

KERN COUNTY – CENTRAL VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB W6LIE

February 2024

FEBRUARY COMMUNICATOR

Club Officers

President, Patrick Ponc KD6PAP

First Vice President, Rick Simmons KN6NOC

Second Vice Pres. Mario Aribas N6ABT

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Director, Jerry Waclawski, KB7BX

Director, Jon Wilhelm, WA6KLB

Net Chief, Neal Janzen NY6GG

Newsletter Editor, Larry Bragg N7LWB

Upcoming Events

- Terry N6AJ will be putting on a demonstration of the Ham Clock, Saturday February 17, 8am-9am Burger King 8200 Stockdale Hwy. See more in the Announcements.
- February Club Meeting, February 22nd, 6:pm Board meeting, 7:pm Club meeting, 2101 Ridge Rd. All are invited.
- March 8th, 10am VE testing. A great time to upgrade or get your technician license. Contact Larry Miller, KM6OMQ at websurfer@bak.rr.com.



Message from Our President

Hello everyone, I feel like this year is off to a great start.

We had our first regular meeting since last year, which was well attended, where we announced some of the things we have in the works for the next year, Winter Filed Day was held and by all accounts was a resounding success and we announced that were celebrating the 75th Anniversary of the W6LIE.

Speaking of the 75th Anniversary, I'm sure Jerry KB7BX would greatly appreciate any help you could give him with planning the celebration. I not only speak for myself but for the Board when I say we would love to have your help in planning and running any of the events or workshops that are coming up so please don't hesitate to jump in and lend a hand. If you are interested in helping drop us a line at contactW6LIE@gmail.com.

I would also like to take this time to personally thank Michael KN6VBW, Jeff KN6WEZ and Scott KN6ZAT for their hard work and dedication in organizing Winter Field Day and to all those unsung heroes who participated, you made Winter Field Day awesome! THANKS again. Let's make it our goal to "Get Radio Active" this year!

Patrick, KD6PAP

W6LIE CLUB REPEATERS:

Frequency	Offset	PL Tone	Location	Comment
145.150	minus	100.0	Breckenridge Mt.	echolink #w6lie-r 487530/allstar #2029
146.910	minus	100.0	Grapevine Pk.	Temporary Antenna - Storm Damage
224.060	minus	100.0	Breckenridge Mt.	
443.900	plus	100.0	Low level North of Town	
52.780	minus	82.5	Grapevine Pk.	Off the Air - Storm Damaged Antenna



**Message from Rick,
KN6NOC.**

First Vice President:

Greetings from the
KCCVARC Board of
Directors.

We are on our way to what we as the board believe will be an exciting and educational year. We had a great winter field day and there were some great contacts made. I will say once again that we want to hear what you, as a club member, want to do and/or need to learn to become a better ham. We will do our best to get our Elmers to teach the new hams and have some fun along the way.

Mario (N6ABT) and I (Rick KN6NOC) wanted to let you know how the canned food drive benefited people in our community. We delivered

the food to the First Presbyterian Church on Truxtun Avenue.

They have an excellent program to help the needy in the area. There were over 150 pounds of canned goods that we took to them.

If you have any ideas how our ham club can benefit our community or the people of our community, please contact anyone on the board and share your ideas with them. Again, thank you for being so generous with the canned food drive.

73s Rick, KN6NOC

CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

The club is currently working on creating a logo. The intention is to create club branded t-shirts, stickers, coffee cups etc. These items would then be available for sale to all members, family and friends. If you are creative person, have old club logos or ideas for new logos, we need your help.

Steve, KM6POI, is taking the lead on this project. If you are interested in helping, have an old logo or an idea for a new one please email contactw6lie@gmail.com and put "Logo" in the subject line. You can also call or text KM6POI at 661-340-6260.

Thank you in advance for your time, also Your help is greatly needed in the following areas.

- PROGRAM-Arrange interesting and informative programs for Regular Membership Meetings, provide refreshments when authorized, and conduct meeting activities that members enjoy.
- ACTIVITIES-Coordinate participation by the Club, or individual members, in any constituted operating contests officially recognized by the Amateur Radio fraternity, locally or nationally, and plan special operating activities for Club members.
- Don't forget this is the 75th anniversary of the W6LIE and we will need help planning this also.

