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Monday – 6:45 PM
145.450 (-) PL 156.7

Club Nets

HF Net – Tue / Thu & Sat 8 PM
3.813 MHz

VHF Net – Friday 7PM
145.450 (-) PL 156.7

Prune Juice & BS Net

Daily (exc. Sunday) 9AM
145.450 (-) PL 156.7

SARG Monthly Meetings

2nd Sat. (exc. Dec.) 9:30AM
KRV Elk's Lodge
6708 Wofford Blvd.,
Wofford Heights, CA 93285



The Prez Sez:

Hi folks

Boy am I glad to see this month end. It's been the hottest July I can remember.

However our gang seems to be able to take most anything in stride.

Most recently a tour over Shirley Peak and down the other side was organized and like most everything else it was full of surprises. I understand all that went had a great time.

Our Vice president, Cheryl, recently passed her test and received the call sign of kn6puq.

I've been looking for some phonetics to go with her call. How about powered up queen??

Hmm. ***Hearty Congratulations Cheryl.***

She has arranged for speakers from the Sheriff's office. it should be interesting.

Till next month best of 73's

Don KC6OCA

ARRL:

The K7RA Solar Update

07/30/2021

Tad Cook, K7RA, Seattle, reports: Solar activity slowed this week, with the average daily sunspot number declining from 48.9 last week to 33.9 this week (July 22 – 28). Wednesday, July 28, saw no sunspots at all.

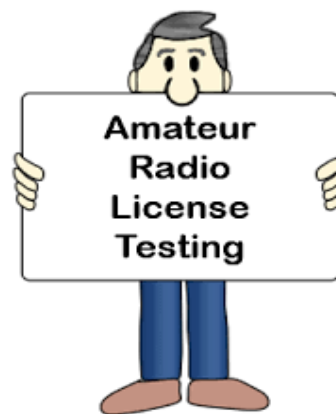
Average daily solar flux went from 81.3 to 83.

Geomagnetic indicators held steady, with average daily planetary A index at 6.4 both last week and this week. Average daily middle latitude A index went from 6.4 last week to 6.3 this week.

Predicted solar flux is 76 on July 30 – 31; 74 on August 1; 72 on August 2 – 4; 74 on August 5 – 6; 75 on August 7 – 12; 78, 80, 82, and 85 on August 13 – 16; 90 on August 17 – 18; 85 on August 19 – 20; 80 on August 21; 82 on August 22 – 28; 78 on August 29, and 75 on August 30 – September 8.

Predicted planetary A index is 8, 12, and 8 on July 30 – August 1; 5 on August 2 – 9; 12 and 10 on August 10 – 11; 5 on August 12 – 15; 10 and 8 on August 16 – 17; 5 on August 18 – 23; 12, 12, and 8 on August 24 – 26; 5 on August 27 – 28; 8 on August 29, and 5 on August 30 – September 5.

F.K. Janda, OK1HH, is on vacation this week, hiking in the mountains of the Czech Republic, so we have forecasts from two of his associates. The first is from Martina Pavelkova, RWC Prague, Astronomical Institute, Solar Department, Ondrejov, Czech Republic.



VE Exams

Volunteer License Exams are available in the Kern River Valley on the third Saturday of each month. They are held at 11AM in the Community Center of Valley Estates, 14213 Allen Avenue, Weldon, CA 93283. They are administered through the Greater Los Angeles Amateur Radio Group (GLAARG.ORG) and the exam cost is \$10.

The FCC has enacted rules that will at some time in the near future add an additional license fee to the exam fee. Details have not been released as to the exact amount and effective date. For details on how to sign up for an exam visit <http://n6krv.org/exam-info/>.

Mike KA6IYS – Lead Examiner

**Coming up this year:
Annual Christmas party December 11th**



SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

If you hear of any of our members who aren't feeling so well, please let Christine Hesse KK6AZQ know so she can get a card out to them. Keep those prayers going.....

This month in History

August 1, 1838 - Slavery was abolished in Jamaica. It had been introduced by Spanish settlers 300 years earlier in 1509.

