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Next regular meeting September 11. P. 2 for details

THE PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

HAPPY SEPTEMBER!

I sure hope everyone is staying cool! Thank goodness that the wx has finally cooled off a bit! In Scotland it was 66 while it was 106 here!
Ken's Picnic gathering was a HUGE success-thanks to Ken and Gwynne and all those who chipped in.

Looking forward to the September meeting and seeing all of your friendly faces. Hey, Club elections are coming up and you might attend a directors meeting and see what fun we have while conducting Club business.

John Morrice tells me that the Christmas Dinner is shaping up, so we should have some news on that soon.

Whew! That weather drained me a bit, so not much else to add. It is nice to hear all those check-ins on the Sunday Night Net. Thank you, Joe, WA6FFJ, for running that net. He does so much and contributes so much to the Club's welfare.

See ya at the September meeting-and all of you wear your badge.

W. Stuart Home
WB6VRJ

FARC General Meetings are held the 2nd Friday of each month, 7 p.m. at AMF Sierra Lanes unless otherwise noted. Stay tuned in for new announcements.

2015 FARC BOARD MEETING DATES
1st Tuesday of each month this month at WB6VRJ's QTH.

FARC Nets
Morning Drive Time Net:
Weekday mornings-7:30—8:00 a.m.
W6TO/R 146.940
Tech Net:
Wednesdays @ 7:00 pm
W6TO/R 146.940
FARC Net:
Sundays @ 7:00 pm
W6TO/R 146.940

Nominations for Board of Directors are now open. Speak to any club director of your interest! Nominations close on Sept. 11

Fresno Amateur Radio Club, Inc. P.O. Box 5912, Fresno. CA 93755-5912

Fresno Amateur Radio Club 7 P.M. meetings will resume in September(second Friday of the month) at the AMF Sierra Lanes, on Blackstone, North of Sierra. North of the DMV office.
Joe, WA6FFJ, will be the program speaker, giving us info on electronic Logging, HRD, Logger 32, and EQSL with the software on a laptop to demonstrate.
Last call for board nominations for 2016! And remember, members must be present to win the membership drawing each month.

FARC Club Picnic

More pictures on page 4! The 2015 club picnic was a great event.

Pictured at right are the hosts and expert Bingo callers, Gwynne and Ken

September Roving Event!

Find out more about it at the September club meeting.

Sunday, September 13 at 2 P.M. starting in Madera, where four grids come together (DM07, DM06, CM97, AND CM96).

Meet on 146.55 Mc, and bring as many Vhf-Uhf bands as you have, and join the fun. We will start in DM07, work everyone, move to 6m (50.265 FM), then proceed to 223.5, 446.0, 927.5, 1.2945 FM, and on up to higher bands if you have them, all on FM. Only have one band? It is still fun!

On to CM97, just a mile away, and repeat qsos. Another few miles and repeat in CM96, then down to BBQ Central in DM06, at the home of K6MI.

Home stations are welcome to work the rovers in all grids. This is part of the Septmenber vhf contest, and scores can be turned in!

W6TO

Look at the FARC club picnic pictures on the Facebook page.

W6TO Facebook page... You have to see the FD symbol on the website in all the writings and above that symbol Click on the Fresno Am Radio Club line..(should highlite) and go to Facebook.....

. de Jim, W6NIF

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Talk to Ron, N6MTS, about the yearly fee!

Fresno Amateur Radio Club

LOCAL T-HUNTS SCHEDULE SPONSORED BY CENTRAL VALLEY T-HUNTERS.

September 19, 2015 November 21, 2015

Next Fox Hunt: *Saturday September 19*

T-Hunt location – Rally in the Valley @ Salvation Army Fresno Citadel

This event will allow hunters to go at their own pace and test their equipment for a close in hunt on the facility grounds. There will be three low power transmitters and possibly a 1W TX to simulate a standard hunt. The transmitters will be going during the event. Now is the time to join in on the fun, as well as test your equipment and your skill.

Frequency 146.565 MHz. For further information and updates e-mail info@k6arp.org or call 559-492-7675.

Pictures from the 2015 Club Picnic.

