

WG6LIE

Kern County Central Valley Amateur Radio Club Inc.

COMMUNICATOR

January 2008

Next Club Meeting Tuesday, January 22



Our next membership meeting is on Tuesday, January 22 at 7:00 PM at the South Bakersfield Veteran's Hall.

Mark Slater, KI6J, will talk about HF Operation.

We will also have our usual raffle for cool prizes.

Come and join us for an evening with fellow radio amateurs.

Refreshments will be available.

This would be a good time to give any ideas you have about future programs and events for the Club.

If you haven't paid your 2008 dues yet, you can get a membership form at the meeting and pay your dues directly to the Treasurer!

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 2008

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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.

President's Message

Hello everyone,

2008 is proving itself already to be an exciting new year for the Kern County Central Valley Amateur Radio Club as the club members and the new board of directors move forward in this journey together this year. I thank you all for joining us this year and making it happen. I also thank the 2008 board for stepping up to the plate. It's a new board and a new year.

The next club meeting is going to be on Tuesday, January 22, at 7 p.m. at the Wilson Road Veterans Hall. Come on out and join us in welcoming this new year.

See everyone there!

73,

Marie, N6ZFN

ARES/RACES REPORT

The next ARES/RACES meeting is Wednesday Feb 6, 2008, Wilson Rd Vets Hall, Rm. 3 at 7:00 p.m.

There is a county disaster drill scheduled on January 24 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. At least two more amateurs are needed for this event. For information on the drill contact Steve, N6GOD at n6god@bak.rr.com.

For more information on ARES/RACES please visit www.ares-races.net/.



SATERN

SATERN stands for Salvation Army Team Emergency Radio Network. To learn form about this organization and its disaster communication program visit their web page at www.satern.org/.



Minutes of the Board of Directors Kern County Central Valley Amateur Radio Club 09 January 2008

The meeting was called to order @ 1900 by the President Marie N6ZFN.

Board Members present: Marie N6ZFN, Jon WA6KLB, Mark WI6J, Frank KD6UQZ, Diane KG6UFB, Jon K6QXG, Joe KI6LPU, Tony W6TRC and Larry KF6JOQ.



Members present: Randy KC6ZRF, Bobby KA6H, Pam KD6LBS, David KG6QDS, Richard KD6IMM, Sandi KE6KJA, Stephen N6GOD and Mike W2MGM.

Minutes: For year end 2007, a motion by Joe KI6LPU and a second by Mark WI6J, the minutes were approved as posted.

Treasure's Report: Diane reports a beginning balance of \$560.50, deposit of 648.00, expenses of \$152.34, current balance of 1056.23. Motion made by Mark WI6J and a second by Jon K6QXG, treasurer's report approved.

Secretary's Report: No correspondence to report at this time; Frank KD6UQZ does not have the mailbox key at this time. I received one membership at the meeting from Tony W6TRC.

Committee Reports: Repeaters: 146.910, 443.900 & 52.780 are still in need of new homes. An attempt was made 01 JAN to get to the 145.15 repeater site but failed; a new attempt is planned for 12 Jan 2008.

Interference: There is none reported at this time.

ARES-RACES: The next meeting for is 06 Feb 2008, Wilson Rd Vets Hall, Rm. 3 @ 1900. There is an upcoming county exercise 24 Jan; a pre-exercise meeting is being planned. The date and time are to be announced shortly.

Unfinished Business: Sandi reported that reservations are pending for Field Day at College Park. Also reservations are pending for the Christmas Dinner at the Ben Austin Senior Center; the size of the room and dates needs to be confirmed. Reservations need to be made as soon as the numbers are confirmed for the Board Dinner 12 Jan at the Peking Palace. A discussion was held on selling advertisement space in the Communicator – decision, was negative. David KG6QDS will take over the position of Public Information Officer for the club.

New Business: A discussion was held on ordering Fliers from the ARRL on Ham Radio for a display table at the club meetings and other situations where the club could set up an information table. A discussion was held on whether the club would want to see if we could work with the county at the Fair. A discussion was held on raising funds to replace the antenna for the 145.150 repeater. Scholarships need to be continued to be awarded. Mark WI6J will head up the Helping Hands Committee – need help setting up an antenna, setting up radio, etc., contact Mark. The program for the club meeting will be on HF Operations.
Meeting adjourned at 2045.

