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Monday – 6:45PM
146.550 Simplex

Club Nets

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

VHF Net – Friday 7PM
145.450(-) PL 156.7

Prune Juice & BS Net

Daily 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,

It was great seeing and visiting with many of you at Nelda's for our annual breakfast meeting. Thanks to Mike Higgins and Chuck Caudell who arranged and led the event.

We're beginning to enjoy warm (that is hot) weather. The grass is mostly dried-up and weed clearing is done. We're looking forward to the ARRL Field Day, June 22.

Our June event will be an ice cream social at 10:00, Saturday June, 8th at Elk's park behind the Elk's Lodge in Wofford Heights. We look forward to great conversation and seeing everyone there.

Dale, KG6TBQ

Upcoming Programs*

June – Ice Cream Social

July – Field Day

August – New Presentation!

AI N6ALP – Jayne KK6JPZ

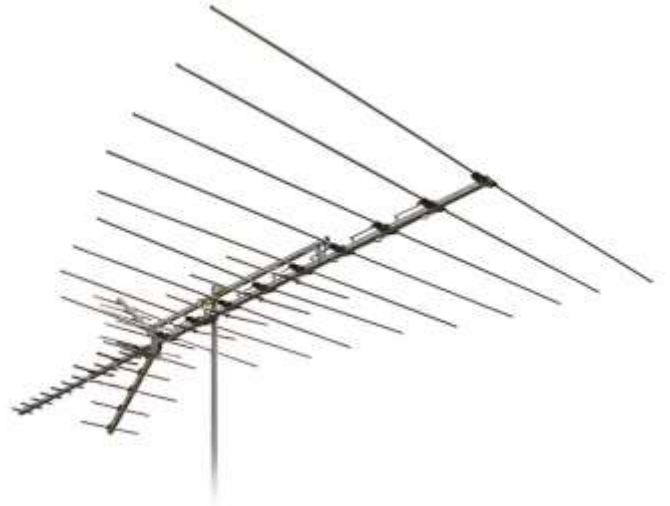
pool will take effect July 1, 2024. You can find the question pools at <http://www.ncvec.org/> .

*
-subject to change

If you have anything you would like to see or present at a meeting, please let Mike KA6IYS know.

Ice Cream Party

As mentioned in the ‘Prez Sez’ our next event is the ice cream social to be held in the park off the Elk’s Lodge Parking Lot. There will be ice cream, root beer for floats, bowls, cups, napkins, water and plastic ware. There will also be Pizza to continue the tradition began by Don Jefferson KC6OCA(SK). All we need is YOU. It will start at 10AM.



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.

Get on the air! Join us every morning on the Prune Juice and Baloney Sandwich Net on the Rocky Point Repeater, 145.450(-), 156.7 Tone, 9AM. We discuss the weather, recent events and anything else that may cross our minds. If you don’t have anything to add, just check in and let us know you are listening.



Sickness and Distress

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

If you plan to take the Amateur Extra examination, please be aware a new question



And now AR Newsline . . .

Newsline is played after the net each Friday night on the 145.450 (-) 156.7 repeater. If you have time check in at 7PM and find out what's going on in the valley.

2024 Field Day

Field day will be the 4th full weekend in June. This year that works out to June 22nd and 23rd. It is looking like we will set up at Lower Peppermint Camp Ground. The camp ground is located north of Johnsondale on Lloyd Meadow Road. Once our destination is certain a map and directions will be posted on our website www.n6krv.org. If you wish to purchase any Field Day apparel, it is now available at <https://arri.org>

Excerpts from “Desert Bonanza” by Marcia Rittenhouse Wynn, Chapter 2 “Big Time Desert Mining”, pgs 32-33

(Borrowed, “stolen”, by Al Price)

*Now students, for educational purposes -
--- I was rereading Desert Bonanza the other day, and spotted a cute little story involving Havilah:*

At Salt Lake (Kane Dry Lake), at the bottom of the Rand Mountain grade, borax recovery had already commenced, and this deposit made its way into *The Los Angeles Evening Express* newspaper of March 26, 1873:

“A very extensive borate deposit has been found in Kern County, at a distance of about 120 miles from this

city. The deposits discovered by Mr. H.J. Lent lie about 3 miles off the Owens River Road, near H. Ball's station at Desert Springs “

***** “The editor of the *Havilah Miner* went down from the mountains to investigate this not-too-far-off borax excitement. Returning, a little about borax, and a great deal about the disappointing menus he'd been forced to subsist on during his several-days-stay at Desert Station. The editor, we are led to believe from his diatribe, lived very well at home, and was a frontier gourmet of no low degree. From the April 19, 1873, *Havilah Miner*:

..... The springs are white sulphur but the taste of the sulphur is not objectionable; they are on the west side of the (Kane) lake. Four miles north of Ball's station (this station was just south of the dry lake) is the proper place and will be the site of the new town of 'BORITANA.' Here, Mr. Chapman proposes erecting his works for the reduction of borate

He saved his real editorial zeal for his dissertation upon the food and liquid shortcomings of the station:

With the exception of a clean bed, Desert Springs station is the biggest bilk of a place that we ever struck. Everybody with whom we came in contact entertained ideas of this character and expressed them in very fiery terms. That is, they coupled the infernal regions in their remarks. The bar was well stocked with NOTHING except bad whiskey and stale, highly watered claret, which was modestly dispensed to gentlemen who were accustomed to having the genuine article

And so throughout the article, a good portion of which was taken up with the terrible experience of having to eat pork, in its various manifestations, three times a day, every day. Evidently a beef man, himself, the editor felt he'd had enough pork to last him a lifetime. He did suddenly recall his duty to his subscribers at the end of this article, in a postscript, in which he mentioned he and his party had met some 'boraters' from Death Valley, and mentioned their names.”

(The article never mentioned the Editor's name – Hope you enjoyed it ! --- Al)

**More Excerpts from “Desert Bonanza”
by Marcia Rittenhouse Wynn, Chapter 7**

**“Mining and Camp Doings”
(Remembrances) , pgs 145 - 171**

**(Just a few items borrowed, “stolen”,
by Al Price)**

Now students, for educational purposes ----- I was rereading Desert Bonanza the other day, and spotted a few items that you might get a kick out of (like I did):

You may or may not know that there were four owners of the largest mine (The Yellow Aster) in Randsburg, CA;

- John Singleton, carpenter and millwright,
- Frederic M. Moores, ex-newspaperman,
- Charles A. Burcham, ex-cattleman and meat market owner from San Bernardino, CA,
- Rose La Monte Burcham, (the businessperson and brains behind the mining operation, and female Doctor) who at first delivered babies in S.B. to pay for the mining operation.

After her almost 2 years of supplying the money to continue their search for gold, Charles was ready to throw in the towel and go back to cattle ranching. He wasn't making hardly anything from prospecting and had to use his wagon and horses for hauling overburden from the mining sites and hauling scrap away for others. Moores and Singleton talked him into staying “a little while longer”. Two days later, Moores just happened to overhear a couple of miners talking about “going up to the top of the red hill nearby”, so that's where the three partners went, after Burcham had “tied one on” and had to sleep it off for another day. He owned the wagon the other two needed for hauling their mining equipment up the mountain. The rest is

pretty much history, after he had his nap! Singleton knocked off a large piece of rock, and on the broken off side he and Charles Burcham saw gold!

Charles went to San Bernardino to share the discovery with his wife, but while he was gone, his two other partners apparently decided to sell their find to a fellow from Bakersfield, a fellow named O. B. Stanton. As soon as Charles came back, Stanton was there, and wanted the Burchams to sign the sales agreement. It took several years in court, but Stanton lost his lawsuit to try to force the Burchams to sign. How much were they going to get for signing over their mine? \$500.00, and that was the total cash offer, and it was one \$500 payment, and not \$500 per individual for the mine that eventually yielded millions of dollars.

The boys didn't watch how they spent their money; they even gave expensive gifts like pearls to the ladies, and gold nugget tie tacks or cufflinks to the men who showed up at their elaborate homes. Moores didn't live long enough to enjoy his riches. He was in poor health, and died in the Spring of 1900.

Singleton was always tied up in court with lawsuits. One was for outlawing those new fangled inventions, the automobiles, from driving up to the mine over the then dirt roads. Why? One of the 150 or so miners hit and killed Singleton's pet rooster on his way up to work in one of them.

Also, Dr. Burcham wasn't at all popular with the ladies in Randsburg after moving up there from San Bernardino. When questioned years later she said, “I didn't have time for the social affairs of the town. I was too busy helping with mine matters,” and, more truthfully, the Burcham's had an elegant home in Los Angeles, and she was quite active in “club life” there after things settled down at the mine.

leadership positions within the Sierra Amateur Radio Club, an ARRL Special Service Club.

"With amateur radio, it's easy to operate in many different ways. Currently I'm having fun on HF all while exploring FT8, Winlink, and emergency communications," said Hendricks.

Hendricks has previously served as an Assistant Section Manager. His appointment was effective on April 24, and it will run through the remaining term until June 31, 2025.



