



The Ventura County Amateur Radio Club, K6MEP will hold its next regular meeting at 7:30 PM on Friday the 10th of July 2015 at the **Ventura County Port Authority** 1603 Anchors Way Ventura, CA 93001, 34°15.11' N, 119°16.01' W, grid DM04IG, (see map pg 17). Board Meeting precedes the General Meeting. Field Day Pictures scattered through this month's Keyer. Preliminary score summary will be available at the meeting.



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K6MEP holds general membership meetings at 7:30 p.m on the 2nd Friday of each month at The Ventura Port Authority building, 1603 Anchors Way Ventura 93001

Dues are \$20 per year.

Message from the President

Greetings Members:

With the loss of long time K6MEP member Steve Carter, WA1ESF, we open a new chapter; see pg. 8. Steve was an elmer, mentor, adviser, and personal friend to many of us. He is greatly missed.

Field Day 2015 is in the books, and we have several positive aspects of note. First, Mega Thanks to all who came out, participated in setup, tear down, cooked, delivered, picked up, operated and/or observed. We set up and practiced our skills at a new location, very different in many respects from Ventura Harbor. There were no charges to use the VC Fire RTC, Regional Training Center, at Camarillo Airport. All interactions with VCFD staff were friendly, cooperative, and I wrote to Chief Todd Leake thanking him for our use of the RTC which contributed to a great Field Day experience for us. Fire Station 50 was contacted to secure the north gate for us Friday night as everyone went home.

Can we improve our processes? Yes, of course. Each year we do things slightly, or a lot differently. Putting up 5 dipole antennas in collinear fashion was new and challenging. It took extra time to determine mast locations, and safely raise each of four masts to 30 feet. One lesson we learned, again, is to prevent buckling of ANY mast. This is absolutely critical with un-reinforced fiberglass mast sections. One person MUST remain at the base and watch for buckling, directing those manning the guy lines and those
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Secretary's Column and Meeting Minutes

Ventura County Amateur Radio Club Inc. Club Meeting

Meeting Date : 6/12/15

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

MEETING ADDRESS : Ventura Port District Building 1603

Anchors Way, Ventura

ATTENDANCE : Listed on Roll Check-In Sheet

CALL TO ORDER

Established quorum (25% of Voting Members =7)

MEETING MINUTES

Open meeting with Pledge of Allegiance

Introductions.

Secretary Report Bob KD6UDA reports 29 current members, no items for June on the business calendar.

Treasurer's report: by Joe K6NE, for the treasurer, bank balances and income reported.

Call for approval of minutes. Quorum to approve the minutes . Unanimous show of hands.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

OLD BUSINESS

Field day sites. A review of the various potential sites. The Camarillo location at County Fire Regional Training Center is the approved site. Antenna layout is discussed, and special conditions for access and clearance.

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<https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/K6MEP/info>

Selected July Contests & Special Events

The following contests and special events caught your editor's eye. This is by no means a complete listing. Please see QST or the ARRL website (www.arrl.org) for any details and QSL information.

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- 06/30/2015 | 152nd Anniversary of the Battle of Hanover and Gettysburg Jun 30-Jul 7, 0900Z-0500Z, W1G**, Gettysburg, PA. WO4L. Certificate & QSL.
- 06/30/2015 | Granite Mountain Hotshots Memorial Jun 30-Jul 1, 1300Z-0000Z, N7GMH**, Prescott, AZ. Granite Mountain Hotshots Memorial Radio Club. Certificate WB7TPH. Other frequencies ending in .x19 on 75/80m, 40m, CW or SSB. Certificate via QRZ information. www.w7yrc.org
- 07/01/2015 | 44th Annual Smithville Fiddlers Jamboree & Craft Festival Jul 1-Jul 5, 1400Z-2200Z, K4F**, Smithville, TN. DeKalb/Cannon County Amateur Radio Club. QSL. DeKalb/Cannon County Amateur Radio Club - AB4ZB. dccarc.org
- 07/01/2015 | Grand Depart "Le Tour de France" 2015 Jul 1-Jul 28, 1200Z-1800Z, PA15TOUR**, Utrecht, NETHERLANDS. PI4UTR WWW.PI4UTR.NL. QSL. PI4UTR www.pi4utr.nl
- 07/04/2015 | 2015 Madison Regatta Special Event Station Jul 4, 1700Z-2000Z, W9EFU**, Madison, IN. Clifty Amateur Radio Society. 28.415 14.260 7.240. Certificate, ka9pij@arrl.net, Madison, IN 47250. Jefferson County, Grid Square EM78hr. The Madison Regatta takes place on the beautiful Ohio River each year and is the oldest race site of the H1 Unlimited Racing Series circuit. To request a specially designed certificate submit your request to ka9pij@arrl.net by Friday July 10, 2015. Certificates for valid contacts will only be sent electronically to your email address. No QSL Cards or other postal requests please.
- 07/04/2015 | Colonial Williamsburg July 4th Special Event Station Jul 4, 1400Z-2000Z, K4RC**, Williamsburg, VA. Williamsburg Area Amateur Radio Club. QSL. www.k4rc.net
- 07/04/2015 | Fourth of July Celebration Jul 4, 1600Z-2359Z, W3LRC**, Laurel, MD. Laurel Amateur Radio Club. Certificate & QSL. Laurel Amateur Radio Club. www.larcmd.org
- 07/04/2015 | Grid square EN67al activation from the summit of Brockway Mountain, Keweenaw County Michigan Jul 4-Jul 11, 0000Z-0000Z, K8N**, Eagle Harbor Township, MI. N8DUY/WJ8R/ND0B. QSL. We will be operating EME on 50 & 144 Mhz during moon rise openings. We will also be on 80-10 meters PSK, CW and SSB on a limited basis. www.grz.com/db/K8N
- 07/04/2015 | HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMERICA Jul 4, 1600Z-2000Z, WE7GV**, Green Valley, AZ. Green Valley Amateur Radio Club. Certificate & QSL. Green Valley ARC. The Green Valley Amateur Radio Club salutes America by helping celebrate 239 years of independence. GVARC.US
- 07/04/2015 | Historic Fort Missoula Independence Day Celebration Jul 4, 1500Z-2200Z, W7PX**, Missoula, MT. Hellgate Amateur Radio Club. QSL. Hellgate Amateur Radio Club. www.w7px.org/contact_us.html
- 07/04/2015 | Laura Ingalls Wilder Pageant Jul 4-Jul 5, 1600Z-2359Z, W0NOZ**, DeSmet, SD. Huron Amateur Radio Association. Certificate & QSL. Huron ARA, Inc, www.huronarc.info
- 07/05/2015 | Carranza Memorial Jul 5-Jul 11, 1200Z-2200Z, N2M**, Vincenttown, NJ. Burlington County Radio Club. Certificate & QSL. Burlington County Radio Club, Every year the Mt. Holly Post No. 11 of the American Legion celebrates a service for Captain Emilio Carranza whose plane crashed in the New Jersey Pines July, 1928 while on a goodwill flight commissioned by the government of Mexico. A violent storm was the cause of the crash and when Captain Carranza failed to arrive in Mexico City, Mt. Holly Post 11 set out to recover the young airman's body. They had to cut across nearly 25 miles of dense underbrush in order to carry his body out. On July 12, 1929 the Legion held the first memorial Service where Captain Carranza crashed. They continue to hold a yearly service to this day. This year the Burlington County Radio Club amateur radio operators will help commemorate the event with special event station N2M. www.post11.org/carranza
- 07/05/2015 | Whiskey Rebellion Festival Washington, Pennsylvania Jul 5-Jul 13, 1900Z-2300Z, W3R**, Washington, PA. WACOM Washington Amateur Communications. Certificate & QSL. Info on Festival: <http://whiskeyrebellionfestival.com/>. A graphic of the certificate will be available on the WACOM web site, just prior to the event. wacomarc.org
- 07/11/2015 | Ashland Harbor Breakwater Light Centennial Celebration, Ashland, WI Jul 11, 1400Z-2200Z, W9L**, Ashland, WI. N9XIM. Certificate. Special Event celebrating the centennial of the Ashland (WI) Harbor Breakwater Light on Lake Superior. This special event station is part of the centennial celebration of the light sponsored by the Ashland Historical Society. Certificate: \$2. Card: SASE. Please, no e-QSLs.
- 07/11/2015 | Commemorating Alliance, OH as the home of Taylorcraft Aviation Jul 11, 1400Z-2000Z, KD8MQ**, Alliance, OH. Alliance Amateur Radio Club. Certificate & QSL. We will be operating SSB, on these frequencies. Other bands, & modes may be attempted. Check our QRZ page for details www.w8lky.org
- 07/11/2015 | Great River Shakespeare Festival Jul 11-Jul 12, 1500Z-2100Z, N2B**, Winona, MN. Winona Amateur Radio Club. Certificate. Winona ARC -- N2B. www.w0ne.org
- 07/11/2015 | Red River Bridge War Special Event Station Jul 11, 1400Z-2300Z, W5I**, Cartwright, OK. Grayson County Amateur Radio Club. QSL. Grayson County Amateur Radio Club. www.k5gcc.org
- 07/11/2015 | USS Midway Museum Ship Independence**

