



KINGS AMATEUR RADIO CLUB KA6Q MAY 2007

Prez Says

Our next club meeting will be Thursday May 17, to discuss the upcoming Field Day on June 23-24. Field Day is fast approaching. This year Field Day looks like it will be at Burris Park, more details to follow. We will need to do a lot of work on the antennas & rotors. One rotor doesn't show the direction of rotation and the other needs to be taken apart and rebuilt. The generators need to be checked out and serviced. Work day reschedule for Saturday June 2 0900 hope to see everyone there. Thank you to Dave Ritter N6DL for the donation of two tires for one of the trailers.

On May 18 I will be teaching an introduction to amateur radio class At Huron Middle School from 0800 to 1430. If anyone could assist for any or all the time please let me know.

Next board meeting will be June 7th at the Weather Station in Hanford at 7pm. All are invited to come.

I like to mention again about the Incident Command Course. Because we get involved with emergency communications, we need to take the Incident Command Course, ICS 100, ICS 200, ICS 700, FEMA online. It's FREE. Has anyone tried to take the test yet? The link is www.fema.gov/about/training/emergency.shtm

73 de Ed Vonderbeck, KA6PNL



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CLUB MEETING:

Every 3rd Thursday of the month at 1900 HRS (7:00 pm) at the Board of Supervisors Chambers, located at 1400 W. Lacey Blvd. in Hanford.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING:
 Meets 1st Thursday of the month at 1900 hours (7:00 pm) held at the Weather Station, by the airport. All are invited.

KINGS ARC RADIO NET:
 EVERY WEDNESDAY 1900 hours (7:00 pm) on 147.33, 147.24, 145.11, 224.44, 441.900 MHz. Officer's Reports, ARRL Bulletins, Swap Net and more.

KARC Web Site At:
www.qsl.net/ka6q

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May 2007

- 03 Landon & XYL Schlosser - KB6ZKF ann.
- 05 Robert & Carol Luksemburg - TFU & VHR ann.
- 06 Jim Rickey - N6DXE
- 06 Frank & Phyliss Devin - KE6UKK ann.
- 09 Louis & Charlene Goldman - WA6DLF ann.
- 15 Mike & Pat Wedderburn - YCE & HDE ann.
- 24 Bruce & Lori Bentley - DTX & VHQ ann.
- 26 Michael & Michele Collins - KC6SEG ann.
- 28 W.F. Smyers - NO CALL
- 30 Debbie Rickey - KC6QIX

CONGRATULATIONS

Kings Amateur Radio Club
 PO Box 1133
 Hanford, CA 93232

Birthdays & Anniversaries

CLUB BADGES AVAILABLE

Club badges with your Name and Call Engraved, with or without club colors (silver and black). Contact Carleton, AA6GZ, on 147.24 MHz or call 924-4221. \$7.50 each (prepaid).



KARC Website

I have been updating the Club website. It's been sometime since it had been updated. I doing a little at a time and hope to have it all done by the end of this month. I notice the page loading slow, so I'm going to move all the images to Comcast to increase speed. If anyone has any suggestions for the website, let me know and I will try to accommodate you. The link for the club web page is: www.qsl.net/ka6q

14724 Repeater

The 147.24 repeater along with the 443.70 repeater are still down due to batteries needing to be replaced. As soon as Greg can get up to the hill top, this will be done. He's hoping in the next few weeks. We hope to start having our nets once again real soon.

Fresno Hamfest Cancelled

The Fresno Club cancelled their Hamfest for 2007. The best as it was explained on their net last week, the planning committee felt it would not be cost effective for the distributors that come down to set up booths due to the high cost of fuel. If you wish for further information, check into their net on Wednesday night at 7pm on 146.94

NASA

The Space Shuttle Atlantis, STS-117 is scheduled to take off June 8th, 2007. To see more details about this mission or download tracking software, go to this link. <http://spaceflight.nasa.gov/shuttle/>

I'm not sure what repeaters still rebroadcast the space shuttle audio. However, you can hear live broadcast from the internet. NASA makes a provision to see live video and hear live audio. Just go to the site below then click on Watch with Windows Media (Best for full screen). Enjoy!

<http://www.nasa.gov/multimedia/nasatv/index.html>

73 de Carleton - AA6GZ

Application Surge Continues Under New Amateur Rules

It's been just a little more than two months since the FCC dropped the requirement that Amateur Radio applicants pass a Morse code test. While the initial avalanche of applications immediately following February 23, when the no-Morse testing regime went into effect, has abated somewhat, business remains brisk for the ARRL Volunteer Examiner Coordinator staff. "It's slowing down a little bit, but it's still substantially above what we usually see," observed ARRL VEC Manager Maria Somma, AB1FM. She estimated that new Amateur Radio applications were up by 35 percent, while upgrade applications were up by 150 percent over last year's volume. In a typical pre-February 23 week, Somma said, ARRL VEC would receive paperwork from approximately 115 test sessions. "It's on the order of 150 to 200 sessions per week now!" she exclaimed. Somma and ARRL VEC staffers concurred that applications were roughly evenly split between newcomers and upgraders. She said she's also seen a spike in the number of applications from General and higher class radio amateurs to serve as volunteer examiners.

