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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,

We had a fun get-together, swap meet, hot dog roast and potluck at Valley Estates last time on May 13th. It was great fun seeing everyone. The food was wonderful and the fellowship even better.

We look forward to seeing everyone again at our next meeting, June 10th at the KRV Elks Lodge in Wofford Heights at 0930. We'll hear from our featured speaker, Steven Hendricks, KK6JTB, ARRL Assistant Section Manager from Ridgecrest about their response after Independence Day earthquakes a couple of years ago.

At this meeting we will resume free door prizes, a 50/50 raffle and a special raffle for the dynamic microphone donated by Torin Swinland, KK6YAB.

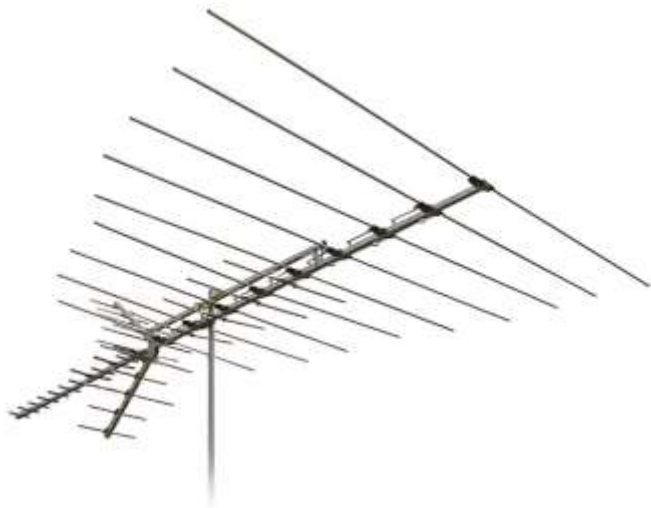
We look forward to seeing everyone there. Come and join the fun!

Dale, KG6TBQ

Ham Radio License Exams

The club provides exams for new licenses and upgrades on a monthly basis, except December, at the Valley Estates Community Center, 14213 Allen Avenue, Weldon, CA 93283. The sessions are normally held on the third Saturday of the month at 11AM. You must preregister at least one day in advance. The forms and instructions to preregister are on the club website at <https://n6krv.org/exam-info/> . The exam fee is \$10 and there are waivers available as detailed on the webpage. The Federal Communications Commission also has a fee and, in most cases, it is \$35 and is not generally waived. We do not collect the FCC fee; they will provide payment directions after they receive and process your paperwork.

If you plan to take the General Class examination, please be aware a new question pool will take effect July 1, 2023. You can find the old and new question pools at <http://www.ncvec.org/> .



Get on the air! Join us every weekday morning, except Sunday, on the Prune Juice net on the Rocky Point Repeater, 145.450(-), 156.7 Tone, 9AM.



Sickness and Distress

If you know of anyone that should be listed here, please let the editor know at editor@n6krv.org

Random Facts from the OMG Calendar

Queen ants can live up to 28 years.

Camels store fatty tissue in their humps, not water.

Sixty-five percent of test subjects had the urge to yawn after merely reading about yawning.

The total weight of bacteria living in the human body is 2-6 pounds (or 1-3% of our total weight).

Dr. Suess coined the word nerd. The term originated in the 1950 book *If I Ran the Zoo*. From the book: "And then, just to show them, I'll sail to Ka-Troo. And Bring Back an IT-KUTCH, a PREEP, and a PROO, a NERKLR, a NERD, and a SEERSUCKER too!"

The original pack of Skittles doesn't contain the color blue. Therefore, you can't actually taste the rainbow.

Oysters that commercially produce pearls are NOT in the same family as edible oysters. The edible varieties of oysters can produce pearls but it is very rare.

Recycling can make one person's trash another person's treasure! One metric ton of electronic scrap from personal computers contains more gold than that recovered from 17 metric tons of gold ore.

Owls are the only bird that lowers their upper eyelids to blink. All other birds raise their lower lid to blink.

