

WG6LIE

Kern County Central Valley Amateur Radio Club Inc.

COMMUNICATOR

July 2008

Next Club Meeting Tuesday, July 22



Boat Anchors and Root Beer Floats



The next Club meeting is on Tuesday, July 22. We will be staying cool with root beer floats and playing with “boat anchor” transceivers (radios with vacuum tubes). If you have such a radio, please bring it to share with the group.

This month we’re going to try a 50/50 drawing and have the usual raffle. Please give the Board suggestions on what amateur related prizes you would like to see for future raffles.

This promises to be a very interesting and fun evening with boat anchors and root beer floats so don’t miss it, and don’t forget to bring your “boat anchor”. The meeting starts at 7:00 p.m. at the South Bakersfield

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!

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NEXT VE SESSION

Next VE test session

Friday, September 12

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.



PACIFICON 2008, the great west coast ham radio convention, will take place Friday, October 17th through Sunday, October 19th, 2008 at the San Ramon Marriott Hotel at 2600 Bishop Drive in San Ramon, California. Events and schedules listed here are in the planning stages. Please check back for updates.

If you need hotel accommodations, make your hotel reservations by October 1st and ask for the special **PACIFICON 2008** room rate of \$90 per night. Call the Marriott reservations desk at 1-800-228-9290 for reservations. To insure availability reserve early. Special arrangements have been made with the hotel to make sure that parking in the hotel parking lot will be free for all Pacificon attendees.

A General Admission ticket entitles you to the following, with no additional cost: A full slate of outstanding Forum Presentations about a wide range of amateur radio related topics, a large Exhibit Hall filled with exciting product exhibits, a series of Amateur Television demonstrations, great QRP and HF Pack activities, an outdoor Swap Meet, a One Day Technician Class, fun and informative T-Hunts, a chance to hear about and discuss important national amateur radio issues with top ARRL leaders, the Boy Scout Jamboree-On-The-Air (scouts in uniform admitted free), a chance for winning great radios and other prizes throughout the convention, and perhaps the best part - a chance to interact and share information with lots of other amateur radio enthusiasts to further (or begin) your own knowledge and to advance the hobby.

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Next ARES/RACES Training

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Wednesday, August 6, 2008 at 7:00 pm

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

ARES-RACES needs a new Emergency Coordinator and Training Officer, notify Marie N6ZFN if interested in either position.

The Sunshine Girl



Please 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

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Board Meeting

09 JULY 2008



The meeting was called to order @ 1904 by the President Jon WA6KLB.

Board Members present: Jon WA6KLB, Mark WI6J, Joe KI6LPU, Frank KD6UQZ, Mike W2WE, Jon K6QXG, Stephen N6GOD.

Members present: Richard KD6IMM, Sandi KE6KJA, Dave KG6YSZ, Randy KC6ZRF and Larry KF6JOQ.

Minutes: A motion by Joe KI6LPU and a second by Jon K6QXG, the June minutes were approved as published.

Treasure's Report: Mike reports a Beginning Balance \$1,426.43, Deposit of \$397.00, Expenses of \$455.73, Ending Balance \$1,367.70. A motion by Stephen N6GOD and a second by Mark WI6J, the Treasures' Report was approved as reported.

Disbursements - Frank KD6UQZ - \$38 Post Office Box rent, Randy KC6ZRF - \$53.53 Field Day expense.

Secretary's Report: Post Office Rent was paid 18 JUN, 2 Bank Statements.

Committee Reports:

Repeaters: The 443.900 should be on the air at a temporary location this weekend.

Do not quick-key on the 146.91, because it can cause the repeater to time out.

Different options are being investigated for linking the repeaters.

Interference: There is none reported at this time.

ARES-RACES: The next sponsored meeting is 06 AUG 2008, 1905 Wilson Rd., Wilson Rd Vets Hall, Rm. 3 @ 1900. ARES-RACES needs a new Emergency Coordinator and Training Officer, notify Marie N6ZFN if interested in either position. A discussion was also held on ARES-RACES.

