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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

Well as most everyone knows I've been out of the loop this past month.

To everyone who has sent card and messages of condolences. My heartfelt thanks. Your steadfast friendship has been a rock to hang onto. The loss of our dear friend and companion Marty, will be felt far into the future.

At this up and coming meeting on the 13th we'll find out who the valiant leaders are that will guide us through 2022 and finalize the Christmas party.

Hope to see you all there,

Don KC6OCA

ARRL:

The K7RA Solar Update

10/29/2021

Tad Cook, K7RA, Seattle, reports: Sunspot activity was up this week, with the average daily sunspot number increasing by nearly five-fold from 11.3 to 54.9. Average daily solar flux rose from 78.6 to 95.7. Currently our sun is [peppered with spots](#).

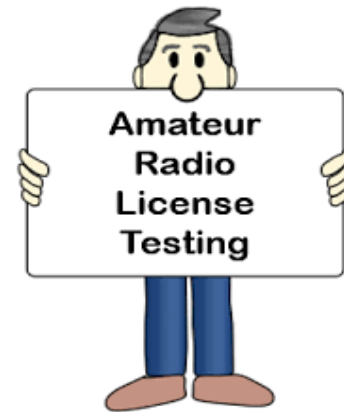
A new sunspot group appeared on October 22, another on October 24, two more on October 25, and another on October 26. The sunspot number peaked on Thursday, October 28, at 96, and daily solar flux peaked on the same day at 111.7.

Geomagnetic indicators were nice and quiet, but don't expect that to last. Average daily planetary A index went from 8.4 to 4.4 and average daily middle latitude A index declined from 5.4 to 3.6.

Predicted solar flux looks quite promising, at 113 on October 29; 114 on October 30 – November 1; 110 and 105 on November 2 – 3; 100 on November 4 – 5; 86 on November 6 – 7; 85 on November 8 – 9; 83 on November 10; 82 on November 11 – 15; 85 on November 16 – 20; 94 on November 21; 95 on November 22 – 23; 96 on November 24; 95 on November 25 – 29; 92, 90, and, 88 on November 30 – December 2, and 86 on December 3 – 4.

Predicted planetary A index is 5 on October 29; 40, 35, and 12 on October 30 – November 1; 5 on November 2 – 5; 12, 10, and 8 on November 6 – 8; 5 on November 9 – 14; 10 and 8 on November 15 – 16; 5 on November 17 – 22; 8 on November 23 – 24; 10 on November 25 – 26; 5 on November 27 – 28; 8 on November 29; 5 on November 30 – December 2, and 12, 10, and 8 on December 3 – 5.

On Thursday, [Spaceweather.com](#) reported that a "strong G3-class geomagnetic storm is possible on October 30, when the CME from yesterday's X-flare is expected to hit Earth's magnetic field." This is why the predicted planetary A index on October 30-31 is 40 and 35.



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:

**Prune Juice luncheon 11/17 12 noon at
El Portal in Mt Mesa**

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

November 1, 1993 - The European Union came into existence as a result of the Maastricht Treaty.

November 3, 1948 - *Dewey Defeats Truman* banner headline appeared on the front page of the *Chicago Tribune* newspaper. Harry Truman actually defeated Republican candidate Thomas E. Dewey for the presidency.

November 9, 1872 - The Great Boston Fire started in a dry-goods warehouse then spread rapidly in windy weather, destroying nearly 800 buildings. Damage was estimated at more than \$75 million. The fire's bright red glare could be seen in the sky for nearly 100 miles.

November 12, 1948 - Japanese General Hideki Tojo and six others were sentenced to death by an Allied war crimes tribunal.

November 15, 1864 - During the American Civil War, Union troops under General William T. Sherman burned Atlanta.

November 17, 1993 - The United Nations opened its first war crimes tribunal since the Nuremberg and Tokyo trials following World War II. Judges from 11 nations were sworn in to examine recent mass

murders in Yugoslavia characterized as ethnic cleansing.

