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HF Net -Tue/Thu/Sat 8PM

±3815.0 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:

The swap meet was finally held on May 9th and was a definite success. Having the other 3 clubs in attendance gave us more buyers and more items to shop. A good time was had by all.

June is our annual ice cream social / pizza party. Notice a theme here? Seems we like to eat! It will be held in the park behind the Elk's Lodge in Wofford Heights. We will meet at 10AM and order the pizza when we have an idea of how much to order from The Pizza Barn in Kernville. We will have 3 or 4 flavors of ice cream to choose from. The club will furnish the ice cream, pizza, bowls, plastic ware and napkins. Bring you own drink if you want anything other than water.

Upcoming Programs:

For July: We still have part 2 of Al's Once Upon A Time that was started in March.

We also hope to have the program on the K.E.R.N. system that links the Tehachapi, Bakersfield and areas north together. Not sure what month it will be presented.

The Prune Juice and Baloney Sandwich Lunch is going strong on the 4th Wednesday of the month. We had 13 in attendance in May. Hope to see you at the Red Rooster in Mt. Mesa on June 24th at 11AM. You will receive an email reminder about a week in advance, and your RSVP will help us get the proper number of seats available.



<https://www.hamradio247.com/dxthreads>

DX Threads is a relatively new company that specializes in ham radio related wear products. They have hats, shirts, sweatshirts etc. Check out the above link for more details.

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 at <http://www.ncvec.org/> . The Technician Class question pool changes July 1, 2026. Be sure to study the current pool.



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

If you know of someone who has not been previously reported on that should be listed here, please the Mike KA6IYS know.

Janet Higgins says thanks to the club for the nice get well card for her recent bout with the Norovirus.

Newsletter Content

If you have something of general interest to our members, please share by sending it to editor@n6krv.org. Mike and Al will appreciate it very much. And a very **BIG** thank you to Al for all of his help. Mike KA6IYS

Fact or Not

(The answers appear later on in the newsletter)

1. In May 2024, police in Howard County, Maryland, recovered over 15,000 stolen tools valued between \$3 million and \$5 million.
2. Elephants are among only a few animals that rarely get cancer.
3. To maintain a healthy body, adults need at least 4 hours of moderate to intense activity per week.
4. Donald Trump once played tennis with tennis star Serena Williams!
5. Ronald Regan's Secret Service code name was Rawhide.
6. Police arrested a man in El Paso, Texas, after he cut off 37 man-buns from unsuspecting men in just one day.
7. Anyone residing in Canada has the right to a free portrait of King Charles III.
8. Minecraft, the successful video game, was initially called Cave Game.
9. President Woodrow Wilson cut maintenance costs during World War I by

grazing 48 sheep on the White House lawn.

10. Goats have horizontal pupils that give them a wider vision, which helps protect them from predators.
11. In Italy, red cars are more expensive to insure, and white cars are the least costly to insure.
12. The creator of comic book hero Wonder Woman, William Moulton Marston, pen name Charles Moulton, and his two wives were responsible for the first prototype of the polygraph, also known as a lie detector.
13. May 20, 1873, is the 'birthday' of blue jeans.
14. Disney World® is officially moving to Nashville. Starting this year's end, and Disney World® will begin closing part of its theme parks to move them to Nashville, Tennessee.
15. During the 1950's, the holiday song, "I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus" was condemned for suggesting infidelity.
16. There is no historical proof to confirm that Betsy Ross created the first American flag.
17. Just like their fingerprints, every person's tongue print is unique.
18. The resale value of any black, white, or beige car is more significant than one with a brighter or more unusual color.
19. The most popular dessert in Alaska is baked Alaska.
20. Comedian Chevy Chase once played drums in a band that would eventually become the popular rock group Steely Dan.



Number 4378 in San Quentin But, that comes a little bit later You'll know him as Dick Fellows ... but that's also a lie!

While we are on the subject of fibs, here are two more that robbers & thieves used a lot in the 1860's:

- "I only robbed from the rich to give to the poor – and I considered myself one of the poor! Indicating that he was only robbing the Stagecoach and Railroad Owner's, but they weren't on the stagecoach or trains when he robbed them.
- And "I made-up another name so my family back east wouldn't know it was me when they saw my name in the newspapers!" Imagine that -- all the robbers came from "back east"!