To satisfy his own curiosity, ARRL member Tommy Gober, N5DUX, compiled some FCC statistics on the number of new Technician, General and Extra licenses before and after the Morse code requirement was deleted. His numbers show the FCC issued nearly 700 more Amateur Extra, 3625 more General and 454 more Technician licenses in March 2007 than in the same month last year. The still-heavy volume has stretched the amount of time it takes for an application to proceed from examination session to license grant. "I think we're looking at eight to ten days from the test date," Somma allowed. By and large, those on the waiting end have been patient and understanding, she added. A staff of seven full-time and three part-time employees handle the "incoming" from Amateur Radio exam sessions across the US and from other sites where US Amateur Radio examinations are administered through ARRL VEC.

There's no light at the end of the tunnel just yet. Somma and her staff are looking ahead to 450 examination sessions registered for May, another 400 in June and 320 apiece during July and August. And summer is "the slow season," she remarked. Another 900 test sessions already are on the calendar for the rest of 2007.

ARRL Newsletter

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY SECTION Report for the Month of April 2007

SM Charles McConnell, W6DPD- ASMs K6YK and N2NS, ACC W6DPD, SEC N6ZFN, OOC N1VM, STM K6RAU, PIC KE6IGJ, TC W6TE.

Greetings from the ARRL San Joaquin Valley Section.

With the change in Part 97 of the FCC Rules eliminating the code exam as a requirement for upgrading, many Amateurs have upgraded to General and Extra Class. Congratulations to those getting upgraded licenses. Enjoy your new privileges. Technician Class Amateurs now enjoy limited HF privileges on 80, 40 and 15 CW and 10 meter SSB and CW. As the year progresses, more Amateurs will upgrade to General and Extra.

Just a reminder, the sidebands of your signal must be within the band edges. As a rule of thumb, on SSB you should operate no closer than 3 KHZ to the band edge to ensure that your sidebands remain within the band. On CW you can get closer to the band edge as the CW signal are not as wide as SSB signals, but your signals must remain within the band. Technicians may NOT operate FM on 10 meters. They may only operate SSB on 28.300 to 28.500 MHZ. FM on 10 meters can only be used between 29.5 and 29.7 MHZ.

New General Class Amateurs should get a frequency chart so they will know where their bands end. You can get a new frequency chart from the March 2007 QST or download it from the ARRL web page. Some new generals are operating outside the General Class bands. General Class Amateurs need to know where the General Class bands end and stay within them. You don't want to receive an OO notice or an FCC Citation for out of band operation.

Courtesy dictates that you should listen, and then ask if a frequency is in use before calling CQ. You need to call CQ when soliciting a contact on HF. Just giving your call sign on HF is not enough to usually get a contact.

If you desire your club information and events to be listed in Section News, please send the information to w6dpd@arrl.org.

Mark your calendars. Los Banos ARC has a special event station active on May 12. Tuolumne Swap Meet June 2, 2007, 8 AM to 3 PM at the Sonora East Shopping Center in Sonora. Contact Jerry WA6AVR, jerry.tanhhauser@us.army.mil for information. Field Day 2007 is the fourth full weekend of June. The 65th Fresno Hamfest is August 4, 2007 at the Airport Holiday Inn in Fresno has been CANCELED. The California QSO Party is October 6-7, 2007. Check www.cqp.org for information. Pacificon 2007 is October 19-21, 2007 at the Marriott Hotel in San Ramon CA. Check www.pacificon.org for information. The International DX Convention is April 25-28, 2008 at Visalia. Check <http://www.dxconvention.org/> for information.

When your affiliated club elects officers for the next year, be sure to update your club's information on the affiliated club area of the ARRL web page. If you fail to update your clubs information for 2 years, your club will be placed in the inactive file.

Need to take an Amateur exam? Check the ARRL web page, www.arrl.org for exam information. You can also search for Amateur Radio Classes in your area.

The Northern California Net (NCN), the Section Traffic Net, meets nightly on 3.533 MHZ at 7 PM Pacific Time. The slow speed training session of the net meets nightly on 3.533 MHZ at 9 PM Pacific Time. Handling traffic on CW is a good way to improve your CW skills. The Daytime Region 6 Traffic Net meets daily at 3:30 pacific time on or near 7.275 MHZ. The California Traffic Net meets daily on 3.906 MHZ and 6:30 PM local time. The noon time net meets on 7.268.5 MHZ. This net handles a lot of messages.

