

KERN COUNTY – CENTRAL VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB W6LIE

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MAY COMMUNICATOR

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Upcoming Events

May 25th – Club Meeting at
the East Bakersfield
Veteran's Hall. 6:00 pm
board meeting, and the club
meeting is 7:00 pm. The topic
will be Field Day.

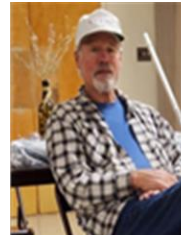
June 3 - POTA Support
Your Park

June 10 - VHG/UFH
Contest

June 17 - Kids Day

June 24 - Field Day

Message from John, KG6ZBN KCCVARC President



Greetings fellow members,

I hope everyone enjoyed last month's presentation from Karin from RT systems. I'm still getting used to using the internet and zoom as a presentation tool. If you have any ideas for ones in the future, please let me know. This month's meeting we'll be focusing on field day. It's scheduled to be held the weekend of 6/24 with our participation as a club just that Saturday. More details to follow.

We are experiencing the start of solar cycle 25. When there are lots of sunspots, as the solar cycle approaches this solar maximum, the charged upper ionosphere allows better propagation in the higher HF bands like 10 and 6 Meters. Unfortunately, it also increases the probability of solar storms, which dampen propagation through signal absorption which will have a negative effect on the lower bands. Who knows how things will be on field day. I plan on having 6- and 10-meter stations set up as well as the usual lower HF band. Should be interesting as well as a lot of fun!

73, John, Kg6zbn



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Submitted by Scott Royer, KN6RLD

Good evening fellow club members,

- Cc Rick Simmons Tue 5/2/2023 9:12 PM

Below is a message from Rick, KN6NOC, who is coordinating Field Day this year. He is CC'd in this email for easy reply, and his contact information is listed at the end.

From Rick, KN6NOC

The KCCVARC is planning another field day. It will be June 24th and it will be held at Rick's (kn6noc) house. We are going to have a location that will be different than what has happened in the past, and yes, we have never done it this way before.

The field day is a learning event and as a new ham, a chance to improve your skills. As an ELMER, If you would like to share your skills, you are greatly needed. We need to team the older hams with the new hams to help us learn different skills that come natural to an ELMER. Thank you in advance to both groups for wanting to improve, and wanting to make the club a better group of hams.

Terry Godley N6AJ will be the lead instructor for the field day. In preparation for the field day, we will have a meeting at my (Rick) house on Sunday May 7th, at 1:00 P.M. Snacks, coffee and tea will be provided. If you need to come a little late, please come, it will be worth your time. Terry will be giving information about the workings of the field day, and also about the computer program that the contacts are logged on.

I know that some people might not be able to make this meeting but still want to do the field day. There will be more info about the field day in the near future.

What we need now is:

Who wants to participate in the field day?

Can you make the meeting this Sunday?

Are you planning on bringing your own ham setup?

JUST FOR INFO: (more details will follow) All the needs for the ham setup are available and if it is a hot Bakersfield day, we can set up radios inside and be cool.

Thank you for your time and please contact me at

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661 203 4064. Text messages are ok also

73's to all rick

Greetings,

I wanted to send out a reminder to the club about the training for the 2023 FIELD DAY. And again, let me remind you that this is a field day that will be at a slower pace than some of the QSOs, so it will be a great learning experience for newer hams. And we have some of the ELMERS that will be able to help the newbies. But most importantly, it will be fun.

The board wants to plan events that will be fun, but also be a learning experience for the new hams, and our ELMERS are the best teachers. At this present time, we have a number of events in the planning stages. Some of the activities are building a two-meter antenna out of a metal tape measure, or building a quad antenna out of bamboo (probably 10 meter). Some of the people have expressed an interest in DMR and we have people who know their way around the digital world. I really don't know much about FT8, but we have hams in the club that do that also. And one of these days I would like to get into reaching out to the satellites.

But the big question is, what do you as a club member need or want to be introduced to? There are many venues that we as a club can explore. They can all be fun and interesting and we can learn more about the inner workings of ham radio. If you don't have an interest in a certain part of the ham experience, that is ok. But remember that is only the small half of ham radio. The big part of ham is the people, and getting to know them. Whether we talk to them on the other side of world or we converse at club meetings, socials or field days, it can all be good. Maybe someday we can all get together and sing the song "Getting to know you". Sorry, maybe not. On a personal note, I would like to sit and listen to the history of the club, which would include a lot of local history. We have a wealth of information in some of the ELMERS and we all like to sit at a table, eat good food and talk. Sounds like the makings of a social!

Back to the question, let the board know what it can do to help you grow in ham radio. I also realize that a lot of us don't know enough about ham to even know what questions to ask. The extra activities that we have, might shed some light on the path that would help us grow. (Did you get that light.... path I think I am getting tired) seriously if you as a new ham reach out, we will all benefit and I believe that there will be an ELMER to help along the way.

The board has a huge responsibility in helping the club grow in the right direction, but the membership also has a huge part to help provide suggestions for future activities to the board and to support the activities that make up the club....both new hams and ELMERS.

The next club FIELD DAY training meeting will be Saturday, May 20 at 1300 hours at Rick's house

The actual FIELD DAY EVENT will be Saturday, June 24th with setup that morning and transmissions starting at 1100 hours.

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4-27-23 KCCVARC Board Meeting Minutes

Called to order 1809

Pete Chandler
Steve Holmes
Larry Bragg

Jon Stumm
Rick Simmons
Scott Royer

No Minutes from March as there wasn't a quorum

Financial

- \$6614.95 starting
- \$321.78 income
- \$187.69 expenses
- \$6749.04 ending back balance
- Motion Larry Bragg, 2nd Rick Simmons – all ayes - carried
- Agreed to allow Treasurer to reserve parks for the swap meet and Field Day

ByLaws

- Rick Simmons addressed the board about a point of order
 - At issue is the procedure of the committee revising the bylaws
 - There was long discussion about the direction of the bylaws
 - Rick Simmons Motioned: He and Larry Bragg will find qualified members for the constitution and Bylaws committee, to be approved by the board. They will be non-board members. The committee will look at the old and proposed constitution and Bylaws and make a recommendation to the board. 2ND by Larry Griffith – all ayes - carried
 - It was acknowledged by the board the Frederick put a lot of effort into the proposed bylaws and his work is appreciated.

Steve Holmes motioned to adjourn, 2nd by Rick Simmons adjourned
1856 hrs

A note from Terry, N6AJ

June 3 - POTA Support Your Park, June 10 - VHF/UFH Contest, June 17 - Kids Day, June 24 - Field Day June will be a busy month Fun for all. All of these can be done on 2 meters or 440 as well as HF and Digital

If you are interested in Helping out with Jamboree on the Air with the Boy/Girl Scouts, I will have a signup sheet at the meeting. Looking for operators, speakers and helpers. Text 380-0183 for more information