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- Day Special Event Jul 11, 1600Z-2300Z, N16IW**, San Diego, CA. USS Midway Museum Ship. QSL. USS Midway Museum Ship Radio Room.
- 07/13/2015 | Corvette Homecoming Jul 13-Jul 19, 1500Z-2359Z, K4C**, Bowling Green, KY. Kentucky Colonels Amateur Radio Club. Certificate. \$2 for certificate kcarconline.com
- 07/15/2015 | Royal Rangers 2015 Camp-o-Rama Jul 15-Jul 17, 1500Z-2200Z, K4R**, Browns Summit, NC. Royal Rangers. QSL. Royal Rangers is a boys Ministry of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church and the Assembly of God Church. royalrangers1@verizon.net
- 07/16/2015 | OMIK 63rd Anniversary Convention Jul 16-Jul 18, 1600Z-2359Z, K0MIK**, Oklahoma City, OK. OMIK Amateur Radio Association, Inc. QSL. www.omikradio.org
- 07/16/2015 | Western Country Cousin net 51st Anniversary Jul 16-Jul 30, 0400Z-0600Z, N5SWE**, Bandon, OR. Western Country Cousin Net. QSL. wccnet.us
- 07/17/2015 | 60th Anniversary of the Willamette Valley DX Club Jul 17-Jul 26, 0000Z-2259Z, W7AC**, Portland, OR. Willamette Valley DX Club. QSL. WVDXC. wvdx.org
- 07/18/2015 | Registers Annual Great Bicycle Ride Across Iowa Jul 18-Jul 25, 0800Z-1600Z, W0R**, Sioux City, IA. Team Megacycles. QSL. To commemorate the annual RABGRAI and Team Megacycles 26th of riding across Iowa, we will be on the air as time permits.
- 07/19/2015 | Winnebago-Itasca Travelers Grand National Rally Jul 19-Jul 20, 1400Z-2200Z, W0WIT**, Forest City, IA. WITRADIO CLUB. QSL. www.orgsites.com/ia/witcars
- 07/20/2015 | Apollo 11 Moon Landing Jul 20, 1300Z-2030Z, K2CAM**, Garden City, NY. Long Island Mobile Amateur Radio Club. QSL. LIMARC, Apollo Event. SASE please. More info at www.qrz.com/db/k2cam or limarc.org
- 07/20/2015 | Brickyard 400 Special Event Jul 20-Jul 26, 2200Z-2200Z, W9IMS**, Indianapolis, IN. Indianapolis

- Motor Speedway ARC. Certificate & QSL. Indianapolis Motor Speedway ARC. www.qrz.com/db/w9ims
- 07/20/2015 | EAA Warbirds AirVenture Jul 20-Jul 25, 1400Z-2100Z, W9W**, Oshkosh, WI. Warbirds of America. QSL.. All Warbird members with current amateur licenses are invited to operate W9W during daylight hours. Non-licensed Warbird members may participate under the supervision of a licensed amateur operator. The station will be located on the Warbird grounds near Warbird HQ. QSL via K9ECF with SASE. More info: KC9JI, mentor51@aol.com , Ed@FinneganAviationServices.com or www.warbirds-aea.org
- 07/22/2015 | EAA Airventure 2015 Jul 22-Jul 26, 1300Z-2100Z, W9ZL**, Appleton, WI. Fox Cities Amateur Radio Club. Certificate. FCARC - EAA 2015. fcarc.us
- 07/24/2015 | Ham Holiday 2015 Jul 24-Jul 25, 0000Z-1800Z, N5M**, Oklahoma City, OK. Central Oklahoma Radio Amateurs. QSL. W5CU.
- 07/24/2015 | Swiss Days Jul 24-Jul 25, 1300Z-2000Z, W9A**, Berne, IN. Adams County Amateur Radio Club. QSL. wb9kqo.com
- 07/25/2015 | 2015 Detroit Maker Faire Jul 25-Jul 27, 1300Z-2200Z, N8M**, Dearborn, MI. Ford Amateur Radio League. Certificate & QSL. FARL. Satellite Contacts will be attempted. QSL Cards will go out as postcards. Certificates will be created on request. In Operation while The Henry Ford is open, 9-6 EDT. k8utt.org
- 07/25/2015 | SS Andrea Doria Sinking Jul 25-Jul 29, 0000Z-2359Z, N9D**, Muskego, WI. KC9HYH. QSL. Attn Andrea Doria SES. Remembering the 46 lives that were lost in the sinking of the SS Andrea Doria on July 26, 1951. Please send SASE to address listed on QRZ with attention to Andrea Doria Event. SSB/PSK31. Operations at or near frequencies listed above. www.qrz.com/db/kc9hyh



John AG6GL on 20M SSB Voice



Dana KG6WXE on 10M SSB & Bob KD6UDA on 20M PSK/RTTY

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Available Gear

I have a TELEX/ HY-GAIN 36 foot self supporting tower HG-37ss with its base for sale. This is a crank up tower (MANUAL) in fairly good shape.....asking price is 350.00

Contact me via e/mail at N6VUY@ARRL.NET



Swan-260-SSB-Transceiver

Swan tube rig has been donated for someone to work on who has interest in vacuum tube technology



Lloyd KE6BBP working 10M SSB

Hallicrafter SR-160 Transceiver

Ten-Tec Century 21 Analog CW Transceiver, 70 watts,
HeathKit SB-110 VHF Transceiver 6M (x2 – 1 obtained as a parts locker, the other appears complete)

Heathkit 2M

2 Radio Shack HTX-100 25W 10M Transceivers
1 President HR-2510 25W 10M Transceiver

Contact Stewart / KG6BOV at arrl dot net
Local pick-up

D-STAR Radios For Sale

Rusty Hemenway <rusty.hemenway@hotmail.com>

ICOM ID 5100 New 675.00
BT plug in card / Microphone New 115.00 / Software 63.00

VHF/UHF, D-Star and FM, Large control head. Good D-Star coverage in most of VC (inhabited areas)

BT Headset ?

Will talk with ICOM Software for Android Cell phones (Exchange pictures etc) via BT Selling for \$500.00

ICOM ID-51 Plus Anniversary Edition (Color Red). New 823.00
Fast Charger New 74.00 / 2 Batteries New 143.00 Ea / Dry Cell battery holder ? / Speaker Mic 74.00

This is a much improved version of the original ID51 Asking \$600.00

Contact Rusty K1GGS 805-426-6357 (home)

Upcoming FCC Exam Sessions

ON EXAM DAY BRING THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

1. A legal photo ID (driver's license, passport).
2. When no photo ID is available, two forms of identification must be presented:
 - a. non-photo ID/driver's license (some states still have them)
 - b. birth certificate (must have the appropriate seal)
 - c. social security card
 - d. library card
 - e. utility bill, bank statement or other business correspondence that specifically names the person; or a postmarked envelope addressed to the person at his or her current mailing address as it appears on the Form 605.
3. Students may bring any of the above items and/or a school ID, minor's work permit, report card, or a legal guardian may present a photo ID.
4. Bring your Social Security Number (SSN) or your FCC issued Federal Registration Number (FRN). VEC's are required by FCC to submit either your SSN or your FRN number with your license application form. If you prefer not to give your SSN, then you may use your FCC issued FRN, if you have one. For instructions on how to register your SSN with the FCC and receive a FRN, visit the FCC's FAQ page and the FCC's registration instructions page.
5. If applicable, bring the original and a photocopy of your current Amateur Radio license and any Certificates of Successful Completion of Examination (CSCE) you may hold from previous exam sessions. The photocopy(s) will not be returned.
6. Two number two pencils with erasers and a pen.
7. A calculator with the memory erased and formulas cleared is allowed. You may not bring any written notes or calculations into the exam session. Slide rules and logarithmic tables are acceptable, as long as they're free of notes and formulas. Cell phone must be silenced or turned off during the exam session. The phones' calculator function may not be used.
8. Bring a check, a money order or cash to cover the exam session fee(s). Check the ARRL VEC's current exam fee.

