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ARES Net

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,

Thanks to Al Price for compiling and bringing the club archives to the March meeting at the Valley Estates Community Center. It was great to be reminded of our club's roots and its history back to 2006. It's an honor for me to serve this great club full of wonderful people.

Thanks to everyone who provided food for a great spread at the pot-luck lunch. Thanks to Mike and Valley Estates for providing the venue. Thanks to everyone who prepared for and cleaned-up after the meeting. Thanks to everyone who showed-up for fellowship, fun and conversation. We gave away door prizes and a 50/50 prize.

We look forward to seeing everyone at our next meeting, 09:30 on Saturday May 14th at the KRV Elks Lodge. Our speaker is to be our own Mike Higgins talking about the upcoming ARRL Field Day and our club's plans for the event. We'll have more door prizes and another 50/50 - HT raffle.

Dale, KG6TBQ



Services will be held at 11AM Saturday May 21, 2022 in St. Jude's Catholic Church, 86 Nellie Dent Dr, Wofford Heights, CA 93285 for silent Key Joseph "Skip"

Reymann N6SR. Skip was one of our club's founders and served as club president for 3 terms. Skip's call sign has been on the Rocky Point Repeater 145.450 (-) 156.7PL starting before it moved to Rocky Point from Skip's house on Sawmill Road. Skip's family has agreed to allow the Rocky Point Amateur Radio Club to honor Skip's memory by giving us permission to apply for Skip's call sign for the club and we can then retain the N6SR call on the repeater. The paperwork to accomplish this is currently in process.

SOME INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT SOME OF OUR LOCAL HISTORY

---- by Al Price, N6ALP

A friend of ours, Dr. Gregg Wilkerson, recently retired as a senior geologist for the California Division of the Federal Bureau of Land Management, or the BLM (*not to be confused with the other BLM*). Jayne, KK6JPZ, and I just happen to have a copy of a 162 page "Field Guide" that Gregg wrote in 2017, called, **"Geology and Mining History of the Kern Canyon, Lake Isabella, Walker Basin, Kern County California"** (say that three times fast!) Gregg also teaches Geology at Bakersfield College.

Jayne and I were reading this field guide the other day, and came up with some facts Dr. Gregg covers in that book that you might also think are interesting:

- Did you know there was hydraulic mining (high-pressure water cannons to wash away the hillside, to get to the gold)

along the now Hwy 178 at Rich Bar? There was, and on page 31 of the guide, Dr. Gregg says, "The Kern river was diverted to the southeast so the river terrace to the northwest could be washed away to get at underlying gold-bearing gravels."

- Then, on page 34, he says, "Throughout this segment of the trip there are several white and blue/green road marker signs labeled "SAL". These identify nesting sites of the endangered Kern Canyon Slender Salamander (*Batrachoseps simatus*) found within the canyon from an elevation of 1,000 feet to 4,000 feet (305 to 1220 meters)." He goes on to say, the salamander is speckled grayish – brownish – olive in color and the largest species measured was 5.1 inches (120 millimeters) to the end of its tail. It is nocturnal during the moist periods November to May, and retreats underground during the dry season, searching for moist underground niches, or seepage areas. And, "These species are being monitored, holding up further Highway 178 development."
- Then on to page 40, where it says, "Old Kern River Road to Miracle Hot Springs. Miracle Hot Springs was closed due to health and safety violations by the Kern County Health Department. The hot spring waters are high in uranium and radon. Uranium is very common in granitic rocks. In the 1950's some people thought that small amounts of exposure to radioactivity was good for health." And on page 41, "Dahlonge Hot Springs waters as well as Miracle Hot Springs contain uranium and radon." The Dahlonge Hot Springs site is now on

PRIVATE PROPERTY, AND PERMISSION FROM THE LANDOWNER MUST BE OBTAINED IN ORDER TO USE THE SPRINGS. Dahlongega Hot Springs was on the old mule path up the canyon to the Hot Springs Valley (now the Kern River Valley), but was bypassed in 1976 when Highway 178 was opened up. Didn't matter much, the business declined and the hotel and hot springs were closed in 1912.

WE HOPE YOU ENJOYED THIS PART OF THE TRIP!

VE Exams & Licensing

As many of you are already aware the FCC has implemented a \$35 fee for the issuance or renewal of all radio licenses, this includes ham radio. We can still upgrade or modify our license at no charge. Modifications include address changes, name changes and email addresses on file with the FCC. At the time this newsletter is being prepared the FCC has put a temporary hold on processing amateur licenses due to problems with their computers and the new fees. Hopefully this problem should be resolved soon.