August 1, Birthday - Star-Spangled Banner author Francis Scott Key (1779-1843) was born in Frederick County, Maryland. After witnessing the British bombardment of Fort McHenry on the night of September 13-14, 1814, he was enthralled to see the American flag still flying over the fort at daybreak. He then wrote the [poem](#) originally entitled Defense of Fort McHenry which became the U.S. National Anthem in 1931.

August 4, Birthday - Jazz trumpet player Louis Armstrong (1901-1971) was born in New Orleans, Louisiana. Known as "Satchmo," he appeared in many films and is best known for his renditions of *It's a Wonderful World* and *Hello, Dolly*.

August 6-10, 1787 - The Great Debate occurred during the Constitutional Convention. Outcomes included the establishment of a four-year term of office for the President, granting Congress the right to regulate foreign trade and interstate commerce, and the appointment of a committee to prepare a final draft of the Constitution.

August 13, Birthday - Women's rights pioneer [Lucy Stone](#) (1818-1893) was born near West Brookfield, Massachusetts. She dedicated her life to the abolition of slavery and the emancipation of women and aided in the founding of the American Suffrage Association.

August 13, Birthday - Wild West performer Annie Oakley (1860-1926) was born in Darke County, Ohio. Famous for her shooting ability, she joined Buffalo Bill's *Wild West Show* in 1885 and was one of the star attractions for 17 years.

August 13, Birthday - British film director [Alfred Hitchcock](#) (1899-1980) was born in London. His suspenseful films included classics such as *The 39 Steps*, *Rebecca*, *Suspicion*, *Notorious*, *Rear Window*, *The Birds*, *Psycho* and *Frenzy*, in addition to his American TV series *Alfred Hitchcock Presents*.

August 13, Birthday - Cuban President Fidel Castro was born in Mayari, Oriente Province, Cuba, August 13, 1927. He led a rebellion in 1959 that drove out Dictator Fulgencio Batista, and remains one of the last outspoken advocates of Communism.

August 25, 1985 - Samantha Smith died in an airplane crash in Maine. In 1982, the 11-year-old American schoolgirl had written a letter to Soviet Russia's leader Yuri Andropov asking, "Why do you want to conquer the whole world, or at least our country?" To her surprise, Andropov replied personally to her and offered an all-expense paid trip to the U.S.S.R. She toured Russia for two weeks amid worldwide publicity and came to symbolize American and Russian hopes for peaceful co-existence.

OUR NEXT MEETING: Our next meeting will be at 09:00 am, Saturday, August the 14th at the Elk's Lodge in Wofford Heights. Doors open at 9AM. Meeting starts at 9:30 AM.

Let me hear from you if you like or don't like what you've seen in this issue of your "Kern River Voice".

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SARG Road Trip July 28, 2021

Seven of us met up at 10:00AM at the Elk's Lodge in Wofford Heights. Our plan was to go up Evans Road to Rancheria Road and down to Bakersfield. We left the Elk's and went up Evans Road and turned left on Rancheria Road as planned. A few miles down the road, after it became dirt, we encountered a "Road Closed" sign. It turns out the road has been closed to outside traffic since May 31, 2021. After a roadside discussion we made a 180 and went back to and over Evans Road and headed toward Portuguese Pass Road.

After reaching paved road again we decided to go downhill to Glenville rather than go to Johnsondale. The sign at the intersection said 11 miles to Glenville and 24 miles to Johnsondale. As it turns out, it was more like 24 miles to Glenville and I'm not sure how far Johnsondale would have been.

The trip down to Glenville was a nice slow drive in the mountains with excellent views and very little traffic. We checked a Pizza place in Glenville, but it was closed. We turned around and went back towards the lake and found a nice store with a deli counter inside in downtown Glenville. They had great sandwiches and a room inside with A/C and tables and benches to eat at.

The sandwiches were very liberal on their fillings and a few of us brought half home to have for dinner that evening. Even though we didn't get to see the new (for some of us) territory we set out to see, we did see some other territory a few of us had not seen before. All in all, it was a GREAT day.