License Preparation and Sample Test Sites

<http://aa9pw.com/radio/>

<http://hamexam.org/>

<http://twit.tv/show/ham-nation> -- Weekly Webcast

<http://www.AmateurLogic.tv> -- Weekly Webcast

<http://www.eham.net/exams/>

<http://www.Facebook.com/HamStudy>

<http://www.hamradiolicenseexam.com> -- cost / on-line subscription

<http://www.hamstudy.org> (ICOM sponsored site) requires free registration

<http://www.qrz.com/ht/> -- requires free registration

<http://www.radioexam.org/>

Upcoming FCC Exam Sessions

07/04/2015 10:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed) Test 1st Saturday
Every Month Sponsor: AA6WC/Ali Hassan VEC:
ARRL/VEC Contact: Ali Hassan (323) 758-0565 Email:
aa6wc@prodigy.net Location: VE's Residence 6043
3rd Avenue Los Angeles CA 90043-2618

07/04/2015 Time: 10:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed) Sponsor:
ARES LAX VEC: ARRL/VEC Contact: James W. Laage
(818) 368-8710 Call before 6PM Email:
cllaage@verizon.net Location: Valley Presbyterian
Hospital Health Education Center 15107 Vanowen St
Van Nuys CA 91405-4542

07/11/2015 Time: 7:00 AM (No walk-ins) Sponsor: PAPA
VEC: Greater LA VEC Contact: Norman M. Goodkin

(818) 403-5123 Email: hamclass@goodkin.net
Location: Coffee Co. 8751 La Tijera Blvd Los Angeles
CA 90045-3906

07/11/2015 Time: 8:30 AM (No walk-ins) Sponsor: Santa
Barbara ARC VEC: ARRLVEC Contact: Darryl Widman
(805) 969-2326 Email: kf6di@sbarc.org Location:
County Health Care Services 300 N San Antonio Road
Santa Barbara CA 93110-1370 Southwest corner of bldg

07/11/2015 Time: 11:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed) Sponsor:
ARES LAX VEC: ARRLVEC Contact: James R. Stoker
(310) 775-5613 Email: jstoker@it.ucla.edu Location:
Huntington Hospital 100 W Colorado Blvd Pasadena CA
91105-3010 Wingate Bldg East conf. Room; Check in

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- Booth E parking Lot www.arrllax.org (ed. Note – Huntington Hospital is 100 W CALIFORNIA)
- 07/18/2015** Time: 8:00 AM (No walk-ins) Sponsor: Santa Clarita ARC VEC: Greater LA VEC Contact: Ronald B. Klein (661) 259-0948 Email: rklein46@roadrunner.com Location: Santa Clarita Valley Senior Center 22900 Market St Santa Clarita CA 91321-3608
- 07/19/2015** Time: 2:45 PM (No walk-ins) **Sponsor:** Calabasas/LH Sheriff's Station **VEC:** [Greater LA VEC](#) **Contact:** Norman M. Goodkin (818) 222-7893 **Email:** hamclass@goodkin.net **Location:** Lost Hills Sheriff's Station (Assembly Room) 27050 Agoura Rd Agoura Hills CA 91301-5332
- 07/25/2015** Time: 10:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed) Sponsor: Crescent Bay VE Grp/W6TRW ARC VEC: ARRL/VEC Contact: Scott V. Swanson (310) 459-0337 Email: scottk6pyp@gmail.com Location: Northrup/Grumman 1 Space Park Blvd Redondo Beach CA 90278-1001
- 07/26/2015** Time: 7:30 AM (No walk-ins) **Sponsor:** Calabasas/LH Sheriff's Station **VEC:** [Greater LA VEC](#) **Contact:** Norman M. Goodkin (818) 222-7893 **Email:** hamclass@goodkin.net **Location:** Lost Hills Sheriff's Station (Assembly Room) 27050 Agoura Rd Agoura Hills CA 91301-5332
- 08/01/2015 10:00 AM** (Walk-ins allowed) **Test 1st Saturday Every Month** Sponsor: AA6WC/Ali Hassan VEC: [ARRL/VEC](#) **Contact:** Ali Hassan (323) 758-0565 **Email:** aa6wc@prodigy.net **Location:** VE's Residence 6043 3rd Avenue Los Angeles CA 90043-2618
- 08/01/2015** Time: 11:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed) **Sponsor:** ARES LAX VEC: [ARRL/VEC](#) **Contact:** James W. Laage (818) 368-8710 **Call before 6PM** **Email:** cllaage@verizon.net **Location:** Valley Presbyterian Hospital Health Education Center 15107 Vanowen St Van Nuys CA 91405-4542
- 08/02/2015** Time: 7:30 AM (No walk-ins) **Sponsor:** Calabasas/LH Sheriff's Station **VEC:** [Greater LA VEC](#) **Contact:** Norman M. Goodkin (818) 222-7893 **Email:** hamclass@goodkin.net **Location:** Lost Hills Sheriff's Station (Assembly Room) 27050 Agoura Rd Agoura Hills CA 91301-5332
- 08/05/2015** Time: 7:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed) **Sponsor:** Baldwin Hills ARC VEC: [ARRL/VEC](#) **Contact:** Edward L. Walker (323) 394-1818 www.barc.us **Email:** EDLWALKER@PACBELL.NET **Location:** Round Table Pizza 4330 Redondo Beach Blvd Torrance CA 90504-1031
- 08/08/2015** Time: 7:00 AM (No walk-ins) **Sponsor:** PAPA VEC: [Greater LA VEC](#) **Contact:** Norman M. Goodkin (818) 222-7893 **Email:** hamclass@goodkin.net **Location:** Lulu's Restaurant 16900 Roscoe Blvd Van Nuys CA 91406-1101
- 08/08/2015** Time: 8:00 AM (No walk-ins) **Sponsor:** SMRA Emergency Repeater Network VEC: [ARRL/VEC](#) **Contact:** George W. Kreider (805) 754-2677 **Email:** kn6la@verizon.net **Location:** Betty Plotkin Center, American Red Cross 834 / 836 Calle Plano, Camarillo, Ca 93012; 34d 11m 55.21s N / 119d 00m 28.30s W ; Directions: From US 101, exit Pleasant Valley / Santa Rosa Road, southbound on Pleasant Valley turning left at Pancho Rd. approx. 3/4 mile on Pancho Rd. Left on Pancho at Calle Bolero; Red Cross is 1/2 mile directly ahead.
- 08/08/2015** 10:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed) **Sponsor:** Palos Verdes ARC, K6PV VEC: ARRL/VEC **Contact:** David D. Scholler (310) 373-8166 **Email:** jdavidscholler@hotmail.com **Location:** Hesse Park Community Center 29301 Hawthorne Blvd Rancho Palos Verdes CA 90275
- 08/08/2015** Time: 11:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed) **Sponsor:** ARES LAX VEC: [ARRL/VEC](#) **Contact:** James R. Stoker (310) 775-5613 **Email:** jstoker@it.ucla.edu **Location:** Huntington Hospital 100 W Colorado Blvd Pasadena CA 91105-3010 Wingate Bldg East conf. Room; Check in Booth E parking Lot www.arrllax.org (ed. Note – Huntington Hospital is 100 W CALIFORNIA)
- 08/09/2015** Time: 8:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed) **Sponsor:** Conejo Valley ARC VEC: [ARRL/VEC](#) **Contact:** Jeffrey M. Reinhardt (818) 706-3853 **Email:** jmreinhardt@sbcglobal.net **Location:** Ventura County Sheriff's E County Station, Community Room 2101 E Olsen Rd Thousand Oaks CA 91360-6861 Betw 23 Hwy & Reagan Library
- 08/15/2015** Time: 8:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed) **Sponsor:** Downey ARC VEC: [ARRL/VEC](#) **Contact:** Steve J. Grudzinski (951) 674-4699 **Email:** sgrudzinski1@verizon.net **Location:** Fire Station #1 12222 Paramount Blvd (1/2 Mile N Of Imperial Hwy) Downey CA 90242-3537
- 08/18/2015** Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed) **Sponsor:** South Bay ARC VEC: [ARRL/VEC](#) **Contact:** Joseph M. Lanphen (310) 328-0817 **Email:** janphen@ca.rr.com www.w6sba.org for details **Location:** Torrance Memorial Med Center 3330 Lomita Blvd Rm A, 2nd Flr, West Tower Torrance CA 90505-5002
- 08/22/2015** Time: 12:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed) **Sponsor:** Pine Mountain ARC VEC: [ARRL/VEC](#) **Contact:** Irene M. Smith-Quick (661) 242-1345 **Email:** irenequick@gmail.com **Location:** Frazier Park Library 3732 Park Dr
- 08/29/2015** Time: 10:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed) **Sponsor:** Crescent Bay VE Grp/W6TRW ARC VEC: ARRL/VEC **Contact:** Scott V. Swanson (310) 459-0337 **Email:** scottk6pyp@gmail.com **Location:** Northrup/Grumman 1 Space Park Blvd Redondo Beach CA 90278-1001
- 09/05/2015 10:00 AM** (Walk-ins allowed) **Test 1st Saturday Every Month** **Sponsor:** AA6WC/Ali Hassan VEC: [ARRL/VEC](#) **Contact:** Ali Hassan (323) 758-0565 **Email:** aa6wc@prodigy.net **Location:** VE's Residence 6043 3rd Avenue Los Angeles CA 90043-2618
- 09/05/2015** Time: 10:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed) **Sponsor:** ARES LAX VEC: [ARRL/VEC](#) **Contact:** James W. Laage (818) 368-8710 **Call before 6PM** **Email:** cllaage@verizon.net **Location:** Valley Presbyterian

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**Hospital Health Education Center 15107 Vanowen St
Van Nuys CA 91405-4542**

