

# WG6LIE

Kern County Central Valley Amateur Radio Club Inc.

# COMMUNICATOR

February 2008

## Next Club Meeting Tuesday, February 26

Please join us for coffee, a raffle, and fellowship. Club meetings are a good place meet other Hams and learn more about the amateur radio hobby. If you have questions about setting up your station, or need information on other aspects of amateur radio, this is the place to ask.

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!



### Where:

Holiday Inn, Visalia, CA USA

Pre-register (Before March 23, 2008) and **SAVE**.

Please complete and mail the registration form with your registration fee.

[http://www.dxconvention.org/download/2008\\_Registration\\_Form.pdf](http://www.dxconvention.org/download/2008_Registration_Form.pdf)

### Your registration fee includes:

- Hosted cocktail party (Friday and Saturday).
- All HF, Low-Band, and DX oriented forums and technical sessions.
- Convention Patch.
- CQ & DXCC card checking (excluding CQ & ARRL processing fee's).
- Saturday night Banquet & DX program featuring a well known speaker.
- Sunday morning breakfast buffet with speaker.
- Pre-registration (Postmarked before March 23, 2008) drawing for an Icom IC-718.

## Officers and Board of Directors for Year 2008

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Amateur Radio Information Line----- 872-1557  
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or call the Information Line

## President's Message

Hello everyone,

We have had a few days of some beautiful weather. It's a perfect time to make sure your communications equipment is working properly after the storms we've had. If you need help with any of it, contact Mark, WI6J, who chairs the Helping Hands Committee.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at the upcoming club meeting on Tuesday, February 26th at 7 p.m. See you there!

73,

Marie, N6ZFN

## NEXT VE SESSION

Next VE test session

Friday, March 14

6:30 pm

South Bakersfield Veteran's  
Hall, 1905 Wilson Road in  
room 3.

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

Cost is \$14.00.

## Field Trip Invitation from Sequoia Amateur Radio Group

Our April meeting will be held as part of a field trip to the California Poppy Preserve off of Hwy 138. We will tentatively be having a brunch/breakfast stop in either Gorman or Mojave depending on the Ridgecrest club members needs, as they will be traveling the furthest distance. This will occur on the second Saturday in April (the 12th I believe), and will be a loosely organized, car pool, caravan, group function.

In interest of club to club relations we are inviting SARC, in Ridgecrest and would love to have your club join us as well. If you are interested I will keep you informed as to the specifics, but for now, mark your calendar and get the word spread, please. This invitation from the Sequoia Amateur Radio Group, based in Lake Isabella .

M.P. "Pete" Higginbotham  
73 de W6SV

# Minutes of the Board of Directors Kern County Central Valley Amateur Radio Club 13 February 2008

The meeting was called to order @ 1900 by the 1<sup>st</sup> vice President Jon WA6KLB.

**Board Members present:** Jon WA6KLB, Mark WI6J, Frank KD6UQZ, Tony W6TRC and Larry KF6JOQ.

**Members present:** Bob KD6II, Bob KI6FDX and Mike W6WE



**Minutes:** For Jan 2008, a motion by Larry KG6JOQ and a second by Mark WI6J, the minutes were approved as posted.

**Treasure's Report:** Diane was unable to make the meeting and email the following report, a beginning balance of \$1,056.23, deposit of \$526.50, expenses of \$96.33, current balance of \$1486.40. With Diane not present, there are outstanding disbursement of \$93.98 to Frank KD6UQZ for the web page and \$50 to the State of California – Franchise Tax Board.

**Secretary's Report:** Received application from Alan Cohan KI6JXB. Larry turned in application for Forrest Logue KA6MST.

## **Committee Reports:**

**Repeaters:** An attempt will be made this weekend to relocate the temporary 146.910 to a better location; the 443.900 & 52.780 are still in need of new homes. Jon WA6KLB reports that we are still waiting for word from the county on a possible location.

**Interference:** There is none reported at this time.

**ARES-RACES:** The next meeting for is 02 APR 2008, Wilson Rd Vets Hall, Rm. 3 @ 1900.

**Unfinished Business:** Larry KF6JOQ reports that Repeater Coordination paperwork will need to come from the Repeater Trustee.