Unfinished Business: Repeater coordination is still in the works – Matt WA6ALB and Dave KG6YSZ. Field Day scores were not available; it was reported that about 25 attended Field Day.

New Business:

Mike proposed that we have a 50/50 raffle at the club meetings; a discussion was held. A motion by Mark WI6J and a second by Joe KI6LPU, motion passed. Mike W2WE also proposed that the web sight be associated with the club account. After a discussion, motion by Mark WI6J with a second by Joe KI6LPU, motion passed. Discussion was held on the club raffles, they need to be more amateur radio related.

The next Club meeting: 22 JUL 2008, program will be on Boat Anchor radios (tube).

The next Board meeting is 13 AUG 2008, 1905 Wilson Rd. Wilson Rd. Vets Hall @ 1900 Rm. 3.

The next VE session is 05 SEP 2008, 1905 Wilson Rd. Wilson Rd Vets Hall @ 1900 Rm. 3.

Frank KD6UQZ Secretary

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

July Birthdays:

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| 1 | Bill Casteen | AC6OS |
| 2 | Randy Randall | KC6ZRF |
| 5 | Forrest Logue | KA6MST |
| 6 | Stephen Crouch | KB6WR |
| 18 | Diane Ebel | KG6UFB |
| 21 | Theresa Louie | KB6UCZ |
| 23 | Jon Armstrong | K6QXG |
| 31 | Terry Gaiser | W6TG |



August Birthdays:

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| 6 | Wilma Whisler | KC6MLF |
| 13 | Lorance Wimer | KC6RZS |
| 15 | Dave Light | KG6YSZ |
| 20 | Don Williams | K6PPJ |
| 22 | Lorraine Wells | KE6UYL |
| 24 | Dan Hart | KE6UHG |
| 27 | Richard Russell | WA6JJA |
| 28 | Dave Ebel | KG6QDS |

Kansas Ham, Son, Electrocuted While Erecting Antennas

While putting up backyard antennas on the afternoon of Sunday, July 13, Edward Thomas, KC0TIG, of Kansas City, Kansas, and his son were electrocuted. The elder Thomas, 65, was pronounced dead at the scene. His son, 27, was rushed to the hospital but died later that day. Initial reports suggest that the antenna they were installing came in contact with 7620 V power lines. Neighbors reported a "loud popping sound" and the electricity went out on the block.

Jacob's 7 year old daughter witnessed the tragedy and ran to the neighbor's yard, calling for help. Byron Kirkwood and another neighbor attempted to perform CPR on the men; the neighbor also called 911.

Robert Mullendore, a spokesman for the Kansas City Board of Public Utilities (KCBPU), was quoted by Kansas City television station KSBH as saying it is rare to survive a shock as strong as the two men received: "There are people who will survive -- they're lucky by the grace of God, it's high energy, it's dangerous, that's why it's up in the air -- you just have to be careful. Even those who survive have pretty wicked wounds and they are lifelong wounds." In the power business for more than 30 years, the spokesman said these accidents are "really rare," saying that he only sees something like this "every two or three years. If you're doing any kind of work like this, you just really, really need to be aware of your surroundings." Chuck Kraly, K0XM, used to work for KCBPU; he built and maintained the substation that fed the circuit going to the Thomas home: "This is nothing to take chances with. In my almost 30 years as a ham -- and 27 years in the power utility field -- I have seen way too many 'accidents.' Stop and look. If it is close or seems that way -- *don't*. Find another place. High voltage lines are not forgiving. Your life depends on it. Please follow the warnings. *Anywhere* close is too close." -- *Thanks to Larry Staples, W0AIB, and others who contributed to this story*

TREASURER'S CASH FLOW REPORT

Submitted by Diane Ebel, KG6UFB

June 12, 2008 through July 1, 2008

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| BEGINNING BALANCE | | \$1,426.43 |
| INCOME | | |
| Raffle | 137.00 | |
| Dues | 40.00 | |
| Donations, Repeater | 10.00 | |
| Field Day Meals | <u>210.00</u> | |
| TOTAL INCOME | | 397.00 |
| EXPENSES | | |
| S. Covey: newsletter | 70.90 | |
| S. Covey: Park, postage | 113.-00 | |
| J. Wilhelm: FD food | 181.10 | |
| D. Ebel: Port a Pot | 90.73 | |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | | <u>455.73</u> |
| ENDING BALANCE | | <u>\$1,367.70</u> |



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| Repeater Fund | 549.00 |
| Balance without Repeater fund | \$818.70 |

Our goal is to raise \$800.00 for the Repeater Fund to keep it operating.

