

# KERN COUNTY - CENTRAL VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

## THE COMMUNICATOR

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### Club President Larry Callahan KF6JOQ

Hello Members and friends,

Looks like summer is here so be careful where you leave your radios., We will discuss Field

Day preparation at Thursday's, May 25th meeting, hope to see you there. On a sad note one of our members antenna tower fell down so as a reminder, check your equipment regularly.

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Field Day Info:**

**Above:** The Field Day antenna trailer at the park across from Bakersfield College. **Below:** Terry N6aj, Bill Ab6cf and Larry Kf6joq at 2010 Field Day checking logging data.



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**Above:** John Kg6zbn, talks to John Nn6ja, the producer of "Last Man Standing" during Q & A session on Skype.

### LAST MAN STANDING PROGRAM

John KG6ZBN our past-president and program chairman did the Q & A session via Skype for the club members following a great 15 minute video about "Last Man Standing" starring Tim Allan.

According to Last Man Standing Producer John Amodeo, NN6JA, the home shack is a brand new set built just for showcasing amateur radio in this popular show.

Dave Kg6ysz provided his laptop and projector to display the video sent by the producer.



**Above:** Club meeting with John Kg6zbn talking to members and John Nn6ja on the phone from Hollywood, California.



**Above:** Joe K6jll, Terry N6aj and Jon K6qyg all long time members of our club laugh it up during the video and after the Q & A session following the video.

### "LMS" SHOW CANCELLED

Just a few week's after our program the show has been canceled by ABC, despite being the struggling network's second-watched comedy and achieving consistently high ratings leading many to suspect that it's because Tim Allen, the star of Last Man Standing, is a high-profile conservative and plays a right-of-center character on the show and who is a Ham Radio Operator as are many of the show's members behind the camera.



**Above:** Terry N6aj, and wreckage of his antenna.

### ANTENNA TOWER FALLS DOWN By Terry N6aj

Most people know I live on a busy street corner where car accidents are common. On May16th at 6:03pm we heard a loud crash. We went outside to look and it wasn't a wreck. "Oh no!" it was my 40 foot tower that fell over, broke the rotor in half, cut my coax and the tribander wasn't in good shape.

I check the bolts and nuts each month, so not sure why or how it fell. Luckily it didn't hit the house or shed. If you have a tower or poles, will your insurance pay for it,(mine didn't). Do you know where yours will land if it falls?



I will be checking the tower to see if it has been tweaked or if the crank and sprockets are bent.

We will see where I go from here. Maybe another beam or vertical. **Be Safe, Terry N6aj -73-**



# All Of These Pictures Are From Past W6Lie Field Days



## What is ARRL Field Day?

ARRL Field Day is the single most popular on-the-air event held annually in the US and Canada. On the fourth weekend of June of each year, more than 35,000 radio amateurs gather with their clubs, groups or simply with friends to operate from remote locations. Field Day is a picnic, a campout, practice for emergencies, an informal contest and, most of all, FUN!

It is a time where many aspects of Amateur Radio come together to highlight our many roles. While some will treat it as a contest, other groups use the opportunity to practice their emergency response capabilities.

It is an excellent opportunity to demonstrate Amateur Radio to the organizations that Amateur Radio might serve in an emergency, as well as the general public. For many clubs, ARRL Field Day is one of the highlights of their annual calendar. The contest part is simply to contact as many other stations as possible and to learn to operate our radio gear in abnormal situations and less than optimal conditions.

We use these same skills when we help with events such as marathons and bike-a-thons; fund-raisers such as walk-a-thons; celebrations such as parades; and exhibits at fairs, malls and museums — these are all large, preplanned, non-emergency activities.

But despite the development of very complex, modern communications systems — or maybe because they ARE so complex — ham radio has been called into action again and again to provide communications in crises when it really matters.

Amateur Radio people (also called “hams”) are well known for our communications support in real disaster and post-disaster situations.



## What is the ARRL?

The American Radio Relay League is the national association for Amateur Radio in the USA, representing over 171,000 FCC-licensed Amateurs.

The ARRL is the primary source of information about what is going on in ham radio.

It provides books, news, support and information for individuals and clubs, special events, continuing education classes and other benefits for its members.

## What is Amateur Radio?

Often called “ham radio,” the Amateur Radio Service has been around for a century. In that time, it’s grown into a worldwide community of licensed operators using the airwaves with every conceivable means of communications technology.

Its people range in age from youngsters to grandparents. Even rocket scientists and a rock star or two are in the ham ranks. Most, however, are just normal folks like you and me who enjoy learning and being able to transmit voice, data and pictures through the air to unusual places, both near and far, without depending on commercial systems.

