

# KERN COUNTY – CENTRAL VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB W6LIE

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## JANUARY COMMUNICATOR

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### Upcoming Events

Our club meeting is set for Thursday, January 26, 7:PM at the East Bakersfield Veterans Hall, located 2101 Ridge Rd, corner of Ridge Rd and Mt. Vernon Ave in the large banquet room. All are invited!

Dues are due! \$20 single membership, \$25 for a family membership, application is on our website [w6lie.org](http://w6lie.org). Bring to the club meeting or mail to KCCVARC PO Box 743 Bakersfield CA 93302. Be sure also to include your call and address information.

January 21 - Support your Parks Winter 2023,. Terry-N6AJ says, If you hear me, work me. I will be on 10 and 20 meters as well as Satellites and 146.520 FM.

January 28 - Winter Field Day is coming up at Christ Church of the Valley, 13701 Stockdale Hwy, Bakersfield, CA. Come around 10:AM to setup and start at 11. This is a great time to come out and help with check ins from around the state, and also from other states participating. We did this last year and had quite a turn out.

Have coffee with fellow hams, meeting at Farmer boys, located 5544 California Ave, just north of Stockdale Hwy. The informal meeting takes place every Saturday morning at 8:30 AM.

### Volunteers Needed – Sunday night net operators

The club still needs net controllers for Sunday nets. It's a simple job and it helps the club. If you are interested, contact Neil-N6YGG.



#### Club Officers & Directors

President: John Stumm-KG6ZBN  
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## HAM IT UP for New Year's



Terry Godley-N6AJ has really been hamming for New Year's. Reprinted from W6lie Facebook Page .

Friday I went out to Park K-3538, Tule Elk Preserve to work some Parks on the Air (POTA). It has been since last year that I have been to a park and since there wasn't any rain in the forecast, I loaded up the gear. I always take more than I will need or use, but you never know.

I arrived at 10am and decided to see if I can get 10 contacts (to activate a park) on using only 2 meters on 146.520 FM.

I want to thank Arley-N6INT, Ben-N6SWR, Leonard-N6ZKI, and Laramie-KN6ART, Joe-WD6FPE, and Sharon-N2OWL for making contacts.

I was using an ICom 706MK2G with a Comet Mag Mount antenna for 2 meters.

I was surprised to work a friend of mine in Fresno that I haven't talked to since I had the ATV repeater, N6BYH.

Also who was from Arizona and driving thru Tehachapi on his way to Sac., KB6RHD from SLO K6AJ (No Relations) and N6DXN who was driving thru Lancaster.

Oh, also W4PCU driving North bound on I-5.

KE0TXC was in Fresno visiting from Iowa.

After 2 hours and no further response I switched over to HF and 20 meters was hopping. I was using a Hustler Mag Mount for 20 meters. For the next hour and a half I made 51 QSO's on 20 meters. One contact was made on satellite AO-91

If you made contact with me, you can go to the Parks on the Air site and register and under awards you should have a certificate you can download.



If you have any questions about POTA text me at 661-380-0183.

### KCCVARC Repeater Frequencies

145.15	146.91	224.06	443.9	52.78
minus	minus	minus	plus	minus
100	100	100	100	82.5
Breckenridge Mtn	Grapevine Peak	Breckenridge Mtn	Low level North of Town	Grapevine Peak
				Off the Air–Storm Damage

## Understanding Morse Code

Does this make any sense to you?



di-dah    dah-di-di-dit    dah-di-dah-dit    dah-di-dit    dit    di-di-dah-dit    dah-dah-dit



di-di-di-dit    di-dit    di-dah-dah-dah    dah-di-dah    di-dah-di-dit    dah-dah    dah-dit



dah-dah-dah    di-dah-dah-dit    dah-dah-di-dah    di-dah-dit    di-di-dit    dah

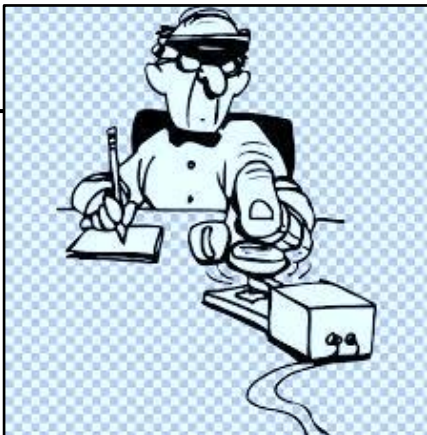


di-di-dah    di-di-di-dah    di-dah-dah    dah-di-di-dah    dah-di-dah-dah    dah-dah-di-dit

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I didn't think so ...

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# 50 Years Old

There is considerable concern for potential disaster as a result of the Y2K effect on our High-Tech lifestyle. Even the date 9-9-99 received considerable attention. When May 12, 1999 came, it was allowed to pass as just another day, with no recognition that it marked the 50 Th. birthday of our Amateur Radio Club.

On May 12, 1949, this Club was declared official in the office of the Secretary of State of California. Our Club is now on it's third name. Initially it was the Kern County Radio Club. On April 7, 1981, the word "Amateur" was officially incorporated into the Club name because of confusion with a popular local CB organization.

In 1987 the Central Valley Amateur Radio Club, that normally met in Delano, merged with the Kern County Amateur Radio Club. A certificate of amendment of the Articles of Corporation of our Club, was filed in the office of the Secretary of State, and on May 21, 1987, we officially became the Kern County-Central Valley Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

I have been a member of this Club for approximately 40 of those 50 years. I have known our Club to have enjoyed good times, and times that were not so good. As we move into the year 2000, about half of our Club's Board of Directors will not have served before. There are issues facing our Club, that are of paramount importance, and should be addressed early in the year.

The past is prologue, but as it relates to the future of our Club, a progressive success will depend on the unification of the Board, and the support of Club members. Any association is effective only to the extent to which it's goals, and purpose, are realistic in terms of it's needs, and to which those who are interested, support it and participate actively.

"May our 50 year old Club enjoy a robust 2000, and a distant future."

Alex - WB6ZWG

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