November 19-20, 1990 - The Cold War came to an end during a summit in Paris as leaders of NATO and the Warsaw Pact signed a Treaty on Conventional Forces in Europe, vastly reducing their military arsenals.

November 20, 1943 - The Battle of Tarawa began in the Pacific War as American troops attacked the Japanese on the heavily fortified Gilbert Islands. It took eight days for the 5th Amphibious Corps, 2nd Marine Division and the 27th Infantry Division to take Tarawa and the Makin Islands. Over 1,000 Americans were killed with 2,311 wounded. The Japanese lost 4,700 men.

November 22, 1718 - Blackbeard the pirate (Edward Teach) was killed off the coast of North Carolina after a long and prosperous career. Lt. Governor Alexander Spotswood of Virginia had sent two sloops to put an end to him. The sailors encountered Blackbeard and Lt. Robert Maynard killed him in the fight that followed.

November 26, 1703 - A "Great Storm" lasting two days struck southern England, flooding the Thames and Severn Rivers, killing at least 8,000 persons.

November 28, 1520 - Portuguese explorer Ferdinand Magellan passed through the strait (of Magellan) located at the southern tip of South America, thus crossing from the Atlantic Ocean into the Pacific.

OUR NEXT MEETING: Our next meeting will be at 09:00 am, Saturday, November the 13th 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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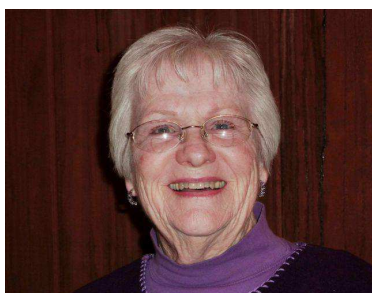


Martha Mabel Jefferson, know to all as Marty, KC6RIZ. One of founding members, Marty became a silent key on October 11, 2021.

Marty and her husband, Don KC6OCA, were both instrumental in the formation of our club in the fall 2005 and the spring of 2006. They opened their home to the founding group and we met many times around their dining room table. Marty made sure we had coffee and snacks and she used her secretarial skills to keep notes on the progress of our work. Once the club was formed, she served as Secretary from 2006 until 2016. She also took hundreds, if not thousands, of photos at the club meetings and events. She maintained a number of scrap books with newspaper articles and various memorabilia relating to the history of our club. She also had similar items from the previous clubs in the area.

When Jane, KA6CZS, desired to retire as net control of the Prune Juice and Baloney Sandwich Net, Marty stepped up and took over. In addition to the daily get together at 9 in the morning, she coordinated the monthly luncheons and quarterly breakfast at various places in the valley. She continued to do this until just a few weeks before her passing.

She has left some big shoes to fill and will be dearly missed by all. Services are currently pending with the afternoon of November 13, 2021 being considered. Check the website <http://n6krv.org/> for details as they become firmed up.



Donald Eric Jefferson KD6ECQ

Don was born on June 5, 1957 in Portland, Oregon, and passed away in his sleep on October 21, 2020, due to complications from Covid.

He moved from his home in Santa Ana, California of 50 odd years to retire in Bodfish with his wife Carol in January of this year.

A fierce patriot and loyal friend, Don was most known for his look, which was a cross between a biker dude, and a Viking – something he enjoyed tremendously. Any of his friends would have told you he was your fiercest ally, and would support them to the ends of the earth. He adored his wife Carol, cherished his children, and supported his parents at the drop of a hat.

A skilled and meticulous machinist, he was happiest fixing gadgets in his shop-garage, tuning up the car, or simply puttering around the house. An excellent cook, he loved to bake cheesecakes, pancake breakfasts and one heck of a barbeque.

He is survived by his best friend and wife, Carol (Elkins) Jefferson, his children Don E. Jefferson II, Paul Jefferson, Jared Jefferson, Jason Elkins and Carl Ledlow.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Martha Jefferson 9 days earlier.

His faithful support of a friend in need will live on through the lives he has touched, and his precious family.