The Amateur Radio frequencies are the last remaining place in the usable radio spectrum where you as an individual can develop and experiment with wireless communications.

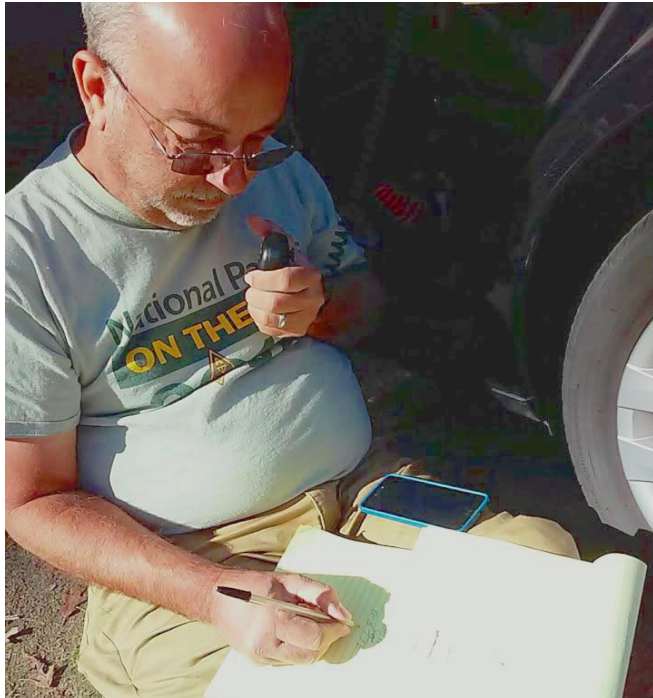
Hams not only can make and modify their equipment, but can create whole new ways to do things.



**Please Make Plan's To Attend Our Next Meeting.**  
**Please Save The Date June 24-25th To Attend Field Day!**



# Kern County Parks On The Air Is Still Alive!



Activators may only operate within the parks or parking lot of parks.



## Chasers:

25 point on QSO's using VHF and UHF repeaters.

30 points on QSO's using VHF and UHF simplex. Limit one contact per park, per day, per activator. You may make contact several time's with same park.

## Bonus:

All QSO's on July 1, 25 bonus points

## Logs

Logs need to have date, time, and indicator Logs may be mailed or emailed to [n6aj@arrrl.net](mailto:n6aj@arrrl.net).

Logs must be turned in by July 15th.

W6LIE and Kern Parks and Recreations assume no liability for any Amateur Radio operator participating in the Kern County Parks on the Air event and participants agree to assume all risk and liability for damage to personal property and injury to persons that may result from such operation, and to hold W6LIE and Kern County Parks and Recreations harmless.



The logo below: Was selected for our Facebook Page, it was made by Frank Rodriguez Ke6kjl, Frank took the picture and then added the text and graphics in creating this great logo for our Club Facebook page. If you can't find our facebook page do a google search for "facebook w6lie" or "facebook Kern County Central Valley Amature Radio Club. The logo Right: Was also made by Frank and will be used on our official club website located at [www.W6LIE.org](http://www.W6LIE.org)



07/01/2017

65th Anniversary of Kern County Parks and Recreations.

Jul 1, 0000Z-2359Z,  
Special Event Callsign's:

K6A thru K6J, Bakersfield, CA.  
Kern County-Central Valley Amateur Radio Club W6LIE. 14.240.

Certificate & QSL:

Larry Callahan,  
3709 White Ln,  
Bakersfield, CA 93309

Special event for the 65th anniversary of the Kern County Parks and Recreations. We will be on 20 and 40 meters, SSB, Digital and CW.

For QSL information:

For card or certificate, visit  
[KCOPTA.COM](http://KCOPTA.COM)

Work 5 of the special event call signs  
K6A thru K6J for certificate.

For more information [QRZ.COM](http://QRZ.COM)

Visit [www.KCPOTA.com](http://www.KCPOTA.com)

K6A Larry  
K6B Richard  
K6C Terry  
K6D Dar  
K6E Lou

K6F Ben  
K6G Jim  
K6H Dan  
K6I Reggie  
K6J Ken

Activators : Exchange example:

"This is N6AJ for Kern County Parks on the Air."

"W6UR this is N6AJ at PG01."

"Thanks for the contact."

"This is N6AJ for Kern County Parks on the Air."

\* 25 point per unit x total qso's on VHF and UHF repeaters

\* 30 Points per unit x total qso's on VHF and UHF simplex

No activations after 8pm.

Activators may reactivate park after 24 hours. The Activator must make a minimum of ten (10) QSOs during their activation.

