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3813.0 Mhz

VHF Net – Friday 7PM
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Prune Juice & BS Net

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

SARG Monthly Meetings

Second Sat. (exc. Dec.)
Kern Valley Elk's Lodge
6708 Wofford Blvd
Wofford Heights, CA 93285

Happy New Year,

We had a great Christmas Party with wonderful fellowship. Thanks to the KRV Elks Lodge for the venue, dinner and great service. Thanks to our Christmas Swag committee, Christine Hesse, KK6AZQ, Cheryl Ripley, KN6PUQ, Janet Higgins and Christine Hancock for the decorations and gifts. Thanks to our Program Chair, Cheryl Ripley, KN6PUQ and the Kern River Chorus for great entertainment. Thanks to Mike Higgins, KA6IYS, our Treasurer and Bill Hesse, N6TF our Membership Chair for arranging and conducting the raffle and the give-away. Thanks to everyone who donated the gifts. Thanks to everyone who attended and made it a party.

Thanks for your confidence in electing me to be your new president. I'll rely on your support, guidance, participation and help to make our club successful.

Our Program Chair has arranged for speakers from Kern Valley Search and Rescue to provide us with information about their group at our January 8th meeting.

We look forward to seeing you there and to many more fun events throughout this New Year.

Dale, KG6TBQ

January Program

As mentioned in the Prez Sez our January 8th program will be a presentation from Kern Valley Search and Rescue. They will cover some of their recent accomplishments and let us know how we can be of help to them during their call outs. They are an all-volunteer program and survive on donations from the public. Even though they support the Sheriff's Office, they are not funded by them. If you can, be prepared to offer them a donation, I know they will appreciate it.

Computer Repair

If you need help with your computer you might want to contact this guy. He is Christy Hancock's son-in-law.



From the ARRL 12/08/2021

This is the November 2021 report of Volunteer Monitor (VM) Program activity. The VM program is a joint initiative between ARRL and the FCC to enhance compliance in the Amateur Radio Service.

Operators in Ardmore, Tennessee; Lithonia, Georgia; Coconut Creek and Miramar, Florida, and East Bridgewater, Massachusetts, were issued Advisory Notices regarding excessive bandwidth, contrary to FCC rules. The

operators were transmitting on SSB with bandwidths of 8 to 9 kHz.

Advisory Notices were issued to operators in Northridge (Los Angeles) and Hemet, California, for interference to repeaters. Both operators had been requested by the repeater trustees to cease using the repeaters. The Advisory Notice issued to the Northridge operator cited broadcasting and failure to identify, and it informed them that the FCC was requested not to grant their upcoming renewal application unless the case was resolved.

An Advisory Notice was issued to an operator in Powell, Wyoming, for transmitting overdriven FT8 signals that resulted in spurious emissions. The operator has since corrected the problem.

General-class operators in Bartonville, Illinois, and St. Clair, Michigan, were issued Advisory Notices for operation in the Amateur Extra-class portion of 40 meters. A Technician-class licensee in Windber, Pennsylvania, was issued an Advisory Notice for operating in the General-class portion of 75 meters.

One case was referred to the FCC for enforcement action and review of a license renewal application. The FCC referred two cases to the VM Program.

Totals for VM monitoring during October were 2,939 hours on HF frequencies, and 3,282 hours on VHF frequencies and above, for a total of 6,221 hours. That is the highest number of hours monitoring since the inception of the VM Program. — Thanks to Volunteer Monitor Program Administrator Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH

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“A HISTORY OF US”

[Submitted by Al Price, N6ALP]

Those of you, who have read a lot of local history, you know for a fact that during the California Gold Rush various merchants, store owners, and land speculators planted stories about fabulous finds, just to bring starry-eyed customers (prospectors) to our area. Would it surprise you to find out that this was not a new trick, but has been going on since the beginning of time?

For example, Jayne and I have a 10 volume set of books called, “A History of Us”, authored by Joy Hakim, (and winner of the James A. Michener Prize in Writing). In Book 2, Chapter 2, “Across the Ocean”, when talking about the Englishmen, standing on the dock, waiting to come to America to establish “Jamestown”, she says:

“Of the 105 men who stood on the docks, more than half of them listed themselves as gentlemen. In England, gentlemen were neither trained, nor expected to do work. They lived on family money, had the time for adventure; and they hoped to find riches. Most brought their best clothes for the trip: their puffed-knee pants, silk stockings, their feathered hats, and gaudy blouses.” Of course there were fabulous stories from the Spanish and the French about this land across the sea where there were mountains of gold, “Why, men with their chamber pots and gold pans gather gold, silver, diamonds, and rubies right there by the seashore!”