**09/12/2015 Time: 7:00 AM (No walk-ins) Sponsor: PAPA
VEC: [Greater LA VEC](#) Contact: Norman M. Goodkin
(818) 403-5123 Email: hamclass@goodkin.net
Location: Coffee Co. 8751 La Tijera Blvd Los Angeles
CA 90045-3906**

**09/12/2015 Time: 8:30 AM (No walk-ins) Sponsor: Santa
Barbara ARC VEC: [ARRL/VEC](#) Contact: Darryl Widman
(805) 969-2326 Email: kf6di@sbarc.org Location:
County Health Care Services 300 N San Antonio Road
Santa Barbara CA 93110-1370 Southwest corner of bldg**

**09/19/2015 Time: 8:00 AM (No walk-ins) Sponsor: Santa
Clarita ARC VEC: Greater LA VEC Contact: Ronald B.
Klein (661) 259-0948 Email: rklein46@roadrunner.com
Location: Santa Clarita Valley Senior Center 22900
Market St Santa Clarita CA 91321-3608**

**09/26/2015 Time: 10:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed) Sponsor:
Crescent Bay VE Grp/W6TRW ARC VEC: ARRL/VEC
Contact: Scott V. Swanson (310) 459-0337 Email:
scottk6pyp@gmail.com Location: Northrup/Grumman 1
Space Park Blvd Redondo Beach CA 90278-1001**

Trivia for July 2015

1. James Madison was the shortest US president. 5ft. 4in,
2. William H Taft weight over 300+lbs
3. James A Garfield served the shortest term.

de Dana
kq6wx@arri.net

Dear Friends,

It is with greatest sadness I am informing you that Steve Carter passed away Friday July 3rd 2015 around 4 AM. We have lost a great friend, co-worker, pal, and adventurer in life. About the only good thing I can say right now is that the intense pain and suffering is now over for Steve, after an extraordinary 3 year long battle, Steve has left us with great memories and good feelings. The attached photo was taken at Crater Lake in 2006.

Elaine's request is that flowers NOT be sent; cards are OK. In lieu of flowers you can make a donation to pancreatic cancer research. I think the site is <https://www.pancan.org/>

Joe Krigbaum



Steve, WA1ESF, SK

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Upcoming HamFests & Conventions

[ARCA/Williams Annual Summer Hamfest](#)

Start Date: 07/24/2015 **End Date:** 07/25/2015 **Location:** Williams Bob Dean Rodeo Grounds
800 Rodeo Road Williams, AZ 86046 **Website:** <http://www.arca-az.org> **Sponsor:** Amateur Radio Council of Arizona
Type: ARRL Hamfest **Talk-In:** 146.78 (PL 91.5) **Public Contact:** Randy Malick , KF0X 16845 North 29th Avenue, #312
Phoenix, AZ 85053 Phone: 602-881-2722 **Email:** arcafest@arca-az.org

[Southwestern Division Convention \(Hamcon 2015\)](#)

Start Date: 09/11/2015 **End Date:** 09/13/2015 **Location:** Torrance Marriott South Bay 3635 Fashion Way Torrance, CA
90501 **Website:** <http://www.hamconinc.org> **Sponsor:** Los Angeles Area Council of Amateur Radio Clubs & Orange
County Council of Amateur Radio Organizations **Type:** ARRL Convention **Talk-In:** TBA **Public Contact:** Margie
Hoffman , KG6TBR 21612 Grovepark Drive Santa Clarita, CA 91350 Phone: 661-347-6228 **Email:**
margiehoffman@gmail.com

[CopaFest 2015](#)

Start Date: 10/17/2015 **End Date:** 10/17/2015 **Location:** Ultra Star Center at Harrah's Ak-Chin 16000 Maricopa Road
Maricopa, AZ 85238 **Website:** <http://copahams.org> **Sponsor:** Maricopa Amateur Radio Association **Type:** ARRL
Hamfest **Talk-In:** 449.125- (PL 136.5) & 145.210- (PL 162.2) **Public Contact:** Bob Howard , W8RH 35881 West
Catalan Street Maricopa, AZ 85138 Phone: 520-709-6176 **Email:** fest@copahams.org

[Arizona State Convention](#)

Start Date: 10/23/2015 **End Date:** 10/24/2015 **Location:** Mohave County Fairgrounds 2600 Fairgrounds Blvd. Kingman,
AZ 86401 **Website:** <http://k7mpr.net> **Sponsor:** Mohave Amateur Radio Club **Type:** ARRL Convention **Talk-In:** 147.240
(PL 123.0) **Public Contact:** William Smith , KD7MIA 1530 Ellerman Drive Kingman, AZ 86401 Phone: 928-529-2299
Email: bill1021@gmail.com

[Cochise Swapfest & CW Communications Exercise](#)

Start Date: 11/07/2015 **End Date:** 11/07/2015 **Location:** Green Acres 2756 South Moson Road Sierra Vista, AZ 85635
Website: <http://www.k7rdg.org> **Sponsor:** Cochise Amateur Radio Association **Type:** ARRL Hamfest **Talk-In:** 146.76-
(PL 162.2) **Public Contact:** Lee Ilse , KD7OED PO Box 1855 Sierra Vista, AZ 85636 Phone: 520-236-1237 **Email:**
kd7oed@arrl.net



Our Hosts – Ventura County Fire Department Station 50 and the Fire Training Center

K6MEP Net Script

"Is this frequency in use, or is there any emergency or priority traffic?"

"Hearing none, the following is a Q-S-T."

"This is _____, net control station for the Ventura County Amateur Radio Club Net."

"This is a directed, open net for all radio amateurs, sponsored by K6MEP, the Ventura County Amateur Radio Club. This net begins each Monday evening at Eight Thirty P-M local time, first on Two—Eight—Decimal—Four—Zero—Zero megahertz, and then will Q-S-Y to One—Four—Six—Decimal—Nine—Seven—Zero megahertz. This is linked to Four Four Eight Decimal Eight Zero Zero Megahertz. All amateurs are welcome to check in. A roundtable will follow roll call. A ragchew session may follow the formal net."

"K6MEP, the Ventura County Amateur Radio Club, meets at Seven Thirty P-M on the Second Friday of each month at the Ventura County Port Authority 1603 Anchors Way Ventura, CA 93001."

"The next meeting date is _____" (From the newsletter calendar section).

"A roll-call of club members will be followed by a request for late, missed and visitor check-ins."

(Roll Call) ***** "Any late, missed, or visitor check-ins? Please call K6MEP"

(Roundtable) ***** "Any last comments?"

Ten Meter Closing: — "Control is now transferred to One—Four—Six Decimal—Nine—Seven—Zero megahertz. All net members are invited to Q-S-Y. This is _____."

Two Meter Closing: — "Good evening to you all, this net is closed at _____. (Time) We would like to thank WB6YQN and K6JLW for the use of their repeaters for our net"

"73, This is _____."

K6MEP CALENDAR

July 2015

3: Moorpark 3rd of July Fireworks – ARES Support. Contact Rick KQ6NO kq6no@arrl.net or Marc K6MB k6mb@arrl.net

4: Independence Day

10: Regular Monthly Club Meeting at 7:30pm. K6MEP Board meeting precedes the club meeting at 7:00pm

10-12: Santa Barbara Ultra 100K / 100 Mile ARES Support
Contact Rick KG6VLB rickwhtr@cox.net

18: SBARC Bizarre Bazaar and Flea Market
www.sbarc.org/event/sbarc-bazaar

August 2015

9: SBARC HamFest www.sbarc.org/event/hamfest

14: Regular Monthly Club Meeting at 7:30pm. K6MEP Board meeting precedes the club meeting at 7:00pm

22-23: Wings Over Camarillo Airshow – ARES Support. See <http://wingsovercamarillo.com/> contact Ted KI6PTX / ki6ptx@arrl.net

September 2015

11: Regular Monthly Club Meeting at 7:30pm. K6MEP Board meeting precedes the club meeting at 7:00pm

11-13: ARRL SW Div Convention Torrance Marriott South Bay
Website: <http://www.hamconinc.org>

12-13: Ventura to Hueneme Marathon – ARES Support contact Jose N6VUY / n6vuy@arrl.net or Stewart KG6BOV kg6bov@arrl.net ; www.venturamarathon.com

*To join Ventura Amateur Radio Club, Inc.
send form, along with \$20.00 annual dues to P.O. Box 2103, Oxnard CA 93034-2103*

Pro Rate Dues as follows: Oct thru Dec = \$20.00, Jan thru Mar = \$15.00, Apr thru June = \$10.00, July thru Sept = \$5.00

Name _____ Call _____ E-mail _____

Street _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Date _____ New Member _____ Renewing _____ ARRL? yes ___ no ___ Telephone _____

Below line for club staff processing only.

Enter processing dates:

Treasurer _____ Secretary _____ Membership Chairman _____ Roster entry _____

Membership certificate _____ New member letter _____

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Emergency and Volunteer Training

Some excellent emergency and volunteer training is available through the American Red Cross of Ventura County, FEMA and the American Radio Relay League.