Bingo was fun, and the food was great!

COMING EVENTS

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY SECTION CONVENTION (RALLY IN THE VALLEY)

Saturday September 19, 2015.
Location: Salvation Army Fresno Citadel 1854 Fulton Street, Fresno, CA 93650.
Sponsor: ARRL and SATERN, Talk-In: 147.150+ (PL 141.3)
Public Contact: Dan Pruitt, AE6SX e-mail: ae6sx@arrl.org

- This is an ARRL Section Convention so use the ARRL Diamond
- Section wide participation is invited
- Swap meet 0730 setup -- sales at 0800
- $5 for space
- State OES mobile communications unit MAGU, will be on display (if not deployed) courtesy of MAR-V
- Presentations to begin at 0900
- door prizes
- Lunch provided by the Salvation Army
- Ham Radio Jeopardy like trivia game

Event should wind down about 1430 to 1500

SOUTHWESTERN DIVISION CONVENTION (HAMCOM 2015)

September 11-13, 2015.
Location, Torrance Marriott South Bay 3635 Fashion Way Torrance, CA 90501.
Sponsored by Los Angeles Area Council of Amateur Radio Clubs & Orange County Council of Amateur Radio Organizations
Contact Margie Hoffman, KG6TBR, Phone: 661-347-6228,
e-mail: margiehoffman@gmail.com
More info at http://www.hamconinc.org

PACIFIC DIVISION CONVENTION, SAN RAMON MARRIOTT, PACIFICON 2015

October 16-18, 2015.
Location, San Ramon Marriott 2600 Bishop Drive San Ramon, CA 94583. Sponsored by Mount Diablo Amateur Radio Club.
Talk-In: 147.060+ PL 100
Contact, Misa Siemons, KJ6BUE, Phone: 925-945-8007 e-mail: misa@siemons.com
More info at http://www.pacificon.org

Birthdays

09/09 Tim N6SUZ

09/15 Thomas KE6QHA

Anniversaries:

09/20 KI6JQ Dave & Judy

09/22 WB6VAF Arlen & Karin

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Ron, N6MTS
Treasurer

Breakfast on Saturdays at Jeb's Blueberry Café located at Blackstone and Dakota, starting at 7 A.M.. Join the DX'ers and all the area hams for breakfast

Also Breakfast every Tuesday at 8 A.M. at *Denny's* near Shaw and West,

The Quarter Century Wireless Association Lunch is held on the fourth Tuesday of the month at also at Jeb's Blueberry Cafe on Blackstone at 11:30 to 1 P.M..

The Thursday ham radio lunch get-together meeting location is:
Jeb's Blueberry Hill
3851 North Blackstone Avenue
Fresno, CA 93726

Send Skip items to Skip editor John Morrice, K6MI at: k6mi@pacbell.net

You can download this and past Skip issues under the Document Archive menu by visiting **w6to.com**.

Be a net control op! Contact Joe, WA6FFJ at: nailbender@unwiredbb.com.

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Event-Date

FARC meetings will resume in September

Sept. vhf contest Sept, 12-13
Rover Fun in Madera 2 P.M. Sunday Sep.13

Rally in the Valley Sept. 19 Sat.

Pacificon Oct. 16-18

Upcoming Transmitter Hunt Dates
These are the dates for the regular Saturday bi-monthly hunts as well as special hunts:
September 19 (3rd Sat) 10:00am location TBA

San Joaquin Valley Nets:
The Noontime net meets on 7.268.5 MHz. This net handles a lot of messages.

Daytime Region 6 Traffic Net meets daily at 3:30 pacific time on or near 7.275 MHZ. This one is probably not in operation at this time.

The California Traffic Net meets daily on 3.906 MHZ and 6:00 PM local time.

The Golden Bear Amateur Radio Net meets nightly at 7:00 PM local time on 3.975 MHZ.

Northern California Net (NCN), the Section Traffic Net, meets nightly on 3.533 MHZ at 7 PM Pacific Time.

San Joaquin Net meets Monday-Saturday on 3918khz, at 6 PM Pacific Time.

