

## The Kern River Voice

## The Monthly Newsletter of the

## **Sequoia Amateur Radio Group**



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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,

# We're enjoying the much cooler weather after the blistering hot summer.

Our next meeting will be at 0930 on Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at the Elks Lodge in Wofford Heights. There have been several nominations for the club's officers. We plan to vote and to elect the 2025 officers at this meeting. We will also finalize plans for our club's Christmas Party.

We'll give away door prizes and hold a 50/50 raffle. We look forward to lots of good conversation and fellowship.

Dale, KG6TBQ



Don't forget to set your clock back Sunday November 3<sup>rd</sup>. We go back to standard time on that date. If you forget, you will be an hour early all day.

## 2024 Christmas Dinner

Our annual Christmas dinner will be on Friday December 13, 2024. We are going to try something a little different this year. We will be at Miller's Steakhouse, 16575 Highway 178, Weldon, CA 93283. Dinner will be at 1PM. Prepayment and signups are due by November 18<sup>th</sup>. You will have your choice of entrées as described on the attached flyer. Club members cost is \$35.00 and non-club members are \$40.00. One raffle ticket is included in the cost.

## **Volunteers Needed**

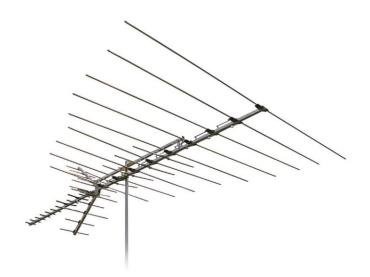
The Ridge Rally is looking for volunteer radio operators. The event is being held December 7, 2024 in the south end of Kelso Valley. Details are in the flyer at the end of this newsletter.

## **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 <a href="https://n6krv.org/exam-info/">https://n6krv.org/exam-info/</a>. 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 Amateur Extra examination, please be aware a new question pool took effect July 1, 2024. You can find the question pools on our website or at <a href="http://www.ncvec.org/">http://www.ncvec.org/</a>.



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.

We also have a net every Friday night at 7PM on the same repeater. Amateur Radio Newsline is played just after the net for those that desire to keep up with ham radio in the news.

Article about Havilah from the Editor of the Visalia Delta Newspaper --- November 28, 1866 (Pg 2, Col. 1)

#### And now AR Newsline . . .





### **Sickness and Distress**

Torin, KK6YAB, has had his surgery and they are now determining what follow-up procedures are needed.

If you know of anyone that should be listed here, please let the editor know at <a href="mailto:editor@n6krv.org">editor@n6krv.org</a>

#### CORRESPONDENCE

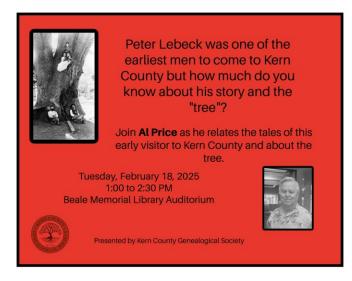
## A VISIT TO HAVILAH, NOV. 15th 1866.

Editor Delta: --- Get right down on your marrow bones and thank the Lord that you live in the Tulare Valley and not in this God-forsaken hole. Can't help it: The truth must be told. The new county of Kern, judging by its metropolis is in a bad way. "Dullness reigns supreme." Those who have mills and are working them are making money, but the money is no sooner out of the pans than it is on its way to San Francisco, and that is the last we see of it. Scarcely a man who is a permanent resident here, and whose interest outside of the mines here has any capital employed in productive operations, and the result is that all the proceeds go out of the county, and money is actually scarce. New discoveries are being made continually, but if they are of any real value, they are snapped up 1n a giffy by some San Francisco cormorant for a mess of pottage. Our Grand Jury has just been in session, and a great Jury it was. What would your people think of passing over murder, robbery, assaults with deadly weapons and other crimes because their prosecution would be expensive? Such seems to have been the course here, and if continued the result will be a recourse to lynch law. The Courier does not seem to be in a flourishing condition. There is a schism in the directory and the signs are that a change or a premature death will be the fate of the Courier.

