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ARES Net

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 Except Sunday

145.450(-) PL 156.7

SARG Monthly Meetings

Second Sat. (exc. Dec.)

Kern Valley Elk's Lodge

6708 Wofford Blvd

Wofford Heights, CA 93285

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The Prez Sez:

As SARG starts a new year I wish everyone an exceptional year and thank last year's officers for a job well done. I would like to see our club grow and expand our membership. If you know other hams that are not members, please invite them to join and attend our meetings and events. At one of our recent gatherings, we discussed attempting to attract younger people into our fold. If you have any contacts with youth groups, please share the information with the leadership group so we might contact them and perhaps interest them into becoming ham radio operators. We are willing to attend one of their functions and present a short program about ham radio should they be interested.

If you have any suggestions for programs you would like to see, please let Mike KA6IYS know. While we like ham radio related programs, general interest programs related to our local community as also welcomed. Al N6ALP and Jayne KK6JPZ have presented many fine programs on our local history in the past and similar programs by other presenters will always be welcomed.

Mike KA6IYS

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be at 9:30AM (doors open at 9AM) Saturday January 11, 2025. As of the time this newsletter was being written the program had not been determined. We will have free door prize drawings and 50/50 tickets at \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Refreshments are available on a donation basis and usually include coffee, iced tea and donuts. Hope to see you there!

2025 DUES

Dues this year remain at \$25 for an individual and \$30 for a family all living at the same address. You may pay your dues at the meeting or mail them to PO Box 2446, Lake Isabella, CA 93240. Checks may be made payable to SARG.

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 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 <http://www.ncvec.org/> .



Get on the air! Join us every morning (except Sunday) 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 Newline is played just after the net for those that desire to keep up with ham radio in the news.

And now AR Newline . . .





Sickness and Distress

Torin KK6YAB is continuing his chemotherapy treatments and is keeping the road warm between Mt. Mesa and Bakersfield.

Daniel KK6RAZ is recovering from knee surgery and hopes to return to work soon.

Bryan KI6LSP has had surgery for skin cancer and reconstructive surgery on his nose.

We wish everyone a speedy, and full recovery and a return to normal as soon as possible.

If you know of someone not listed that should be, please let the editor know at editor@n6krv.org

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

Peter Lebeck was one of the earliest men to come to Kern County but how much do you know about his story and the "tree"?

Join **Al Price** as he relates the tales of this early visitor to Kern County and about the tree.

Tuesday, February 18, 2025
1:00 to 2:30 PM
Beale Memorial Library Auditorium

Presented by Kern County Genealogical Society

DID YOU KNOW:

(From: "100 Things You Are Not Supposed to Know" by Russ Kick, And "appropriated" by Al Price, N6ALP)

THE MILITARY USED TO PUT SLANDEROUS

'SECRET CODES' ON YOUR DISCHARGE PAPERS.

Starting in 1947 and going all the way to 1974, the military DD-214 "Report of Separation" not only showed the type of separation you received; Honorable, or, other-than-Honorable, but it also included a secret code, called an SPN or Separation Program Number that said things like the reason for your separation was for:

- Homosexuality or Bisexuality
- Alcoholism
- Discreditable incidents
- Bed wetter
- Financial irresponsibility
- Or about 50 other 'classifications'

In most cases, the SPN number was assigned by your last commanding officer. Everyone got an SPN, not just the dishonorable, undesirable, or unfit of duty, etc. In 1973, shortly after Congress made it known that this was a military secret code, not only the individuals, but private companies wanted a complete list of what those codes meant. Just do an Internet search for "Military SPN Codes" and several sites will pop up, some are more complete than the others.

Democratic Congressmen kept the pressure on, and in 1974 these codes were removed from any newly issued DD-214, but if you were discharged before 1974, and haven't asked for a new "copy" of your DD-214 since then, your code is still on your paperwork!

(I looked mine up, SPN 411, 'early release after overseas duty.' I got out of the Army, 173rd Airborne, 58 years ago and didn't know this was on my DD-214 until today! I don't know how it is today, but in 1966, if you came back from an overseas tour with less than 90 days left in your enlistment, you could request an 'early out'. I extended for one month in Vietnam, and got out 89 days early. --- Al)

“THE U.S. GOVERNMENT “LIES” ABOUT THE NUMBER OF TERRORISM COVICTIONS IT OBTAINS EVERY YEAR.”

(From, “One Hundred Things You Are Not Supposed To Know” by Russ Kick, 2004)

And, “appropriated” by Al Price, N6ALP

“It’s only natural, the Justice Department likes to trumpet their number of convictions of terrorists, because of the garnering of great publicity and allowing the citizenry to sleep more soundly at night, plus it means more money for the department. The problem, these numbers are a sham.

The story broke, when the Philadelphia Inquirer examined these convictions that the Justice Department declared as terrorism over a five year period, ending September 30, 2001. They found ludicrous examples such as:

- An Arizona man got drunk on a United Airlines flight from Shanghai, and repeatedly rang the call button, demanding more liquor. San Francisco District Court Judge Marilyn H. Patel, at the request of the U.S. Attorney for San Francisco, ‘because the man touched the Stewardess’, demanded this be shown in the records as ‘domestic terrorism.’
- Another case reported as ‘domestic terrorism’; A tenant, fighting eviction, called his landlord and pretended to be an FBI agent, and said the tenant was working on a case with them and they didn’t want him evicted. The landlord recognized the tenant’s voice, and called the real FBI.
- Another one; a former court employee shoved and threatened a Judge.
- Plus, listed as a terrorist act; “convicts rioting for better food.”
- A Taiwanese fishing boat was overtaken by a boat with seven Chinese sailors as it sailed for Guam to ask for asylum in the U.S. The 7 sailors were treated as “terrorists.”