Western Public Service System (WPSS) meets nightly on 3952khz, roll - at 7:30 PM local Pacific Time.
The Mission Trail Net meets nightly on 3.856 MHZ at 8:00 PM local time.

Northern California Net 2 (NCN2) The slow speed training session of NCN, meets nightly on 3.533 MHZ at 9 PM Pacific Time. Handling traffic on CW is a good way to improve your CW skills.

CWops Tests are held weekly – Every Wednesday at 1300Z, 1900Z, and 0300Z (Thursday). Info and rules at http://www.cwops.org/cwt.html .

Corrections to last months Skip! Our sharp eyed readers are on the lookout for everything. The corrected Skip is in the **w6to.com** archive.
More new prizes at the next meeting! The raffle helps pay for the meeting expenses.

Remember to send in your 2015 dues. Dues for 2015 are $20, and $5 for additional family members!

Free membership for first year hams!

Fresno ARC Is looking for check-ins for the Morning Drive Time Net.

Join Ben, WB6GBS, and other net control operators, for an interesting way to start the day. Visit http://w6to.com for further information.

The Central Valley T-hunters Sept. 19, Sat. at the Ralley in the Valley

Hunt Frequency will be 146.565 MHz.

- September 19, 2015 – Fox: Rick (W6KKO) Location: Salvation Army Fresno Citadel
- November 21, 2015 – TBA

For more information email info@k6arp.org or call 559-492-7675.

Rob, AE6GE
Hunt master

ARRL Section Manager for the SJV Section, Dan, AE6SX. Dan's SJV news is found at arrl.org

Got Ham Radio?

Check out Glenn's info later in this issue!

Thanks to Duane, KI6QEL, and Jim, W6NIF, for providing the photographs included in SKIP.

Drawing next month will be for $30.00. The winner was not present in July (last drawing). Next drawing at the September meeting.

Must be present to win.

Local Amateur Radio Repeaters

Organization	*Call Sign*	*Frequency*	*Offset*	*PL*
CARP	K6ARP	147.675	-	123.0
CARP	N6JXL	224.380	-	141.3
CARP	K6ARP	444.725	+	141.3
CARP	NI6M	440.350	+	141.3
CONDOR	WB6BRU	224.900	-	156.7
FARC	W6TO	146.940	-	141.3
FARC	W6TO	223.940	-	141.3
FARC	W6TO	444.200	+	141.3
BRA	W6FSC	145.230	-	141.3
BRA	W6FSC	443.450	+	141.3
KINGS ARC	N6CVC	145.110/444.95	-	100.0
NC9RS	NC9RS	927.6625/902.0125	-	146.2
MADERA ARC	W6WGZ	147.180	+	146.2
MADERA ARC	W6WGZ	441.175	+	146.2
QCWA	WQ6CWA	146.850	-	141.3
QCWA	WQ6CWA	443.250	+	107.2
RACES	N6HEW	147.150	+	141.3
SJVARS	KE6JZ	146.820	-	141.3
TURLOCK ARC	W6BXN	147.030	+	100.0
W6NIF	W6NIF	444.100	+	100.0
WINSystem	K6JSI	146.790	-	100.0
WINSystem	K6JSI	444.250	+	100.0
CVRC	N6IB	443.950	+	141.3
CVRC	N6IB	442.350	+	141.3
CVRC	N6VQL	147.315	+	141.3

Joe, WA6FFJ, our net control operator for the W6TO nets.

Ten meter net, CW and Phone, every Wednesday
7 P.M. for CW at 28.140
8 P.M. for SSB at 28.445

This is a local net, the cw part run by KF6ZXO, and the SSB part by Doyle, W6OEZ. Have fun checking in on one or both modes.

THE DX CORNER

By Charles McConnell W6DPD

September 2015

"DX is the one you want but you don't have. That is the way it has always been, that is the way it will always be." Of the most recent DXpeditions, "If you worked it, it was the best DXpedition ever. If you missed it, it was probably not so good." "And so it goes."

All things are relative, some more than others. Thanks Hugh Cassidy, WA6AUD SK.

