



# The Kern River Voice

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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:

Thanks to Kenneth Matthews, KM6HFO, for hooking me up with the local Boy Scout leader. I will be meeting with the Scouts on Monday February 10<sup>th</sup> to introduce them to ham radio. If there is enough interest from the group, I will put together a Ham Cram session later in the month or sometime in March. The session will be open to everyone and I hope to get some publicity in the *Kern Valley Sun* prior to the session. Our meetings should be listed in the EVENT CALENDAR section soon.

If you know of any other group that might be interested in a short presentation on ham radio, please let me know. We are going to put extra effort out this year to grow our ranks and increase club membership.

As always, we are looking for speakers for our upcoming meetings. March, May, and July on are still open. April will be the Pizza Party/Swap Meet and June will be Field Day.

Mike KA6IYS

### **Next Meeting**

Our next meeting will be at 9:30AM (doors open at 9AM) Saturday February 8, 2025. Our program this month will be the Kern Valley Search and Rescue who will give us an update on their recent accomplishments and their goals for the upcoming summer season. 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!



### **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 (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 . . .

You can find the question pools on our website or at <http://www.ncvec.org/> .





### Sickness and Distress

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

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](mailto: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

As ARRL News first reported in 2022, the FCC proposed the fine against Jason Frawley of Lewiston, Idaho, for allegedly interfering with radio operations of the U.S. Forest Service during firefighting activities for the Johnson Creek Fire near Elk River in July 2021. The FCC stated in the Notice of Apparent Liability (NAL) that Frawley holds an Extra-class Amateur Radio Service license, WA7CQ, and is the owner/operator of Leader Communications LLC, licensee of eight microwave licenses and one business license.

In response, Frawley acknowledged that he operated on a frequency reserved for government use and for which he lacked authorization but argues that he did not cause interference to the government's fire suppression activities that were being coordinated on the channel and acted with "good faith and non-malicious intent to help." Frawley requested a reduction or cancellation of the proposed forfeiture based on the number and duration of the unauthorized transmissions, his history of compliance and corrective measures, and his inability to pay the proposed forfeiture.

In the Forfeiture Order released on January 3, 2025, the FCC rejected Frawley's request and assessed the full proposed forfeiture of \$34,000. Read more about the story in previous coverage from ARRL News.



### **FCC Upholds Record \$34,000 Forfeiture Against Amateur Licensee** 01/10/2025

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) assessed a record \$34,000 forfeiture against an amateur radio licensee for "willfully and repeatedly operating a radio station without authorization and interfering with the radio communications of the United States Forest Service ... while the U.S. Forest Service and the Idaho Department of Lands were attempting to direct the operations of fire suppression aircraft working a 1,000-acre wildfire on national forest land outside of Elk River, Idaho."

Did you know? ARRL members who are active in things like attending club meetings and hamfests, helping other hams with their station setup, and many other amateur radio activities are now being covered by many health plans, much like gym memberships are covered.

ARRL has partnered with Grouper to deliver a paid benefit for being active with your ARRL membership! These benefits include a \$50 annual payment that encourage you to stay engaged with social activities in amateur radio.

How does Grouper work?

If you are 65+ and have an eligible Medicare Advantage or Medicare Supplement plan, you qualify - it takes just seconds to check your eligibility.

Confirmed eligible? You receive a \$50 annual check from Grouper and \$20 ongoing activity payments for every three months you are active with any group.

Helpful information about our partnership with Grouper:

- The benefit administered by Grouper is free to you and ARRL.
- Grouper is not a health insurance company, does not sell health insurance to members, and does not share your information except to administer your benefit.
- Grouper's benefit focuses on encouraging activities that improve mental, physical, and social health through group participation.

Questions?

Go to <https://app.hellogrouper.com/p/arrl/faq> to review the FAQs to learn more about our partnership with Grouper. Or, call Grouper at (833) 445-2400 or email [info@hellogrouper.com](mailto:info@hellogrouper.com).

Grouper does not have access to ARRL member information (name, call sign, email), unless you provide it to them to take advantage of the paid benefit. And Grouper does not share your information except to service your benefit.

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OMG Daily Calendar Facts.

One single elephant tooth can weigh as much as nine pounds.

The Etruscan shrew's metabolism is so fast that it needs to eat every two hours or it dies!

One pound of peanut butter can contain up to 150 bug fragments and five rodent hairs.

Grapes explode when you put them in the microwave.

In Italy, there are pizza inspectors hired by the government to ensure restaurants are making their pizzas at "Italian quality".

About 30,000 Americans are injured by toilet accidents every year.

Texting while driving on the highway takes your eyes off the road for the length of a football field.

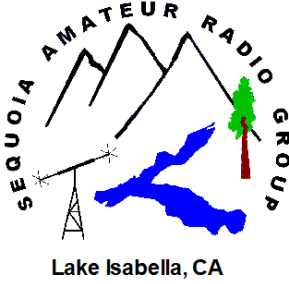
A group of ravens is called an unkindness.

The oldest recipe in existence is a recipe for beer.

More germs are transferred by shaking hands than by kissing.

Space waste can stay in orbit for centuries so long as it's above Earth's atmosphere. So far, the biggest and oldest surviving man-made debris is a piece of the American Vanguard 1 launched in 1958.

Lasagna originated in Greece.



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