The next club meeting: 22 Jan 2008, 1905 Wilson Rd. Wilson Rd. Vets Hall @ 1900.

Frank KD6UQZ, Secretary

Thank you to Dave Light, KG6YSZ and Jon Wilhelm, WA6KLB for spending last Saturday on cold, snowy Breckenridge mountain fixing the 145.150 repeater. And thank you to David Ebel, KG6QDS for arranging special transportation to the repeater site. We all appreciate your hard work!

*“Coming together is a beginning;
keeping together is progress;
working together is success.”
—Henry Ford*

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

January Birthdays:

3 Neal Janzen	N6YGG
13 Lorrie McCaman	KD6CQD
18 Jerry Grossardt	KD6JSB
18 Jim Phillips	N7IU
21 George McCaman	KD6ME
22 Randall Sharp	KF6QCY
26 Bob Jones	W6JRS

February Birthdays:

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



HAPPY NEW YEAR

TREASURER'S CASH FLOW REPORT

Submitted by Diane Ebel, KG6UFB

November 15, 2007 through January 10, 2008

BEGINNING BALANCE	\$560.57
INCOME	
Dues	325.00
Raffle, Radio	270.00
Raffle, Regular	<u>53.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME	648.00
EXPENSES	
Sandi Covey	111.34
Postmaster, stamps	<u>41.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>152.34</u>
ENDING BALANCE	<u>\$1,056.23</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 11/14/07 \$1,558.28

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/, 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 December 2007:
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.

Thanks to all the ARRL Field Organization Volunteers who make the Field Organization work. The volunteers donate countless hours working to make Amateur Radio better. Keep up the good work in 2008.

Special thanks go to Rex Emerson, KE6ZOC, for maintaining the SJV page on pdarrl. Thanks Rex. Keep up the good work in 2008.

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.

Mark your calendars. Radiofest is February 23-24, 2008 in Monterey. Check 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 for information. Pacificon 2008 is October 17-19, 2008 at the Marriott Hotel in San Ramon CA. Check 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 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. If you are involved in emergency communications, this is an event you should plan to attend.

N6HUH, Robert, K6JAG, Paul, and W6ECP, Ernie are Silent Keys. They will be missed.

Oak Tree Radio in Oakdale now has the call sign KD6OAK.

The Turlock ARC members provided communications support for the annual Turlock Christmas Parade.

The Los Banos ARC members provided communication support for the annual Los Banos Christmas Parade.

The Fresno ARC, Amateur Radio Assn of Central CA, Turlock ARC, Central California DX Club, and West Mesa DX and Contest Club sent representatives to the pacific Directors meeting on December 1. Where were the rest of the club representatives?

Fresno ARC 2008 officers are pres KG6KYU, vp WA6OIB, sec WA6NIF, and treas W6ALE. Check www.w6to.com for information.

The Kern County Central Valley ARC 2008 officers are pres N6ZFN, 1st vp WA6KLB, 2nd vp WI6J, sec KD6UQZ, and treas KG6UFB. Check www.w6lie.org for information. The club conducts a road and weather net on the 145.15 MHz repeater with a pl 100 Hz during the Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years Holiday travel periods. This is a great service for those traveling during these weekends.

Bakersfield ARA 2008 officers are pres KB6JFL, vp KC6KGH, sec vacant and treas KA6VXC. Check www.w6bar.org for information.

WA6HZN, Bart, is the 2008 president of the Western Public Service System, and KG6UCW, Curtis, is a director. The net meets daily on 3.952 MHz at 0230UTC.

KC6TTZ, Tim, operated from South America.

WS6X, Jim, was first in the 2006 Stew Perry Top Band Distance Challenge search and pounce category.

K6PTS, Phil, has qualifies for the Worked All States Award. Congratulations.

Traffic for December: K6RAU 27, W6DPD 0, and W6SX 25. Total 52. PSHR: K6RAU 82 and W6SX 44.

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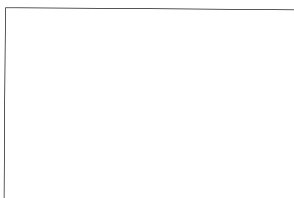


EVENTS: January '08

January 22, Club Meeting, 7 pm, Veterans Hall
February 13, Board Meeting, 7 pm, Veterans Hall
February 26, 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:
443.900 PL 100 & 144.910 packet W6LIE-1



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