Our club sponsors monthly exam sessions on the third Saturday of the month and we process the paper work through the Greater Los Angeles Amateur Radio Group. GLAARG charges less than most VEC's and has a waiver policy for many applicants. The \$10 exam fee is waived for veterans, active students and first responders. If you wish to take an in-person exam look at www.n6krv.org on the EXAM page for details on how to sign up. If you wish to take your exam online you may get more details at www.glaarg.org.

From Pete W6SV

PRESBYTERIAN:

When you rearrange the letters: BEST IN PRAYER

ASTRONOMER:

When you rearrange the letters: MOON STARER

DESPERATION:

When you rearrange the letters: A ROPE ENDS IT

THE EYES:

When you rearrange the letters: THEY SEE

GEORGE BUSH:

When you rearrange the letters: HE BUGS GORE

THE MORSE CODE:

When you rearrange the letters: HERE COME DOTS

DORMITORY:

When you rearrange the letters: DIRTY ROOM

SLOT MACHINES:

When you rearrange the letters: CASH LOST IN ME

ANIMOSITY:

When you rearrange the letters: IS NO AMITY

ELECTION RESULTS:

When you rearrange the letters: LIES - LET'S RECOUNT

SNOOZE ALARMS

When you rearrange the letters: ALAS! NO MORE Z 'S

A DECIMAL POINT:

When you rearrange the letters: I'M A DOT IN PLACE

THE EARTHQUAKES:

When you rearrange the letters: THAT QUEER SHAKE

ELEVEN PLUS TWO:

When you rearrange the letters: TWELVE PLUS ONE

AND FOR THE GRAND FINALE:

MOTHER-IN-LAW:

When you rearrange the letters:

WOMAN HITLER



Monthly Luncheon

This month in place of a luncheon, we are going to have a **breakfast**. It will be on the third Wednesday of the month (May 18, 2022) and will be held at 9AM at the Red Rooster Café in Mt. Mesa, 12408 Mt. Mesa Rd., Mt. Mesa. It is next to the Shell gas station for those of you that may not have been there before. PLEASE RSVP to Jayne, KK6JPZ, if you plan to attend: jhotchkissprice1@hotmail.com.

Area Nets

Don't forget that we have a number of nets throughout the month. There is the oldest continuing net in the Kern River Valley each morning, except Sunday, at 9AM on the local 145.450 (-) 156.7PM repeater. This is the Prune Juice and Baloney Sandwich Net and it has been going on since the late 1970's or early 1980's. This is a friendly round robin net that usually goes two rounds. For those of you that live out of the area and can't get on the repeater directly you can hook up via Echolink by linking to KA6IYS-R. There is a delay using this method, but you should be able to hear the other stations and get in at the end of a round for your turn to talk.

Three nights a week we hold the Kern River Valley HF net on 75 meters. Our current go to frequency is 3.813Mhz in the general portion of the band. Most of us use a wire antenna of some sort and are horizontally polarized in the NVIS configuration. That makes the antenna easy to put up is good for nearby communications.

On Monday evenings at 6:45PM there is an Amateur Radio Emergency Services (ARES) net check in on 146.550 FM Simplex here in the Kern River Valley. If you miss this net and want to get checked into the weekly ARES availability count you can check in on the Breckenridge Repeater, 145.150 (-) 100.0PL at 7PM.

Get Well Soon



If you know of anyone on the sick or injured list, please let Cheryl, KN6PUQ, know so she can send them a card.

Sound Familiar?

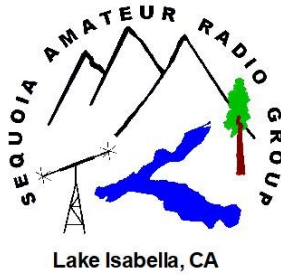
Three older ladies were discussing the travails of getting older.

One said, "Sometimes I catch myself with a jar of mayonnaise in my hand in front of the refrigerator and can't remember whether I need to put it away or start making a sandwich."

The second lady chimed in, "Yes, sometimes I find myself on the landing of the stairs and can't remember whether I was on my way up or on my way down."

The third one responded, "Well, I'm glad I don't have that problem; knock on wood," as she rapped her knuckles on the table.

Then she told them, "That must be the door; I'll get it!"



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