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Monday – 6:45 PM
145.450 (-) PL 156.7

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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.,

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The Prez Sez:

Hi folks

Golly time sure is whizzing by.

Here it is October. The smoke is finally thinning out. There is a coolness in the air we haven't enjoyed for quite a while.

Now if we could just get some rain.

The October meeting is right around the corner. That's when we pick our leaders for next year. So be there and bring your opinions. Everybody has something to offer.

Looking forward to seeing you soon.

Don KC6OCA

ARRL:

The K7RA Solar Update

10/01/2021

Tad Cook, K7RA, Seattle, reports: Sunspot activity was up over the past week, with the average daily sunspot number rising from 28.7 to 59.4, and average daily solar flux up 11.4 points to 89.8. Nice to see our sun peppered with spots again as we move into the second week of fall in the Northern Hemisphere.

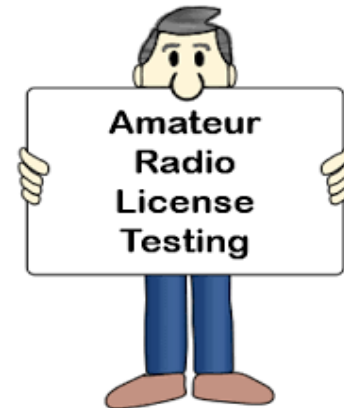
The 10.7-centimeter solar flux was 101.6 at noon on Wednesday, September 29. That's the highest value since December 3, 2020, when it was 102.9. Unfortunately the following day that value slipped 7 whole points back to 94.6

Geomagnetic indicators were quiet, with average daily planetary A index values declining from 9.1 to 7.3, and average middle latitude A index from 8.4 to 6.3.

Predicted solar flux as of Thursday is much lower than it was the day before.

The updated flux values are 95 on October 1 – 3; 90 on October 4 – 5; 85 on October 6 – 7; 74 on October 8 – 9; 78 on October 10 – 12; 80 on October 13; 84 on October 14 – 15; 86 on October 16 – 17; 88 on October 18 – 22; 86 on October 23 – 25, 84 on October 26; 80 on October 27 – 29; 78 on October 30 – 31; 76 on November 1, and 74 on November 2 – 5. Flux values may rise back to 88 by mid – November.

Predicted planetary A index is 24, 10, and 8 on October 1 – 3; 5 on October 4 – 9; 12 on October 10; 5 again on October 11 – 17; 10, 12, 10, and 8 on October 18 – 21; 5 on October 22 – 23; 18, 15, and 12 on October 24 – 26; 5 on October 27 – 30; 8 on October 31; 12 on November 1; 5 on November 2 – 5, and 12 on November 6.



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

Marty Jefferson KC6RIZ continues to struggle with health issues. Please keep Marty and her husband Don KC6OCA in your thoughts and prayers.

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

October 1, 1979 - After 70 years of American control, the Panama Canal Zone was formally handed over to Panama.

Birthday - Virtuoso pianist Vladimir Horowitz (1904-1989) was born in Berdichev, Russia. He made his American debut in 1928 with the New York Philharmonic and became a U.S. citizen in 1944. In 1986, after a self-imposed absence of 60 years, he performed a concert in his native Russia.

October 3, 1863 - *President Abraham Lincoln issued a [proclamation](#) designating the last Thursday in November as Thanksgiving Day.*

October 5, 1877 - *Following a 1,700-mile retreat, [Chief Joseph](#) of the Nez Perce Indians surrendered to U.S. Cavalry troops at Bear's Paw near Chinook, Montana. "From where the sun now stands, I will fight no more forever," he declared.*

October 8, 1918 - During [World War I](#) in the Argonne Forest in France, U.S. Sergeant [Alvin C. York](#) single-handedly took out a German machine-gun battalion, killing over a dozen and capturing

132. He was later awarded the Medal of Honor and the French Croix de Guerre.

October 16, 1701 - Yale University was founded in Killingworth, Connecticut (as the Collegiate School of Connecticut). The school moved to New Haven in 1716. Two years later, the name was changed to Yale College to honor Elihu Yale, a philanthropist. In 1886, it became Yale University.

October 17-25, 1944 - The Battle of Leyte Gulf, the largest naval battle in history, took place off the Philippine Islands, during [World War II in the Pacific](#). The battle involved 216 U.S. warships and 64 Japanese ships and resulted in the destruction of the Japanese Navy including the Japanese Battleship *Musashi*, one of the largest ever built.