If you want help with DX, you can contact the local members of the Central California DX Club for some assistance. Charles W6DPD 431-2038, or Perry K6XJ 299-2802, can give you advice. The big thing about finding DX is to tune the bands.

The DX Breakfast is every Saturday at Jeb's Blueberry Hill Café, 3851 N. Blackstone Ave in Fresno. This group gathers about 06:30 AM. All are welcome.

Check out www.spaceweather.com and www.solarham.net for information on the solar cycle. The higher the solar flux and the lower the A and K Indices, the better the band conditions.

The address of the Sixth District QSL Bureau is P. O. Box 970, Fairfax CA 94978-0970. You can send up to 10 address labels and $0.80 for each envelope to the address above. They will put 1 unit of First Class postage on the envelope. If you work DX, you should have envelopes at the bureau so you can get your cards. You may be able to check your status at the bureau at http://www.qslbureau.org/

The ARRL Outgoing QSL Service has raised the rates for sending ARRL members QSL cards to foreign countries. The new rate is $2 for up to 10 cards in one envelope, $3 for 11 to 20 cards in one envelope and 75 cents per ounce for more than 20 cards.

Postage rates around the world are constantly changing. To see current rates go to **http://www.qsl.net/w9ol/IRC_Chart.htm** where you can find the current postal rates for most of the countries of the world. IRCs can no longer be ordered online from the US Post Office.

To check on foreign postage, you can go to http://www.k4hb.com/postage.html. To learn about addressing envelopes to everywhere in the world, go to http://www.columbia.edu/~fdc/postal/ for a discussion and examples. U.S. Postage will be increased soon. Overseas postage will be $1.20; domestic postage will remain $0.49 for 1 ounce. Additional ounce for domestic mail will be $0.22. Postcards will be $0.35.

If you don't get a DX Bulletin and you belong to ARRL, you should register on the members only web page and check the box for the ARRL DX Bulletin. This one is emailed each Thursday. Or you can go to the ARRL web page in the News/ Bulletin section and view the bulletins there.

You can also read the OPDX Bulletin or the 425 DX Bulletin on the web. Search OP DX Bulletin or 425 DX Bulletin to get the URL. You can subscribe to the Daily DX, Weekly DX or QRZ DX too. These bulletins will keep you informed of DX operations and QSL information.

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The following operations are scheduled:

Djibouti J28JV soon for at least a year, maybe 2
Ascension Island ZD8D maybe an October 2011 start
Angola D2CQ February 2010 for a few years
Wallis and Fortuna Islands FW1JG April to November 2015
Wake Island KH9 K6W Postponed.
North Cook E51 September 29 to October 27, 2015
Morocco 5E5E through September 30, 2015
Zimbabwe Z21MG September 21 to September 30 2015
Comoros Islands D67GIA September 14 to September 23, 2015
Tristan da Cunha ZD9TT September 15 to October 6, 2015
Niue E6GG last half of September 2015
Tuvalu T2GC September 24 to October 10, 2015
North Cook Islands E51MQT September 29 to October 27, 2015
Chesterfield Island TX3X October 1 to October 12, 2015
Equatorial Guinea 3C7GIA? November 12 to November 23, 2015
Marshall Islands V73D October 13 to 28, 2015
Fernando de Noronha PY0F/homecalls October 18 to 27, 2015
Vietnam 3W3MD October 31 to November 10, 2015
Scarborough Reef BS7H October 31 to November 10, 2015
Willis Island VK9WA November 14 to November 23, 2015
Heard Island VK0EK March 6 to April 20, 2016
Palmyra Island KH5 January 11 to January 26, 2016
Tonga A35COW? January 15 to February 15. 2016 Canceled!!
South Sandwich and South Georgia VP8 January to February 6 2016
Palmyra KH5 January 2016
Guinea 3XY1T February 2016
North Korea P5 January or February 2016 SSB only. We can hope!!
Cocos Keeling Island VK9CK March 15 to March 26, 2016
Palestine E44Y planning for March 2016
Juan de Nova March 2016
Scarborough Reef March 6 to April 20, 2016
St. Paul Island CY9 August 19 to August 29, 2016

Charles, W6DPD

Watch the DX Bulletins for up to date information. As the time for the operation is at hand, watch the DX Summit (www.newdxsummit.fi) for listings.