These are just a few ways you can get involved and help make this year one to remember. If you're interested in either one of the standing committees or have any questions just let us know. Thanks for volunteering.

If you have any questions, please contact Patrick Ponec' KD6PAP President KCCVARC 661-319-1174

From Terry Godley, N6AJ

February 17, Saturday 8am-9am Burger King at 8200 Stockdale Hwy

I will be demonstrating the Ham Clock. It is a great edition for the shack, PC or office.

I will be discussing installing and setting up the clock.

I will have a drawing for 1 ham clock to one lucky attendee. Brink your laptop if you have one.

RSVP

Terry Godley
N6AJ

BOARD MEETING MINUTES 01-25-2024

A: Time: 1800hrs. Opening by Patrick Ponec-President

B: Roll Call, as follows: Patrick Ponec KD6PAP, Rick Simmons KN6NOC, Mario Arribas N6ABT, Michael Word KN6VBW, Jeff Tougas KN6WEZ, Keith Fields KN6SNW, Jerry Waclawski KB7BX, John Wilhelm WA6KLB, John Stumm KG6ZBN

C. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

D. FINANCIAL REPORT Given by Jeff Tougas

Jeff Tougas, KN6WEZ, reported the balance of the club's financial account is currently at \$5307.30, as of the time of this meeting. There has been \$150 deposited consisting primarily of membership dues for the year of 2024. There was a cost of \$603 paid to cover the club's liability insurance for the year of 2024. The club's antenna trailer has been registered with the state of California Department of Motor Vehicles at a cost of \$147. \$127 was spent for the January raffle of a Baofeng AR-152 radio that was subsequently given during this meeting. An additional prize of a Spark Plug Antenna, that was meant for the Christmas dinner on 12-09-2023, was raffled off at the current meeting. The total price of the prize was approximately \$40. This was paid for through the funds from the year 2023. It was estimated, based upon the year 2023, that the monthly budget for the club will be approximately \$260.

E. OLD BUSINESS

a) Insurance update John Stumm

b) Winter Field Day update Michael Word, Jeff Tougas

F. NEW BUSINESS

a) Division of Standing Committees between the 1st and 2nd Vice Presidents for oversight. A motion to form a division of oversight committee between the vice presidents Rick Simmons, KN6NOC, and Mario Arribas, N6ABT, was initiated by Keith Fields and seconded by Mario Arribas.

Patrick Ponec, KD6PAP, proposed starting a Google Documents account to ease and standardize communications between the board and general club members. Ponec proposed the forming of the account will be done by Ponec and Michael Word, KN6VBW. The Google account would allow for secure voting, membership application submission, and membership payment. This was noted by Word that the proposed formation would violate the current bylaws and they would need to be amended before implementation. The implementation of the Google account would save an estimated \$200 per year in postage.

Ponec announced the use of a "club cellular phone", for contacts made to the club. Simmons agreed to use an extra cellular phone, already within his possession, for the proposed club phone on a trial basis.

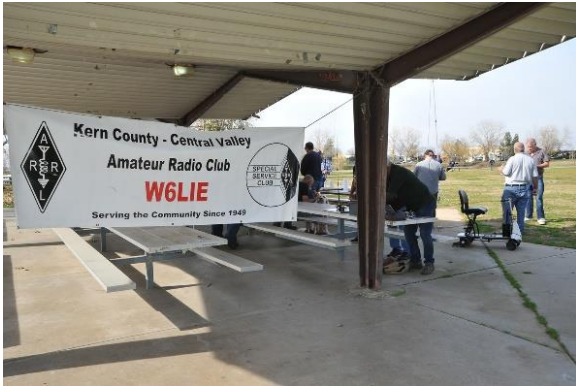
Arribas mentioned the need for more volunteer examiners for license testing.

Waclawski mentioned that a fellow ham radio operator, George KC6KGH, silent key. There are many antennas and possible equipment left at his house. Waclawski would like to take possession of these said items to the club. However, he is having difficulty getting a hold of the realtor in charge of the property for permission.

Edward Smith, KC6YUF, is now the trustee of the club callsign as of 2024.

The meeting was adjourned at 1842HR on 01-25-2024, submitted by Michael KN6VBW

Pictures of the Winter Field Day, Submitted by Ben N6SWR, & Larry, N7LWB.





The new Board of Directors for KCCVARC

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.

