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Monday – 6:45PM
145.450(-) PL 156.7

Club Nets

HF Net -Tue/Thu/Sat 8PM
3813.0 Mhz

VHF Net – Wed 7PM
145.450(-) PL 156.7

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

The Prez Sez:

Hello All,

Well, we've broken out of winter into some beautiful spring weather. It's perfect for our outdoor projects and activities. We're looking forward to green hills and wildflowers. We're hoping for more rain and higher levels in the lake, the river and our ground water.

Our next meeting will be Saturday, February 12th 0930 at the KRV Elks Lodge. We look forward to lots of friendly conversation, donuts and coffee. We plan to have a free door prize drawing for all in attendance as well as a 50/50 drawing (6 chances to win for \$5.00). We look forward to seeing you there and at many more fun events throughout this year.

Dale, KG6TBQ

Computer Repair

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



February Program

We are fortunate to once again have a presentation from Al, N6ALP, and Jayne, KK6JPZ, who will share some history about Kern County. This presentation will be timely as it will include the history of Whisky Flat. They will be taking questions about the area around Rabbit Island and present a Power Point slide show they call "Founding of Kern County", it talks about Keyesville, Whiskey Flat, the floods of 1862 & 1868, Asbury Harpending, the establishment of Havilah as the new County Seat, then the transferring to Bakersfield, and the "Firsts" that were established in Havilah before we lost the County Seat.



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.



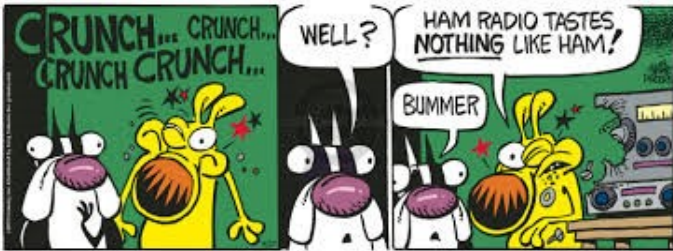
The Technician Class Exam will be changing on July 1, 2022. If you know of anyone studying for this exam, please let them know they need to study the correct question pool to avoid any surprises at exam time.

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.

Prune Juice Net



Every day, except Sunday, the Prune Juice and Baloney Sandwich Net meets at 9AM on the Rocky Point Repeater 145.450(-) 156.7. For those of you that don't live in range of the repeater you can use Echolink to check in. Connect your Echolink client to KA6IYS-R and you will be able to hear the net. The net control is normally Mike, KA6IYS, and he will keep an eye on the Echolink node to help you get a chance to transmit. Due to the squelch tail on the repeater, it is hard to break in using Echolink, the users of the repeater have to let the carrier drop and allow you time to key up. Even if you don't try to transmit you can monitor the net.



Monthly PJ Lunch

The monthly luncheons are back in swing after a COVID induced hiatus. Last months lunch at the Dam Korner was a resounding success. The next one will be February 16, 2022. We will eat at the Pizza Barn in Kernville, 11:30AM. RSVP's and location suggestions to Jayne KK6JPZ. jaynehotkiss1@hotmail.com.

The Cowboy's Haircut & Shave

An old cowboy walks into a barbershop for a shave and a haircut.

He tells the barber he can't get all his whiskers off because his cheeks are wrinkled from age. The barber gets a little wooden ball from a cup on the shelf and tells the old cowboy to put it inside his cheek to spread out the skin.

When he's finished, the old cowboy tells the barber that was the cleanest shave he'd had in years, but he wanted to know what would have happened if he had accidentally swallowed that little ball. The barber replied, "Just bring it back in a couple of days like everyone else does."

The secret to a long life

A tough old cowboy from Texas counseled his granddaughter that if she wanted to live a long life, the secret was to sprinkle a pinch of gun powder on her oatmeal every morning.

The granddaughter did this religiously until the age of 103, when she died. She left behind 14 children, 30 grandchildren, 45 great-grandchildren, 25 great-great-grandchildren, and a 40-foot deep hole where the crematorium used to be.

--- Al N6ALP

The Skinny Little Dude

“Hey Dude, You're Gonna' Buy”

From Joy Hakim's, “History of Us”, Volume 8, page 148, Ch 28, “From Dude to Cowboy”.

From one of his adventures, and in his own words:

“I was out after four horses ... it was late in the evening when I reached the place. I heard one or two shots coming from the bar room as I rode up, and disliked the thought of going in. But --- there was nowhere else to go, and it was a cold night. Inside the room there were several men, who, including the bartender, who were wearing smiles on their faces and making believe that they liked what they really didn't like. A shabby individual in a broad hat, with a cocked gun in each hand, was walking up and down the floor talking with strident profanity. He had evidently been shooting at the wall clock, which had two or three bullet holes in its face.

... As soon as he saw me he hailed me as “Four Eyes”, in reference to my spectacles, and said very loudly, “Four Eyes is going to treat.” I joined in the laughter as I sat down behind the stove, thinking to escape further notice. He followed me however, and though I tried to pass it off as just a jest, this merely made him more offensive, and he stood, leaning over me, with a gun in each hand, using very foul language ... In response to his reiterated command that I should set up a round of drinks, I said, ' Well, if I've got to, I've got to,' and rose while looking past him.

However, as I rose, I struck him quick and hard with my right, just to one side of the point of his jaw, hitting also as I straightened out my left, and then again with the right. He fired his guns [as] he went down ... he was knocked senseless. I took away his guns.”

The skinny dude with the glasses had been on the boxing team at Harvard, and could have, if he wanted to, bought not only the drinks, but the bar, the hotel, and even the town. He was a young Theodore Roosevelt, later to be the U.S. vice-president, then president. And yes, “the next day the bully left town on a freight train”.

I HOPE YOU ENJOYED THIS BIT OF TRUE HISTORY!

---- Al Price, N6ALP

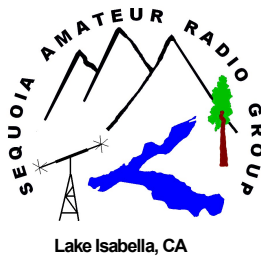
CQ CQ - Miss Kitty invades Pete's shack.



Slot Antenna

The plans for the 2-meter slot antenna that was built in the 1970's and 1980's by Gene Sawyer, WA6UYW (SK), are on our N6KRV.ORG website. There are photos of Bill N6TF's slot antenna there as well. There is a link on the front page to the MISC page where the document is located. Thanks to Gene's son, Jim, N7ZN for sharing and to Bill, N6TF, for the photos.





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