(Please Note: We changed NOTHING in this article, it was copied exactly as printed in the Visalia Delta Nov. 28, 1866. Jayne, KK6JPZ, and I went to the Local History room at the Beale Library and were allowed to make copies of anything they had on Havilah in their files in the back room filing cabinets -- WITHOUT CHARGE, due to the loss of our Court House museum. We have been given permission from them to

research and copy anything that we may need to help restore our history. I copied this one "for fun", so we could run it in our newsletter.) ---- Al Price, N6ALP

Coming soon to a library near you.....





ADDITIONAL RESEARCH ON PETER LEBECK, NO WAIT, THE RESEARCH WAS ON JEAN-BAPTISTE CHARBONNEAU --- NO WAIT ------

(By Al Price, N6ALP, and XNGH of the Peter Lebeck Chapter 1866 of E Clampus Vitus)

So here I am, a member of the Peter Lebeck Chapter #1866 of E Clampus Vitus, and have been told that the Chapter chose their name because there was so little known about Peter Lebeck, there wouldn't be as much to complain about or defend if we named it for someone of whom much was known, less controversy. OK, so being an amateur historian, here I go researching who Peter Lebeck was. What did I find? About 21 different stories --- OK, so I put them into a PowerPoint program.

While entering the information, I stumble upon the name of the leader of one of the groups Lebeck was supposed to have belonged to; Jean Baptiste Charbonneau. OK, who was this Charbonneau fella'? Come to find out he was the son of the well-known Indian maiden (oops – Native American lady) we all know as "Sacajawea" from the Lewis and Clark Expedition, 1804 – 1806.

Well now, that's another research project --what do we know about Sacajawea? Another,
"oops" – What we know really turns out to be "dime
novel stuff" like in the throwaway paperback stories
about Buffalo Bill and Wild Bill Hickok! In true
research, you can't just take one book, or one
person's opinion as fact! It involves exhaustive
searches for anything and just about everything ever
written about that person --- then developing a much
truer picture of the person (place or thing).

What do we know about Sacajawea? Well, first we know that her name wasn't really Sacajawea. She was a Shoshone Indian who was stolen by the Hidatsa – Mandan Indians as a child, and was renamed Sacajawea, or Sacagawea, Sakakawea, Sakargarwea, Sacargarmea, Sacagaewa, Sacargarwea or Sacargarmea (all spellings from one time or another).

There was a trapper, mountain man,
Toussaint Charbonneau, who was married to an
Indian woman and lived with the Hidatsa and
Mandan Indians in the Salmon River area below the
Rocky Mountains in the area now called Idaho.
Somehow, either by barter, gambling, etc.,
Charbonneau ended up with 12 year old Sacajawea

as his second wife (can you say "Polygamy"?) Several months later, Meriweather Lewis (Pres. Thomas Jefferson's personal secretary) and William Clark (Meriweathers' friend, neighbor, and prior superior officer in the military) were chosen to travel from the northern plains through the Rocky Mountains to the Pacific Ocean and make detailed maps and descriptions of what they found. And to prove or disprove that there was or was not a waterway route from the Atlantic to the Pacific Ocean. Jefferson was particularly interested in the area the other side of the Rockies, which were not part of the Louisiana Purchase.

Sacajawea (meaning "Bird Woman" in Hidatsa) had her baby, Jean Baptiste Charbonneau, in February 1804, then the Lewis and Clark, or the "Corps of Discovery", as it was commonly called, enlisted her husband, Toussaint Charbonneau as a guide, taking Sacajawea along as an interpreter, and the young mother taking her baby along with them started off on the expedition from the Indian Village in the Rocky Mountain area in May 1804.

During the entire journey, Lewis and Clark, along with many of the other members of the Expedition kept daily journals --- and here is where history changes!