Mike KA6IYS

AO-109 (RadFxSat-2/AMSAT Fox-1E) Open for Amateur Use

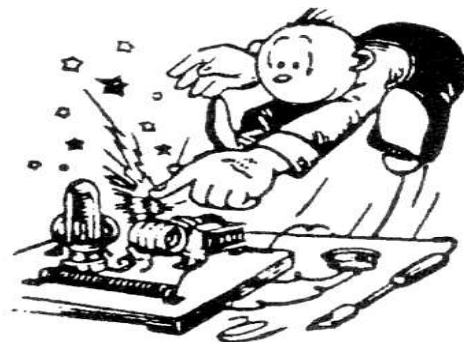
07/20/2021

AMSAT's Engineering and Operations Teams have announced that AO-109 (RadFxSat-2/AMSAT Fox-1E) is now open for amateur use. AMSAT advises operators to use efficient modes for making contacts, such as CW or FT4, because issues with the satellite make SSB voice contacts "challenging at best."

An article in the May/June 2021 issue (Vol. 44, No. 3) of *The AMSAT Journal* details the various attempts to characterize AO-109 and its apparent problems. — *Thanks to Jerry Buxton, NØJY, and Drew Glasbrenner, KO4MA*



Where do astronauts like to party?



Also from the ARRL:

Amateur Radio Responds to Flooding in Western Europe

07/19/2021

International Amateur Radio Union ([IARU](#)) Region 1 Emergency Communications Coordinator Greg Mossop, G0DUB, reported over the weekend that amateur radio volunteers have responded in the wake of widespread and catastrophic flooding in Germany, Belgium, and the Netherlands. The flooding, resulting from unprecedented heavy rainfall, has claimed more than 120 lives. Hundreds more remain unaccounted for.

The Dutch Amateur Radio Emergency Service (DARES) was on standby since July 14, as the first reports of flooding came in. An initial attempt to establish a point-to-point link from the provincial capital of Maastricht to the north of Limburg province was halted due to heavy traffic, as residents evacuated low-lying areas. DARES volunteers were in contact with members of the Belgian Emergency Amateur Radio Service (BEARS) to coordinate their efforts.

The European Civil Protection Mechanism was activated, and emergency groups across the region reported their governments were sending extra assistance and supplies to the areas where damage was worst. The flood water surge continued to make its way north, leading to further evacuations, and amateur radio emergency groups focused on requests for assistance.

BEARS asked to provide a backup VHF link between the emergency call center in Brussels and the province of Hainaut

through Friday, while DARES had four stations active in the Limburg area ready to respond if needed.

The greatest loss of life and damage has occurred in Germany, where more than 1,000 residents remain unaccounted for. The loss of mobile telecommunication networks has slowed the effort to locate people, while many others are without power or homes. The emergency communications unit of the Deutscher Amateur Radio Club ([DARC](#)) has been handling inquiries for amateur radio support in the worst-hit areas, but members in the area have been flood victims as well, losing equipment or their homes.

“Amateur radio clubs have been in contact with relevant authorities, but there is currently no need for operational support from radio amateurs,” the DARC reported. A mutual aid arrangement exists among amateur radio organizations in Germany, Belgium, and the Netherlands. Mossop said emergency communications groups in the affected and surrounding regions are ready to respond to requests and have been coordinating their efforts as needed.

“This emergency will last for some time as infrastructure is repaired and the threat from damaged dams and more rainfall is reduced,” Mossop said. -- *Thanks to IARU, DARC*



A little interesting local history....

Excerpts from “The Rough and The Righteous” Pages 84-85

Ardis Walker, born into the family of the “Shootin’ Walkers” of the gold mining town of Keyesville, CA, authored many books on local history. Here’s one of my favorites, only a small portion about what he wrote about, Nettie Hight Yarbrough, called “Clamp Widow No. 1”.

