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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

From The Board of Directors

The board met on September 25, 2021. Two items were on the agenda: club by laws and repeaters.

October is traditionally the time set aside to elect new club officers. Since there is only one candidate for each office there was a question as to whether it was a good use of club funds to mail out ballots and incur the expense for postage.



L-R Joe Hart, Dustin Carpenter, John Stumm and Scott Royer

Joe Hart, WD6FPE, presented a proposal to the board suggesting a change to the bylaws to allow the vote to be held during the October club meeting, instead of the mail in ballot. The change was necessary to alter the process, as defined in the bylaws.

The board voted to present the proposal to the general membership meeting that followed the board meeting. Voting for the change was by secret ballot. The ballots were to be tallied during the general meeting.

The board also heard from John Wilhelm regarding the repeater operations. The current equipment used with the 145.150 repeater uses older technology and does not lend itself to updates and additions.



John advised that he would explore a few different plans and locations and would provide the board with a proposal.

The general club meeting followed the board meeting. The single topic presented to the members was the change in the bylaws.

Ballots were presented to the members and returned to John Stumm, KG6ZBN. The votes were tallied and, by a vote of 17 to 2 in favor, the proposal passed.

The swap meet followed the general meeting. Members brought gear offered for sale. Sodas and sandwiches were provided.



Randy Randall, KC6ZRF, checks out some of the items offered for sale.

ARES

Western Kern County ARES has a regularly scheduled net on the W6LIE repeater on 145.150 at 1900 local time every Monday. The participants will then move off to simplex frequencies in order to test the effectiveness and range of simplex communications.

ARES is open to amateur radio operators interested in supporting their community in times of emergencies. If you are interested in participating, check in on the net. There is also an application available on the W6LIE web site.

For more information about ARES please send an email to WKCARES@GMAIL.COM

Notes From ARRL

Hams Provide Communication for Cycling Events

On September 11, some 115 amateur radio volunteers from five states provided communication support for [LoToJa](#), the longest single-day USA Cycling (USAC)-sanctioned bicycle event in the country and now in its 39th year. Starting in Logan, Utah, the 203-mile course ends in Jackson Hole, Wyoming, taking cyclists through northeastern Utah, southeastern Idaho, and western Wyoming in the process.

There is a similar event here in Bakersfield, called *Spooktacular*, a Halloween inspired event offering several options available, ranging from easy to more challenging routes. The event is scheduled for October 16 and

participation by local hams is overseen by Larry Callahan, KF6JOQ.

Hams Lend Helping Hand

The El Dorado County Amateur Radio Club (EDCARC) has been providing radio communication support for small and large-animal rescue efforts during the [Caldor Fire](#). Members of the South County Large Animal Rescue (SCLAR) group, **El Dorado County Animal Services**, and other volunteers have been addressing the need. Many of the EDCARC volunteers are also members of the Club's [Neighborhood Radio Watch](#) program.

Thompson said the club quickly deployed its Mobile ARES Communications Center, maintained by Jay Harmor, KE6GLA, which is in service as central net operations. Part of the Alameda County Sheriff's Communications Team volunteered their time and radios to accompany the animal rescue teams dispatched into impacted areas.

Teams of SCLAR members, Animal Services personnel, public employees, and radio communications staff have been conducting daily animal rescue missions and welfare checks throughout the impacted areas. Until residents are permitted to return, these teams are providing food, water, and care to abandoned animals.

ARRL Code Practice

ARRL has made practice sessions available for those for whom someday has arrived. If you are interested you can find W1AW on these frequencies at 1300, 1600 and 1900 local time

Frequencies are 1.8025, 3.5815, 7.0475, 14.0475, 18.0975, 21.0675, 28.0675, 50.350, and 147.555 MHz.

Slow Code = practice sent at 5, 7-1/2, 10, 13 and 15 words per minute (wpm).

Fast Code = practice sent at 35, 30, 25, 20, 15, 13 and 10 wpm.

Code bulletins are sent at 18 wpm.

Check it out!

From the Achieves

Thanks to Neal, N6YGG, for providing an interesting article from the March, 2001 *Communicator*. The following is a summary of the article, detailing events that occurred in the aftermath of an earthquake in the Seattle area on February 28, 2001.

Scott Crippen, N7RVN, reported that the earthquake devastated the area and had a profound impact on the ability of the first responders to communicate. Local Hams stepped up and aided in damage assessments, health and welfare traffic, and providing assistance to volunteer groups such as the Red Cross and Salvation Army.

Hams also provided communication assistance to area hospitals, fire and police departments, as well as city and county offices.

Rick Hodges, KB7TBF, said, "Hams came out of the woodwork... there were tons of nets all over the HF bands. All our drills and practice nets finally paid off."

The article pointed out that Hams associated with ARES and RACES were seen as trained operators and more likely that offers of assistance would be accepted by local service providers.

Upcoming Events

November VE Session

For those who are planning to upgrade or those wanting to obtain a license, contact Larry, KF6JOQ for information for the next VE session on November 12.

October Meeting

The October meeting is scheduled for October 21 at 1900, at the Veteran's Hall located on Ridge Road. Voting will take place during this meeting for next year's officers and board of directors. Check in on the Sunday evening net for more information.

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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