate understanding of the purpose

of ARRL. John, NZ6Q, I believe authored the great article on the

Linden Bike ride using APRS and voice. Well done
www.w6sf.org

TURLOCK ARC ++ The Valentine Dinner was a success with 35 attendees for

steak, Chicken and Lobster. Multiple highlights of Amateur Radio's time

line. Very nice "Thank you" to some guests at the meeting. Well

done TARC. www.w6bxn.org.

STATION ACTIVITIES

JT65 has become the mode of choice for some hams in the Section.

KJ6HUP, N6DVR, W6NIF, W6MSU, KW6PWG, AG6BP, KI6QEL, K6XJ, and W6DPD are

seen on the screen.

W6DPD and K6XJ have WAS using JT65.

Silent Keys since the last report: None.

Traffic for February 2014:

ORS: WS6P 1553, K6RAU 114 W6SX 14 Total 1571

PSHR: WS6P 155, W6SX 28, K6RAU 87

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 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 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 every second and third Wednesday of each month at 1300Z, 1900Z, and 0300Z (Thursday). Info and rules at <http://www.cwops.org/cwt.html> .

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