Let me set the story: There wasn’t a Kern County Chapter of E Clampus Vitus until 1962. In the early 1950’s, the Los Angeles Chapter, called “Platrix”, came up to Kernville to place a marker to commemorate Old Kernville. When they asked around to talk to someone with knowledge of local history, everyone they talked to pointed them to Nettie Yarbrough ----- Al Price

“Later in her life Nettie married a wild and wooly cowpuncher. But life with Dave Yarbrough was even wilder and woolier by comparison. She shared with him the rigors of the cow camp and cattle ranch until old age slowed both to a walk. Seeking a less strenuous livelihood, they moved to a wayside station in Red Rock canyon in the nearby Mojave Desert. Here they maintained their tradition of unaffected hospitality that had molded the life of Nettie Yarbrough since babyhood on the Greenhorn Mountain.

Ultimately, a series of strokes laid her cowboy low. She returned to Kernville with her invalid husband to weather this, the latest storm in her life.

One day historian members of the Ancient and Honorable Order of E Clampus Vitus arrived to commemorate the old town of Kernville on the eve of its emersion under the waters of the newly constructed Lake Isabella. The “Clampers” moved to a camp across the river from the town. Selecting Nettie Yarbrough as the epitome of the pioneer spirit of the old town, they conferred upon her the distinction of becoming an “Honorary Clamp Widow”.

This honor she accepted with pride, cherishing her association with historians who valued traditions of

her mountain community enough to pay it homage. She added her own heading on her letterhead, “Nettie Hight Yarbrough, Grand Honorary Widow No. 1 of Whiskey Flat”.

In one of these letters to the late Clamper H. Paul Keiser of Glendora, Nettie described her waning years in which her husband had been rendered helpless. ‘For two years I have had to feed and care for him the same as if he were a helpless baby,’ she wrote. Then referring to her citation by the members of E Clampus Vitus, she added, ‘Bless them, and the many warm handshakes; the mingled tears through the smiles, all of which I saw and felt in the kindest spirit of love and joy. That was the first time in months that I had been out of the four walls where I have stood my duty.’ The letter was signed, ‘Your old E Clampus Vitus Gal, Nettie.’

*Nettie Yarbrough survived her ailing husband as if it were only right that she should be able to ‘stand at her duty’ as long as she was needed. This is an old-fashioned virtue in spite of the ever-changing world from which she made her exit.” (Her full name was **Cora** Nettie Hight Yarbrough, and she died in 1956. She is buried in the Cemetery in Kernville, CA.)*



“Nettie at 13 yrs.”

Submitted By Al Price N6ALP

Humor..... (page 4.."The Space Bar")

Romantic Connections ad:

"MINT CONDITION"

***"Male, 1932 model, high mileage,
good condition, some hair,
many new parts including
hip, knee, cornea, valves
Isn't in running condition,
but walks well."***

(blame Pete W6SV for this one)

***A lady in the Villages in Florida (a
senior retirement community),
was sitting on a bench, near another
bench with a gentleman sitting on the
bench.***

***She asked him if he was new to the
community and he said "no, I have
owned a condo here for 20 years".
She then said "I have been here for 15
years and
I have never seen you around!".
He then said "I have been in prison for
the last 17 years!".
She was stunned and finally asked him
what he had done.
He said that he had murdered his first
wife!
She was stunned again and after a long
pause she said.***

***"So you're SINGLE???" (blame Pete for
this one too)***

The last straw....

***A few of us were discussing the perils
of drinking and driving when my five-
year-old granddaughter threw in her two
cents. "I can see why it would be
dangerous to drink and drive," she said.
"The straw could go up your nose."***

Collateral...

***My 35-year-old son and I had just
finished our meal when I realized I'd
left my wallet in my truck. As I headed
out the door, I told the waitress what
had happened. "But don't worry," I
said with a grin. "I'm leaving my son
for collateral." She looked at him. He
winked at her. She turned back to me.
"What else you got?"***

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***I grew up above my father's tavern.
When we were kids, we would race
each other down the stairs every
morning to sweep up the bar and find
the change customers had dropped
during the night. Years later, as an
adult, I found out that my father would
throw a few coins over the bar for us
to find in the morning. It cost him only
a dollar a day to have us fight to be
the first one to clean the bar.***



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