- After the attack on 9/11, the Justice Dept. made 288 terrorist convictions. Later, the Government Accounting Office proved that 132 of these cases (approximately 42%) had absolutely nothing to do with terrorism.

- Then there were “international terrorism” convictions over that same period, 174 to be exact. The GAO proved 131 (an amazing 75%) were not in any way about ‘terror.’

- And on, and on, and on ----

Another submission by Al, N6ALP

Got a new book, new to me anyway, called “Gourmet Ghosts”, by James T. Bartlett. And says:

“The Hollywood sign years ago was put there to advertise land for sale, and actually said, “HOLLYWOODLAND”. It also had flashing lights that would flash in sequence, “HOLLY” “WOOD” “LAND”, until the lights were removed as “too much to maintain” in the 1940’s. There was an aspiring actress by the name of Peggy Entwistle, 24 years old (born in 1908, in Wales, as Millicent Lillian Entwistle) who on September 16, 1932, climbed up to the sign, used a maintenance ladder hidden behind it, then committed suicide by jumping off the top of the “H”.

Her body was found by another female hiker the following day about 100 feet below the sign. Her purse was also found near the base of the sign, with not only her ID, but with the suicide note that said, “I am afraid I am a coward. I’m sorry for everything. If I had done this a long time ago, it would have saved a lot of pain,” and was signed, “P.E.” Some say she still haunts the sign at night, usually just below the “H”, plus that she wears a white dress and there is a smell of gardenias (her favorite perfume) as she walks through the area. The police just classified this as another female actress suicide for unknown reasons”.

(What his book doesn't tell you: It was during the Depression era, and Entwistle took a part in the film "Thirteen Women", and there were many scenes she was involved in that didn't pass the "Hays Code" for the "wholesomeness of the film", and her part was cut to only about 15 seconds. The movie wasn't released until about one month after her death, which never came out in the investigation).

--- AI Price, XXNGH PXL-ECV, N6ALP

"We may NOT KNOW all the Vets, but we OWE all the Vets !" --- Kern Valley Sun newspaper

And now a little humor:

Realized I had to use the bathroom.

Got up and walked across the house, to the pantry.

Couldn't remember why I was in the pantry.

remembered I had to use the bathroom.

Walked across the house to the bathroom.

Sitting on the throne I remembered why I went to the pantry...

Toilet paper.

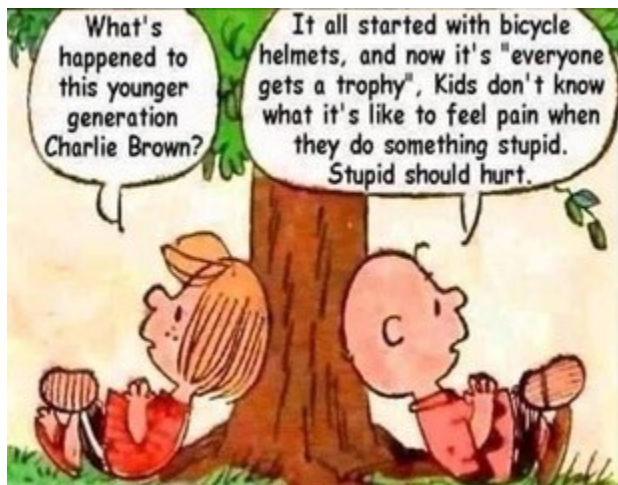
A single ant can live to be 29 years old



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Amol Bharate
What about a married one

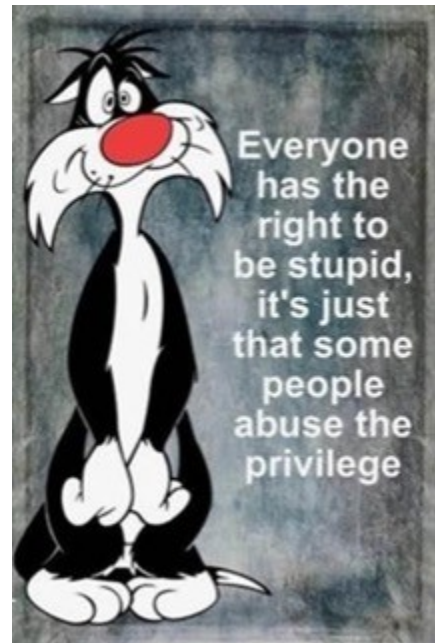


My best Science Fair entry





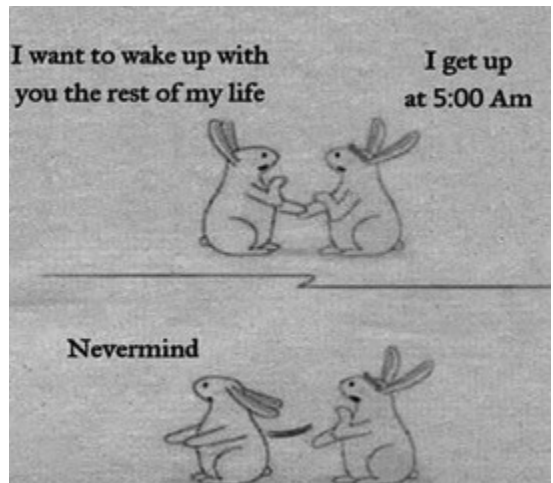
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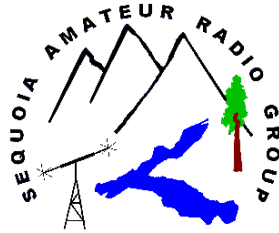


When I was a kid you could go to a store with just \$1.00 and come home with 4 comics, 3 candy bars, 2 packs of trading cards, a bag of chips & a cold drink.



Now, they have cameras everywhere.





Lake Isabella, CA

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