

COMMUNICATOR

July 2009



Next Club Meeting Tuesday, July 28

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Please join us for this meeting and show Mr. Dauner our support for the community and the agencies that serve it!

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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VE Test Session

VE Test Session August 15th at 4:30 PM (Sponsored by The Golden Empire Dx Club)

LDS Church Building 601 Deseret Way (between Truxtun and Stockdale Hwy)

All exam elements will be offered; walk-ins gladly excepted.

The cost of the exam is \$15.00; please bring a photo ID and a copy of your current amateur radio license if applicable.

For more info, contact Mark Slater WI6J
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President's Message

Hello to all, well Field Day turned out to be great for a number of reasons. We had decent weather, great food, and excellent member participation this year. Thanks to all that came out and helped, and spent time with us. We were visited by many this year, even some Scouts that were able to earn their merit badge by using the radio's. A job well done by all!

For those of you that couldn't make it this time, we had our HF radio raffle prize out there and tested it, works great. Some lucky member of our fine organization will be winning it and taking it home with them probably at the Christmas dinner, we should be able to raise the necessary funds by then with no problem.

At this month's club meeting on the 28TH, we will be joined by Mr. Lorenz Dauner who is the communications manager for the County of Kern. Mr. Dauner is seeking key people that are interested in providing secondary emergency communications on a call out basis for the county. I had exchanged a couple of emails and one phone call with Mr. Dauner after he notified me with his request for our organization to assist him on this. That for the most part, is all the specifics I have, he will more clearly explain what exactly he is looking for at our upcoming club meeting.

All for now folks, see everybody at the meeting on the 28TH. 73

Mark E Slater WI6J
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Kern County Central Valley Amateur Radio Club Board Meeting 08 JUL 2009



Due to the lack of a quorum a Business Meeting was not held.

Board Members present: Mark WI6J, Joe K6JLL, Frank KD6UQZ, and Larry KF6JOQ.

Members present: Randy KC6ZRF, Rob KB6JFL.

Treasurer's Report: None.

Secretary's Report: None.

Committee Reports:

Repeaters: The NARCC is still in the process of coordinating all repeaters.

Interference: None reported at this time.

By-Laws: None

Unfinished Business: An informal discussion was held about the Field Day exercise.

New Business: Points to be pondered at the next meeting:

We understand that there will not be any County Facilities available for weekend use.

County Communication Manager wants to address the Club, at the next meeting.

How the Police Department handles an Emergency Situation.

The next Club meeting: 28 JUL 2009 at 1905 Wilson Rd. Wilson Rd Vets Hall @ 1900 Rm. 1.

The next Board meeting: 12 AUG 2009 1905 Wilson Rd. Wilson Rd. Vets Hall @ 1900 Rm. 3.

The next VE session: 10 JUL, 1905 Wilson Rd. Wilson Rd. Vets Hall @ 1900 Rm. 3.

Frank KD6UQZ Secretary.

What Makes a Good Emergency Coordinator

Excerpt from the ARES E-Letter for July 15, 2009, Published by ARRL

Editor Rick Palm, K1CE

What makes a good EC? Perhaps heretical, but the official ARRL qualifications and job description do not go far enough in determining who will be an effective EC. Granted, all of the elements of the list are important, but more critical is the character of the individual and his or her true understanding of what motivates people and how they can be led by example and good people skills. With a grasp of what the EC's role is, and indeed what the ARES role is in supporting agencies like the EOC and Red Cross, it's the intangibles that make or break an EC, not the tangibles.

And, paramount to all of this is the single, most-important tenet: We serve the agencies. They do not serve us. That's why we call them "served agencies." We are there to be an asset to them, not a liability. We are there to make their jobs of providing professional emergency and disaster management to the public easier if we can. We are there to try to provide a seamless, almost transparent communications service. We do not

force ourselves on them. Agency officials must know our limitations and capabilities, and we most know our own limitations and their expectations. The EC has a realistic self-appraisal.

We are not in the EOC to tell emergency managers how to do their jobs. Nor are we there to demand things like - and this is no joke - flashing emergency lights and sirens for the roofs of our vehicles. We are not there to demand that we be deployed as we see fit. We are not there to bring our internal disputes and petty one-upsmanship to them to deal with or sort out. A good EC understands this.