Almost 100 years later, Eva Dye, head of the Women's, Suffragette Association in Oregon (where the Lewis and Clark expedition ended) published "The Conquest: The True Story of Lewis and Clark", and, in arguing for the not-yet-granted-right to vote to women, after reviewing the published journals of both Meriweather Lewis and William Clark, made Sacajawea appear more, even most, heroic as the woman who saved the whole expedition from death, starvation, and ruin in her book! This book sold well, her story spread, and Sacajawea became an American historical superwoman! Agreed, she was extremely helpful to the expedition, but there was a lot more drama, and truth-stretching about her in "The Conquest".

## **Several Myths:**

- She was an official guide for the expedition. False, her husband was, but he turned out to be about as useless as Fremont, who was jokingly given the nickname of "Pathfinder", but Toussaint was an excellent cook, so that's what he did for the rest of the expedition. Sacajawea knew quite a bit about some of the area, and could speak with the Shoshone Indians they met along the way to get needed food supplies and horses. Toussaint also spoke French, Hidatsa, & Mandan so he helped to interpret. Guess what? Not all Shoshone dialects are the same, but close enough.
- The book said, "She found her brother, Cameahwait, was the Chief, so it was relatively easy for her to get food and horses for the expedition". In fact, the diaries said, "We were lucky that she came upon some distant relatives who helped us obtain food and horses".
- The book said, "When the boat she was on capsized, she was able to save some of its cargo, important documents and supplies, along with her son, and served as a symbol of peace." The diaries said, "She was very helpful with her knowledge of plants used for food and medicine, and helped us to be treated with less suspicion when the men of the tribes we came upon saw an Indian woman and child traveling with us."

#### Truths:

- During the trip, Clark nicknamed Jean Baptiste "Pomp" or "Pompey", and after the trip offered to let Pomp live with him and get a better education. But, as a result of his service on the trip, Toussaint Charbonneau received 320 acres of land and a cash payment of \$500.33 --- Sacajawea received nothing. Farming didn't work out, so in 1811, Toussaint went back to fur trading, and they allowed Jean Baptiste to go to live with his Godfather, William Clark, to be educated. In August 1812, Sacajawea gave birth to a daughter (Lisette or Lizette) but became extremely ill (possibly typhoid fever), and at the age of only 25, died Dec. 22, 1812. Clark also took in Lizette to see to her education.
- In addition to numerous memorials to Sacajawea throughout the United States, the U.S. Mint honored her with a dollar coin, to replace the Susan B. Anthony dollar from 2000 to 2008, and breaking with tradition,

showed her full-faced, instead of the traditional side view profile, with Jean Baptiste Charbonneau pictured as the baby on her back. The only baby ever on a U.S. Coin. (The artist, Glenna Goodacre, used a modern-day Shoshone student as her model).

Hope you enjoyed it! I did! ---- Al



There is an 80% chance that a dollar bill contains remnants of cocaine.

Female oysters will release between 5 and 8 million eggs into the water at a time.

Humans don't just shrink with age. We shrink every day. Humans shrink and regain height daily, sometimes a much as ¾ of an inch in one day. When we move throughout the day, the fluid disks in our spinal column compress and we shrink. When we rest at night, our backbones reabsorb the fluid and our height comes back.

Eighty-five percent of Fortune 500 key executives are fraternity or sorority members.

The north pole of Uranus is dark for forty-two years at a time.

Lightning strikes the Earth over 100,000 times a day. Of thise, 10-20% cause a fire.

Light doesn't always travel at the speed of light. The speed of light is only constant in a vacuum. When it passes through matter it can slow down. Photons (light particles) pass through water at 3/4<sup>ths</sup> the regular speed of light. Light was once slowed down to 38 miles per hour.

I Washington State, you must ask permission before sleeping in someone else's outhouse.

In Paraguay, dueling is still legal – as long as both parties are blood donors.

The five interlocking Olympic rings are black, blue, red, green and yellow because at least one of these colors appears on every flag.