Red Cross Courses

The following is a list of locally available Red Cross courses and a current schedule of classes over the next two months. Enroll by calling the Red Cross Chapter House at 805-987-1514 Ext 320 leaving your name, course code and telephone number. If you are interested in a class not currently scheduled call to be placed on a waiting list for the next scheduled date.

Note: The classes **Fulfilling Our Mission** and **Introduction to Disaster Services** are required for all Red Cross classes if you are not currently registered as a Red Cross Volunteer.

For training class registration, call: 805-987-1514 Ext 320.
Course schedule and descriptions:

<http://www.arcventura.org/DSCourseDescriptions.html>

http://www.arcventura.org/contact_us.html

- COLLABORATING TO ENSURE EFFECTIVE SERVICE DELIVERY(ARC3089-4)
- COMMUNITY SERVICES OVERVIEW (ARC 3068-1)
- DISASTER ASSESSMENT (ARC 3067-1)
- DISASTER HEALTH SERVICES: OVERVIEW (3076-1F)
- DISASTER HEALTH SERVICES SIMULATION (ARC 3076-2F)
- DISASTER MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES (ARC 3077-1F)
- DISASTER MENTAL HEALTH: AN OVERVIEW (ARC 3077-2)
- DISASTER WELFARE INQ.:CONNECTING YOUR COMMUNITY(ARC 3085-1)
- DISASTER WELFARE INQUIRY SIMULATION (ARC 3085-2)
- EMERGENCY OPS CENTER/INCIDENT COMMAND LIAISON (ARC 3089-5)
- ERVs: READY, SET, ROLL (ARC 3068-4)
- FAMILY SERVICES: PROVIDING EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE (ARC 3072-1)
- FINANCIAL STATISTICAL INFORMATION MANAGEMENT (ARC 3078-2)
- HUMAN RESOURCES IN DISASTER (ARC 3087-3F)
- LOGISTICS: AN OVERVIEW (ARC 3087-1)
- LOGISTICS SIMULATION (ARC 3071-2)
- MANAGING TOTAL DIVERSITY
- MASS CASUALTY DISASTER (ARC 3079 1F)
- PUBLIC AFFAIRS IN DISASTER 1 (ARC 3080 1F)
- SAFE FOOD HANDLING WORKSHOP
- SHELTER OPERATIONS (ARC 3068-11)
- SHELTER SIMULATIONS (ARC 3068-12)
- WORKING WITH TOTAL DIVERSITY

Scheduled Red Cross Classes

For training class registration, call: 805-987-1514 Ext 320. Please try to register for classes a week before the class is being offered

CLASS ID Basic Courses Day Date Time Loc.

For class info call 805-987-1514 Ext 320
OFFERING ID Chapter OFFERING Day Date Time
Prerequisite Instructors Location



Alli N6PEP talking licensing and CW



Jim W6JB doing CW



Mark KI6YLH at the grill

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The following free **FEMA Independent Study Courses** are recommended. There are several other FEMA courses available; see the other courses at <http://training.fema.gov/is>

- IS-005.a **An Introduction to Hazardous Materials** - (10/31/2013)
- IS-010.a **Animals in Disasters: Awareness and Preparedness** - (10/31/2013)
- IS-011.a **Animals in Disasters: Community Planning** - (8/13/2010)
- IS-015.a **Special Events Contingency Planning for Public Safety Agencies** - (10/31/2013)
- IS-022 **Are You Ready? An In-depth Guide to Citizen Preparedness** - (10/31/2013)
- IS-029 **Public Information Officer Awareness** - (10/31/2013)
- IS-035.15 **FEMA Safety Orientation 2015** - (1/2/2015)
- IS-036 **Multihazard Planning for Childcare** - (10/31/2013)
- IS-055.a **Household Hazardous Materials – A Guide for Citizens** - (10/31/2013)
- IS-075 **Military Resources in Emergency Management** - (2/25/2011)
- IS-100.b **Introduction to Incident Command System, ICS-100** - (10/31/2013)
- IS-111.a **Livestock in Disasters** - (10/31/2013)
- IS-120.a **An Introduction to Exercises** - (1/23/2008)
- IS-144 **Telecommunicators Emergency Response Taskforce (TERT) Basic Course** - (10/31/2013)
- IS-200.b **ICS for Single Resources and Initial Action Incidents** - (10/31/2013)
- IS-230.d **Fundamentals of Emergency Management** - (12/16/2013)
- IS-240.b **Leadership and Influence** - (6/16/2014)
- IS-242.b **Effective Communication** - (3/31/2014)
- IS-244.b **Developing and Managing Volunteers** - (3/29/2013)
- IS-271.a **Anticipating Hazardous Weather & Community Risk, 2nd Edition** - (10/31/2013)
- IS-288.a **The Role of Voluntary Organizations in Emergency Management** - (2/12/2015)
- IS-315 **CERT Supplemental Training: The Incident Command System** - (8/13/2013)
- IS-317 **Introduction to Community Emergency Response Teams** - (6/26/2014)
- IS-325 **Earthquake Basics: Science, Risk, and Mitigation** - (10/31/2013)
- IS-326 **Community Tsunami Preparedness** - (10/31/2013)
- IS-328 **Plan Review for Local Mitigation Plans** - (10/31/2013)
- IS-340 **Hazardous Materials Prevention** - (10/31/2013)

- IS-366 **Planning for the Needs of Children in Disasters** - (10/31/2013)
- IS-368 **Including People With Disabilities & Others With Access & Functional Needs in Disaster Operations** - (2/20/2014)
- IS-393.a **Introduction to Hazard Mitigation** - (10/31/2013)
- IS-394.a **Protecting Your Home or Small Business From Disaster** - (10/31/2013)
- IS-405 **Overview of Mass Care/Emergency Assistance** - (12/10/2013)
- IS-454 **Fundamentals of Risk Management** - (10/31/2013)
- IS-524 **Continuity of Operations (COOP) Planner's Workshop** - (4/14/2014)
- IS-546.a **Continuity of Operations Awareness Course** - (10/31/2013)
- IS-547.a **Introduction to Continuity of Operations** - (10/31/2013)
- IS-559 **Local Damage Assessment** - (10/31/2013)
- IS-700.a **National Incident Management System (NIMS) An Introduction** - (10/31/2013)
- IS-775 **EOC Management and Operations** - (8/6/2008)
- IS-800.b **National Response Framework, An Introduction** - (10/31/2013)
- IS-909 **Community Preparedness: Implementing Simple Activities for Everyone** - (10/31/2013)
- IS-910.a **Emergency Management Preparedness Fundamentals** - (10/19/2012)

The **ARRL** offers several on-line courses. The courses listed here are recommended for those involved in disaster and emergency service. See these and other courses at the ARRL web site.

Introduction to Emergency Communication EC-001
HF Digital Communications EC-005
PR-101: ARRL Public Relations (EC-015)
Public Service and Emergency Communications Management for Radio Amateurs- EC-016

There are some costs with the ARRL courses but discounts and occasional scholarships are available to ARRL members. See www.ARRL.org for details and enrollment.



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ARES-ACS Frequency Updates

The Tuesday night Ventura County ARES/ACS Net is held on the SMRA ERN South Mt Repeater. Local nets are 7:00 to 7:30 PM; County Net starts at 7:30 on SMRA South Mt / K6ERN 146.385 Mhz (+) PL 127.3 (linked to 224.100 Mhz (-) / PL 127.3 and 447.320 Mhz (-) / PL 100.0).

Good Frequencies to have pre-programmed into your radios...

Area 1 Simi Valley – K6ERN 146.805 Mhz (-) PL 100.0

Area 2 Conejo Valley, T. Oaks, Newbury Park – N6JMI 147.885 Mhz (-) PL127.3 BOZO

Area 3 Camarillo, Somis– K6ERN 147.915 Mhz (-) PL 127.3

Area 4 Oxnard, Port Hueneme, NBVC – WB6YQN 146.970 Mhz (-) PL 127.3

Area 5 Ojai Valley – N6FL 145.400 Mhz (-) No PL

Area 6 Ventura City – N6VUY 147.975 Mhz (-) PL 127.3

Area 7 Santa Paula, Fillmore, Piru – WA6ZSN 146.385 Mhz (+) PL 127.3

Area 8 Moorpark, Santa Rosa Valley – K6ERN 145.460 Mhz (-) PL 127.3

County-Wide – WA6ZSN 146.385 Mhz (+) PL 127.3

ACS Portable – VCACS/p 144.930/147.585 Mhz PL 127.3

Other Good Area Frequencies ...

W6GRG 146.940 Mhz (-) PL 127.3 Simi DSW Repeater

WA6FGK 146.640 Mhz (-) PL 127.3 Simi Valley

WD6EBY 145.420 Mhz (-) PL 127.3 Chatsworth Pk

N6EVC 146.850 Mhz (-) PL 94.8 Rasnow

K0AKS 147.150 Mhz(-) PL127.3 TOaks

WD6EBY 147.060 Mhz (-) PL127.3 Laguna Peak (Temp Inact)

K6ERN 146.880 Mhz (-) PL 127.3 SMRA Red Mt.