It is my sad duty to report that AD6Z William, K6LSK Ken, KJ6PZ Hugh WB6JDG, Erwin, and N6TST David are Silent Keys. They will be missed. N6TST was a cover plaque winner for his articles published in QST. He was the main speaker at the 2006 Fresno Hamfest.

KB6CLV completed the ARECC Level One Course. Congratulations!!

The Kings ARC has returned to active status. New officers are pres KA6PNL, vp NW6K, sec WA7YHX, and treas N6SDD. The club meets the third Thursday in Hanford. Check www.qsl.net/ka6q for information.

The Stockton-Delta ARC held a 440 MHZ homebrew antenna Shootout. K6YK had an 8 element beam built on a hockey stick.

SJV Clubs are providing communications support for the March of Dimes Walk America fundraiser.

SJV scores in the 2006 Phone Sweepstakes were: 1st WC6H, 2nd N6NZ and 3rd N6EE in the high power category. N6YMM had the high score in the SJV in the low power category. Congratulations!!

SJV scores in the 2006 ARRL 160 meter contest were 1st KA6BIM, 2nd K6OA, and 3rd N6IV. Congratulations!!

Congratulations to WB6NVB and KG6ZWZ on being elected to Life Membership in the ARRL.

K6XJ and W6UA were on the winning golf team at the golf tournament at the 2007 International DX Convention. Congratulations!! Several SJV hams won prizes at the DX Convention.

If you want an alternative to EBay, check out <http://www.californiaswap.net>.

Traffic for April: K6RAU 15 and W6SX 35. Total 50. PSHR: K6RAU 61 and W6SX 35.

73 Charles, W6DPD



**KINGS AMATEUR RADIO CLUB CASH FLOW
REPORT
MAY 12TH, 2007**

Balance of Checking Account on April 12th, 2007	\$1186.53
EXPENSES:	
PGE	\$44.30
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$44.30
INCOME:	
MEMBERSHIP DUES	\$45.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$45.00
BALANCE OF CHECKING ACCOUNT MAY 12TH, 2007	\$1187.23

SUBMITTED TO K.A.R.C. BY BOB RAMOS N6SDD, TREASURER

David A. Rosenthal, N6TST, SK: QST Author

David A. Rosenthal, N6TST, SK: QST author, DXpeditioner and photographer David Rosenthal, N6TST, of Ridgecrest, California, died March 16 after a long illness. He was 58 and an ARRL member. Between 1989 and 2002, Rosenthal contributed to QST on several occasions. He received the February 2006 QST Cover Plaque Award for his article, "Polar Bear Portable." During his military career, Rosenthal served as a combat helicopter pilot and as a photojournalist. During the Vietnam War, he earned two Distinguished Flying crosses and a Purple Heart. He worked for more than 30 years at China Lake Naval Weapons Station. Earlier, he worked an engineer for Hewlett-Packard. He also was a science reporter for CNN and a science correspondent for Radio Nederland. A world traveler, his photographs appeared in several regional and national publications, and he documented his adventures and accomplishments on his Web site <<http://www.ridgenet.net/~n6tst>>. A memorial service was held in March. Survivors include his wife Donna, KF6ZVE. The family has invited memorial donations to the Wiseman Cancer Research Foundation, 201 S Alvarado St, Suite 321, Los Angeles, CA 90057.

ARRL Newsletter

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HANFORD, CA. 93232**

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THE NEXT CLUB MEETING: May 17th, 2007
DAY: THURSDAY
TIME: 1900 HOURS (7:00 pm)
WHERE: THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CHAMBERS AT THE GOVERNMENT CENTER ON
1400 WEST LACEY BLVD. HANFORD.
PROGRAM: Discuss plans for Field Day

ALL ARE WELCOME. "73"

**Make plans to be at the
next Club Meeting
May 17th at 7 pm at the
Government Center**



WE VALUE YOUR CLUB MEMBERSHIP AND NEED YOUR SUPPORT IN THE UPCOMING YEAR.
ENJOY THE BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP. SUBSCRIBE TODAY. DATE _____

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NAME	CALL	CLASS	BIRTHDAY
		CIRCLE ONE	MM/DD
_____	_____	(E)(A)(G)(T)(N)	_____
FAMILY MEMBER(S)	CALL(S)		BIRTHDAY
			MM/DD

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STATE _____

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ARRL MEMBER? YES/NO **PER YEAR --\$20.00**
ARES MEMBER? YES/NO **FAMILY --5.00/EACH**
RACES MEMBER? YES/NO **STUDENT----\$7.50**

COMPLETE FORM. MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO "KINGS AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC." PO
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