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The Prez Sez:

Happy 19th Birthday SARG. Our club was officially formed April 1, 2006. It took 4 or 5 months to work out the details and find a place to meet. We had a lot more hams in the valley back then.

We added 2 new members last month. They both took and passed the Technician class license exam at the Ham Cram. The paperwork got lost in the internet and didn't get to the FCC until March 31st. They should have their call signs issued in the next few days. Be sure to make welcome Aaron Polston and Jim Hoover when you see them at the meeting or hear them on the air.

We need a speaker/program for our May meeting. If you have someone/something in mind please let me know.

I am looking forward to seeing you all at the Pizza Party/Swap meet in a few weeks.

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> <u>ARES Net</u> Monday – 6:45PM 146.550 Simplex

<u>Club Nets</u> 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

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be our annual Swap Meet on Saturday April 12, 2025. It will be at the Valley Estates Community Center, 14213 Allen Ave., Weldon, CA 93283. The gates open at 10AM and Pizza will be served around 11AM. Bring your own nonalcoholic drinks. Bottled water will be available. If you wish you may also bring a side dish or dessert. We have chips and cookies left over from the Ham Cran, so no need to bring them. The club will have lots of gear for sale from various donations by silent keys families so bring your \$\$\$. If you wish to sell items of your own you may do so at no charge, we only ask you not to bring clothing. Anything else normally seen at a yard sale is welcome.

We will offer VE Exams during the meeting to those that pre-register. The exams normally held on the 3rd Saturday will not be offered this month.

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/ .



<u>Get on the air!</u> 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 Newsline is played just after the net for those that desire to keep up with ham radio in the news.





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Sickness and Distress

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

<u>Silent Keys</u>



This past month we learned of two more silent keys. On January 1, 2025 we lost Don Burch, WA6JGB. Don didn't attend many meetings, but he did support ARES and the VE Testing program. He joined the club in our early years and his support will be missed, as will he.

On January 4, 2025 we lost Lucia Szymansky, KK6CH. Lucia had been inactive for many years and had let her license expire. She and her husband, Stan, KI6OJ (SK 2012), were charter members of the club and were quite active in the beginning. We learned of Lucia's passing from her daughter Elizabeth who was inquiring about the Ham Cram.



In the nineteenth century, it was illegal for British Army officers to shave their mustaches.

A dime has 118 ridges around the edge.

Our Moon is the largest satellite in the solar system, relative to the size of the planet it orbits.

For every extra kilogram carried on a space flight, 530 kilograms of extra fuel are needed at liftoff.

The principal use for nicotine other than for cigarettes is in insecticide.

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

People who fidget burn an extra 350 calories a day. This could work off ten to thirty pounds a year.

The largest fungi in the world is called the Honey Fungus and is found in eastern Oregon. You certainly won't miss it --- it measures a massive 3.5 miles wide! The first spores (which is what mushrooms grow from instead of seeds) are thought to have spread some 2,400 years ago.

The right hand is mentioned positively 100 times in the Bible, while the left hand is mentioned only 25 times, all negatively.

In the 1920s, popcorn was banned from movie theaters because it was too noisy.

Of the 247 billion email messages sent every day, 81% are pure spam.

The blood in the famous shower scene in Hitchcock's *Psycho* was in fact Hershey's chocolate syrup.

The Barbie doll's full name is Barbara Millicent Roberts.

You burn more calories sleeping than watching television.

The word 'taxi' has the same spelling in Czech, Dutch, English, French, German, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian and Spanish.

FCC Initiates Broad Inquiry on Rules to Delete or Amend

03/20/2025

In a Public Notice titled "In Re: Delete, Delete, Delete," issued on March 12, 2025, the FCC is soliciting public input on any FCC rules in any service that members of the public believe should be deleted or modified "for the purpose of alleviating unnecessary regulatory burdens." This is the latest in a series of similar proceedings going back to 1996, when the Communications Act was amended to require the FCC to periodically review its rules.

ARRL The National Association for Amateur Radio®, through its Executive Committee and FCC Counsel, is conducting a review of the provisions in Part 97 and other related rules that apply to radio amateurs. ARRL is also soliciting feedback from its members. Rules identified as outmoded, obsolete, or that for other reasons should be repealed or modified, will be included in ARRL's filing to be submitted no later than the FCC deadline of April 11, 2025. The deadline for filing reply comments is April 28, 2025.

It is expected that the Commission will incorporate suggestions that it decides worthy of its consideration in a future Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) that could be issued later this year. There will then be an opportunity for public comment on the specific rules that the Commission proposes for deletion or modification.

A PDF of the FCC Public Notice is available here: <u>https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/DA-25-</u>219A1.pdf.

Words Of Wisdom From Children. These Are Brilliant.

1. Never trust a dog to watch your food. - Patrick, age 10

2. When your dad is mad and asks you, "Do I look stupid?" don't answer him. - Michael, 14

3. Never tell your mom her diet's not working. Michael, 14

4. Stay away from prunes. - Randy, 9

5. Never pee on an electric fence. - Robert, 13

6. Don't squat with your spurs on. - Noronha, 13

7. Don't pull dad's finger when he tells you to. Emily, 10

8. When your mom is mad at your dad, don't let her brush your hair. -Taylia, 11

9. Never allow your three-year old brother in the same room as your school assignment. - Traci, 14

10. Don't sneeze in front of mom when you're eating crackers. - Mitchell, 12

11. Puppies still have bad breath even after eating a tic tac. - Andrew, 9

12. Never hold a dust buster and a cat at the same time. - Kyoyo, 9

13. You can't hide a piece of broccoli in a glass milk. - Armir, 9

14. Don't wear polka-dot underwear under white shorts. - Kellie, 11

15. If you want a kitten, start out by asking for a horse. -Naomi, 15

16. Felt markers are not good to use as lipstick. Lauren, 9

17. Don't pick on your sister when she's holding a baseball bat. - Joel, 10

 When you get a bad grade in school, show it to your mom when she's on the phone. - Alyesha, 13

19. Never try to baptize a cat. - Eileen, 8

