

WG6LIE

Kern County Central Valley Amateur Radio Club Inc.

COMMUNICATOR

March 2008

Next Club Meeting Tuesday, March 25

There will be a program on Telephone Communication by Joe Luque, KI6LPU. 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!

The 59th Annual International DX Convention sponsored by the Southern California DX Club will be held at The Holiday Inn Hotel & Conference Center Visalia.

The International DX Convention is the world's premier DX convention, if you're a DXer or interested in any aspect of Ham radio you need to be at Visalia. Top DX operators from around the world will be there. Meet the big guns from the US, Asia, Europe, Africa and Oceania. Meet the people on the other side of the mic or key, shake hands with the person you have had a sched with for the past 10 years but never met. Don't forget the YL's we will have something special for them as well.

<http://www.dxconvention.org/index.html>

April 25-27, 2008

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NEXT VE SESSION

Next VE test session

Friday, May 9

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,

It's nice that the weather is staying cooler for us, considering it is already March. It's perfect weather to make sure your equipment is up and running and working properly. If you need any assistance with it, contact the Helping Hands chair, Mark, WI6J.

Big thanks to Jon, WA6KLB for putting on a wonderful program for us last month. I'm looking forward to the program this month as well. I'm sure it is something you all will enjoy.

Enjoy the cooler weather and I'll see you at the club meeting.

73,
Marie, N6ZFN

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, 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 12 March 2008

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

Board Members present: Jon WA6KLB, Mark WI6J, Frank KD6UQZ, Jon K6QZG, Joe KI6LPU and Tony W6TRC.



Members present: Richard KD6IMM and Sandi KE6KJA.

Minutes: Corrections for FEB 2008, New Business, Item 1: The Board voted down charging a \$2 fee at each meeting. Item 5: Larry KG6JOQ volunteered to contact Neal on shortening up the check-in list. A motion by Joe KI6LPU and a second by Mark WI6J, the minutes were approved as corrected.

Treasurer's Report: Diane was unable to make the meeting, out of the Country and email the following report, a beginning balance of \$1,486.40, deposit of \$310.00, expenses of \$00, current balance of \$1,797.40. A motion from Mark WI6J with a second by Joe KI6LPU, motion passed. 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. \$20.16 to Frank KD6UQZ for Repeater parts.

Secretary's Report: Received application from Bill AB6CF, Dave KG6YSZ and KI6HGH at the Feb Club Meeting. Harry KG6OPR, Mickey WO6T, and Thelma N6VSV from the mail box; also, received a Bank Statement and another Phone Bill. Tony W6TRC will take care of the phone bill in Diane's absent.

Committee Reports:

Repeaters: Saturday 08 MAR the temporary 146.910 repeater was replaced and a better antenna was mounted on the tower. The 52.780 repeater and antenna were also installed on Grapevine Peak. 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, 1905 Wilson Rd., Wilson Rd Vets Hall, Rm. 3 @ 1900.

Unfinished Business:

Repeater coordination

New Business:

None

Entered into Executive Board session.

The next Club meeting: 25 MAR 2008, 1905 Wilson Rd. Wilson Rd. Vets Hall @ 1900.

The next Board meeting is 09 APR 2008, 1905 Wilson Rd. Wilson Rd. Vets Hall @ 1900 Rm. 3.

The next VE session is 09 MAY 2008, 1905 Wilson Rd. Wilson Rd Vets Hall @ 1900 Rm. 3.

Frank KD6UQZ, Secretary

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

March Birthdays:

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



April Birthdays:

6 Mark Estill	KI6FDU
16 Ted Nelson	KI6BLM
22 Richard Gill	KQ6EF
27 Neil McNew	KC6YBZ

TREASURER'S CASH FLOW REPORT

Submitted by Diane Ebel, KG6UFB
February 12—March 10, 2008

BEGINNING BALANCE	\$1,486.40
INCOME	
Dues	195.00
Raffle, Radio	27.00
Raffle, Regular	49.00
Donations, Repeater	<u>40.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME	311.00
EXPENSES	
Sandi Covey	<u>96.33</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>0.00</u>
ENDING BALANCE	<u>\$1,797.40</u>

The Repeater Fund \$219.00.