Tipping is "actively discouraged" in New Zealand, Singapore, Thailand, and Japan.

Around 1,600 New Yorkers are bitten every year by other New Yorkers.

Combined, American children spend 6.3 billion hours a year coloring with crayons.

Wombats have cube-shaped poop.

Walt Disney World Resort encompasses 30,500 acres, making it approximately the same size as San Francisco.

"Eleven plus two" and "twelve plus one" both equal thirteen and both have thirteen letters. In fact they both have THE SAME thirteen letters.

Banana 'trees' are actually a type of flowering herb.

The human tooth has about fifty-five miles of canals in it.

The first lawnmower was an afapted carpet cutting machine.

The actual communication from *Apollo 13* was "Houston we've had a problem."

The dinosaurs became extinct before the Rockies or the Alps were formed.

The first Rolls Royce, marketed in 1906, sold for about \$784. Now it would be about \$295,000.

Less than 1% of books published sell more than fifty thousand copies.

Mondays are the most unproductive days of the week. On average, only about three and a half hours of work are actually done on Mondays.

The only muscle in your body that is attached at only one end is your tongue.

The human heart creates enough pressure to squirt blood thirty feet.

August 13<sup>th</sup> is Left-Hander's Day. Launched in 1992, this yearly celebration raises awareness of difficulties experienced by left-handers.

The Ridge Rally on December 7 is seeking amateur radio operators to provide safety communications for the rally race. This is a fun event to watch! I'm Paula Gibeault, N6OQQ, the rally's Chief of Communications.

The radio net is responsible for tracking the rally cars as they race down closed sections of road ("stages") at one minute intervals. Hams are placed at intersecting roads and trails. If the rally cars get out of order, the hams report this Each stage runs on a 2m simplex frequency, with the Communications Captain in a central location. Net Control has access to emergency services. Mobile rigs are best but handie talkies are fine as well.

Rally cars are sedans with strengthened suspensions, roll cages and fire systems. Each car has a driver and "co-driver" (navigator). Teams try to get the fastest times on all the stages, similar to a time trial.

The comm teams meet in several locations then head to the stages. Sequoia ARG members could meet on 178 at the Kelso Valley turnoff (heading to Piute Mountain). The stages run multiple times and finish in the early evening. Every volunteer gets a T-shirt and a lunch is delivered to them midday.

We hold two Zoom training sessions the week before the rally to go over procedures and answer questions, so that everyone is ready to go on the day of the rally. You can attend either or both.

If you have any questions, please feel free to ask them! My contact information is below.

If you're ready to volunteer, go to www.rallydata2.com and sign up (be sure to click on Ridge Rally first). You'll create a password to use any time you log in. You should receive a welcome letter email within an hour - if not, please check your spam folder and mark as "not spam" any email from rallyinfo@rallydata2.com since a lot of information will be sent from that email.

Thank you for your interest, hope you can join us!

Regards,

Paula Gibeault, N6OQQ, Chief of Communications

760-382-0821, mpgibeault@gmail.com



## 2024 SARG Christmas Dinner

Friday December 13, 2024

1 P. M.

Miller's Steak House (Sierra Vista Restaurant) 16575 Highway 178 Weldon, CA 93283

You will have your choice of one of 3 entrees, Prime Rib, Teriyaki Chicken or Blackened Salmon served with loaded mashed potatoes, seasonal veggies, fresh garden salad and rolls. A nonalcoholic beverage is included.

The cost is \$35.00 (tax and tip included) per person (\$40.00 for non-dub members) and includes one raffle ticket. Additional raffle tickets will be available at \$5.00 each. There will be one major prize (revealed the night of the party) along with cash and door prizes.

Reservations and payment must be received by November 18, 2024. If you wish to include your 2025 dues in your payment, they remain the same as last year; \$25 individual, \$30 family. Make checks payable to SARG and if mailed, send them to c/o 5413 Marjorie St., Weldon, CA 93283.



# November 2024 Sequoia Amateur Radio Group



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