K6ERN 147.765 Mhz (-) PL 127.3 Olivas Park / SMRA

K6TZ 146.790 Mhz (-)PL131.8 SBARC

WA6COT 145.180 Mhz (-) PL 131.8 Sta Ynez

WB6OBB 147.000 Mhz (+) PL 131.8 Sta Barbara

AA6DP 147.090 Mhz (+) No PL Catalina

KB6C 147.735 Mhz (-) PL 100.0 Oat Mt / MMRA

LA DCS K6CPT DCS 145.300 Mhz (-) PL100.0

LA DCS K6CPT DCS 147.270 Mhz (-) PL100.0

LA DCS K6DCS DCS22 147.225 Mhz (+) PL 94.8

N6FDR 145.260 Mhz (-) PL 100.0 Malibu

W6AAX 147.180 Mhz (+) PL 186.2 Chatsworth

WA6PPS 147.300 Mhz (-) PL 110.9 L.A.City ACS

Due to assignment and coordination of several D-Star Repeaters, TASMA, the southern California Two meter amateur frequency coordination body, has had to re-align several frequencies. Among these changes are the channelization (15 KHz spacing) of the 145.5 - 145.6 simplex allocation and reassignment of several frequencies from simplex to other uses.

None of the local Ventura County repeaters are directly affected; however several previous simplex frequencies are now in use either as repeater inputs or outputs. **New County ARES Packet frequency is 145.050 Mhz;**

Ventura County ARES-ACS simplex frequencies have been re-assigned as follows:

Area 1 Simi Valley – 145.510 Mhz (S)

Area 2 Conejo Valley, T.O., Newbury Pk – 146.445 Mhz (S)

Area 3 Camarillo, Somis – 146.550Mhz (S)

Area 4 Oxnard, Port Hueneme, NBVC – 146.595Mhz (S)

Area 5 Ojai Valley – 145.555Mhz (S)

Area 6 Ventura City – 147.510Mhz (S)

Area 7 Santa Paula, Fillmore, Piru – 145.540 Mhz (S)

Area 8 Moorpark – 146.535Mhz (S)

County ARES Simplex – 145.615 Mhz (S)

National Simplex – 146.520Mhz(S)

Ventura County ARES / ACS Emergency Coordinators

ACS RO/ARES DEC: Rob Hansen, W6RH, Email: w6rh@arrl.net

Assist ACS RO/Deputy DEC: Rick Tate, KQ6NO Email: kq6no@arrl.net

Area 1 Simi Valley EC: Steve King, KE6WEZ Email: ke6wez@arrl.net

Area 2 TO, Conejo Valley EC: Zack Cohen, N6PK, Email: n6pk@arrl.net

Area 3 Camarillo, Somis EC: Ted Lansing KI6PTX Email: ki6ptx@arrl.net

Area 4 Oxnard, Hueneme, Mugu EC: Stewart Stone, KG6BOV Email: kg6bov@arrl.net

Area 5 Ojai EC: Wayne Francis, W6OEU Email: w6oEU@arrl.net

Area 6 City of Ventura EC: Jose Vazquez, N6VUY Email: n6vuy@arrl.net

Area 7 Santa Paula, Fillmore, Piru EC: Jose Vazquez, N6VUY Email: n6vuy@arrl.net

Area 8 Moorpark, Santa Rosa Valley EC: Marc Handley KM6B, Email: km6b@arrl.net

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ARRL offers online training for hams who want to participate in the Amateur Radio Emergency Service.

The time for training is before a disaster...not during one.

The former Amateur Radio Emergency Communications (AREC) series of three training courses has been reconfigured into two courses: An introductory course and a course for leaders and managers.

Introduction to Emergency Communication (#EC-001)

Revised in 2011, this is an update of the former Level 1 course. It is designed to provide basic knowledge and tools for hams who want to serve as a Public Service volunteer. It provides an opportunity for non-hams who rely on communications in emergency situations to learn about Amateur Radio and its unique role in emergencies.

The course is offered online using the Moodle learning platform. The *Introduction to Emergency Communication* course has six sections with 29 lesson topics and a 35 question final assessment. Participants should plan on completing the course in approximately 45 hours over a nine week period. This is a mentored course, in which you may work according to your own schedule. Cost is \$50 for ARRL members and \$85 for non-members.

For start dates, registration deadlines and more visit www.arrl.org/online-course-catalog

Public Service and Emergency Communications Management for Radio Amateurs (#EC-016)

Launched in 2010, this course is designed for Amateur Radio operators who will be in leadership and managerial roles, organizing other volunteers to support public service activities and communications emergencies. Participants will learn how radio amateurs prepare to support local community events and, when working in coordination with governmental and emergency response organizations, how to deploy their services. This is a self-study course. For more information and to register visit www.arrl.org/online-course-catalog.

PR-101: ARRL Public Relations (EC-015)

This is a basic training course for PIOs and anyone interacting with the media and promoting Amateur Radio.

This course is designed to give hams a quick overview in public relations activities. It uses the skills of experts in various aspects of public relations to provide volunteer Public Information Officers with the basic skills and expectations that a PIO needs to know to be effective in their home region. PR-101 covers everything from the basic news release to Web sites and video work.

This course is available--free! – on-line, or can be purchased in CD format from the ARRL store.

The new Ventura County ACS Trailer at SkyWarn Operations, NWS Oxnard, 7 Dec 2014



Local Area Radio Nets

Weekly Nets

Monday

Cuckoo Net **146.790 Mhz (-) / 131.8 Hz PL** every weekday morning from 7:00 AM to about 8:20 AM

California Rescue ARES Net **7.25 Mhz** MTWThF 8:30 AM

K6MEP / VCARC Club Net -- 8:30 PM **28.400 Mhz USB / 146.970 Mhz (-) / 127.3 PL (WB6YQN repeater)** linked to **K6JLW 448.800 Mhz (-) PL 131.8**

Santa Barbara South County ARES net 7:30 p.m. on **146.79 Mhz (-) PL 131.8**.

LA Section ARES Net - HF Every Monday following the VHF/UHF net (~2130 hrs) 1st, 3rd and 4th Monday - **75 meters 3.995 MHz (± 45 kHz) / 2nd Monday - 10 meters 28.495 MHz**

LA DCS-22 Net -- 1930 Hrs. - **K6DCS - 147.225 MHz (+)** then on **7.235± MHz LSB**

Southern California ACS NET MONDAY AT 2000 HOURS LOCAL TIME ON **3992, 3960 KHz LSB**

California Emergency Services Net (CESN) Monday at - 2000 hours local **3960, 3992, or 1987 KHz LSB*** (* **Note - 3992 is primary until further notice due to excessive noise floor on 3960** *) (Mutual Aid Regions 1 through 6)

Tuesday

Cuckoo Net **146.790 Mhz (-) / 131.8 Hz PL** every weekday morning from 7:00 AM to about 8:20 AM

California Rescue ARES Net **7.250 Mhz** MTWThF 8:30 AM

Ventura County ARES-ACS 6 Meter Net -- between 6:30 PM to 7:00 PM **K6SMR 52.980 Mhz (-) PL 82.5** SMRA Red Mt

Ventura County ARES-ACS HF Net -- between 6:30 PM to 7:00 PM 40M on **7.230 Mhz LSB +/-**; 80M on **3.820 Mhz LSB +/-**

Ventura County ARES/ACS Nets between 7:00 and 8:00 PM, the Ventura County Amateur Radio Emergency Service / Auxiliary Communications Service holds their local and County-wide nets. Local Nets are by area and normally run from 7:00 to 7:30 PM. The County-wide Net starts at 7:30 PM and normally finishes by 8:00 PM **146.385 (+) / 127.3 PL**

West SB ARES HF Net (1st Tuesday, Monthly) **3822 KHz LSB** 2030 / 8:30 PM

2000 **6-Meter Roundtable - 50.125 Mhz USB** First Tuesday of each month.

2030 **ATV Net 146.790 Mhz (-) / 131.8 Hz PL K6TZ** repeater

Wednesday

Cuckoo Net **146.790 Mhz (-) / 131.8 Hz PL** every weekday morning from 7:00 AM to about 8:20 AM

California Rescue ARES Net **7.25 Mhz** MTWThF 8:30 AM

Channel Islands 10-10 Net **28.340Mhz USB** 10:00 AM / 6:00 PM

Southern California ACS NET 1000 Hours, 40 Meter Net **7230 KHz**

SMRA Tech Net **146.880 Mhz (-) / 127.3 PL** (SMRA Red Mt) 8:00 PM

SBARC Swap Net **146.790 Mhz (-) / 131.8 Hz PL** K6TZ 2000

California Emergency Services Net (CESN) Wednesday at **1000 hours local - 7230 KHz LSB*** (Mutual Aid Regions 1 through 6) * Note that 7230 KHz is the daytime calling and coordination frequency: 3960, 3992, or 1987 KHz are the nighttime frequencies for the same purpose.

