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The Prez Sez:

Hello All,

You won't want to miss our next club meeting! Important events will happen; election of the club's 2023 officers and ticket purchase for our Christmas dinner party. The meeting will be at our regular time and place, 9:30AM, Saturday, November 12th at the Kern Valley Elks Lodge, 6708 Wofford Blvd in Wofford Heights.

We need at least a quorum of our membership to attend the meeting and elect the new officers. The full slate of officers is up for consideration. Please volunteer to be elected as our new President, Vice President or Secretary.

We plan to hand out free tickets for a door prize drawing. We'll also sell \$1 tickets for a 50/50 or HT raffle. We're continuing to sell special \$5 raffle tickets for the MFJ-948 Antenna Tuner.

We look forward to seeing you there. Come participate and join the fun!

Dale, KG6TBQ

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ARES Net

Monday – 6:45PM
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Club Nets

HF Net -Tue/Thu/Sat 8PM
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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

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

Time Change

Don't forget to set your clock BACK one hour Saturday November 5, 2022. We return to Pacific Standard Time at 2AM on Sunday the 6th. Enjoy your extra hour of sleep.



Meeting Program

Our next meeting is Saturday November 12, 2022. We will meet at the Kern River Valley Elk's Lodge, 6708 Wofford Blvd., Wofford Heights, CA 93285. Doors open at 9, meeting starts at 9:30. This will be a very important meeting, we elect officers for the upcoming year. We have a slate of officers who have agreed to run. Most of them are the current office holders and NONE of them would be upset if someone else placed their name on the ballot. Please consider holding an office and giving our current officers some time off.

After the election Al Price, N6ALP, will continue his program from September and we will have Part II of Historic Sites Around Kern County.

Christmas Dinner



Our Christmas Dinner will be held on Saturday December 10, 2022 at the Elk's Lodge. The choice of entrees this year are still not determined. We will have details at the next meeting as to the cost and your choices.

Please be prepared to pay at the meeting as we have to guarantee a head count to the Elk's.

2023 Dues

Dues this year will return to \$20 for an individual membership and \$25 for a family membership. We pay the Elk's monthly for the use of the hall and we have insurance and a post office box to pay for during the year. We use the excess at the end of the year for the "Swag" at the Christmas Dinner.

Ham Radio License Exams

We continue to offer in person license exams through the Greater Los Angeles Amateur Radio Group to anyone who is interested and can travel to Weldon. We normally offer the exams on the third Saturday of the month at 11AM in the Valley Estates Community Center, 14213 Allen Ave., Weldon, CA 93283. Go to the Exam Info page at N6KRV.ORG for details and a form that needs to be filled out at least 24 hours in advance of taking an exam. A new Technician exam went into effect on July 1, 2022. If you have any questions contact Mike, KA6IYS, (760) 378-1028 or mike@n6krv.org.



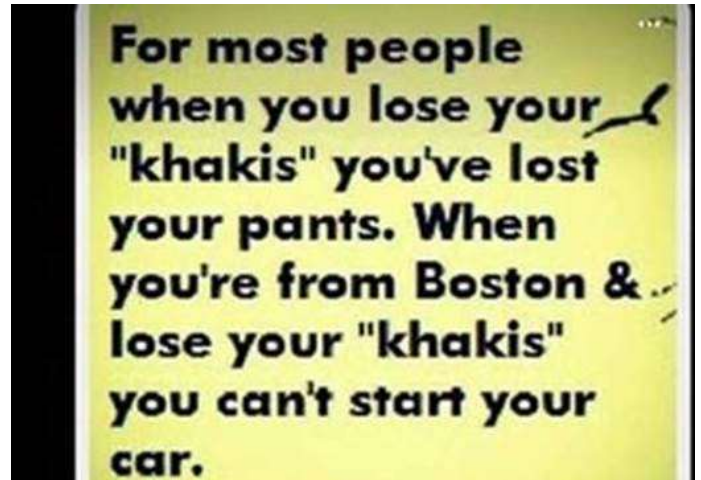
If you know of anyone under the weather let our club Secretary or Vice President know so that a card and/or flowers can be sent.

Prune Juice and Baloney Sandwich Luncheon



The PJ&BS lunch will not be held this month. We are getting close to the holiday season. Luncheons will resume in January 2023.

A Few Funnies from W6SV



Have you ever noticed that all instruments searching for intelligent life...



Are pointed away from Earth

Mary “Stagecoach Mary” Fields

(Article from the “History Channel” Website)

Stolen (borrowed) by AI Price



Meet Stagecoach Mary, the Daring Black Pioneer Who Protected Wild West Stagecoaches

Would-be mail thieves didn't stand a chance against Stagecoach Mary. The hard-drinking, quick-shooting mail carrier sported two guns and men's clothing.

ORIGINAL ARTICLE:

SEP 14, 2017

Bandits beware: In 1890s Montana, would-be mail thieves didn't stand a chance against Stagecoach Mary. The hard-drinking, quick-shooting mail carrier sported two guns, men's clothing and a

bad attitude. As the first African American woman to carry mail, she stood out on the trail—and became a Wild West legend. Rumor had it that she'd fended off an angry pack of wolves with her rifle, [had](#) “the temperament of a grizzly bear,” and was not above a gunfight. ***But how much of Stagecoach Mary's story is myth? Here's what we know:***

Born Mary Fields in around 1832, Fields was born into slavery, and like many other enslaved people, her exact date of birth is not known. Even the place of her birth is questionable, though historians have pinpointed Hickman County, Tennessee as the most likely location. At the time, enslaved people were treated like pieces of a property; their numbers were recorded in record books, their names were not.