May his final ride to heaven provide a peaceful end to his journey.



Time for a break....

“One of our 3500 or so books in our home library is a little Jewel called, “*The Wisdom of the West*”, by Criswell Freeman. Here are some of the “*Common Sense Quotations from Uncommon Geniuses*”: --- Al N6ALP

“Never give salt, or advice, until it is asked for.” ---- Unknown

“Live so that you wouldn’t mind selling your pet parrot to the town gossip.”
---- Will Rogers

“Talk low, talk slow, and don’t say too much.” ----- John Wayne

“What the World needs is dirtier fingernails and cleaner minds” --- Will Rogers

“You don’t sit down and wait for the cow to back up to you to be milked.”
---- The Farmer’s Almanac

“Don’t let what you can’t do interfere with what you can do.”
--- Coach John Wooden

“Peoples minds are changed through observation, not argument.”
--- Will Rogers

“We were content the way the Great Spirit made them. The white man is not, and would change the rivers and mountains to suit them.” ----- Chief Joseph

“Above all things, the plainsmen had to have a good sense of direction. I’ve never owned a compass in my life.” ---- Charles Goodnight

While I have your attention:

This month's meeting is another important one. It should also be another short one.

We will be electing the Club officers for next year. We will also be announcing the menu for the upcoming Christmas Party and accepting reservations for said party. Club dues are also payable. (See N6KRV.ORG for details)

It just doesn't get any more important than this!

If you don't attend you may find yourself elected.

Also, we are still looking for next year's Newsletter Editor. Not a single person has volunteered. (which is surprising given all the critics out there) So now is the time to let your creativity come out.

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Amateur Radio Emergency Service and SKYWARN Respond to Major Nor’easter

10/28/2021 :

A major nor’easter struck eastern Massachusetts and Rhode Island this week, with ferocious winds stronger than those that Tropical Storm Henri brought to the region in August.

Starting on the evening of October 26, eastern Massachusetts amateur radio operators on the Amateur Radio Emergency Service® (ARES®) and National Weather Service (NWS) SKYWARN™

“Nor’easter” continued...

storm spotter teams joined forces to help emergency services provide a focused and effective response as the powerful nor’easter caused widespread damage. Tree and wire damage, trees falling on homes and cars, and a few cases of direct structural damage to weakened structures have been reported. ARES and SKYWARN operations will continue until the impact of the weather system subsides.

“We have handled several hundred reports of damage, and photos of damage are streaming in from ARES and SKYWARN operators to support damage assessment efforts and to keep the NWS in Norton apprised of the severe weather conditions affecting the region,” said Rob Macedo, KD1CY, Eastern Massachusetts ARES Section Emergency Coordinator and ARES-SKYWARN Coordinator for NWS Boston/Norton.

ARES-SKYWARN operators relayed reports of hurricane-force wind gusts reaching 94 MPH in Edgartown, Massachusetts, at Chappy Ferry Point; 84 MPH in Dennis, Massachusetts; 79 MPH in Sandwich, Massachusetts, and 78 MPH in Rockport, Massachusetts. Amateur operators with WX1BOX, the amateur radio station at NWS Boston/Norton; Cape Cod ARES and SKYWARN, and South Coast SKYWARN completed overnight operations, when the peak winds occurred.

“The dedication of our volunteers to provide this critical information in a major storm like this one to the NWS, media, and emergency managers during such a grueling stretch is very critical to inform people what is happening during such a significant storm when they wake up in the morning, so they will hopefully make safe decisions to avoid being out in a significant severe wind situation,” Macedo said.

Cape Cod ARES was activated by the Barnstable County Regional Emergency Planning Committee (BCREPC) to staff the Multi-agency Coordination Center (MACC) at the Barnstable County Emergency Operations Center (EOC). The damages, power outages, and intermittent cell service from some providers could mean an extended activation for ARES members in Cape Cod and the Islands, Macedo explained.