It only takes one slow-walking person in the grocery store to destroy the illusion that I'm a nice person.

This is why Shetland ponies never caught on in Wyoming.



IT'S FINE TO EAT A "TEST" GRAPE IN THE PRODUCE SECTION BUT YOU TAKE ONE BITE OF A ROTISSERIE CHICKEN AND IT'S ALL, "SIR YOU NEED TO LEAVE."

@SIMONCHOLLAND

I SPEND A LOT OF TIME HOLDING THE REFRIGERATOR DOOR OPEN LOOKING FOR ANSWERS.



I guess Herjulfson can go down in history as the man whose curiosity never got the better of him?

--- Al Price

THE WORLD'S LEAST CURIOUS MAN

(From: "The Greatest Stories NEVER Told", by the Reader's Digest)

In the 1300's a "Norse Saga book, Flateyjarbok, was written, and that's where this really came from.

In 986, Bjarni Herjulfson and his crew got lost at sea after being out fishing and wanting to get back to Greenland. A fierce autumn storm had buffeted his ship for days, then, when the weather cleared up, he was relieved to see land. But this land was totally unfamiliar to him. It had no high mountains or glaciers as Greenland had, only small hills and forests.

Herjulfson didn't know it, but he and his crew had just spotted what is now called Canada! His crew begged him to land, but Herjulfson didn't have the same wandering spirit of Christopher Columbus apparently and was only intent upon returning home safely. So without anyone leaving the boat, he turned right around and headed out back across the Atlantic and back to his home port, which they reached about one week later.

Years afterwards, he was talking to a friend, and relayed this story. The friend kept asking more and more questions about that adventure, then finally ended up buying Herjulfson's ship, and retraced the steps of Herjulfson's unsought journey. And so it was that the friend, Leif Erikson staked his claim as the first European to walk on the American continent!

Jokes from the June 2023

Reader's Digest (that I didn't order)

--- Al Price, N6ALP

Dad told his 5 yr old son, "Grandma can't talk when she takes her teeth out." Later that evening, the boy saw his grandmother take her teeth out and place them in a cup full of water by the bathroom sink, and asked, "Do you have to take your tongue out too?"

I'd never seen my neighbor with a pet before, but there she was, walking a puppy through the local park. So just to strike up a conversation, I complimented her on having such a cute little puppy, and asked, "Is it spayed or neutered?" "Neither", she said, "It's a German Shepherd mix!"

We'd never been outdoors-types, but we went to a Dude Ranch in Texas while on our vacation. A cowboy was out getting the horses ready for our first trail ride, and asked my wife, "Say there little lady, would you like a Western or an English style saddle?" "What's the difference?" she asked. "The Western style saddle has a horn on it, and the English style doesn't." "The one without the horn should be OK for me. I don't think we'll be running into much traffic out on the trail!"

Our son was away at college. He wrote and told us that he has been over to a classmate's home for dinner several times, and that they live in a very elegant mansion. The other day, while I was sorting out coupons, I took a break and decided to write to the friend's parents to thank them for treating our son so nicely while he is away at school. In his next letter, our son said, "The friends' family wanted me to thank you for such a nice letter, and for the 25 cent off coupon for Ragu spaghetti sauce!"

My Uncle is in his early 90's and went to the doctor to see why his right leg hurts so much most of the time these days. The young doctor just shrugged and said, "You know Mr. Whitney, at your age you've got to expect things like this." To which my Uncle said, "Why? My other leg is just as old, and it don't hurt!"

Which instantly reminded me of my mother, when she was 87 and going in for a driver's license renewal. The examiner said, "OK Virginia, now we are going to check your vision. Please cover your left eye." To which my mother replied, "Why? I don't cover my eyes while I'm driving!" She never did get a satisfactory answer --- or a renewal of her license! --- Al

Sayings, Stories, and Jokes From The Prohibition Era!

***("One Eye Closed, The Other Red", stolen from
Clifford James Walker)***

Reformer: Young man, don't you realize that you'll never get anywhere with your drinking?