Scholarship Fund

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| Balance on 07/01/08 | \$1,558.28 |
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SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY SECTION Report for the month of June 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. I get very little information. If your club has a newsletter, please send it to me, email to w6dpd@arrl.org or via U.S Mail.

An ARES Emergency Coordinator is needed in Western Kern County. Contact Marie, N6ZFN (n6zfn@bak.rr.com) or W6DPD (w6dpd@arrl.org) if you are interested and can serve in this important position.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS. One day Technician Class August 2, 2008 in Tracy CA. Contact N5FDL@arrl.net for information. The 2008 California QSO party begins at 1600 UTC on October 4 and ends at 2200 UTC on October 5, 2008. Put your county on the air for this contest. Check www.cqp.org for information. The California Historical Radio Society Central Valley Chapter swap meet begins at 9:00 AM October 4, 2008, at the Modesto Radio Museum, 1192 Norwegian Ave in Modesto. Pacificon 2008 is October 17-19, 2008 at the Marriott Hotel in San Ramon CA. Check www.pacificon.org for information. The 60th International DX Convention is April 17-19, 2009 at Visalia. Check <http://www.dxconvention.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 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. The Golden Bear Amateur Radio Net meets nightly at 7:00 PM local time on 3.975 MHZ. The Mission Trail Net meets nightly on 3.856 MHZ at 8:00 PM local time.

W6PTH, Phelps, and VS6DO, Paul, are Silent Keys. They will be missed.

N6FDL and KI6ART are Public Information Officers.

Thanks to Steven, N6GOD, for serving as the ARES Emergency Coordinator for Western Kern County.

Turlock ARC 2008-2009 officers are pres WB6BRU, vp ww6xx, sec WB6SBH, and treas K6CP. Check www.w6bxn.org for information.

N6NF, Tom, won the Pacific Division Single Operator Low Power Plaque in the 2008 ARRL CW DX Contest. The Central California DX Club sponsors this plaque.

The California QSO Party begins at 1600 UTC on October 4 and ends at 2200UTC on October 5, 2008. Put your county on the air for this contest. Others are looking for California stations on both phone and CW/Digital. This is a good time to contact that state you need for your Worked All States Award. Information can be found at www.cqp.org.

Pacificon is the ARRL Pacific Division Convention, which is held October 17-19, 2008 at the San Ramon Marriott Hotel in San Ramon CA. There will be an antenna seminar on Friday October 17. On Saturday, October 18, the exhibit room will be open. You might find good deals there. There will be a number of sessions covering a variety of subjects. Saturday night will see the banquet, and the Wouff Hong initiation will be at midnight. Sunday has the swap meet, more sessions, and the ARRL Forum followed by the prize drawing. You can check out the event schedule on the Pacificon web page at www.pacificon.org.

N7RR, Bruce, is hiking the Pacific Crest Trail. He will hike from the Mexican Border to Manning Park, British Columbia by end of September or early October. He will check into the CW traffic nets in the evenings as time permits. Check www.n7rr.com for information.

Traffic for JUNE: K6RAU 33, W6DPD 3, and W6SX 10. Total 46. PSHR: K6RAU 94 and W6SX 32.

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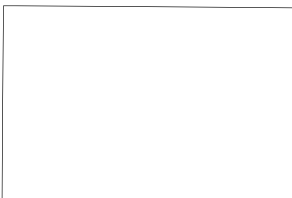


EVENTS: July '08

July 22, Club Meeting, 7 pm, Veterans Hall
August 13, Board Meeting, 7 pm, Veterans Hall
August 26, Club Meeting, 7 pm, Veterans Hall



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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