“Those in the plainer clothes were these gentlemen’s servants; a few were also carpenters and a few brick layers; four of them were boys --- probably orphans or runaways. They boarded the ships in December 1606, but did not lose sight of England until February 1607. These English

gentlemen were determined to enrich England and themselves too.”

Chapter 4, English Settlers Come to Stay ---- “It was April 1607, when three small ships the *Susan Constant*, the *Discovery*, and the *Godspeed*, who had been sent by a business corporation called the London Company, landed at the mouth of what is now called the Chesapeake Bay. As it turned out, they couldn’t have picked a worst spot to land.

The land was swampy, the drinking water was bad, and the area was hot in the summer and freezing cold in the winter. The mosquitoes also drove them crazy and carried malaria. To be fair, they had been misled about the New World. They expected to find gold at their feet upon landing, and spent valuable, but wasted time looking for it. To make things worse, there wasn’t one farmer among them.

The London Company, which sponsored the voyage, expected them to find riches, and to claim land for themselves, and land for the company. What was worse, each passenger, gentleman or common worker, was paid the same salary, whether they worked or not!

They had bad luck, lots of bad luck. By 1609, more than half of the men had already died, and the rest were surviving on a can of water with barley or sod in it, and they also were eating rats, mice, dogs, cats, and all types of serpents. “Few escaped the Starving Times” wrote Captain George Percy, who was now the governor of Jamestown.

The Indians realized the Englishmen could neither hunt nor fish, so they made sure they could starve them out by keeping them inside their stockade. In May of 1610, when two English ships came to their rescue, of the 500 or so who were there the previous year, only 60 remained alive. The settlers had been forced to burn most of their buildings just

to keep warm, and the survivors looked like walking skeletons. June 7, 1610 the survivors said goodbye to Jamestown and boarded and thought they were going back to England. No such luck, Lord de la Warr (for whom Delaware was named) turned them around and sent them back to Jamestown.

More ships came, along with more settlers, more skillful laborers, and livestock, but still the damp weather and poor land claimed lives, among them, Governor de la Warr. The new governor Sir Thomas Dale took command, and recognized the need to move to a healthier location. He was a stern taskmaster, and the new town was built in only four months. Why? Anyone who broke one of his rules, or refused to work, got whipped. Three offenses and you were executed --- so everyone worked! The new town was called Henrico, in honor of the English King's oldest son Henry. This area is now called Richmond, Virginia, but is in Henrico County, and a new Gold was found ---- tobacco!

Hope you enjoyed the history --- Al Price

Volunteer Exam Program

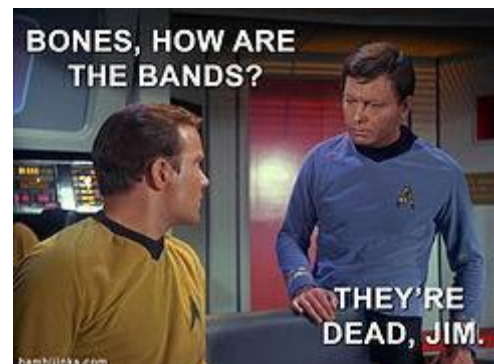
The local volunteer examiners have scheduled monthly exam sessions on the third Saturday of each month. We no longer test after our meetings on the second Saturday. The exams are administered at 11AM in the Community Center for Valley Estates Association of Property Owners, 14213 Allen Ave., Weldon, CA 93283. The cost to the examinee is \$10 and the fee lets you take all three class level exams as long as you pass them in order and at one session. Re-tests of failed levels is usually discouraged, and if allowed a re-test fee of \$10 applies. The exams are administered through the Greater Los Angeles Amateur Radio Group (GLAARG). If you prefer to take a remote exam visit GLAARG.ORG for more details. You **MUST**

preregister. Forms and directions are on the N6KRV.ORG website.

The Technician Class Exam will be changing on July 1, 2022. If you know of anyone studying for this exam please let them know they need to study the correct question pool to avoid any surprises at exam time.

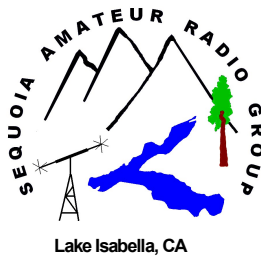
All three exam question pools are on the club website and have only the correct answer shown for study purposes. Anyone wishing to see the entire question pool with all 4 possible answers listed should go to <http://www.ncvec.org>. There are multiple websites offering practice exams to assist you in preparing for a test.

Too True



All I wanted for Christmas was a good 75 meter band. Dang, I didn't get it!





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