A good EC also is a uniter, not a divider. Inter-association rivalries are as old as Amateur Radio itself, are almost inevitable, and are part and parcel of human

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HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

Monthly Finance Statement July 2009

July Birthdays:

1	Bill Casteen	AC6OS
2	Randy Randall	KC6ZRF
5	Forrest Logue	KA6MST
6	Stephen Crouch	KB6WR
7	Wayland Gray	KI6KIB
18	Diane Ebel	KG6UFB
19	Judy Brunk	KG6BXM
21	Theresa Louie	KB6UCZ
23	Jon Armstrong	K6QXG
31	Terry Gaiser	W6RU
	Daryl Phillips	W6DGP

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

STARTING BANK BALANCE		\$2350.09
GENERAL INCOME:		
TOTAL INCOME	0.00	<u>0.00</u>
BALANCE		2350.09

OUTSTANDING CHECKS		
#1496 State papers	20.00	
TOTAL		-20.00

EXPENSES		
Field Day reservation	70.00	
Portable toilets	100.00	
Tires on trailer	60.00	
Fictitious Name papers	50.00	
TOTAL		-280.00
BALANCE		2050.09
REPEATER FUND		<u>-822.00</u>
AVAILABALE BALANCE		\$1228.09

INSURANCE		<u>-375.00</u>
BALANCE		<u>853.09</u>

SCHOLARSHIP FUND		
Beginning Balance	\$712.99	
Deposit interest	.01	
Ending Balance	\$713.00	

What Makes a Good EC

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and organizational behavior. A good EC understands this as well, but is able to transcend superficial boundaries to enfranchise all radio amateurs in the county for ARES, regardless of affiliation. Because when it hits the fan, we are all in it together. A good EC gets everybody together first, before the fur flies.

A good EC is a careful listener, weighing all input, discussing it with the parties that will be affected by a decision, then making it and issuing an explanation for the reasons why it was made. Not everybody will agree with the decision, but they will know that it was based on care and deliberation, with all opinions considered.

A good EC is intelligent, well-educated, experienced and has a professional, friendly demeanor. The EC presents himself or herself in a professional manner; e.g., wearing a pair of khaki pants and ironed polo shirt. The EC should be physically fit. He or she is cool, calm and

collected under fire, and never a hothead, whiner, argumentative, nor demanding. He or she leads by example, and consequently earns the respect of all parties. A good EC is not simply the one who has the most "toys" in town.

A good EC respects the chain of command from the DEC, to the SEC and finally to the SM. A good EC may respectfully disagree with his senior officials, but gets behind their decisions and meets their requests, once they are made. A good EC understands the need for tolerance, understanding and acceptance of other points of view.

There are more, but it seems to me that the above characteristics should be among the first to be considered as we search for a good candidate for the EC position, the most critical position in the entire ARRL Field Organization, in my opinion. The EC is where the rubber meets the road in the ARES program, and we need one that has a good deep tread. - K1CE

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY SECTION Report for the month of June 2009:
SM Dan Pruitt, AE6SX- ASMs K6YK and N2NS, ACC W6DPD,
SEC N6ZFN, OOC N1VM, STM K6RAU, PIC Vacant, TC W6TE.

Greetings from the ARRL San Joaquin Valley Section.

After 20+ years as your Section Manager, I decided it was time to retire. I have enjoyed the time as the Section Manager and as Vice Director and Director of the Pacific Division. This is my last Section Report. Your new Section Manager is Dan Pruitt, AE6SX. I hope you will give him the support you gave to me. You can contact Dan at ae6sx@arrl.org or (559) 779-2974. 73, Charles W6DPD.

If you have not sent your letter to your congress person urging his/her support of HR 2160, The Amateur Radio Emergency Enhancement Act of 2009, please go to this link for information: <http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2009/05/12/10818>. As of July 1 789 letters have been sent via Chwat and CO., to 278 members of Congress (267 House members and 11 Senators. Have you sent your letter? W6DPD sent his letter.