Steve has attended our club meetings in the past and he lives in Inyokern. He frequents our Thrice Weekly HF net on +/- 3813 at 8PM. If you are a general class or above stop by and say hello to the group any Tuesday, Thursday or Saturday.



What did the Miners do for excitement?

Billiards and hunting were very popular ways to enjoy their off hours, but then, so were the dances that were held frequently, and just as frequently the dance floors became overcrowded and no one could move. One fellow found an interesting way to clear the dance floor. He carried a small derringer in his pocket, quietly slipped it out of his pocket and shot a bullet into the floor, then hollered, "That must have come from outside". There's nothing the miners enjoyed more than some real live-action to watch --- almost as much as a good people-fight, or a bear-vs-dog fight. So, very soon the men ran off to see what was going on outside and didn't return, ---- right away anyway.

(Hope you enjoyed it as much as I did! --- Al)

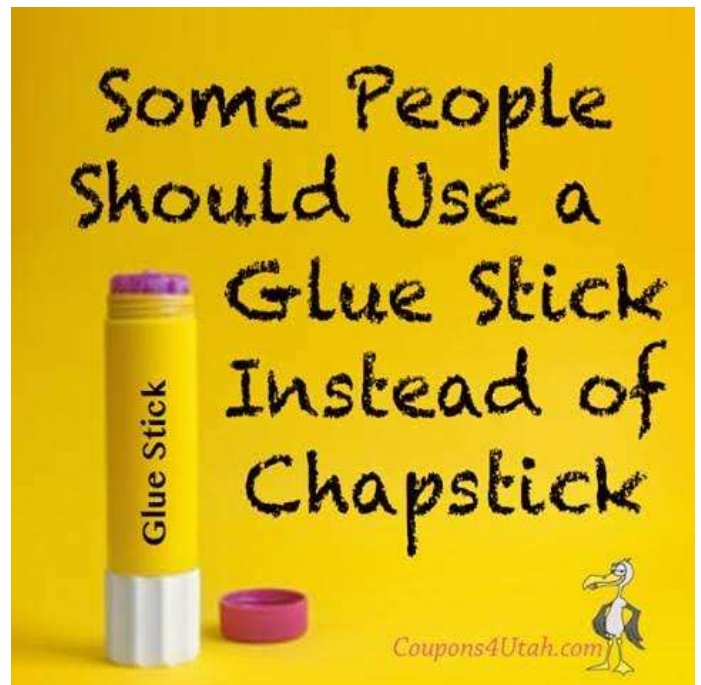
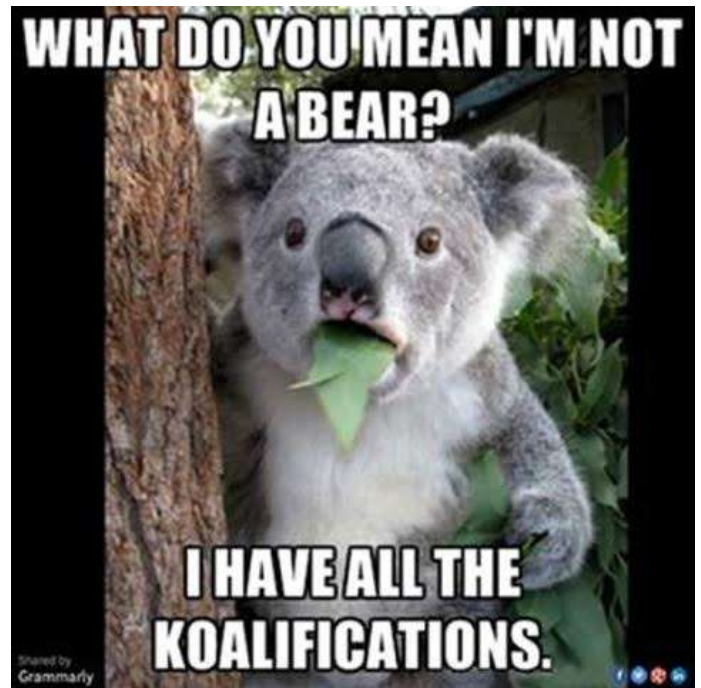
Changes in the ARRL San Joaquin Valley Section

05/03/2024

Steven Hendricks, KK6JTB, has been appointed as Section Manager of the ARRL San Joaquin Valley Section.

He fills the vacancy left by John Litz, NZ6Q, who was appointed as Vice Director of the ARRL Pacific Division.

Hendricks has always had a love for radio, and he first earned his amateur radio license a decade ago. "In 2014, I became licensed as a Technician, and in 2015 I became a General," he said. Hams in the area helped him get active in the local radio community. He held several elected





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