He was actually born George Brittain Lyttle, in Clay County, Kentucky, in 1846. His parents were highly respected members of the community, his father was a prominent local attorney, who gave his son every opportunity to succeed when he grew up, even hoped George would follow in his footsteps. Along came the Civil War, and in 1863, while only 17, George joined the Confederate Army. That was in July, but he was captured and made a prisoner in November 1863. Then was sent to a prison camp in Ohio, but by December 1863 he was paroled after signing a document saying he would never again fight against the Union army.

He was no dummy and went back home and studied law under his fathers' tutelage, but he had barely gotten his feet wet before it was realized that George had a serious drinking problem. For everyone's benefit, he left home in 1866, drifted for a while, but then showed up in California, started drinking again, ran out of money, so he began robbing stagecoaches that ran between San Diego and Los Angeles. He found that lifestyle exhilarating. Most of his targets were coaches run by the Coast Line Stage Company. Then, the same company stages between Los Angeles and Santa Barbara.

He was caught, and while serving a sentence in Folsom prison, being as well educated as he was, he began jotting down his "long-winded prose" in his outlaw memoirs (Silly man. He was documenting his crimes! Not only that, but he was also naming his partners and hiding

places!) We'd go into more detail, but that would take too many pages, so let's just say he was in and out of prison several more times, then serving life in San Quentin, he once again started writing (bragging – in detail). On March 8, 1908, he got a full pardon, and walked out of the prison gates a free man. There are stories saying he went to Mexico, he was teaching school in Tennessee and/or Louisiana or simply returned to Kentucky. No one knows for sure. He vanished as if he never really existed! ---- *I hope you enjoyed this story (mostly off the Internet).*

--- *Al Price, N6ALP (OH, did I fail to mention, his cellmate in San Quentin was train robber Chris Evans?)*



HOW WOULD YOU LIKE YOUR TEETH WORKED ON BY A WESTERN STORIES WRITER ?

Inspiration for an article can come from many places, this one comes from my friends, Wes and Janet Kutzner. A month or so ago, Janet asked me if I would like some Zane Grey novels, a bunch of Zane Grey novels – 64 of the 75 publisher, “Walter J. Black” collection? She said nobody in her family wanted them, and it was a shame to give them to a Thrift Store, where the collection might be broken up.

I had heard the name, Zane Grey, over the years, mainly from “Dick Powell’s Zane Grey Theater” while growing up (on TV from Oct. 1956 to May 1961), but I had never read any of his books, so sure, I’d love to take them. A few weeks later, at a Havilah Historical Society meeting she brought me two cardboard boxes of his books. No numbers to indicate any order to the books, so I downloaded a list of the order off the Internet. I had every book issued from #1 through #64 of the 75 books in the collection, but I have ordered 4 of the missing 11 books and will get the others over time.

Where to start this reading Hmmmm, well I decided to start with the book called, “*Zane Grey: A Biography*” even though it is listed as #64 of the 75 books. He started the book but died in 1939. It was finished by author Frank Gruber, using notes and interviews supplied by the family. Zane kept every letter from his wife “Dolly”, and Dolly kept every letter written to her by Zane. What an eye-opener!

I learned:

- His English ancestors “came to the colonies” in 1673
- His paternal grandfather founded Zanesville, Ohio
- His father, was a Dentist
- Zane Gray was born Jan. 31, 1872, in Zanesville, but his full name at birth, and through High School was **Pearl Zane Gray**
- He was very shy, a teetotaler and non-smoker, but he loved to listen to others and took copious notes, which he later turned into stories

