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The Ventura County Amateur Radio Club, K6MEP will hold its next regular meeting at 7:30 PM on Friday the 10th of November 2017 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 18). Board Meeting precedes the General Meeting. This is Election night for club officers for 2018. Presentation Topic this month is "Basic RF Tools." by Paul Dolton, WD6ECB

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K6MEP holds general membership meetings at 7:30 PM 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:

It's that time again, elections are upon us! Bob Brodie KJ6AAE self-nominated for Board. I nominated existing Board Members: Rod Austin KA6GSU, Bob Byl KD6UDA, Steve Noll WA6EJO, Reese West KQ6TT, John Gartman AG6GL, and Stewart Stone KG6BOV. Reese nominated me for President. I accept the nomination with a caution I've heard, "No one lives forever", also this is my 11th year as President.

A tradition in this Club is the retiring President remains as a Board Member for one year and as long as he/she wishes to run after that. We have many members of fine character, and I encourage the Club members to seek, encourage, and promote new leadership that will help the Club keep growing and vibrant as we have enjoyed the last several years!

Our reservation at Casa de Soria has been made for 6PM onward on December 8. Location: 1961 E. Thompson, 5 blocks west of Seaward, 648-2083.

I believe Paul Dolton, WA6ECB is due to present "Basic RF Tools" after the election is settled. Following that, Jerome KM6NFX has suggested we have a discussion about restarting the Monday Net.

As always, bring your energy, ideas, and enthusiasm, and see you all at the Friday Nov. 8 meeting! Directions elsewhere in this Keyer.

Joe Krigbaum K6NE
President, VCARC

Secretary's Column and Meeting Minutes

Ventura County Amateur Radio Club Inc. Club Meeting
Meeting Date : 10/13/17

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 = 10)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEETING MINUTES

Open meeting with Pledge of Allegiance
Introductions.

OLD BUSINESS

Decemberfest dinner : Dec 8 club meeting is to be held at Casa de Soria starting 6pm . Address: 1961 E. Thompson in Ventura, after a 14 votes with the other option being Olive Garden, which had 3 votes. Joe will check if reservations can be made. Yolanda's was excluded because there is still no reservations being taken since reopening.

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Selected November 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.

11/01/2017 | 100th Anniversary of Red Cross of Southeastern Ohio Nov 1-Nov 16, 0000Z-0000Z, K8R, Athens, OH. Athens County Red Cross Amateur Radio Service. QSL. SASE please. www.ac-ara.org/wordpress/k8r

11/03/2017 | Stuart Air Show Nov 3-Nov 5, 1330Z-2200Z, N4A, Stuart, FL. Martin County ARES/RACES. Certificate. MC ARES. wx4mc.org

11/04/2017 | 1st Annual Lake Havasu City, AZ 25 Light House Special Event Nov 4-Nov 14, 0000Z-2359Z, N7A thru N7Z, Lake Havasu City, AZ. London Bridge Amateur Radio Association, Inc.. Certificate. Work 1 or all 25 Light Houses along Lake Havasu. Beautiful colored certificate available, website for details. Each of the 25 Light Houses will be identifiable by their own call N7A through N7Z. Special endorsement for working all 25. www.qrz.com/db/k9wzb or lbara.org

11/04/2017 | Anniversary of the Founding of Austin's Colony in Texas Nov 4, 1400Z-2100Z, W5SFA, San Felipe, TX. Stephen F. Austin Radio Club. Certificate & QSL. Operating from the San Felipe de Austin State Historic Site. Stephen F. Austin's birthday is being commemorated that weekend. Come out for an eyeball QSO and take a tour of the site! www.w5sfa.org

11/04/2017 | Military - Amateur Radio Interoperability Exercise Nov 4-Nov 5, 1300Z-2359Z, WD8DBY, Salado, TX. Department of Defense. QSL. DOD is sponsoring a quarterly communications exercise to train communications interoperability between military and amateur radio stations in the event of a "worst day" type of scenario when traditional forms of communications may be unavailable. Participating stations will be asked to provide local county information.