Thursday

Cuckoo Net **146.790 Mhz (-) / 131.8 Hz PL** every weekday morning from 7:00 AM to about 8:20 AM

California Rescue ARES Net **7.25 Mhz** MTWThF 8:30 AM

So Cal 6 meter net, **51.940 Mhz – pl 82.5**. 1900-2000 local Thursdays.

Southern Calif 6M SSB Technical Roundtable Net Thursday night at 8:00 PM on **50.2 MHz USB SSB**

SBARC / K6TZ Technical Mentoring Net -- Thursday nights 8:00-9:00 PM **146.790 Mhz (-) / 131.8 Hz PL** and **224.08 Mhz (-) 131.8 PL** (lined)

Friday

Cuckoo Net **146.790 Mhz (-) / 131.8 Hz PL** every weekday morning from 7:00 AM to about 8:20 AM

California Rescue ARES Net **7.250 Mhz** MTWThF 8:30 AM

Saturday

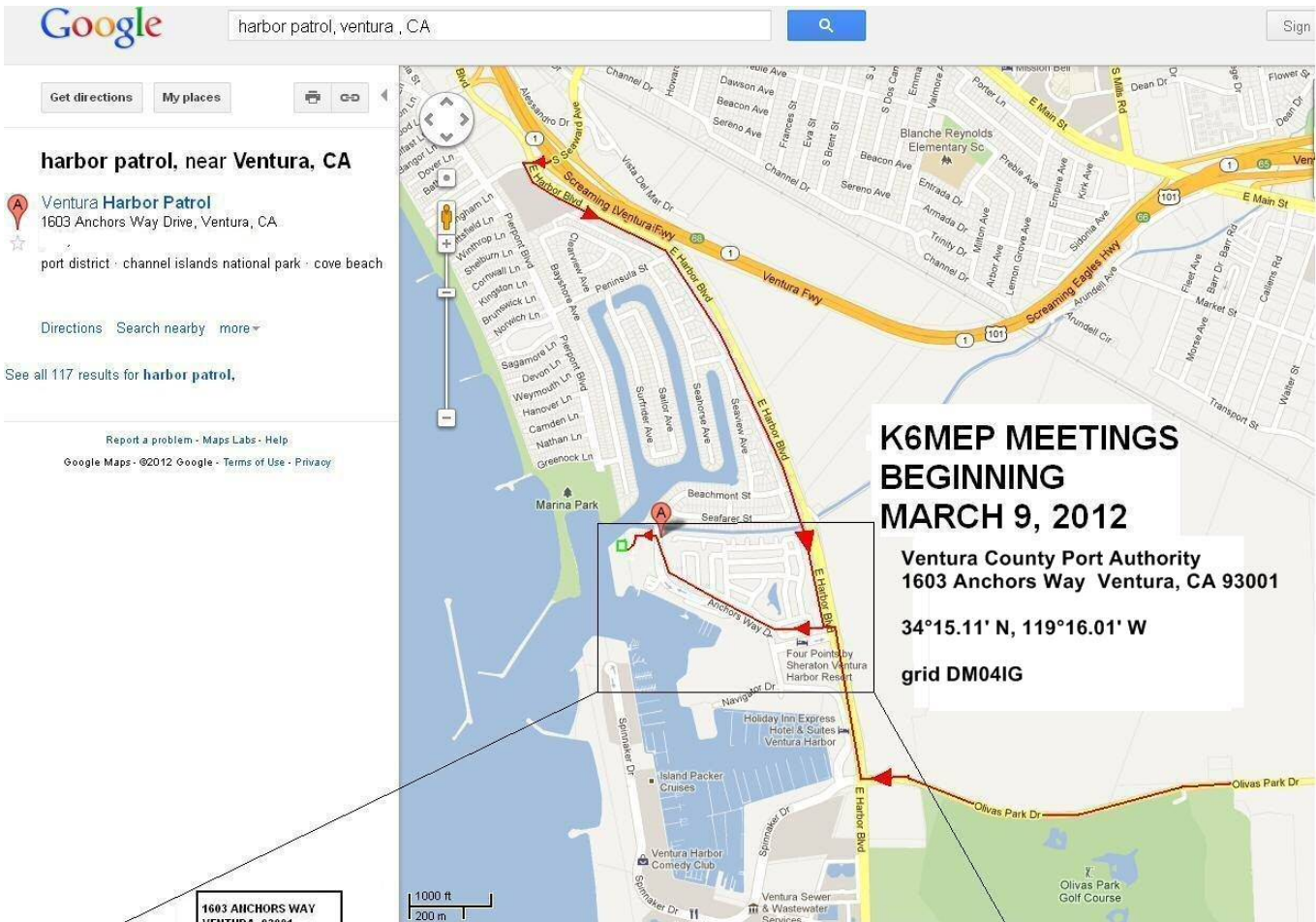
Quad Squad Net 1300 / 1:00 PM **21.365 Mhz USB**

Military Radio Collector Net 1830 / 6:30PM **3985 Kc +/- AM**

Sunday

Newbie Net 7:00-7:30 pm Sundays; Bozo Repeater **147.885 Mhz (-) / PL127.3**

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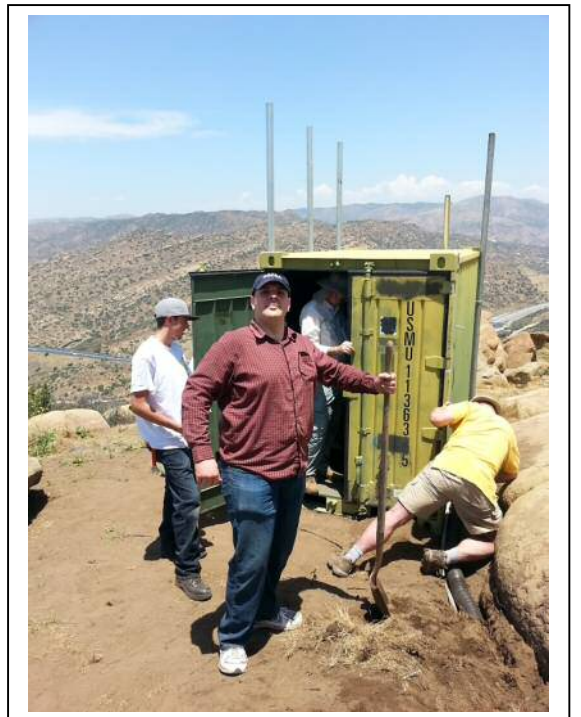
Updates from Paul / WD6EBY on the Chatsworth Repeater Project



Antenna Array



Conduit and access stairs



I want to thank you for your consideration in assisting with effort. Not many people know what it takes to install a repeater system or have never been to a hilltop to see an installation. This is your opportunity to learn and help. Reminder that any work you do here can be entered as ACS hours worked. So don't forget to enter your hours.

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FCC Chairman, Lawmakers Announce Agreement to Scale Back Field Office Shutdowns

06/12/2015

Leaders of the US House Energy and Commerce Committee have reached agreement with FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler to amend the Commission's plans — announced in March — to close FCC field offices. Under the revised plan, the FCC will keep 15 of its 24 field offices open. The plan would “ensure better rapid response capabilities for the West, provide a mechanism for escalating interference complaints, improve enforcement of the FCC's rules against pirate radio operators, and prevent the Commission from transferring field office jobs to FCC Headquarters,” a Committee media release said. The FCC has been under pressure from lawmakers and others to step back from the its plan to close two-thirds of its field offices.



“We found a good solution that makes sense. These changes will keep field offices open in strategic locations and help ensure that the commission can fulfill its responsibilities to the public and public safety communities,” said Communications and Technology Subcommittee Chairman Greg Walden, W7EQI. “This agreement strikes a balance between the important work of FCC field agents and streamlining field operations to ensure the efficient use of taxpayer dollars. Positive outcomes often result from collaborative work. This agreement represents just such an effort.”

As a result of the announced agreement a June 11 hearing of Walden's subcommittee to address the proposed closings was cancelled. ARRL General Counsel Chris Imlay, W3KD, was among those prepared to testify at the session.

The closure plans were revealed earlier this year via an apparently leaked internal FCC Enforcement Bureau (EB) memorandum that indicated Bureau planned to ask the full Commission to cut two-thirds of its field offices and eliminate nearly one-half of its field agents. At the same time, the Bureau would develop a so-called “Tiger Team” of field agents as a flexible strike force it could deploy as needed.

After the League learned of the field office closure plans, ARRL CEO David Sumner, K1ZZ, expressed dismay at the proposals, coming “at a time when the Field staff is facing ever-increasing challenges.” Sumner also had expressed concern “that there is already no sense of urgency in the FCC's enforcement activities targeting spectrum polluters, such as utilities with noisy power lines, or the few violators in our own ranks.” The League has been working behind the scenes at the FCC and on Capitol Hill to make a case that more enforcement leads to better compliance in all services.

Under the proposals, initiated last fall, the field office geographic footprint would have been reduced from 24 sites to 8 sites, with the EB set to “pre-position” equipment in several other strategic locations. Offices already slated to remain open are New York City; Columbia, Maryland — the site of the Bureau's HF Direction-Finding Center; Chicago; Atlanta; Miami; Dallas; Los Angeles, and San Francisco. The other offices the FCC plans to keep open were not announced.

