

KERN COUNTY – CENTRAL VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB W6LIE

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Upcoming Events

The upcoming club meeting is scheduled for Thursday January 25 at the East Bakersfield Veteran's Hall, 2101 Ridge Rd. We will be discussing the recent surveys sent out and what the club would like to see, as well as Winter Field Day.

Winter Field Day is scheduled for 11:AM January 27th until 11:AM Jan 28th. Setup is to begin at Yokuts park around 9:00 am.

Winter Field Day is organized and planned by Jeff Tougas-KN6WEZ, Michael Word-KN6VBW and Scott Pohlenz, KN6ZAT.

For more information, contact wordmichaela@gmail.com

Message from Our President Patrick Ponec – KD6PAP

Greetings fellow HAMS, first off, I want to thank you for allowing me to be your president for this next year. The incoming board and I recently came together to discuss the upcoming year.

We went over the surveys that were returned; and we will be using the information that we have learned to make plans for the future of the club.

I have to say that; I am very excited to see what transpires next year.

Several workshops and events are in the planning stages along with topics for our monthly meetings. Please remember that this is Your Club, and we want and need your help to be successful.

Sincerely, Patrick Ponec KD6PAP

From Larry Miller – KM6OQI Recent VE Exam license and a new HAM

We had one person testing and he earned his tech license. Vincent Pence. He drove down from Pine Mountain Club!
Larry-KM6OQI

Club Officers

President, Patrick Ponec KD6PAP
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The Winter Field Association Presents Winter Field Day 2024 January 27th- 28th Starts 1900 UTC

Saturday January 27th Ends 18:59 UTC Sunday January 28th Field day Coordinators are: Jeff Tougas, KN6WEZ, Michael Word - KN6VBW and Scott Pohlenz, KN6ZAT.

Winter Field Day is brought to you by the Winter Field Day Association, a nonprofit 501(C)(3) organization with support from the following: Icom America, a world leader in the amateur radio market, makes amateur radios for use in long-range (HF) and short-range (VHF, UHF) communications. Icom, for the love of ham radio. ClubGearOnline.com is a graphic design company specializing in ham radio-related products, including band plan charts, clothing, and gifts. ClubGearOnline.com is the largest designer of Parks On the Air merchandise. AJKservices.com is the website designer for Winter Field Day. AJK Consulting Services are technology problem solvers providing IT, electronics, and engineering services.

Greetings,

At the Winter Field Day Association, our mission is to encourage emergency operating preparedness during the winter months when the potential for freezing temperatures, snow, ice, and other hazards may present unique operational challenges. Each year, we sponsor the Winter Field Day Exercise to encourage you to test your emergency preparedness capabilities in various conditions and push yourself to new levels.

Operating out in the field, away from the comforts of home, is the best way to increase your preparedness for disasters and improve your operating skills in subpar conditions. WFD is a learning experience, and we hope at the end of this year's WFD exercise, you will feel more confident about your ability to adapt and overcome adverse weather conditions.

Please read through the rules thoroughly. If you have questions, contact us on our website for clarification.

To be clear, WFD is an EMCOM exercise, so don't get too hung up on our rules. At the end of the day, your total points don't matter. What you learn during WFD and your ability to adapt and overcome sudden obstacles will help you during unexpected emergencies. As we continue with another year of the WFD exercise, we want to encourage participants not to chase the contacts or the points but to test their abilities and equipment.

If you want to exchange signal reports, please give each other accurate information so the other station knows how well their station is working.

One thing you will notice this year is our "Bonus Points" have changed to "Objectives." These rotating objectives will change slightly from year to year. One of your goals should be for participants not to chase the contacts or the

points but to test their abilities and equipment.

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One of your goals should be to achieve as many objectives as possible during the event. Finally, have fun with the Winter Field Day, talk about the temperature, meet new friends, and make memories as you continue to enhance your skills as an amateur radio operator.

We wish you the best of luck and look forward to hearing you on the air in 2024!

Winter Field Day January 27th & 28th 2024

CQ, CQ, CQ...

During Winter Field Day you can:

- Set up a remote station & antenna
- Operate outdoors, in a trailer, or at home
- Operate cw, digital or SSB
- Participate in POTA at the same time.
- Earn bonus points for setting up outdoors, using alternative power or setting up field antennas.

More details, resources and the PDF field packet is available on our website.

For more information visit www.winterfieldday.org

Local Information:

11AM YOKUTS PARK
9AM SET UP
4200 Empire Dr.
Bakersfield, California
2M, 10M, 20M, 40M
FOOD AND DRINKS

Participate and download our unique certificate

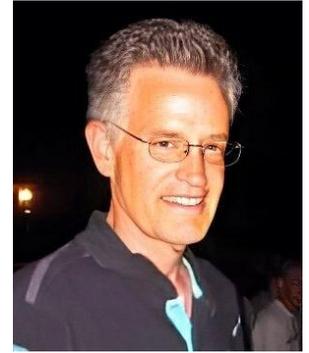


Sincerely, **WFDA** <http://www.winterfieldday.org>

From Larry Bragg, N7LWB Communicator Editor

Our club weekly nets are as follows:

- **KCCVARC Sunday eve. Net** – Sunday, 8:pm 145.150 –offset, PL 100Meets every Sunday, a formal check in of members and visitors with weekly club announcements and updates and a swap meet following.
- **ARES Emergency and frequency test net** – Monday, 7:pm, 145.150 and simplex frequencies on all bands and modes for testing. Announcements weekly for the Emergency services of Kern County, and members going for check-ins on assigned simplex frequencies followed by different bands and modes, such as FUSION, SSB and PACKET modes.
- **Tuesday Night Tech Net**, Tues. 7:pm, 145.150, informal net to answer questions and help you set up ham and antenna systems. This is an informal net with check-ins followed by questions posed by those needing information about their antenna setups and questions about their rigs and modes.
- **Other nets outside KCCVARC:**
 - **D-STAR Net** –7:pm, 145.450, using D-STAR, also 440.975.
 - D-STAR check-ins on many reflectors, around the nation and world.
 - **DMR Round Table** – 8:pm Monday on the K6RET 443.000 and 442.675 on DMR An hour-long informal net for hams needing information to set up their DMR code plugs and a question-and-answer session.
 - **WIN System Insomniac Net**, nightly from 10:pm, 440.675 + and PL 100 Random questions presented by net control about almost any subject, judging how many right answers by participants from multiple choice.
 - **Condor System Net**, Monday night, 7:pm, 224.720 – offset, PL 156.7 Check-ins from all throughout the Condor Connection network followed by New Link. The Condor Connection is a network of repeaters throughout the state of California on the 220 MHz band.



Quansheng UV-K6 UV-K5(8) Walkie Talkie 5W Airband Radio

Quansheng UV-K6 UV-K5(8) Walkie Talkie 5W Airband Radio Type C Charge UHF VHF DTMF FM Dual Band Two Way Radio with NOAA Weather Alarm Function. Go online to download firmware to also receive SSB and customizable AM modes. Possibly the most fun HT you can have with customized firmware. Be sure and watch the videos on YouTube.

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- uhf vhf radio walkie talkie with 5 Watts Output with and NOAA Weather Alert
- UV-K6 Walkie Talkie 5W Airband Radio Type C Charge UHF VHF DTMF FM Dual Band Two Way Radio



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=49g_3OjJhTU