- He was an avid hunter and fisherman
- He used to help his Dentist father, especially by traveling to nearby towns and pulling teeth, so his father didn’t have to go
- He was an avid baseball player, and even played in the sub-pro Columbus, Ohio league
- In 1896, he graduated from Dental School in Pennsylvania, and went to open his own Dental business in N.Y., but as Dr. **P. Zane Grey**
- In 1900, he met Lina Elise Roth
- In 1902, he sells his first magazine article, “A Day on the Delaware”
- In 1903 He completes his first novel, “*Betty Zane*” and borrows \$600 from Lina Roth to try to get it published. He also is now going by Zane Grey, dropping the “Dr. P.” from his name. He keeps writing but keeps getting turned down. He and Lina get married in 1905, and move to Lackawaxen, PA.
- 1907 he meets “Buffalo” Jones, and travels to Arizona to learn about hunting buffalo, etc. around the campfires, again not talking much, but taking a lot of notes. He also learns about other things, like catching mountain lions with a rope! After returning, he writes, “*Last of the Plainsmen*”. It was rejected by Harper’s, and he was told that his writing shows no promise at all. He keeps writing anyway.
- In 1912, after “*Riders of the Purple Sage*” was rejected by the Editor for Harper’s, he goes over the editor’s head and talks to the Vice President of Harper’s and gets him to agree to read it --- the V.P. loved it!
- There’s much more to the chronology here, but due to the length, I’ll skip a bunch of it. I mentioned earlier that Zane Grey was a hunter and fisherman. He over time, had several fishing boats, and went all over the World fishing and writing. He, at one time, had several World records:

- A 758 lb bluefin tuna
- A 111 lb yellowtail
- A 450 lb striped marlin
- A 618 lb silver marlin
- A 1040 lb tiger shark
- A 318 lb pacific sailfish
- A 582 lb broadbill swordfish, and more

He had bouts of depression, mood swings, and lots of anger. He described it as "being like a hyena lying in ambush" then said, "but I can't change my spots". Previous girlfriends had even told "Dolly" not to get really serious with him. Thankfully, she didn't listen.

Zane Grey died at home in Alta Dena on Oct. 23, 1939, from a heart attack, he was 67 years old. "Dolly" and their oldest son, Romer, kept Zane Grey Enterprises going. Zane never saw a television, but his stories were on TV for 145 or more times. And over 50 full length movies were made from his books.

I'm sure that more info will follow --- *but right now I'm busy reading!*
--- Al Price, N6ALP



"Well, there it goes again. ... Every night when we bed down, that confounded harmonica starts in."



Well. There you go. I guess Frank *wasn't* a flying squirrel after all.



"MY MOM AND DAD NEEDED A TIME-OUT."

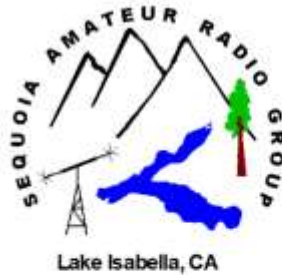
Fact or Not Answers:

1. True. Recovery from a retail theft ring.
2. True.
3. Not. It only takes 2 hours and 30 minutes to keep you fit.
4. Fact. April 17, 2015.
5. Fact.
6. Not.
7. Fact. You must pay for shipping however.
8. Fact. A test version called "Cave game tech test" was released first.
9. Fact.
10. Fact.
11. Not.
12. Fact. And that's the truth!
13. Fact. Thank you Levi Strauss.
14. Not.
15. Fact.
16. Fact.
17. Fact.
18. Not.
19. Fact.
20. Fact.

OK, I'm Probably Going to Get Sued by the National Park (N.P.) System. These Tidbits are from "*National Park Trivia*"....., So, *shhhhhh* ! A.P. (whoever that is).

- Many States don't have a National Park, some have one or two. California and Alaska each have eight!
- Mammoth Cave N.P. in Kentucky has the longest underground cave system in the World, more than 3,454 "mapped miles".
- The Grand Canyon is a N.P., and it is bigger than the entire state of Rhode Island.
- The Grand Canyon N.P. has an estimated 1,000 caves.
- Rockfish Gap, smack in the middle of the Blue Ridge Mountains, there was a roadside tavern where three future presidents used to meet. They were James Madison, Thomas Jefferson, and James Monroe. This area is now inside Shenandoah N.P.
- The oldest human bones ever found in North America were found on Santa Rosa Island in the Channel Islands N.P.
- If you go to Joshua Tree N.P. you will only see about 15% of it. The other 85% is managed as wilderness.
- The Big Room in the Carlsbad Caverns N.P., at 8.2 acres, is the largest accessible cave chamber in North America.





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