If you do not reach 10 QSO's, you can go back another time to make up the difference.

## New Club Logo Voted On At Meeting

We want to thank club members for submitting their idea's for a new Club Logo to be used on our Facebook Page, W6LIE.org website and other locations as needed for the club. Sample Logo's were submitted and presented to the club members at our March meeting and voted and approved the entries by Frank Rodriguez Ke6kjl from Shafter, CA.

# Remember 2 Meter/ 70cm Simplex or Repeater Contact's

# Minutes of Board Meeting 23 March 2017 --1800 Hours

In Attendance were:

PRESIDENT: Larry, KF6JOQ.....	Present	Director: Dan , KE6UHG.....	..Absent
1st Vice President: Mario, N6ABT.....	Present	Director: Jonathjan, KK6IFS.....	Present
2nd Vice President: Tim, KK6RHY.....	Absent	Director: Tim, N7BID.....	Absent
Secretary: Neal Janzen, N6YGG.....	Present	Past President: John KG6ZBN.....	Present
Treasurer: Jim Johnston, KK6DLN .....	Absent		

Participants attending:

There was a quorum so the board could conduct the clubs business. Meeting called to order at 1745 hours by club president, KF6JOQ. Treasurers report called for.

Treasurers Report: Jim, KK6DLN absent due to illness but had sent KF6JOQ a treasurers report which was read to all present and is in the recorded log. Motion to accept treasures report as submitted made by KG6ZBN and 2nd by N6YGG. Motion carried without comment or opposition.

Secretaries Report: All members of the board had been sent a copy of the minutes prior to this meeting. There were no corrections. Motion to accept the minutes made by Mario, N6ABT, 2nd by John, KG6ZZBN. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: The matter of “service pins” that N6YGG had proposed last meeting, was discussed as old business. N6YGG reports that he is in the preliminary stages of finding the pins. The cost would be around 3 to 5 dollars each depending on the style and the number purchased. In addition, N6YGG has still to dig out the longevity of various members so we can determine who would receive a pin. It will take research so more time is needed. Matter tabled.

Larry, KF6JOQ reports that there was an erroneous “rumor” started that “he” wanted to eliminate the 146.91 repeater. Further he had received a list of people who would “resign” from the club if this occurred. He stated most emphatically that he had NEVER recommended the elimination of 146.910. He had stated that we, as a club, needed to at least do something with it. It is inoperable as it is and needs repair. It was his opinion that if we could fix it at a reasonable expense then that would be fine. It stated he felt the repeater was a valuable asset to the club and needed, but it does need to be repaired. He stated he felt a steel pipe with the antenna mounted on it and then bolted to the building would suffice and we would get it back on the air. There was input from all of the board present. Final decision was to proceed with getting it back on the air as soon as possible using the most frugal method we can find. This will be researched further and a team put together to get it done! Larry, restated that at no time, has he ever wanted to eliminate the 146.910 repeater.

After some discussion N6YGG made a motion the club award a \$25.00 gift certificate for the new “logo” for the club, motion seconded by Mario, N6ABT. Motion carried.

Club inventory was discussed and it appears that some items have been located, but finding everything is becoming a task. We will continue to ask the members to help the club reclaim all of its equipment so that it can be inventoried and properly stored.

Other old business that has been before the board for a long time was discussed and includes:

Echo link, where is it and what’s up with it. According to Larry, KF6JOQ it is still in possession of Dave Light. The equipment was supposed to be picked up by Jim, KK6DLN, but he became ill so it was never done. Additional discussion made and Mario, N6ABT volunteered to contact Dave and see about the equipment. Larry, KF6JOQ, stated if he had a sound card he could get the system up and running in short order. Club should be able to have an echo link up and running very shortly.

First aid kit discussed and decided we would purchase one before field day this year. No vote taken, no funds authorized as yet.

NEW BUSINESS:

New badges were discussed and Jon, KK6IFS showed some of his work and he indicated he would make them for members for \$5.00. Membership would be advised during the meeting.

Facebook and QRZ pages have been updated and available for anyone to access. KF6JOQ indicated that the “Facebook” page had been getting some “likes” and activity. He noted Terry, N6AJ, was working with the QRZ page. Club page has also been updated by Frank, KC6UQZ.

New and renewed members were approved.

John, KG6ZBN, stated he hoped to have the producer of “Last Man Standing”, a amateur radio operator, would be available to discuss how ham radio has been incorporated into the TV show. The show stars Tim Allen. Method of presentation may be a problem but is being worked on.

Motion to adjourn made by Neal, N6YGG and seconded by John, KG6ZBN. Motion carried adjourned at 18:28 hrs in time for the spaghetti feed!

End of Minutes