Stewed Man: Yewr' tellin' me --- I've started fer home four times from 'ish corner already!

A Scotsman we'll call Sandy, not feeling well, called upon the family doctor. who looked him over and gave him a prescription for some pills to be taken at bedtime, and that a small glass of whiskey, taken after each meal, to settle his stomach.

Four days later Sandy called the doctor to say he wasn't feeling any better.

"Have you taken the medicine exactly as prescribed"? Asked the doctor.

"Well doctor," replied Sandy, "I may be a wee behind with the pills, but thankfully I'm six weeks ahead on the liquid prescription!"

A drunk sat down in the theater, next to a preacher.

"Niish day ain't it"? said the drunk.

“True, very comfortable” replied the priest.

“Would you like a little John Barleycorn?” asked the drunk.

The man-of-the-cloth got very indignant and replied, “No thank you Sir, I don’t indulge!”

“What do you mean you don’t drink”, said the drunk, “heck, you’ve got your collar on backwards!”

(Federal Prohibition Agents were called “Prohi’s”)

Prohi: “Son, is your pa’ home?”

Boy: “Nope, he’s up at the still.”

Prohi: “Well then, is your ma’ at home?”

Boy: “Nope. She’s up at the still with him.”

Prohi: “How about if I give you a dollar to take me to them?”

Boy: “Sure. But you’ll have to give me the dollar first mister.”

Prohi: “No son, I’ll give it to you when we come back.”

Boy: “No deal. You won’t be comin’ back!”

In the desert during Prohibition, horse ranchers would supplement their income by making what the locals called, “Horse Blanket Whiskey”, the bootlegger would pour his “dangerous fuel oil” through a horse blanket to try to catch all the impurities that flowed with it.

One old desert rat talkin’ about his make, said, “It wasn’t too bad after a while”, then he bragged, “got to a point where I could tell where it was strained through a blanket from an Arabian, Morgan, or quarterhorse.”

After the trial, and in his chambers, the Judge offered a drink from the confiscated Canadian Whiskey to the prosecutor, saying, “ The Law says we have to throw this liquor away,” then smiled, saying, “Nothing in the Law says we can’t pass it through our kidneys first!”

There are only two reasons for a man to have a line across his nose; one, he wears glasses, or two, he drinks his whiskey from an old fruit jar.

A drunk was passing a subway excavation in New York City, and hollered to the men down in the pit, "Whatcha' buildin' down there?" To which the workman replied, "We're building a subway."

"How long is it going to take?" asked the drunk.

"About five years," replied the worker.

"Forget it then," said the drunk, "I'll take a taxi!"

Article in the Ontario Herald, Sept. 28th, 1928:

"Among the supplies carried aboard ship for the Byrd expedition to the South Pole: 1,000 gallons of grain alcohol, 400 gallons of rum, 100 gallons of port wine, 100 gallons of sherry, 100 bottles of champagne, 400 gallons of distilled whiskey *and did you read about the thousands of volunteers he had to turn down?*"

There's Gold in them there mountains

There's Gold in them there hills

The Native's are getting rich there

By operating them there stills!

In Arizona it is said that you have sunshine 330 days a year, but moonshine every night!

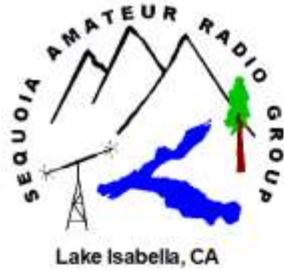
At the barn dances, bootleggers have to wear badges to keep from trying to sell to each other!



Field Day 2023

Field Day 2023 is Saturday June 24th and Sunday June 25th. It is our intent to return to our normal location, Camp Andrew Brown. The 8,000-foot elevation provides a cool atmosphere and there are plenty of trees to hang antennas from. We may have to relocate due to the wet winter we just had. When this article was being written in late May the road still had snow in some places.

As the date gets closer and we make a site inspection, the club website N6KRV.org, will be updated with the chosen location. In other words, stay tuned!



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