

# KERN COUNTY – CENTRAL VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB W6LIE

July 2023

## JULY COMMUNICATOR

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### Upcoming Event

#### **July 27** – Club Meeting

Please join us for our upcoming meeting, Thursday July 27 at the East Bakersfield Veterans Hall, located 2101 Ridge Rd. All are welcome. Times of the meetings; 6:pm for the board, 7:pm for the club meeting.

The meeting topic will be a Field Day summary or recap. Terry, N6AJ will also be sharing his recent experience on POTA, and there will also be a raffle prize, so get your tickets at the meeting.

### Message from John, KG6ZBN KCCVARC President



Greetings everyone,

I hope your summer is going well. The heat is definitely on now so be sure to respond appropriately. I am happy to report that this year's Field Day went very well. Many thanks to Rick and wife Deb for hosting the event. Thanks to mother nature for the abnormally nice weather as well. We had an excellent turnout with over 30 in attendance. About 2/3's members and the rest family members. We even had a family of 4 passing through from the southland and who found our location via GPS. The father was licensed and joined right in. The 9 stations we employed had varying degrees of success as band conditions were not the best early on. We still managed 101 contacts with about half SSB and the rest digital (FT-8). There was a great BBQ halfway thru. The Simmons and their two boys did a phenomenal job putting it on. More details, results, and takeaways at July's meeting.

73, John, Kg6zbn



#### Club Officers & Directors

President: John Stumm-KG6ZBN  
1st VP: Larry Bragg-N7LWB  
2nd VP: Frederick MacHado-KN6NCV  
Secretary: Scott Royer-KM6RLD  
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Director: Peter Chandler-KK6WLN  
Director: Larry Griffith-KM6ONQ  
Director: Rick Simmons-KN6NOC  
Net Chief Neal Janzen-N6YGG  
Communicator Editor: : Larry Bragg-N7LWB

## The Treasurer's Report, submitted by Steve, KM6POI

The club's budget for June is:  
Starting balance is 6,679.90  
Ending balance is 6,679.90  
No raffle prizes due to field day.



**Congratulations** To Leonard, N6ZKI for passing his General Class license at the last V.E. examination. The next VE examination will be held September 8th. Please Contact Larry, KM6OQI if interested.

## Field Day 2023 Pictures. Submitted by Jerry, KB7BX







### 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





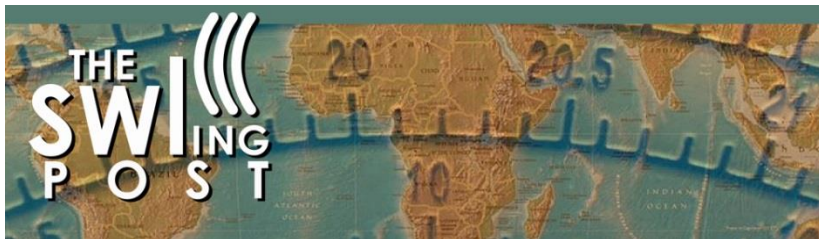


## Building Vertical Antennas for HF Ham Radio DX



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vXzo1blgCu8>

## Rig pick of the month



### **The new Alinco DJ-X100 wideband receiver, 5 digital modes**

On August 20, 2022, Alinco Co., Ltd. released the handheld wideband receiver that supports WFM/FM/AM in analog mode and five digital modes:

C4FM/DSTAR/DCR/NXDN/DMR., Announced at the company's booth (B-17) at Ham Fair 2022. The reception frequency range is 30 to 470MHz (some frequencies are excluded), the external dimensions are 58W x 110H x 32.5mm (about 1.28 in), and the weight including the antenna and battery pack is about 260g (about 9.17 oz). The price is undecided, and it was scheduled to be released in early spring 2023.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P\\_JWACiWIdk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P_JWACiWIdk)



## History Article

This article was submitted by Joy Largent WA6QFJ to Neal Janzen N6YGG, our club historian. A remarkably interesting article on how the Central Valley Amateur Radio Club was started and how instrumental her efforts and accomplishments with the organization



Page 10 Shafter Press Wednesday, October 1, 1975

### Shafter woman heads amateur radio operators

Eighteen Amateur Radio Operators met September 26th in Delano to reorganize what was formerly the Delano Amateur Radio Club. In the business session the members voted to change the name to Central Valley Radio Club, elected a slate of officers and discussed future operations of the organization.

Elected to serve as the club's first president was Mrs. Joyce Largent (WB6VGZ) of Shafter, widely known for her Amateur Radio activities in assisting service personnel stationed overseas with radio-telephone contacts with their families in the United States.

During the Viet Nam war, Mrs. Largent and her husband Don Largent (WA6QFJ) handled over 100,000 of these contacts and have been awarded several citations by military organizations for their activities. Mr. Largent is the owner-operator of the 2-meter repeater station located on a peak near McKittrick that serves the Amateur Radio fraternity over a large area of the valley and the coast.

Others elected to of-

fice in the club were Larry Bell (W6UBA) of Delano as vice president and Leon Brammer (W6BYH) of Delano as Secretary-Treasurer. Both Bell and Brammer are associated with the Voice of America Transmitter Station at Delano.

The eighteen operators who attended the meeting from as far away as Bakersfield and Taft and signed to become members, will be signers to the club's charter as will those who attend the next meeting and become members. The membership will be divided into three sections. The full membership will be offered to any licensed Amateur Operator. An Associate membership for those not licensed but, who have an interest in Amateur Radio and who would like to become licensed Amateurs and, the Junior Member for those under 16 years of age who are interested in Amateur Radio.

Julia D'Amante