

WG6LIE

Kern County Central Valley Amateur Radio Club Inc.

# COMMUNICATOR

August 2009



## Next Club Meeting Tuesday, August 25

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At the August 25 meeting, we will be joined by Wayne Hopfe, Communications Coordinator for the City of Bakersfield. He will be doing a presentation regarding the City's communications.

We are now selling tickets for the Holiday Dinner raffle of an Alinco HF rig. There will also be some Ham related items for raffle at the August meeting.

Please join us for the program, coffee and treats, and the raffle. And of course you can make eyeball QSOs!

7:00 pm at the Veteran's Hall  
1905 Wilson Rd. Bakersfield, CA  
One Block West of South H St.

**ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND!**

## Officers and Board of Directors for Year 2009

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## VE Session

Next VE test session

Friday, September 11, 2009

6:30 PM

South Bakersfield Veteran's Hall  
1905 Wilson Rd in Room 3

Bring one form of picture ID, a copy and original of any active cses's, and a copy and original of current Ham license if applicable.

Cost is \$15.00

## Mickey Hicks "WO6T"

Mickey Hicks "WO6T" became a silent key on August 9, 2009. Mickey was very well known throughout the amateur community globally. Anyone that had a QSO with Mickey knew he was a gentleman to say the least, and an excellent ham operator. He had a passion for radio and making new friends through the hobby he enjoyed so much. He was a long time member of the American Radio Relay League, Northern California DX Foundation, Central Valley DX Club, and the Kern County Central Valley Amateur Radio Club.

Aside from being an avid DX'er, contester, and rag chewer, Mickey may have been better known for his role each year as Santa Clause on the air "W6S" special event station, he called it "Santa's Work Shop in Bakersfield California". It was during December 17-24 each year for 38 years that Mickey talked to hams, and children of hams during

Christmas time. Often he would ask the children what they wanted for Christmas, and if they had been good or not this year. He even had a way to get the shy kids talking to him by asking them a couple simple questions, usually what their favorite color was or if they had any pets.

Mickey will be greatly missed, we will still have his lasting impressions to remember him by. For QSL requests for WO6T and W6S, Mickey's QSL manager WI6J will continue to confirm QSL requests indefinitely.

Mark E Slater WI6J [www.wi6j.com](http://www.wi6j.com)



**Kern County Central Valley Amateur Radio Club  
Board Meeting 12 AUG 2009**



The meeting was called to order @ 1902 by the President Mark WI6J.

**Board Members present:** Mark WI6J, Joe K6JLL, Stephen N6GOD, Frank KD6UQZ, Dave KG6YSZ, and Larry KF6JOQ.

**Members present:** Rob KB6JFL, Bobby KA6H, Dan WA6JRP, Richard KD6IMM, Sandi KE6KJA, and Randy KC6ZRF.

**Minutes:** The minutes for Jul were approved as published.

**Treasure's Report:** Ed was not able to make the meeting

**Secretary's Report:** Received \$165 for Renewals and New Members; Charles Starks KD6UPR, Robert Lindsay KI6OZZ, Martin Nielsen KJ6AHR, Brad Nielsen KJ6STT, Paul Cowlshaw KG6TID, Ed Whiting KI6HOJ, Jim Maloney WA6HZY, Scott Gibson KJ6AER and Tim Wait KW8TIM.

**Committee Reports:**

**Repeaters:** The NARCC has coordinated all but the 52.780 and 443.900 repeaters.

**Interference:** None reported at this time.

**By-Laws:** Ed KF4YDM absent, nothing new to report at this time.

**Unfinished Business:** The repeater coordination of the 145.15, 146.91 and 224.060 has been completed. We are still waiting out the coordination timing period for the 52.780 and 443.900 repeaters. The paperwork on the club's non-profit status has been renewed and Certified copies of the Clubs Article of Incorporation have been received. If we use any of the Church Facilities, there is not to be any coffee tea or tobacco at the facility. It was suggested again that the Board should have a calendar (schedule) as to when things are due to be renewed or refilled. To stay on top of these items so as to not go through what we just did with the Fictitious Name, not-profit status etc..