**New Business:** Discussions were held on some suggestions from Fred KR6AD;

1. Charging \$2 fee from each member attending the Club or Board meeting, monies to go to the repeater fund.
2. Need to have an accurate accounting of the paid up members – this is currently being worked on at this time.
3. Need to generate interest in the ARES/RACES group – need some new blood to join the ranks.
4. Need to generate interest in the Ham Club; we should distribute flyers at the VE session to all applicants. Currently we have flyers for that very purpose.
5. Jon K6QXG sent along a suggestion that we shorten up the check in list, drop off of the list those that do not check in regularly – as soon as they check in they will be added back. Neal will be contacted.
6. The future of the 6M repeater was tabled until the Club meeting.

The next Club meeting: 26 FEB 2008, 1905 Wilson Rd. Wilson Rd. Vets Hall @ 1900.

The next Board meeting is 12 MAR 2008, 1905 Wilson Rd. Wilson Rd. Vets Hall @ 1900 Rm. 3.

The next VE session is 14 MAR 2008, 1905 Wilson Rd. Wilson Rd Vets Hall @ 1900 Rm. 3.

Frank KD6UQZ, Secretary

# HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

## February Birthdays:

5	Brenda McFadzean	KC6ZBF
6	Fred Cox, Jr.	KR6AD
20	Michael Lynch	KG6PTF
21	Paul Cowlshaw	KG6TID



## March Birthdays:

2	Frank Wells	KD6UQZ
9	Allynn McNew	KA6RBR
13	Brianna Thompson	KF6SVP
23	Jim McNew	KA6QLQ
30	Harry Thomas	KG6OPR

## TREASURER'S CASH FLOW REPORT

Submitted by Diane Ebel, KG6UFB

January 10 through February 11, 2008

BEGINNING BALANCE		\$1,056.23
INCOME		
Dues	420.00	
Raffle, Radio	32.00	
Raffle, Regular	34.00	
Coffee	10.50	
Donations	<u>30.00</u>	
TOTAL INCOME	526.50	
EXPENSES		
Sandi Covey	<u>96.33</u>	
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>96.33</u>	
ENDING BALANCE		<u>\$1,486.40</u>

The Repeater Fund has \$179.00. This amount is included in checking balance. Our goal is to raise \$800.00 for the Repeater Fund to keep it operating.

### Scholarship Fund

Balance on 02/11/08	\$1,558.28
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## Club Dues for 2008

It's that time again—time to pay club dues. Your dues will help keep the repeater operating, buy raffle prizes, coffee and treats for the meetings. They also pay for other operating expenses like insurance and rent for our meeting places.

It is very important for us to have a paper trail of your payment, so please be sure to fill out a membership form. If you don't have one from the Nov/Dec newsletter, you can download one from the Club's web page at [www.w6lie.org/](http://www.w6lie.org/), or you can contact the Club Secretary. You can also call the Information Line which is an answering machine; please leave your name, phone number and that you need a membership form.

## The Sunshine Girl



Please remember to contact me at 366-8137 if you know of a member who needs a card to wish them well, or to offer condolences.

—Pam Jackson, KD6LBS

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY SECTION Report for the month of January 2008:

SM Charles McConnell, W6DPD

- ASMs K6YK and N2NS, ACC W6DPD, SEC N6ZFN, OOC N1VM, STM K6RAU, PIC KE6IGJ, TC W6TE.

Greetings from the ARRL San Joaquin Valley Section.

If you desire your club information and events to be listed in Section News, please send the information to [w6dpd@arrl.org](mailto:w6dpd@arrl.org). I get very little information. If your club has a newsletter, please send it to me, email to [w6dpd@arrl.org](mailto:w6dpd@arrl.org) or via U.S Mail.

Mark your calendars. Radiofest is February 23-24, 2008 in Monterey. Check [www.radiofest.org](http://www.radiofest.org) for information. The International DX Convention is April 25-28, 2008 at Visalia. Check <http://www.dxconvention.org/> for information. EMCOMM West is May 2-4, 2008 at the Circus Circus in Reno NV. Check [www.emcommwest.org](http://www.emcommwest.org) for information. The 65th Fresno Hamfest is May 31, 2008, at the Salvation Army in Fresno. Check [www.w6to.com](http://www.w6to.com) for information. Pacificon 2008 is October 17-19, 2008 at the Marriott Hotel in San Ramon CA. Check [www.pacificon.org](http://www.pacificon.org) for information.

