



# The Kern River Voice

## The Monthly Newsletter of the Sequoia Amateur Radio Group



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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

## QST QST QST!



### The Prez Sez:

This month the club will sponsor our first Ham Cram on Saturday March 15, 2025. It will be held at the Valley Estates Community Center, 14213 Allen Ave., Weldon, CA 93283. It will begin at 9AM and run until 3PM when the test session will begin. Full details are on the club website, N6KRV.ORG.

Our program this month will be Kern Valley Search and Rescue. They did not make it as planned last month, but will be there this month (subject to not being called out to work).

We welcome our newest member, Jim Smith, KN6CTY. If you would like to add his info to your Ham Radio Operators Directory his address is 11901 Sierra Way, Spc 8, Kernville, CA 93238. His phone is (909) 921-4670 with [jbnacesgarage@gmail.com](mailto:jbnacesgarage@gmail.com) for his email. His wife's name is Cindee.

Talk up the ham cram to your non-ham friends and we hope to see you at the meeting.

73 Mike KA6IYS

## Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be at 9:30AM (doors open at 9AM) Saturday March 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.

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 . . .





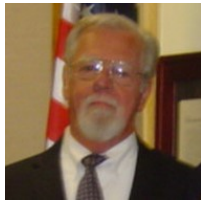
### **Sickness and Distress**

Torin KK6YAB is continuing his chemotherapy treatments and is keeping the road warm between Mt. Mesa and Bakersfield. So far, so good.

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)

### **Silent Key**



Charter Member John Strand, W6IBL, became a silent key in February. He was a talented radio technician and helped many of us maintain our radio gear and assisted with keeping the repeater tuned up. At the time this newsletter is being written there are no details about any services to be held. He has left some big shoes to be filled. We will miss him.

### **Amateur Radio Emergency Preparedness Act Re-Introduced 02/07/2025**

#### **Legislation Will Increase Communication Options During Natural Disasters**

WASHINGTON – U.S. Senators Roger Wicker, R-Miss., and Richard Blumenthal, D-Conn., and Representatives August Pfluger, R-Tex., and Joe Courtney, D-Conn. announced their joint re-introduction of legislation in the Senate and House to restore the right to Amateur Radio operators to

install the antennas necessary to serve their communities.

Homeowner association rules often prevent Amateur Radio operators from installing antennas at their homes even though Amateur Radio has proven to be essential in emergencies and natural disasters such as hurricanes when other means of communication fail.

“Mississippians should have access to every possible means of warning for natural disasters, including amateur radio operators. In an emergency, those warnings can mean the difference between life and death,” Senator Wicker said. “The Amateur Radio Emergency Preparedness Act would remove unnecessary roadblocks that could help keep communities safe during emergencies like tornadoes, hurricanes, and fires.”

“When disaster strikes, amateur radio operators provide vital, often life-saving information, which shouldn’t be hindered by prohibitive rules or confusing approval processes. The Amateur Radio Emergency Preparedness Act eliminates obstacles for ham radio enthusiasts, allowing them to continue their communications and serve their communities in the face of emergencies,” said Senator Blumenthal.

“Natural disasters and other emergency situations that hinder our regular lines of communication are unfortunately unavoidable, which is why we must bolster our emergency preparedness by removing the barriers amateur radio operators often run into when installing antennas. Amateur radio plays a vital role in public safety by delivering critical information to people at all times. My district is home to dozens of amateur radio operators ready to volunteer in the event of an emergency, and I am proud to lead this legislation,” said Congressman August Pfluger.

“As we know from recent natural disasters, amateur radio operators in Connecticut can be a critical component of disaster response and emergency management. It is in our communities’ best interest that we give them the capabilities to operate at the highest level, and with the re-introduction of this bill, we’ve taken a strong step in that direction,” said Congressman Courtney.

Background:

The Amateur Radio Emergency Preparedness Act of 2025 (H.R. 1094 and S. 459) would require homeowner associations to accommodate the needs of FCC-licensed Amateur Radio operators by prohibiting the enforcement of private land use restrictions that ban, prevent, or require the approval of the installation or use of Amateur Radio station antennas. Homeowner associations have often prevented installation and use of such antennas through private land use restrictions. This has hindered voluntary training for emergency situations and blocked access to necessary communications when disaster strikes.

Among other provisions, this legislation would:

Prohibit homeowner association rules that would prevent or ban Amateur Radio antennas;

Specify an approval process for installing Amateur Radio antennas;

Provide a Federal private right of action to Amateur Radio operators in disputed cases.

On behalf of America's Amateur Radio licensees, Rick Roderick, the President of The American Radio Relay League, re-confirmed the ARRL's full support for the passage of the Amateur Radio Emergency Preparedness Act of 2025 and extended his thanks and appreciation to Senators Wicker and Blumenthal and Congressmen Pfluger and Courtney for their unflagging leadership of the bi-partisan effort to support and protect the rights of all Amateur Radio Operators.

The text of the House version can be found at this link: H.R. 1094  
<http://www.arrl.org/files/file/Advocacy/HR1094%20House%20Private%20Land%20Use%20Bill.pdf>



Don't forget to set your clocks forward one hour for daylight savings time on Sunday March 9<sup>th</sup> 2025.



The total weight of bacteria living in the human body is two to six pounds (or one to three percent of our total weight).

Never miss a high-five again. Look at the other person's elbow first.

A four-year-old asks an average of 437 questions a day.

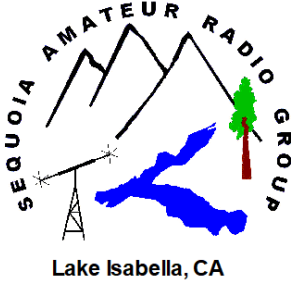
Swedish wasn't the official language of Sweden until 2009.

Every time you lick a stamp, you're consuming 1/10 of a calorie.

Despite common belief, your heart does not stop when you sneeze.

Shark teeth and human teeth are equally as strong.

It takes 400 cacao beans to make one pound of chocolate.



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