**New Business:**

Long time Friend and Member, Mickey Hicks WO6T/W6S, became a silent key Sunday 09AUG 09 @ 1800. A discussion was held about renaming the Mike McCorkle Scholarship to the Mickey Hicks Scholarship. A motion by Joe KI6JLL with a second by Dave KG6YSZ, the motion passed. A discuss about the Yaesu TF-530 that was donated to the Club, a motion by Larry KF6JOQ and a second by Joe KI6JLL to raffle it off at Christmas, the motion passed. Bobby KA6H has found a Station Master antenna for sale; Dave KG6YSZ will check out the condition of the antenna. The County Facilities will not be available for weekend use. The County Communication Manager still wants to address the Club. If Dave KG6YSZ can make arrangements with the BPD, to discuss their Communication System and how they would handle and emergency situation here at one of our meetings The paperwork on the club's non-profit status has been renewed and Certified copies of the Clubs Article of Incorporation have been received. A discussion was held about raffle prizes, a motion by Joe KI6JLL and Stephen N6GOD to spend \$60 on amateur radio prizes, the motion carried

**The next Club meeting:** 25 AUG 2009 at 1905 Wilson Rd. Wilson Rd Vets Hall @ 1900 Rm. 1.

**The next Board meeting:** 09 SEP 2009 1905 Wilson Rd. Wilson Rd. Vets Hall @ 1900 Rm. 3.

**The next VE session:** 11 SEP, 1905 Wilson Rd. Wilson Rd. Vets Hall @ 1900 Rm. 3.

Meeting adjourned @ 1958 - Frank KD6UQZ Secretary.

# HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

## August Birthdays:

6 Wilma Whisler	KC6MLF
9 Larry Callahan	KF6JOQ
15 Dave Light	KG6YSZ
20 Don Williams	K6PPJ
22 Lorraine Wells	KE6UYL
24 Dan Hart	KE6UHG
27 Richard Russell	WA6JJA

## September Birthdays:

4 Jon Wilhelm	WA6KLB
9 Richard Russell	KG6YSY
13 Daniel Turk	WA6JRP
19 Connie Turk	KD6KMR
25 Fred Moore	W6UA
27 Robert Wright	KI6LSN

## Monthly Finance Statement

STARTING BANK BALANCE		\$2050.09
GENERAL INCOME:	165.00	
TOTAL INCOME		<u>165.00</u>
BALANCE		2215.09
OUTSTANDING CHECKS		
TOTAL		0.00
EXPENSES		
TOTAL		0.00
BALANCE		2215.09
REPEATER FUND		<u>-822.00</u>
AVAILABALE BALANCE		\$993.09
INSURANCE		<u>-375.00</u>
BALANCE		<u>618.09</u>
SCHOLARSHIP FUND		
Beginning Balance	\$712.99	
Deposit interest	<u>.01</u>	
Ending Balance	\$713.00	

## President's Message

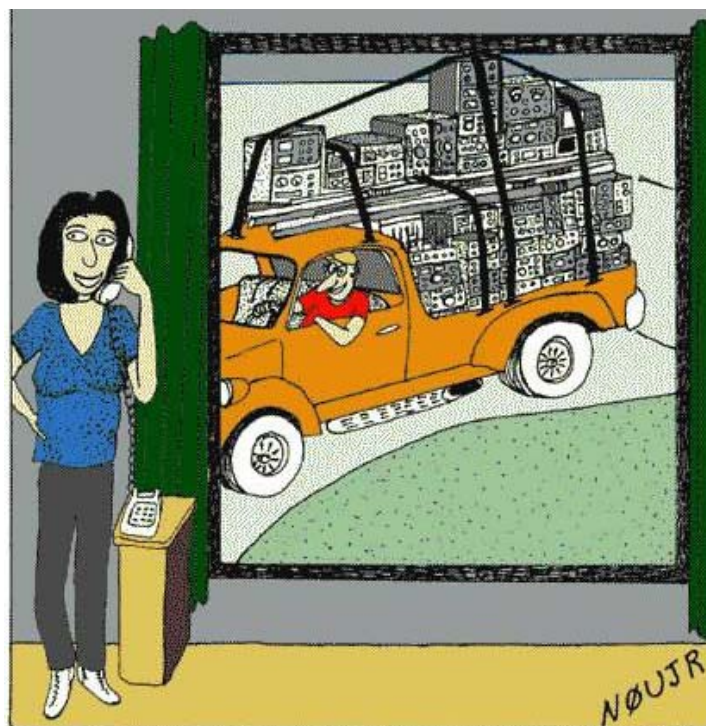
Hello everyone, I'm looking forward to seeing everybody at this month's meeting on the 25th. Dave KG6YSZ has a speaker from the City of Bakersfield lined up to talk about the equipment used in our local government. This should be an interesting program to listen to.