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 so you club will get any information sent from the ARRL Club department. If you fail to update your clubs information for 2 years, your club will be placed in the inactive file. Your club will be notified if the 2-year period is about to take place.

Need to take an Amateur exam? Check the ARRL web page, [www.arrl.org](http://www.arrl.org) for exam information. You can also search for Amateur Radio Classes in your area.

The Northern California Net (NCN), the Section Traffic Net, meets nightly on 3.533 MHZ at 7 PM Pacific Time. The slow speed training session of the net 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 Daytime Region 6 Traffic Net meets daily at 3:30 pacific time on or near 7.275 MHZ. The California Traffic Net meets daily on 3.906 MHZ and 6:30 PM local time. The noon time net meets on 7.268.5 MHZ. This net handles a lot of messages.

EMCOMM West for 2008 has moved to the Circus Circus in Reno. The dates are May 2 to 4, 2008. This is an ARRL specialty convention devoted entirely to emergency communications. Information can soon be found at [www.emcommwest.org](http://www.emcommwest.org). If you are involved in emergency communications, this is an event you should plan to attend. Dennis Dura, K2DCD of ARRL, and Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH, of the FCC are the featured speakers.

ARRL Membership in the SJV Section increased in 2007 by 4.2% over the 2006 membership numbers. Keep up the good work in recruiting new and renewing ARRL members.

KE6HCJ, Charles and W6ECP, Ernest are Silent Keys. They will be missed.

Southern Sierra ARS 2008 officers are pres KD6RPJ, 1st vp KA6PTJ, 2nd vp W6TSP, sec KI6EOG, and treas N6MLD. The club meets the 2nd Thursday in Tehachapi.

Tuolumne County ARES 2008 officers are pres WA6AWC, vp KBCEG, sec KE6RGP, and treas WA7MOB. Check [www.lodelink.com/tcares](http://www.lodelink.com/tcares) for information.

Clovis Amateur Radio Pioneers 2008 officers are pres AE6GE, vp K6OSX, sec KI6KRI, and treas KD6WAW. Check [www.k6arp.org](http://www.k6arp.org) for information.

San Joaquin Valley ARS 2008 officers are pres W6TTF, vp K6YRZ, sec N6EY, and treas KF6FGP. Check [www.sjvars.com](http://www.sjvars.com) for information.

Sierra ARC 2008 officers are pres WA7RIW, 1st vp KC6UMM, 2nd vp KG6STR, sec N6VGW and treas KC6UUS. Check [www.qsl.net.wa6ybn](http://www.qsl.net.wa6ybn) for information. Club members provided communications support for the Over-the-Hill Track Club's ultra marathon.

Stanislaus ARA 2008 officers are pres KF6TEZ, vp KD6YWO, sec KF6TSY, and treas KC6TVE. Check [www.saraclub.net](http://www.saraclub.net) for information.

Traffic for January: K6RAU 17, W6DPD 0, and W6SX 35. Total 52. PSHR: K6RAU 79 and W6SX 72.

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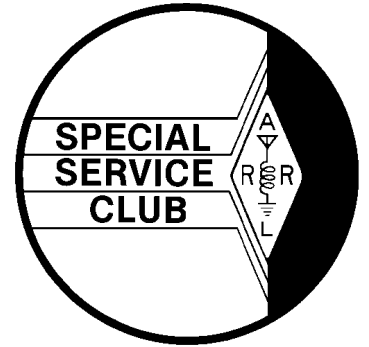
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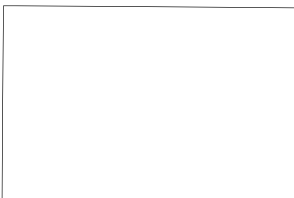


**EVENTS:** February '08

February 26, Club Meeting, 7 pm, Veterans Hall  
March 12, Board Meeting, 7 pm, Veterans Hall  
March 25, Club Meeting, 7 pm, Veterans Hall  
Amateur Radio Information (661) 872-1557



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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