October 21, 1879 - Thomas Edison successfully tested an electric incandescent lamp with a carbonized filament at his laboratory in Menlo Park, New Jersey, keeping it lit for over 13 hours.

October 21, 1915 - The first transatlantic radio voice message was made by the American Telephone and Telegraph Company from Virginia to Paris.

October 26, 1881 - The shoot-out at the O.K. Corral in Tombstone, Arizona, occurred between the feuding Clanton and Earp families. Wyatt Earp, two of his brothers and "Doc" Holliday gunned down two Clantons and two others.

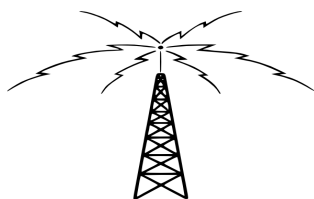
October 31, 1968 - During the [Vietnam War](#), President Lyndon Johnson ordered a halt of American bombing of North Vietnam.

OUR NEXT MEETING: Our next meeting will be at 09:00 am, Saturday, September the 11th 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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From the ARRL



Blatant Editorial

This is going to be a two part editorial.

First:

The next club meeting on October 9th is the meeting where Nomination of Officers takes place. This is a very important meeting, almost as important as the Election of Officers that will take place in November. As "Membership Chair" I want to encourage all of you to make the extra effort to attend these next two meetings. Just be there. I also am asking each of you to consider serving as a Club Officer. The Club cannot exist without someone willing to step forward and do their part in the continuing operations of the Club. Even if you have served before. The position of President has yet to have a single person volunteer. Please let me know if you want your name to be included.

The time has come to step up.

Second;

At the end of this year yours truly will have served as Editor of this monthly newsletter for four years.

As much fun as it has been I feel the need to pass the torch to another member. It isn't a particularly difficult task and can be very rewarding. I feel it is important for the Club to have a voice for members who can't always attend meetings and also a way to pass on important Radio based news.

I know there are creative individuals out there who are capable.

Bill Hesse N6TF, Editor@n6krv.org

Home Computing Pioneer Sir Clive Sinclair Dies

Pocket calculator inventor and home computing pioneer Sir Clive Sinclair died at his home on September 16 following a long illness. He was 81.

Sinclair may have been best known for popularizing the home computer. Leaving school at 17, he worked for 4 years as a technical journalist to fund Sinclair Radionics and created the Sinclair Spectrum and the first computer, the Sinclair ZX-81. Many modern-day titans of the games industry got their start on one of his ZX models.

Back in the day, the gamer's computer of choice was either the ZX Spectrum 48K or its rival, the Commodore 64. Among his other inventions was a coin-sized radio. Despite his computer background, Sinclair declined to use the internet, email, or even computers. He also was involved in developing various personal transport systems, including an electric vehicle.

What's a chihuahua's favorite Christmas carol?



Broom Service!

Humor.....

Ads that Should Have Been Proofread Before Being Released

1. We will oil your sewing machine and adjust the tension in your home, all this for only \$5.00.
2. Mother's helper needed --- peasant working conditions.
3. For Sale: A quilted high-chair that can be made into a table, potty chair, rocking horse, refrigerator, and size 8 spring coat with a fur collar.
4. Dinner Specials ---- Turkey \$2.35; Chicken or Beef \$2.25; Children \$2.00.
5. Dog For Sale – Eats anything and is fond of children.
6. Our Laundry does not tear your clothes with machinery. We do it by hand.
7. Auto Repair Service: Once you try us you'll never go anywhere else again.
8. Experienced Mom will care for your child. Fenced yard, meals, smacks included.
9. Get the best deal at Swindle Insurance Agency.
10. For Sale: 3 Great Dames.
(submitted by AI Price N6ALP)

A little girl climbed up onto her grandfather's lap and asked, "Did God make me?"
"Yes," the grandpa replied. "Did he make you, too?" "Yes." "Well," the girl said, looking at his wrinkles and thinning hair, "he sure is doing a better job nowadays!"

A bar in our neighborhood got lots of interesting traffic. Cars swerved into the parking lot, and the drivers would run inside only to reappear minutes later looking confused. One reason might have been the sign outside: "Free Beer, Topless Bartenders, and False Advertising."

Q: How does Moses make his coffee?

A: -... .-. . .-- ...

I was in my patrol car by a blinking red light—the equivalent of a stop sign—when I watched an elderly man drive straight through without even slowing down. I quickly hit the siren and pulled him over. "Why did you drive through the red light?" I asked him. "I didn't," he said. "I saw you." He shook his head. "I went through between the blinks."



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Serving the Kern River Valley and Walker Basin



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