We should have several ham related raffle items available at this months meeting for wonderful additions to your ham shacks. Remember, we are now selling raffle tickets for this years holiday dinner raffle, this is in form of a very nice Alinco HF rig, another great addition to your shack. Club Vice President K6JLL is bringing goodies for us to snack on.

We lost a good friend and club member this month, WO6T Mickey Hicks became a silent key on August 9, please keep his family in your prayer's.

See everyone on the 25th,

Mark E Slater WI6J  
www.wi6j.com



"No Greg went to the ham auction this afternoon, to get rid of a couple old radios that were cluttering up the place . . . Oh I think I hear him pulling in now!"

# Fresno Amateur Radio Club -Presents- 66th Annual Hamfest

Vendors – Swap Meet – Prizes – Presentations

Date: October 17th 2009

Time:

- ◆ 8am – 2pm
- ◆ Lunch at noon

Location:

- ◆ Salvation Army Event Center  
1854 Fulton Street Fresno CA 93721

Talk-In: 146.94 -dup 141.3 pl (starting at 7 AM)

Grand Prize:

- ◆ Yaesu FT-450 HF/50Mhz Transceiver
- ◆ Addition tickets are \$5 each
- ◆ Drawing at 2 PM
- ◆ Need not be present to win

Tickets:

- ◆ \$5 Each
- ◆ Includes entrance and a chance to win radio

Lunch:

- ◆ \$5
- ◆ Hamburger Meal
- ◆ Lunch is not included in ticket price

Swap Vendors:

- ◆ \$5 per space
- ◆ In addition to hamfest ticket
- ◆ Each area one standard parking space
- ◆ Reserve your spot now

JOTA Special Event Station

For more info contact:  
Hamfest Chair: Craig Carter – K6QI  
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## HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY (FLORIDA) SHERIFF'S OFFICE HOLDS HURRICANE EXERCISE

Eighteen members of the Hillsborough County (Florida) Sheriff's Tactical Amateur Radio Communications (STARC) group participated with key personnel from the Sheriff's Office on June 9 for a hurricane exercise. STARC was organized in 1999 to provide ancillary communications among the sheriff's facilities and other county emergency management agencies in the event of a disaster or the loss of communications. The forty-plus members are employees and/or approved volunteers of HCSO, having had a background check completed and ID cards issued to facilitate access to the secure buildings or incident scenes when requested. STARC has Amateur Radio equipment in each of the four District Offices, the Sheriff's Operation Center (911 and Sheriff Dispatch), the Sheriff's Homeland Security office, both county jails, the radio shop and both the Mobile Command Center (a tractor trailer unit) and the Incident Command Center (a motor home unit). Additionally, licensed employees in the IT and telephone repair departments have radios to keep abreast of the situations at hand.

During the event, the members passed exercise traffic through Net Control at the 911 Center and different scenarios were injected to represent repeater and radio outages, requiring the use of two back-up repeaters or simplex operations. Other exercise traffic included calls from the public via Amateur Radio and relocation of one district office to a nearby mall due to flooding. Also due to a simulated relocation of the 911 Center to an Emergency Backup Facility, one of the other operators had to pick up as net control. Amateur Radio and the team received high marks from the District Commanders and deputies that were involved. Most could not believe how good Amateur Radio signals were compared to the moderate static experienced with the satellite phones that they were trying to use as their primary backup. Click STARC <<http://www.w4hso-starc.org/>> for more info. -- Budd Johnson, N4WBJ, STARC Vice President

*The above article is from the ARES E-Letter dated July 15, 2009, published by the American Radio Relay League.*

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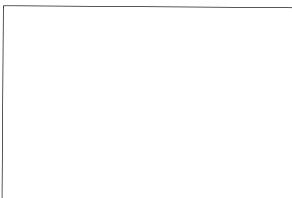


EVENTS: August '09

August 25, Club Meeting. 7 pm, Veterans Hall  
September 9, Board Meeting, 7 pm, Veterans Hall  
September 26 Swap Picnic 9AM at Jastro Park



REMEMBER TO JOIN IN ON OUR LOCAL NETS  
SUNDAY EVE. 8:00 P.M. - CLUB NET  
MONDAY EVE. 7:00 P.M. - ARES-RACES NET  
(These Nets Are On 145.150- PL 100)  
Other club frequencies:  
146.910 -PL 100, 443.900 PL 100  
KC-CVARC's Web Page <http://www.w6lie.org>



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