

KERN COUNTY – CENTRAL VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB W6LIE

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The Communicator newsletter editor is Larry Bragg, N7LWB
assisted by Rick Simmons, KN6NOC and Dave & Reba Peterson, KM6PJE

Upcoming Event

Please join us Thursday Oct. 26th, 7:pm at the East Bakersfield Veteran's Hall located 2101 Ridge Rd for our monthly meeting. If you receive and complete your ballot, just bring it by and hand it in. Pete Chandler, KK6WLN will have a presentation on proper ways to ground your antenna and radio systems. Valuable information if you are trying to secure your ham shack. Pete has some brilliant designs and demonstrations.

On the very last page of this Communicator are the pictures taken from the September Potluck.

Message from John, KG6ZBN KCCVARC President



Greetings fellow members,

Welcome Autumn and the cooler weather! Last month's club swap meet was a great success. We had an exceptionally good turnout and thankfully the weather cooperated. Lots of ham gear changed hands, lots of conversation exchanged with many new and old faces welcomed, it was a morning of good fellowship and food. Thanks to Richard, KD6IMM for providing the liquid refreshments and the club for the 6-foot sub and chips. The final slate of candidates was announced and approved. You should have your ballots by now so do not delay in getting them returned. The results will be announced at our Christmas dinner on Dec. 9th, (one week later this year). We will see everyone at this month's meeting on the 26th.

73, John, KG6ZBN



Club Officers & Directors

President: John Stumm-KG6ZBN
1st VP: Larry Bragg-N7LWB
2nd VP: Frederick MacHado-KN6NCV
Secretary: Scott Royer-KM6RLD
Treasurer: Steve Holmes-KM6POI

Director: Peter Chandler-KK6WLN
Director: Larry Griffith-KM6ONQ
Director: Rick Simmons-KN6NOC
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Communicator Editor: : Larry Bragg-N7LWB

Items for Sale

From Scott Royer, KM6RLD



Good evening fellow club members.

David Cammack, K6FA, has two antennas for sale. They are Cushcraft A3 and A3W beams. He said they are in good condition, and he is selling them because he replaced them with a bigger antenna. He is asking \$200 each. He can be reached at K6FA@arrl.net or cell 805-714-5176.

Maurice Mines, KD0IKO, has a CW keyer and an HT he is looking to sell. The HT is an Alinco DJ7t. It is a tri band FM handheld. He includes a spare battery, and a drop-in charger, asking \$125 or best offer. The radio is completely waterproof. And it has 999 memories. Please use the contact information and my signature if anyone is interested. Please also be aware that I am dictating this to my phone, so I hope it turns out, OK?

Sent from my iPhone.

Email, mmines@mauricemines.org

Text number 661-868-9647.

Fax no 661-449-3746.

President, National Federation of the blind Deafblind division.

Vice President national Federation of the blind of California Bakersfield chapter.

amateur radio, call sign, KD0IKO.

August Board Meeting Minutes

- 8-24-23 KCCVARC Board Meeting Minutes
- Called to order 1805
- Larry Griffith, Pete Chandler, Larry Bragg, John Stumm, Rick Simmons, and Scott Royer
- Financial
 - \$6619.21 starting
 - \$279.00 income
 - \$447.01 expenses
 - \$6,451.20 ending back balance
- Meeting Minutes published in the Communicator, Read aloud from the website by Secretary. N7LWB motioned, KM6ONQ 2nd all ayes, carried
- VE Session Friday 9-8-23
- By-Laws – Rick brought up that we needed to present to the members tonight (assuming it was a quorum, which is 10%, and have them vote on whether they want to vote tonight or send out a paper ballot.
- Board discussed and thought the best way is to vote by mail.
 - Will bring it up as an item in the August Meeting
- Nominations Committee
 - No one volunteered, John will bring up at the membership committee

- Discussed the web page and how good it is. Several ideas to improve were mentioned, the asks will be made of Javier.
- John mentioned the idea of having a Public Information Officer
- Spooktacular is coming up
- Rick wants to have another workshop
- Boy Scouts on the air mentioned again
- Still looking for a trustee to look after the club's W6LIE name
- Next meeting is the swap meet at Jastro Park September 30, 8am
- Rick motioned to adjourn, 2nd by Pete Chandler adjourned 1846hrs

Upcoming Breakfast Announcement

Greetings fellow hams, Arly, N6INT, and Rick, KN6NOC, would like to announce:



Our club is going to have a breakfast social gathering on November 4, 2023, at Rick's house. That address is 13161 Eberle Road 93313. I will have the griddle hot and cooking breakfast by 8:00 a.m. Come when you can, breakfast will be served until we are all fed.