Her story becomes clearer after the end of the [Civil War](#), when she was freed. Many formerly enslaved people headed north to friendlier territory. So did Fields, who seems to have gone up the Mississippi River working on riverboats and acting as a servant and laundress for families along the way. She ended up in Ohio, living a life that was well outside the norm—in a convent.

It's not clear how Fields discovered the Ursuline Convent of the Sacred Heart in Toledo, Ohio. Some accounts say she accompanied a daughter of the Warner family to the convent. Others say she

headed there with a family friend who was a nun.

The religious community, [*which still exists today*](#), was serene and disciplined. There, Fields worked as a groundskeeper. Her gruff style and penchant for cursing raised eyebrows in the quiet convent. When asked how her journey to Toledo was, she reportedly told one of the nuns that she was ready for “a good cigar and a drink.” Historical records show that the nuns [*complained*](#) about her volatile temper and her “difficult” nature.

[*According to historian Dee Garceau-Hagen*](#), one nun remembered Fields’ wrath when anyone disturbed her lovingly kept grounds, saying “God help anyone who walked on the lawn after Mary had cut it.” Fields also tussled with the nuns over her wages—behavior that would have shocked white women who expected African Americans to be well behaved and subservient.

Though Fields struggled to adjust to the sheltered life of the convent, she did make a friend: Mother Amadeus Dunne, the convent’s Mother Superior. [*Known for her fearlessness and charisma*](#), Dunne was called to missionary work by her bishop and headed to Montana where she founded an Ursuline convent there in 1884. There, she assisted Jesuit priests who were starting schools for the Blackfeet Nation. In 1885, Fields got

word that the beloved nun was gravely ill, and headed to Montana to help her.

The West suited Fields, who nursed Dunne back to health and began working for her new convent near Cascade, Montana. But though she faithfully served the nuns in the harsh, sparsely populated community, *news of her subversive behavior reached the bishop*, who raised serious concerns about Fields’ habits of drinking, smoking, shooting guns and wearing men’s clothing. When Fields and the convent’s male janitor pointed guns at one another during an argument, it was the final straw.

Kicked out of the convent, Fields was on her own—and she set about living a life that was shocking by 19th-century standards. She took in laundry and did odd jobs, started businesses and became known for liking hard liquor and gunfights.

This tough reputation ended up paying off. In 1895, she got a contract from the postal service to become [*a star route carrier*](#)—an independent contractor who carried mail using a stagecoach donated by Mother Amadeus. It suited Fields to a tee. As a star carrier, her job was to protect the mail on her route from thieves and bandits and to deliver mail. She was only the second woman in the United States (and the first African American woman) to serve in that role. She was not an employee of the [*United States*](#)

[Post Office Department](#), which did not hire or employ mail carriers for star routes, but rather awarded star route contracts to persons who proposed the lowest qualified bids. These people, in accordance with the department's application process, posted bonds and sureties to substantiate their ability to finance the route. Once a contract was awarded, the contractor could then drive the route themselves, sublet the route, or hire an experienced driver.

Fields had the star route contract for the delivery of U.S. mail from [Cascade, Montana](#), to [Saint Peter's Mission](#). She drove the route for two four-year contracts, from 1895 to 1899 and from 1899 to 1903.

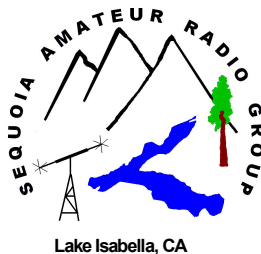
“Stagecoach Mary” or “Black Mary,” as she was nicknamed, carried a rifle and a revolver. She met trains with mail, then drove her stagecoach over rocky, rough roads and through snow and inclement weather. And though she intimidated would-be thieves with her height and her tough demeanor, she became beloved by locals, who praised her generosity and her kindness to children.

For eight years, even though she was in her 60's, Fields protected and delivered the mail. Eventually age caught up to her and she retired at around 71. Records do say that she and her mule “Moses” never missed a day of mail delivery. If the snow was too high, she put on snowshoes to make sure the mail got through.

After she retired, she took in laundry, and babysat for the local children, “to make a few bucks.” The community rallied to support her, despite occasional “dust-ups” with neighbors. Local restaurateurs gave her free meals; saloon regulars chatted with her *until bars became forbidden to woman due to a town ordinance, (another article says, 'she was so loved, the Mayor of Cascade granted her an exemption. This article also said that in 1912 when she lost her home to a fire, the townspeople rebuilt it for her.)* When she died on December 5, 1914, her funeral was one of the largest the town had ever seen. For years, the schools in Cascade closed each year on her birthday to celebrate her life, even though she was buried outside of Cascade.

Because of scant records and the temptation to create Wild West legends out of ordinary people, many facts about Field's life are still fuzzy. What is clear is that her real-life persona was extraordinary enough to draw plenty of attention on its own. Mary Fields didn't need to be a myth to stand out from the crowd.





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