If you desire your club information and events to be listed in Section News, please send the information to ae6sx@arrl.org. I get very little information. If your club has a newsletter, please send it to me, email to ae6sx@arrl.org or via U.S Mail. You should also send your newsletter to the Affiliated Club Coordinator (w6dpd@arrl.org) (listed at the top) and the Director (w6rgg@arrl.org) and vice director (k6jat@arrl.org).

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! September is NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS Month. The California QSO Party (CQP) is October 3-4, 2009. Put your county on the air and have fun. Information is located at www.cqp.org. The 66th Fresno Hamfest is October 17, 2009. Check www.w6to.com for information. (NOTE THE DATE CHANGE.) The New York State QSO Party is October 17, 2009 for 12 hours. International DX Convention is April 16-18, 2010 at Visalia CA. Check www.dxconvention.org for information.

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.

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, but no 160-meter cards or cards for deleted entities. 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. ARRL Special Service Clubs may appoint a HF awards manager for WAS and a VHF Awards Manager for VUCC.

W7JAK Jack and KB6CEG Ray are Silent Keys. They will be missed.

Antenna work can be dangerous. A local Fresno ham was working on the roof fixing an antenna. He fell off the roof and hit his head on a brick planter. He did not regain consciousness and became a Silent Key. Remember, SAFETY FIRST.

September is National Preparedness Month (NPM) and 436 organizations have already registered as Coalition Members! If you have not yet signed up to be a 2009 Coalition Member, visit <http://ready.adcouncil.org/> <<http://ready.adcouncil.org/>> to register. Becoming a Coalition Member means you pledge to promote emergency preparedness during the month of September. This can be done either by providing information, hosting events and/or sponsoring activities for your customers, members, employees, stakeholders, and communities. Please remember, even if you were a Coalition Member last year, you still need to re-register this year if you intend to participate.

National Preparedness Month Coalition membership is open to all public and private sector organizations for free. Once you register you will receive access to the NPM Web site where you can find a toolkit full of templates, resources, and tips to assist you with promoting emergency preparedness.

W6TE, K6MYC, and N6JMK participated in the "Echoes of Apollo" project celebrating the 40th Anniversary of the Apollo 11 moon landing in 1969.

The Mayor of Fresno proclaimed June 21 to 28, 2009 Amateur Radio Week in Fresno.

Top SJV Section scores in the 2009 ARRL RTTY Roundup were 1st WK6I, 2nd NN6NN (N6EE and W6XK), and 3rd KT6YL (plus KG6D)

Congratulations to WK6I, Jeff, on winning the Pacific Division Single Operator High Power Plaque in the 2009 ARRL RTTY Roundup. He also set the Pacific Division Record for this category.

Top SJV Section Scores in the 2008 ARRL 10 Meter contest were 1st K6PAU, 2nd K6AAB, and 3rd AA6K.

W6DPD earned DXCC on 20 meters.

WA6QYR and KC6UTF helped the Bishop ARC provide communications support for the 16th Annual Bishop High Sierra 100K Ultra Marathon.

ARACC supplied communications support for the Climb to Kaiser, a 155 mile bike ride.

Traffic for June: W6DPD 4, K6RAU 41, W6SX 46, WB6VRJ 3, Total 94.
PSHR K6RAU 108, W6SX 90.

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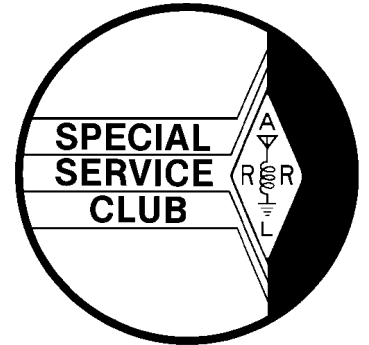
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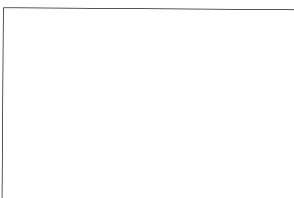


EVENTS: July '09

July 28, Club Meeting. 7 pm, Veterans Hall
August 12, Board Meeting, 7 pm, Veterans Hall
August 25, 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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