There are a number of state QSO parties each year. Check the contest corral in QST or the ARRL web page. State QSO parties are a good place to collect states for your Worked All States award. ARRL Log Book of the World now supports the Worked All States Award and the WPX Award.

Good luck, tune the dial, and listen.

WRTC on NPR:
http://onlyagame.wbur.org/2015/08/15/wrtc-ham-radio-radiosport

AMATEUR RADIO EXAMS
IN FRESNO

UNLICENSED THRU EXTRA CLASS
Sponsored By the FRESNO VE TEAM
And the FRESNO AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC.

2015

Exams for all Amateur license classes will be conducted on the following dates in Fresno California. All exams are given on Saturday and begin at 9:30 AM.

November 14

LOCATION: ....Salvation Army Fresno Citadel, 1854 Fulton Street, Fresno CA 93721

DIRECTIONS: From North or South of Fresno, Take Highway 99 to Highway 180 east. Go east on 180 to Fulton Street off ramp. Turn right on Fulton Street. Go south on Fulton across Divisidero to Sacramento Ave. Turn left on Sacramento Ave and park. You have arrived.

Theory exams are multiple choice. Priority mail is used to send paperwork to ARRL, who sends data to FCC via electronic mail, thus assuring the fastest possible service on new licenses, which typically are posted to the FCC database by the end of the week following the exam.

BRING. Two ID's, one with photo. Taxpayer ID Number (Social Security Number), or FCC Registration Number (**preferred**). Fee **$15.00** per test session. Bring exact change. **Original** and **copy** of **Amateur License**. Talk in on 146.94 repeater.

Walk in's only, no pre-registration.

More Info?? Contact Charles, W6DPD (559) 431-2038

EC Report for August 2015

Hi All,

This month's schedule was fairly slow: 4 Monday Night EmComm Nets, 1 EmComm and Coffee, 1 ARES/RACES meeting, and 1 Digital Workshop.

Radio Workshop

We wish to expand the workshop to benefit anyone interested in Amateur Radio and its challenges. We would like to aid some of the newer members with setting up and maintaining their stations. Many of the new people have questions about how to choose an antenna or radio that will cover their needs. These are some of the inquiries we will address. Our mission is to assist new and experienced operators to become better at their craft and have fun.

Our next workshop will take place September 15 at 18:30 at the Salvation Army Citadel. We will be concentrating on the digital modes we will be using for the Bass Lake Powerhouse Double Century Bike Ride where we will be sending traffic from two rest stops back to Central Control in Fresno.

At the workshop we will also respond to any radio concerns you may have. This should be a fun and interesting event.

Public Service Calendar 2015

Most of you know we help CARP doing Public Service events. We use them for training; they help keep us sharp handling traffic and working under a net condition. I am including the calendar of events as it is now.

2015 Public Service Events:

- September 12 – Tour de Fresno Charity Bicycle Century
- October 10 – Bass Lake Powerhouse Double Century

November 8 – Two Cities Marathon

If interested in volunteering at any of the above events, contact either Rob Mavis or me.

Net Control Staff Needed

We are looking for volunteers to take a turn as net control on Monday nights. This is not a difficult task. We will provide the preamble and net roster. This is a great way to enhance your skills running a net for emergency situations. If you are interested, please contact Gary (KI6OYW) at 559-269-1340 or email g_greenberg@att.net

Our Calendar

Don't forget the Monday Night EmComm Net at 1930 hr. on the 147.15 MHz Pl 141.3. We have some good information and camaraderie. On the third Friday of the month there is the EmComm Coffee at YFC on Cedar south of Ashlan in Granite Park at 07:00hr. And last but not least the EmComm Meetings are held on the Fourth Thursday of month. The September meeting will be held September 24th at 1900 hr. at the Salvation Army Citadel at 1854 Fulton St., Fresno.

