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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

Your Board of Directors is comprised of the officers and directors elected by the club members. The mission of the board is to chart a course for the direction during the year, overseeing the club's funds and fiduciary commitments.

Additionally, the Board is available to the members when issues important to the members arise. Members are welcome to attend the board meetings and share their concerns. The board regularly meets an hour prior to the general meeting. Additionally, board members' phone numbers and email addresses are listed in the club's roster.

During an informal board meeting, held August 21, there was mention of the repeated interference on the 145.150 repeater, especially prior to, and during nets. It was suggested that the board appeal to members for help to determine the source.

When the interference occurs, those on frequency are requested to monitor the input frequency and make note of the date and time, the member's location and relative signal strength.

This information is to be forwarded to the board and will help to pinpoint a general area. Mobiles can then be employed, armed with DF capabilities to refine the location.

ARES

In keeping with Amateur Radio's commitment to public service, some club members are also

members of Amateur Radio Emergency Services, or ARES.

West Kern County ARES is affiliated with the Kern County Fire Department's office of Emergency Services. In the event of an emergency WKCARES may be called to lend assistance.

Members of ARES would be able to step into support roles, handling routine traffic, freeing up first responders to focus on critical emergency services.

ARES operates several nets, one of which takes place on the W6LIE 145.150 repeater. Other nets can be found on HF frequencies.

San Joaquin Valley ARES section hosts a net Sunday mornings at 0700, on 3.935 MHz, LSB, and is open to all ARES members.

There is also a net specific to California Emergency Service, CESN, operating on Mondays at 2000 on 3.992 MHz, LSB, and Wednesday mornings at 1000 on 7.192 MHz, LSB.

ARES is always looking for volunteers. If you are interested in lending your skills to support our local ARES, please check W6LIE.ORG for an application, or check in on the net on Monday evenings at 1900.

August Club Meeting

The regular club meeting was held on August 26. We were able to hold an in person meeting and attendants were enthusiastic. Due to a scheduling conflict, the meeting

moved across the street to Heritage Park. Temperate weather and a slight breeze made the outdoor location pleasant.

During the meeting, Joe Hart, WD6FPE, club president, displayed various gear that had been donated to the club. Joe reviewed each piece and, with the permission of the membership, determined if the item was to be retained in the club inventory or held for sale at a Los Angeles swap meet.



Recently donated equipment displayed and reviewed

Joe also reviewed the highlights of the board meeting held on August 21. The meeting dealt with several rumors that had been brought to light recently.

There was also a discussion regarding interference on the 145.150 repeater, especially during nets. Members were requested to make note of information they were able to obtain and forward it on to the board.



Joe shared information developed by board of directors

The holidays are right around the corner and details of the annual Christmas party were briefly reviewed. Ben Durham, N6SWR, has volunteered to oversee the event. He is looking for volunteers to help with picking up prepared food and with serving. If you would like to help, please contact Ben.

As the meeting wound down, Richard, KD6IMM and Sandi, KE6KJA, Covey, were kind enough to provide and prepare root beer floats for those in attendance.

There was a lot of interest in the raffle. The prize was Nano VNA antenna analyzer, reputed to be a very versatile tool in the amateur enthusiast's tool box. Ed Smith, KC6YUF, was the lucky winner.

Notes From the ARRL

Some of the conversations around the repeater included talk about CW, often ending with the phrase "maybe someday".

ARRL has made practice sessions available for those for who someday has arrived. If you are interest 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!

Upcoming Events

September Meeting

The September meeting will be a swap meet on the 25th, at Jastro Park, starting at 1000. Gather up the gear you are no longer using, turn it into cash and see if there is something you can't live without.

September VE Session

For those who are planning to upgrade or those wanting to obtain a license, the next VE session will be held on September 10 at 1830. Make sure you have your FRN.

For more information contact Larry, KF6JOQ. There will also be a session on November 12. Check your October news letter for confirmation.

Spooktacular

Larry is also looking for volunteers to help out with this year's Spooktacular, a 100 mile bike ride in and around the hills and valleys of

Bakersfield. If you are interested in helping give Larry a call.

Appeal for Help

The French Fire has consumed over 25,000 acres at the time of publication, and is still not under control. The blaze started on August 18th, impacting the Lake Isabella area.

Even though the fire is comparatively small, the impact in the surround communities is not. Homes and out buildings have been destroyed. People have lost clothing, furnishings and irreplaceable photos and keepsakes.

At this time, evacuation orders are still in place and may be expanded. There has been an appeal to our organization, some things that may be of use may include:

- Funds for hotel rooms for those folks who need an interim place to stay after leaving the shelter;
- Gift cards for gas, groceries, meals, or similar;
- Materials to help with cleanup (latex or work gloves, trash bags, etc.)
- Clean up/rebuild support when the time comes;
- Clothing, furniture, other household items when the time comes

If you are able to assist please contact the local Red Cross office.

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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