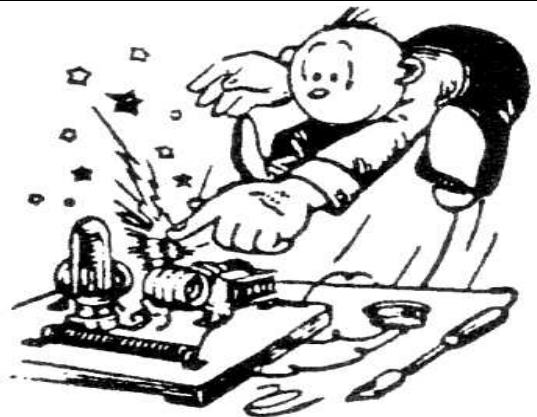
According to the Cape Cod and Islands ARES District Emergency Coordinator Frank O’Laughlin, WQ1O, “Damage assessments in the region will give us a better sense of how long it will take to restore power and in some cases communication service to the Cape [Cod] and Islands area, and that will determine how long Cape Cod ARES will be needed, and if additional support from Eastern Massachusetts ARES will be needed.”

Macedo called the nor’easter “one of our more extraordinary weather systems within the last few years, and the most severe of several other major SKYWARN/ARES activations in this past year.”

As many as 500,000 customers lost power in the ARRL Eastern Massachusetts Section, with hardest-hit areas in southeastern Massachusetts, Cape Cod and the Islands, and the Cape Ann area north of Boston, where hurricane-force wind gusts pummeled the region for several hours. Maximum sustained winds were 50 and 65 MPH. Rhode Island reported nearly 93,000 customers without power at the peak. These outages were an order of magnitude greater than during Tropical Storm Henri in Rhode Island, and about five orders of magnitude more severe than Henri in Massachusetts.

Storm conditions wound down toward the evening of October 27, allowing the process of more widespread power restoration to begin.

What do you call a thieving alligator ?



A Crookodile !

STRANGE HEADLINES

1. "Homicide Victims Rarely Talk to Police"
2. "The Majority of Americans, 4 out of 10, Say They Hate Math"
3. "Breathing Oxygen Linked to Staying Alive"
4. "Thief Found in Violin Case"
5. "Statistics Show Teen Pregnancies Drop Significantly After 25"
6. "Marijuana Decision Sent to Joint Committee"
7. "China May Be Using the Sea to Hide Submarines"
8. "Federal Agents Raid Gun Shop, Find Weapons"
9. "Diana Was Still Alive Hours Before She Died"
10. "Man Kills Himself and Runs Away"
11. "A Nuclear Explosion Would Be A Disaster"
12. World Bank says, "Poor Need More Money"
13. "One-Armed Man Applauds Kindness of Strangers"
14. "Bridges a Big Help to Cross Rivers"
15. "Mississippi's Literacy Program Showing Improvement"
16. "Northfield Plans to Plan Strategic Plan"
17. "Rooms with broken air conditioners hotter than others"

(submitted by Al Price N6ALP)

I won \$3 million on the lottery this weekend so I decided to donate a quarter of it to charity. Now I have \$2,999,999.75.

Q:Where do ghosts like to travel on vacation?

A: - -.. . -..

The Problem With New Jeans

I was at the customer-service desk, returning a pair of jeans that was too tight.

"Was anything wrong with them?" the clerk asked.

"Yes," I said. "They hurt my feelings."

Wonder Pig

A farmer had a three legged pig and his neighbor asked him why the pig had only three legs. "Well, I'll tell you" the farmer replied. "One day I was plowing my field and the tractor turned over and pinned me underneath. That pig ran for help. He saved my life". "Oh, that's how he lost his leg?" the neighbor drawled. "No. One night my wife and I were sound asleep and the house caught on fire. That pig woke us up. He saved our lives!" "So that's how he lost his leg", stated the neighbor. "No, that wasn't it" the farmer affirmed. Exasperated, the neighbor demanded "Then how did he lose his leg?" and the farmer replied, "When you have a pig that good, you don't eat him all at once!"



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Serving the Kern River Valley and Walker Basin



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