Glen, N6HEW

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Suggested EmComm Frequency List

SUGGESTED 2 METER FREQUENCIES

FREQUINCY	OFFSET	TONE (PL)	SPONSOR
147.150	+600	141.3	RACES
146.940	-600	141.3	FARC
147.675	+600	123.0	CARP
146.820	-600	141.3	SJVARS
146.850	-600	141.3	QCWA
147.180	+600	146.2	MCARC
146.745	-600	146.2	MARROB
146.880	-600	103.5	TCARC
147.330	+600	100.0	KARC
146.520	SIMPLEX	NAT'L CALL	
146.695	SIMPLEX	ALERT	
146.475	SIMPLEX	COMM-1	
147.405	SIMPLEX	COMM-2	
147.510	SIMPLEX	COMM-3	
147.525	SIMPLEX	COMM-4	

SUGGESTED 440 MHZ FREQUENCIES

FREQUINCY	OFFSET	TONE (PL)	SPONSOR
444.725	+500	141.3	CARP
444.200	+500	141.3	FARC
443.875	+500	107.2	KAISER
443.950	+500	141.3	CVRC-M
443.825	+500	141.3	CVRC-P
443.250	+500	107.2	QCWA

If there are any frequencies that you feel that should be on the list and are not, please email them to me and they will be taken under consideration.

Rough Fire and Hume Lake

The Rough Fire was started on the July 31 by lightning. As of time I am writing the fire is at 66,542 acers and 25% contained.

August 22 Dan Pruitt (AE6SX) was scanning two meters and heard someone calling CQ on the 146.88 repeater in Tulare. Dan went back to the call and it turned out to be KG6AIS, Stanton Whiting, he is the Director of Operation at Hume Lake Christian Camps. At that point the camp was in the direct line of the fires path. Stanton was looking for alternate ways to communicate in the event that regular lines were cut. He had a fixed station as well as HT and could make the 146.88 machine form his location. He asked Dan if he could find some folks to monitor the repeater until the danger passed. Dan contacted Ray Quinn (W6RAY), Eric Ott (N6VYT) and Kevin Enquist (KC6IED) in the Tulare area and they took care of the monitoring. Thankfully normal communications stayed on line and the camp was also spared. All of our prayers were answered.

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COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TRAINING OFFERED

TUESDAY AND THURSDAY NIGHT SERIES

OCTOBER 13-NOVEMBER 5, 2015

The Fresno Citizen Corps, in partnership with the City of Fresno and the Fresno Police and Fire Departments, is pleased to announce that Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training will be offered in a Tuesday and Thursday evening series from October 13-November 5, 2015. The **free** 21-hour course is sponsored by the Department of Homeland Security—Office of Individual and Community Preparedness, CaliforniaVolunteers and developed by FEMA in cooperation with the Los Angeles Fire Department.

The entry-level course is designed to provide community members with basic emergency response skills, particularly those that would be essential in the initial hours after a major natural or man-made disaster; and that are also valuable in the event of a fire or other more frequently occurring emergency. The course covers disaster preparedness, fire safety and small fire suppression (extinguishers), triage, disaster first aid, light search and rescue (urban), team organization/Incident Command, disaster psychology, terrorism awareness and a final exercise.

The weeknight evening schedule has been developed to accommodate individuals in community-serving organizations, the business sector, faith community, education, government agencies and others. There is no registration fee and all printed course materials will be provided. Personal safety is the cornerstone of CERT training—participants will be required to bring some personal protective equipment, such as a flashlight, leather and vinyl gloves, safety glasses, first aid supplies, etc.; and a 2" binder. ***The emphasis throughout the course is on preparedness and personal safety and is not intended to equip individuals to be professional rescuers.***

Classes will be held at the Fresno Police Department's main training room located at 2326 Fresno Street at the corner of N Street; and Fresno Fire Department headquarters at 911 H Street. All classes will be held from 6:00 – 8:30 pm, except Terrorism Awareness and the final exercise, which will end at approximately 9:00 pm. Additional information will be provided upon registration. A course description, complete schedule and an application form are attached.

