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KCCVARC Repeater Frequencies

145.150	minus	100.0	Breckenridge Mt.	
146.910	minus	100.0	Grapevine Pk.	
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 Damage

Board Changes

As a result of a vacancy, Neal Janzen, N6YGG, has been appointed to fill the position of net chief. Neal is a long-time member of the club and recently has been providing a historical review of club activities over the years during Sunday evening nets. He will oversee the scheduling of net control stations and other duties associated with the position. Thanks to Neal for accepting the slot.

Field Day 2021

As the date for Field Day, 2021 drew closer, the board met to discuss how to approach the annual activity this year. Some of the restrictions from last year had been lifted, allowing us in person meetings.

The board opted for a two prong approach this year: setting up portable stations at College Park and taking advantage of a rule waiver, allowing those members who so desired to participate from their home or portable station to include their logs in the totals for the club.



KC0AZW, Dustin, set up on 40 meters



John's, KG6ZBN, portable station, working 20 meters

So on the morning of the 26th, several members gathered and started setting up portable antennas, folding tables and chairs, batteries and rigs, awaiting the official start time.

Those setting up stations included John Stumm, KG6ZBN, Larry Callahan, KF6JOQ, Dustin Carpenter, KC0AZW, Ben Durham, N6SWR, Joe Hart, WD6FPE and Dave Cammack, K6FA.



KF6JOQ, Larry's satellite set up

Larry was tracking satellites with his antenna and was able to link up with a few. He had a

number of people stopping by, observing and asking questions about the setup, using a laptop linked to a VHF/UHF rig. Larry did make a couple of contacts.

The bands did not seem to be as active as they had been in the past. 10 and 15 meters did not provide much in the way of contacts, though they have in the past. From comments heard on the bands later in the day, this seemed to be the case around the country.

There were a number of ice chests filled with water and soda and lunch was provided by the club.

The heat became a factor early in the afternoon and the decision was made to secure the site and close down at around 1430. The area was cleaned up and the gear stowed and thoughts turned to next year.

News From the ARRL

Hurricanes and wildfires are in the recent headlines. Hurricane Elsa is currently gathering strength and has been responsible for three deaths in the Caribbean islands of the Dominican Republic and St. Lucia.

Elsa, at the time of this report, is taking aim at Cuba and Florida, expected to make land fall with winds up to 60mph. NOAA expects the storm to become disorganized and continue up the east coast of the U.S. There are concerns that the storm could reorganize as it moves toward Florida.

The Hurricane Watch Net ([HWN](#)) is currently active on 14.325 MHz for Hurricane Elsa.

“Elsa surprised us all by strengthening overnight into a Category 1 hurricane,” HWN Manager Bobby Graves, KB5HAV, said. The storm is moving to the west-northwest at 28 MPH. At this clip, the storm should be past the Windward Islands in the next few hours.

“As with any net activation, we welcome your observed ground-truth data from those in the affected area. The information forecasters at the national hurricane center need includes wind speed, wind gust, wind direction, barometric pressure – if available, rainfall, damage, and storm surge. Measured weather data is always appreciated but we do accept estimated.

“We are also available to provide back-up communications to official agencies such as Emergency Operations Centers, Red Cross officials, and storm shelters in the affected area. We also collect and forward significant damage assessment data to FEMA officials stationed at the National Hurricane Center.”

California Wild Fires

As of June 28, there have been 4,152 wild fires recorded in California. There have been a few here in Kern County. To the south in LA County the Tumbleweed fire started on July 4, consuming 1,000 acres and at the time of this report, only 10% contained.

With the lack of rain, brush and grass is dry and can be ignited by any number of sources of a spark. Those living in high risk areas are taking steps to protect their property and livestock.

West Kern County ARES members, associated with the Kern County Fire Department, stand ready in the event they are activated. Go bags and portable equipment are readily available.

If you are interested in ARES join the net, meeting Monday evening at 1900 on the W6LIE repeater on 145.15.

From the Archives

You can always tell when hams are meditating by their montra: Ohm, ohm.

Stress takes a toll. Please make sure to have exact change.

A conclusion is simply the place where you got tired of thinking.

Diplomacy is the art of letting someone have your way.

Don't look back. They may be gaining on you!

Looking for Stuff!



Hey! Bet you didn't know that you have an editorial staff for *The Communicator*, did ya! Currently it is a staff of one. But we have members out there that might have a topic or two that could be of interest to the membership.

So if you have an article you would like to submit or photos from past or current events

please let me know and we can set them up for publishing. This is your newsletter. It should reflect the interests of the members.

73!

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