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

Scholarship Fund

Balance on 03/10/08 \$1,558.28

On Saturday, members of the KCCVARC upgraded the Grapevine Peak 2 meter repeater (146.91 mhz, -600, tone 100.0 hz) and installed a 6 meter repeater (52.78 mhz, -500, tone 82.5 hz).

Members contributing their time and effort were:

Tony, W6TRC
Frank, KD6UQZ
Richard, WA6JJA
Jon, WA6KLB
Dave, KG6YSZ

The 2 meter improvements included installing a modified Decibel DB-224 antenna on the tower and replacing the current repeater with a Kenwood TKR-720 repeater. The antenna has an 9 db. gain offset pattern, sidemounted on the tower and aimed north. The repeater has 16 watts out of the duplexer. Richard made before and after signal strength measurement with a precision attenuator and reports the signal is 10 db stronger at his house in northwest Bakersfield.

The 6 meter repeater is the same one removed from McKittrick Summit some years ago. The antenna is a side mounted on the northeast leg of the tower so there is a notch in the pattern towards Ventura. Initial reports are mobile coverage in Tulare County, Hwy 99 and Hwy 198.

Additional work to be done: When the 6 meter repeater is transmitting, it wipes out weak signals in the 2 meter receiver. A VHF bandpass cavity will be installed between the duplexer and receiver to cure this problem. Also the 6 meter antenna has a VSWR of 2.5 to 1 that needs to be adjusted to 1.5 to 1 or less.

Thanks to Jon for the many hours (yes, hours) spent on the tower cleaning up old antennas and install the new antennas.

We welcome reports on the coverage of both repeaters.

73's
Dave, KG6YSZ
Repeater Committee member

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY SECTION Report for the month of February 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.

Mark your calendars. The Turlock ARC Auction is April 5, 2008, at the Turlock Youth Center. Check www.w6bxn.org for information. The Clovis Amateur Radio Pioneers Swap meet will be April 12, 2008, at the New Hope Community Church in Clovis. Check www.k6arp.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. The 65th Fresno Hamfest is May 31, 2008, at the Salvation Army in Fresno. Check www.w6to.com 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. Dennis Dura, K2DCD of ARRL, and Gordon West, WB6NOA, are the featured speakers.

KE6HCJ, Charles, W6BJB, Bob, WB6OHB, Bedford, WA6TPE, Charles, WA6ADZ Leonard, WA6OYP, Mel, KF6QJM, Paul, KK6I Ira, W6GUZ, Bill, and W6ECP, Ernest are Silent Keys. They will be missed.

Kings ARC 2008 officers are pres KA6PNL, vp NW6K, sec WA7YHX, and treas N6SDD. Check www.ql.net/ka6q for information.

Calaveras ARS 2008 officers are pres AE6LA, vp KO6HV, sec N6IV, and treas AC6CY. Check www.calaverasars.org for information.

Top SJV scores in the 2007 IARU HF World Championship were first N2NS, second KD4HXT, and third K6CSL.

Sierra ARC members provided communications support for the 2008 Fire Mountain Horse Ride.

Traffic for February: K6RAU 31, W6DPD 0, and W6SX 20. Total 51. PSHR: K6RAU 97 and W6SX 50.

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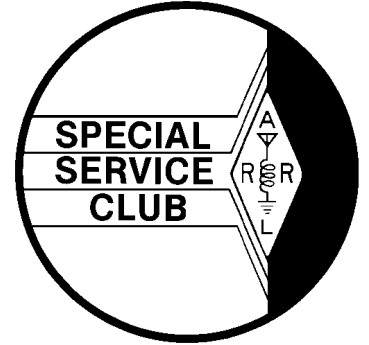
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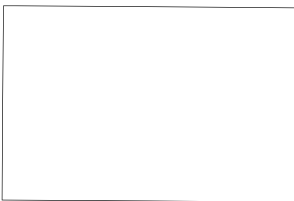
EVENTS: March '08

March 25, Club Meeting, 7 pm, Veterans Hall
April 9, Board Meeting, 7 pm, Veterans Hall
April 22, Spaghetti Dinner, 6:30 pm, Salvation Army, 4417 Wilson Rd

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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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