“Communities across America will continue to be served, even as the Commission becomes more efficient — it's a win-win,” said House Energy and Commerce Committee Chair Fred Upton of Michigan. “It also demonstrates how much we can accomplish when we work together to tackle the many tough issues we face.”

FCC Speedily Dismisses Petitions to Alter Amateur Service Rules

07/01/2015

Acting with near lightning speed, the FCC has **dismissed** two petitions for rule making calling for separate amendments to the Part 97 Amateur Service rules. Willison H. Gormly, WD0BCS, of Des Moines, New Mexico, filed both petitions on June 16, and the FCC turned them away on July 1. Gormly had requested that the FCC amend §97.301(e) of the rules by dividing it into separate sub-paragraphs for technician and Novice class privileges. He had also asked the FCC to amend §97.305(c) to authorize spread spectrum emissions in the 2 meter band.



“The rule changes you propose were previously rejected by the Commission,” Scot Stone, deputy chief of the Mobility Division in the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, told Gormly in the FCC's dismissal letter. “Your petitions do not demonstrate or even suggest that any relevant circumstances have changed such as to merit reconsideration of these decisions.”

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The FCC noted that while §97.301(e) had been divided into two paragraphs in the past, these were consolidated when the Commission streamlined the rules in 1999. Gormly argued that the present configuration was confusing, but the FCC pointed out that §97.301 “has been in this arrangement for a number of years without any reported difficulty.”

Regarding Gormly’s second petition, the Commission noted that it had sought comment in 2004 as to whether it should expand the bands authorized for spread spectrum to permit such emissions on the 50 MHz, 144 MHz, and 222 MHz bands. Agreeing with the majority of comments, the FCC subsequently determined that authorizing spread spectrum was not warranted on 6 meters and 2 meters, “because of concerns over the compatibility of spread spectrum emission types and other Amateur radio operations in those bands,” the FCC explained in its denial letter.

The FCC had said it was concerned about raising the noise floor on the band, with potential adverse effects on so-called “weak signal” communications or “otherwise affecting experimentation.” The Commission also had noted that both bands are heavily used for other types of communication.

FCC Invites Comments on Proposed Rules for New LF and MF Amateur Allocations



07/02/2015

The FCC is inviting comments on its recent proposals to authorize Amateur Radio operation on two new bands -- an LF allocation at 135.7 to 137.8 kHz (2200 meters), and an MF allocation at 472-479 kHz (630 meters). Amateur Radio would be secondary on both bands. Comments are due August 31. Reply comments -- ie, comments on comments filed -- are due by September 30. The FCC allocated 135.7 to 137.8 kHz to the Amateur Service in accordance with the *Final Acts* of the 2007 World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC-07). The proposed new allocation at 472 to 479 kHz would implement decisions made at WRC-12.

“The Commission is proposing service rules for the Amateur Service in the 135.7-137.8 kHz and 472-479 kHz bands with the principal goal of enabling sharing of this spectrum among licensed amateur stations and unlicensed PLC systems,” the FCC said on April 27 in a 257-page [Report and Order, Order, and Notice of Proposed Rulemaking](#). The combined proceeding addresses three dockets -- ET-12-338, ET-15-99, and IB-06-123 -- affecting various radio services in addition to the Amateur Service. The [detailed proposals](#) appeared in *The Federal Register* on July 2.

Amateur Radio stations are not permitted in either band until the FCC adopts, on the basis of comments, specific technical and operational Part 97 rules. Power line carrier (PLC) systems operated by utilities to control the power grid already operate under Part 15 of the FCC rules in both frequency ranges, particularly the lower of the two.

With respect to the new 630 meter band, the FCC has concluded that Amateur Radio and PLC systems “can successfully coexist in the band,” and noted that there has been no reported interference to PLC operation resulting from experimental operations there. The FCC said PLC systems and anticipated Amateur Radio use of both 630 meters and 2200 meters “have characteristics that make coexistence possible.” In general, the FCC wants to hear from the public regarding power limits, antenna placement and height, and geographical limitations for operation in the proposed LF and MF allocations. The FCC has said that the “cornerstone” of the technical rules it’s proposing for both bands is “physical separation between amateur stations and the transmission lines” carrying PLC signals.

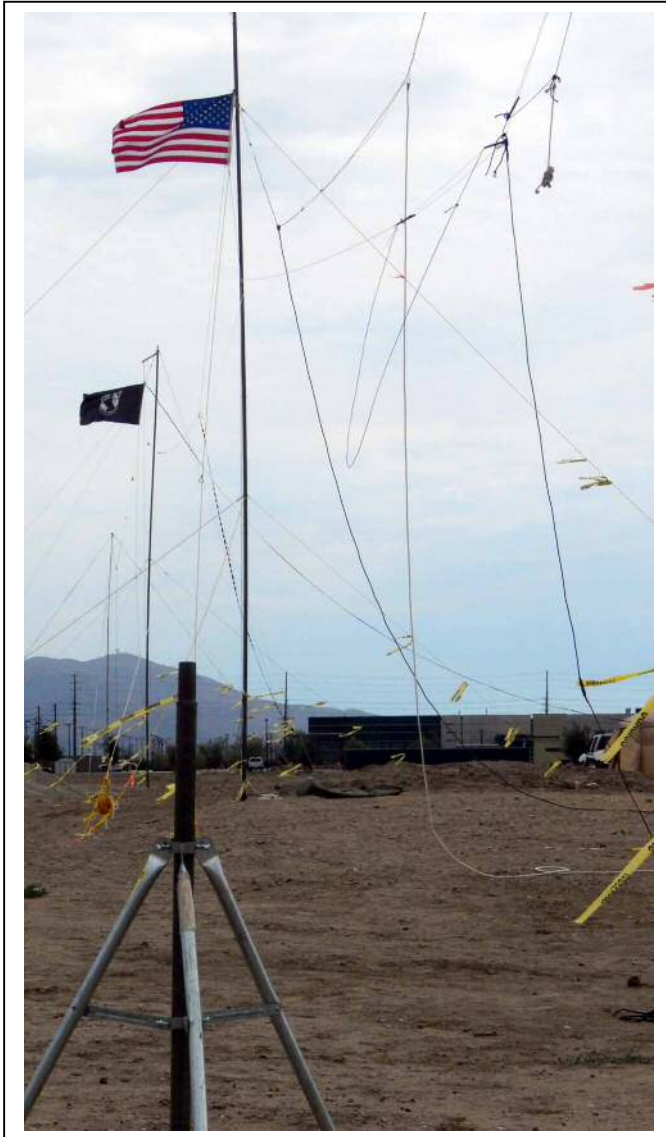
The FCC has said that if it concludes, after considering the record, that Amateur Radio and PLC systems cannot coexist on 135.7-137.8 kHz, it would “defer the adoption of service rules, and amateur users will have to continue to use the experimental licensing process to operate in the band.”

In 2012, the ARRL submitted a *Petition for Rule Making* asking the FCC to allocate 472-479 kHz to the Amateur Service on a secondary basis and to amend the Part 97 rules to provide for its use. Several countries, including Canada, already have access to the band.

The FCC said the addition of the new LF and MF allocations “would provide new opportunities for amateur operators to experiment with equipment, techniques, antennas, and propagation phenomena but with signals having larger bandwidth and higher power.”

In addition, the FCC has raised the secondary Amateur Service allocation at 1900 to 2000 kHz to primary, while providing for continued use by currently unlicensed commercial fishing vessels of radio buoys on the “open sea.” The Commission is seeking comment on technical requirements to govern operation of the Part 80 radio buoys.

Interested parties may submit comments, identified by ET Docket No 15-99, via the FCC Electronic Comment Filing System ([ECFS](#)). The ARRL will file comments in this proceeding.



Hovan KI6BQL on 40M SSB

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pushing up or down so the mast remains absolutely straight. One of Jose's mast sections shattered due to buckling. Aside from that issue, and extra time required to construct four 30' masts, I think we did pretty well with the new antenna arrangement.

Interference testing on Sunday morning suggested there is a substantial reduction of interference among the three 20 meter stations using the collinear antenna arrangement. The testing took more time than I expected away from operating (Sorry John!), but I believe it will be worthwhile in the long run. If the annoyance of waiting for another 20 meter station to finish transmitting can be majorly reduced, everyone benefits. We had no 75 meter antenna installed, so no testing was possible with that.

The FD scoring is not yet complete, but here are the contacts:

424 Total QSO Points

- 35 CW Contacts
- 278 Phone Contacts
- 38 Digital Contacts

The multipliers and bonus points are yet to be totaled up, but should be available by Friday. We do have an issue it seems. There were some operators logging with 8A, and others with 9A! This was discovered when I looked over the paper and electronic files. So we submit our results as 9A to ARRL - Discussion?

See you all at the 2nd Friday meeting, 7/10!

73,
Joe Krigbaum K6NE
President, VCARC