Recent serious fires, drought, extreme weather, terrorist attacks and other natural and man-made events have heightened interest in disaster preparedness and response, and the course is expected to fill very quickly. Space is limited, and interested individuals are encouraged to return the attached application form by email or mail at their earliest convenience.

More than 1,100 local area residents and more than 500,000 people nationwide have completed CERT training to date. We hope that you will consider participating in this valuable training opportunity, and take this important step toward personal, family and organizational preparedness.

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Rally in the Valley - 2015 Knowledge Bowl

This years RITV will feature a new competition event. Teams of amateur radio operators will compete in a 'knowledge bowl' event similar to "College Bowl" and "Jeopardy" A maximum of four teams consisting of three members each from area clubs and groups will meet head-to-head to compete for the greatest prize of all – '***Bragging Rights***'. The top three teams will be further recognized with 'Olympic Style' Gold, Silver and Bronze medals.

Teams will 'buzz-in' on questions in the five categories listed below. Correct answers will earn credits which can then be wagered on the 'Grand Prize' question. The team with the most credits will win.
If you have any comments or questions about the Amateur Radio Knowledge Bowl, please contact Lew Roberts (KI6YWX) at 559-284-6380 or ki6ywx@arrl.net.

Antennas
Digital Modes
Shack Gear

If you want to participate in this inaugural 'Amateur Radio Bowl' at RITV here's how you can get started:
1. Recruit your team 2. Pick a team name3. Submit this form 4. Review the topics above
Sign-up as soon as you have your team formed. Four teams will be randomly chosen from those who submit entries prior to September 5th. All teams submitted will be advised of the teams selected on September 7th. To sign up send the following information:

1. Team Name _____
2. 2. Team Affiliation (Club or Group): _____
3. 3. Team Captain/Call: _____
4. 4. Team Member/Call _____
5. 5. Team Member/Call _____
6. *Send this information to Lew Roberts – KI6YWX – ki6ywx@arrl.net*

We look forward to your participation in the 2015 RitV. This event has grown over the years and, with your help, this year's will be even bigger and better. Come join the fun!

DX
Contests

Lew, KI6YWX, preparing to have fun!

2015 CONTEST CALENDAR

Some but not all contests.

SEPTEMBER
5-6 EME - 2.3 GHz & Up
12-14 September VHF
19-20 10 GHz & Up– Round 2

OCTOBER
19-23 School Club Roundup
31- Nov 1 EME - 50 to 1296 MHz

NOVEMBER
1 EME - 50 to 1296 MHz
7-9 Novmber Sweepstakes – CW
21-23 November Sweepstakes – Phone
28-29 EME - 50 to 1296 MHz

DECEMBER
4-6 160 Meter
12-13 10 Meter
20 Rookie Roundup–CW
For more info:

http://www.arrl.org/contest-calendar

As most of you know, Pacificon is in two months. You also know that due to the Marriott in Santa Clara being a back-up
parking location for events at the new 49'ers stadium, the organizers had to
move Pacificon back to San Ramon.

You might remember from past Pacificons that the hotel parking lot
in San Ramon is not large enough to accommodate all of the Pacificon
attendees.

So, if you will be attending Pacificon, I suggest that you print out the
parking instructions.

https://sites.google.com/a/mdarc.org/pacificon2015/home/resources/parking

GREETINGS FROM BIRDIE McCHIRP:
As Dan, AE6SX announced the other night, the FCC is eliminating CW from the licensing test.
Oohhh lad, that shure hurts! Having struggled with that back in 1967, to see it now gawn from the test is almost blasphemous. Do ya ken wot ruination this will bring?
Well, I do kno' that CW enthusiasts will continue to be on the air-in spite o' their cousins on other types of communication, includin' the use o' th keyboard. Och! 'tis a sad thing!
Well, Lad, stawp yer moanin'! It will continue to be used-even as the users git older and older! I am just lamenting the passage of a test element, but I know that there will be plenty of users!
So it goes. 73, Birdie

North American QSO Party, SSB - August
Call: N2NS Operator: N2NS Station: N2NS
Class: Single Op LP Operating Time (hrs): 0:54
Summary: Band QSOs Mults
40: 5 4
20: 44 24
15: 1 1 Total: 50 29 Total Score = 1,450
K3/P3, N1MM+ logger 15/20m: 4 el SteppIR @ 56' 40m: 2 el yagi @ 70'

