

KERN COUNTY – CENTRAL VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB W6LIE

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SEPTEMBER COMMUNICATOR

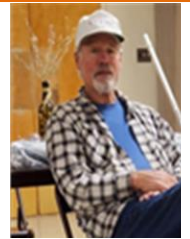
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Upcoming Event

**Club Meeting/Swap meet set
for Saturday Sept. 30th at
Jastro Park.**

Our next club meeting will be held at Jastro Park located downtown, 2900 Truxtun Ave, setup is around 8: AM. We will have a large swap meet, refreshments and the announcement of members running for the 2024 Board. This is an excellent opportunity for you to sell and display the equipment you want to sell. Plenty of table space for this. Last year we had quite a few items sold and happy buyers.

Message from John, KG6ZBN KCCVARC President



Greetings fellow members,

I hope everyone had a great summer. Thankfully, we are getting some cooler weather. Now that we are well into September, nominations for next year's board are underway. They will be officially announced at our club's Sept. swap meet at Jastro Park the morning of Saturday the 30th. Most of the positions have at least one interested in running although the secretary and treasurer's spots are still available. I would like to thank Scott, km6rld and Steve km6poi for their dedicated time and hard work in the aforementioned positions. I would also like to thank Jeff, KN6WEZ, and Michael, KN6VBW, with their help in soliciting the nominations.

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
Net Chief Neal Janzen-N6YGG
Communicator Editor: : Larry Bragg-N7LWB

Club Board Nominations for 2024, as Follows:

- Patrick Ponec, KD6PAP, President
- Rick Simmons, KN6NOC,
& Larry Bragg, N7LWB, 1st VP
- Mario Aribas, N6ABT, 2nd VP
- Troy Trunchon, KJ6DRH, Director
- Jerry Waclawski, KB7BX, Director
- Keith Fields, KN6SNW, Director
- Maurice Mines KD0IKO, Director

Secretary and Treasurer have yet to be filled.

Volunteers Needed – Spooktacular

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.

Steve, KM6POI

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. We will decide on a time as we get closer to the date, I am guessing about 9:00 a.m.



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.

If anyone needs assistance getting to the breakfast, help will be provided.
Follow up communication will follow as needed.

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

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Great rig after these mods

Without these mods and extras, I would have marked it as OK but now its Great. First Mod, fitted a Leo Bodnar GPS disciplined oscillator to stop the frequency drift. Now I am with 1.37Hz on all bands but comes with the knowledge on SSB most stations are not on frequency.

Amplifier switching is badly implemented so it now has The DX Shop PTT Multiplier to switch each power amp independently. (I chat with friends on 23cm around 400km away, 250w SSB).

Made up a GPS module to take care of D-Star info etc

Why Icom does not use BCD for band switching confounds me! The CS-9700 software is a great bonus.

As for digital modes, easy as, almost plug and play once the drivers are downloaded from Icom.

In the beginning I was not sure if it was for me as I loved my 1988 FT-736r but after spending some extra dollars I am very pleased.

For those who want to get on DMR, A new rig HT is out

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A Year-Long Operating Event Recognizing Volunteers from ARRL website.

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As announced in the January 2023 issue of *QST*, ARRL is celebrating a year-long operating event honoring all ARRL volunteers: **Volunteers On the Air**.

[Read the Announcement](#)

In similar fashion to the 2014 ARRL Centennial Celebration, and the 2018 International Grid Chase, this event will be exclusively driven only by QSOs uploaded to Logbook of The World (LoTW).

Highlights of the event include:

- **Earning Points for contacting W1AW Portable Stations:** There will be week-long activations of portable W1AW/# stations in all 50 states, and in several US Possessions/Territories, that will generate on-air activity to earn points. Each state will be activated twice. The schedule of when which states will be activated as posted in the dashboard above will be updated as changes/additions occur. See the POINTS TABLE for the full list of points.
- **Contacting ARRL Volunteers or Members on the air:** ARRL Officers, Directors, Section Managers (and their appointees), Staff, and even Members domestically (and DX) can be contacted for points. See the POINTS TABLE for the full list of points.
- Using Logbook of the World (LoTW - see <http://www.arrl.org/logbook-of-the-world>) as the QSOs data source, the 2023 Volunteers On The Air event features W1AW activations from all 50 states (twice) and several territories during 2023. Weeks will begin on a Wednesday and end on a Tuesday. Some weeks will be shown as off weeks to avoid other major operating events.
- Participants will work W1AW portable stations and ARRL volunteers to earn QSO points.
- Participants do not need to upload to, or participate in LoTW. Uploads to LoTW by W1AW portable stations and by the volunteers will feed the points scoring system.
- A Leaderboard will be activated after the event ramps up, and Certificates will be available during and after the event concludes. Once the year is completed, a final summary will be released.