We are going to celebrate the heritage of our club by honoring the elder statespersons in our club. Not only do we have some of the finest amateur ham radio operators in our club, but their generation has also been rightly called the best generation this world has ever seen.

We have been blessed by God with the best country in the world, and for the most part, it was given to us by our fathers and mothers and grandfathers and grandmothers.

We would like to have as many elders as possible attend the breakfast and share their lives with us through the telling of their stories. This will give the rest of us an opportunity to honor them as they share. Some will be heart-warming stories, some will be heart-breaking, and some will be ham stories.

Please respond if you are planning on attending-even if not completely sure at this time. Thank you, Rick, KN6NOC, rickkn6noc@gmail.com 661 203 4064

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

Volunteers Needed – Spooktacular

By Steve Holmes, KM6POI

I am looking for volunteers to assist with Kern Wheelman's Spooktacular bicycle race Saturday October 28th. The race will start at the California Living Museum and loop around Woody, CA. I need volunteers willing to work Saturday morning through the early afternoon. Volunteers will be stationed along the route and be responsible for race communications. Please contact me via email at 661Holmes@gmail.com.



Interested in a Morse Code Translator?

From: Taylor Oliver <taylorwilkersonoliver@gmail.com>

Subject: Re: August 24th Meeting

Date: August 24, 2023 at 8:59:32 PM PDT

I made a translator that can be run using python:

https://github.com/taylorwilkersonoliver/morse_code_demo

It may not be 100% accurate. I implemented some other functions like capital letters and encoding but it's a start. Eventually, I'd like to translate using more than just text by using serial communications, which is why it also converts to/from binary. If anyone in the club is interested in proposing some projects, I'd be happy to create some software implementations for whatever ideas anyone has. Note that this project does not implement any front-end other than what is useful to show how the translator works.

Taylor, KN6ZAR

Repeater Changes

From Ron, K6RET

I have now taken over the N6SMU equipment on Mt Adelaide with Ted's permission. Ted relocated to Sequin, Texas over a year ago. The 146.670 -offset PL=100.0 (FM only - No Fusion), 444.750 +offset PL=141.3 (but can be linked on demand). The 6m and 10m remote bases that were on the 444.750 box have been removed. There is a 900mhz repeater (927.1250 -offset PL=203.5) on site as well. This one is also standalone but can be linked to the others if needed. The W6LIE club is welcome to use any of the repeaters anytime. The club is also welcome to list the new information on the W6LIE webpage.

Ron Thome, K6RET

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Rig Picks this month Alinco DJ-G7T Tri band HT

Alinco DJ-G7T Tri-Band Handheld Transceivers DJ-G7T review from eHam.net. 4.25 out of 5 stars (10) The G7T's full-duplex capability was intriguing -- the only other 2m/70cm HT I have that can operate full duplex is my ancient Yaesu FT-470. But a number of reviews I read said that desensitization made the DJ-G7T's full duplex useless, at least for satellite work, so that feature was not a major factor in my decision.

All in all, after a couple of weeks with the G7T, I am satisfied with its performance as a tri-band HT. It seems at least as good as my old IC-T81A on 1200, though due to the scarcity of 23cm repeaters here in the northeast I have not had a repeater QSO with it yet, just tested it out on simplex with the T81. I *can* get into the one 1.2 machine that is within reach of one of my QTHs (my T81A gets in too), but no one has answered my repeated calls yet, so I cannot get a real signal report.

Performance on 2m and 70cm seems competent as well. The audio is fantastic, battery life is great, and the HT just feels solid and enjoyable to use. I was already used to the slightly quirky user interface from the G29T, so I quickly came up to speed with the similar G7T.

Review submitted by Adam Jacobs N2LAW



Part Number:
ALO-DJ-G7T 1



Picnic and Swapmeet, held at Jastro Park, Sept. 30th