WAE DX Contest, CW
Call: N2NS Operator: N2NS Class: Single Op HP
Operating Time (hrs): 4:14 Summary: Band QSOs QTCs Mults
20: 71 67 27
15: 4 6 4 Total: 75 73 31 Total Score = 9,176
Comments: Missed most of Fri night and Sat AM, with sporadic time on Sat afternoon, evening, and Sun, but condx to EU seemed mostly light and rough whenever I was on. 10m dead as expected Sat afternoon and Sun, but 15 was a disappointment also. As was 40m Sat evening. The few EU signals I heard Sat evening on 40m were vy light and either too light/rough to try to call, then spend multiple repeats trying to dig out QSO numbers, or in the case of the few workable EU's I found on 40, they were buried by EC callers sending long strings of QTC's. Never bothered with 80m. Hat's off to the EU ops who never called for a single fill on any of the QTC's I sent them.

2015 Field Day Entry Form

2015 Rules

Datestamp: 2015-07-24 17:10:31 PDT
Confirmation: 82855523fb5323f5

Use the following link if you want to update your Field Day entry:
http://www.b4h.net/cabforms/fielddayupdate.php?callused=W6TO&confirmation=82855523fb5323f5

Thanks for using the web to submit your 2015 ARRL Field Day entry. Print this page to use as proof that you submitted your entry.

Call Used:**W6TO** GOTA Station Call:**W6PSQ** ARRL/RAC Section:**SJV** Class:**3A**

Participants:**20** Club/Group Name: **Fresno Amateur Radio Club Inc.**

Power Source(s): **Generator, Battery, Solar**

Power Multiplier: **2X**

Bonus Points:

Description	Points
100% Emergency power	300
Media Publicity	100
Set-up in Public Place	100
Information Booth	100
NTS message to ARRL SM/SEC	100
W1AW Field Day Message	100
Satellite QSO completed	100
Natural power QSOs completed	100
Site Visit by invited served agency official	100
Youth participation Youth operators=**4** Youth participants=**4**	80
GOTA Bonus	0
Submitted via the Web	50
Total Bonus Points	**1,230**

Score Summary:

	CW	Digital	Phone	Total	
Total QSOs	**457**	**81**	**276**		
Total Points	**914**	**162**	**276**	**1352**	Claimed Score = **2,704**

Total Score
3934

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W6TO FD Results by Band

Band/Mode QSO Breakdown:

	CW		Digital		Phone	
	QSOs	Pwr(W)	QSOs	Pwr(W)	QSOs	Pwr(W)
160m						
80m	81	100			32	100
40m	164	100	34	35	105	100
20m	200	100	28	35	78	100
15m	12	100	19	35	14	100
10m						
6m					12	50
2m						
1.25						
Other						
Satellite					1	100
GOTA					34	100
Total	**457**		**81**		**276**	

GOTA Bonus: GOTA Coach - Double Bonus Points

Name/Call	QSOs	Bonus Points
Gabriel Amariei, (NONE)	10	0
Ken Budd, (NONE)	4	0
Riley Budd, (NONE)	9	0
Isabella Capell, (NONE)	3	0
Clayton Brownell, (NONE)	8	0

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P.O. Box 5912, Fresno, CA 93755-5912.

2015 Fresno Amateur Radio Club - Membership Application

Date _____
Name_____ Call Sign _____
Address_____
City _____State _____ZIP_____
Home Phone_____ Cell Phone _____
Occupation_____ Birthdate_____
License Class _____ Year 1st Licensed _____
ARRL Member? _____
E-mail address_____ Anniversary Date_____

Additional Family Member in same household:
Spouse Name_____ Call Sign_____
Son/Daughter Name_____ Call Sign_____

2015 Fresno Amateur Radio Club Activities and Events

Meetings on the 2nd Friday of the month

FD on the 4th full weekend in June

Banquet Dinner in December

Club Picnic in summer

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