11/04/2017 | N7GV Lloyd Miller Memorial Special Event Nov 4, 1600Z-2000Z, WE7GV, Green Valley, AZ. Green Valley Amateur Radio Club. Certificate & QSL. Green Valley Amateur Radio Club. This special event will honor SK Lloyd Miller, N7GV, one of the founding members of the Green Valley Amateur Radio Club. We will be using the giant Collins Discone antenna at the Titan Missile Museum. www.gvarc.us

11/04/2017 | Remembering the Edmund Fitzgerald (Split Rock Lighthouse) Nov 4-Nov 5, 1500Z-2355Z, W0JH, Stillwater, MN. Stillwater Amateur Radio Association and Radio City Inc. Certificate. N0DRX, SplitRock2017@radioham.org Certificates will ONLY be sent via e-mail in PDF format. (Send requests to: SplitRock2017@radioham.org) W0JH is operating from Split Rock Lighthouse (ARLHS: USA 783; Grid Square: EN47). Look for us with multiple stations and on digital modes this year! This is the twelfth consecutive year SARA has operated this special event from the shores of Gitche Gumee (Lake Superior). www.radioham.org

11/06/2017 | 42nd Anniversary Sinking of the Edmund Fitzgerald Nov 6-Nov 20, 0000Z-2359Z, W8F, Romulus, MI. Livonia Amateur Radio Club. Certificate. K8TAS. www.livoniaarc.com

11/07/2017 | USCG Auxiliary 78th Anniversary Nov 7-Nov 13, 0000Z-0000Z, W2ANQ, Freeport, NY. USCG Auxiliary Station Jones Beach. QSL. Direct only SASE. wdahl@optonline.net or www.qrz.com/db/w2anq

11/08/2017 | Veterans Day 2017 Nov 8-Nov 13, 0000Z-2359Z, N5VET, Cleburne, TX. Club KC5NX. QSL. WB5UDA, Club KC5NX will again be on the air as - N5VET - to celebrate Veterans Day... Many thanks to all our Veterans, and to Mike Cockrell for the use of his call sign...come join us on frequency!

11/09/2017 | Invention of the Electron Tube Nov 9-Nov 13, 0000Z-2359Z, K7E, Maple Valley, WA. Certificate & QSL. This is the November special event station for the 2017 KB7QPS Air, Space, and Technology operating event.

11/10/2017 | USCG Auxiliary 78th Anniversary and Veteran's Day – To Honor our Vets Nov 10-Nov 12, 1723Z-1723Z, N6C, Alameda, CA. Coast Guard Island Amateur Radio Club (CGIARC). QSL. Most operations will be on Nov. 11, 2017. www.w6nmc.org

11/10/2017 | 50th Anniversary of America's First Vietnam Veteran Memorial Nov 10-Nov 12, 0000Z-1800Z, W0W, Wentzville, MO. Wade Grimes & Larry Scantlan. Certificate & QSL. All certificate and QSL requests via KOMHP and/or KE0KZ per addresses shown on respective QRZ.com profiles. o cover postage, please include \$3 for certificate, and \$1 for QSL. Information regarding this special event can be found on Facebook by entering 50th Anniversary of America's First Vietnam War Memorial in the search area or by going to <https://www.facebook.com/W0Whamradio>

11/10/2017 | 78th Anniversary of the Coast Guard AUX Nov 10-Nov 12, 0400Z-0359Z, W1H, Elkins, NH. KB1QXJ. QSL.

11/10/2017 | Coast Guard Auxiliary Special Event Radio Day Nov 10-Nov 12, 1400Z-2300Z, W1G, Gloucester, MA. US Coast Guard Auxiliary District 1-NR, Division 04, Flotilla 06 CAPE ANN. QSL. <https://www.facebook.com/uscga.capeann>

11/10/2017 | Operation Able Archer '83 Anniversary Special Event Nov 10-Nov 11, 1500Z-1500Z, W3A, Port Clinton, PA. East Penn Amateur Radio Club. QSL. Operation Able Archer Special Event <https://sites.google.com/site/ablearcher1983w3a>

11/10/2017 | The Lincoln: Gettysburg Address 154th Anniversary Nov 10-Nov 20, 0900Z-0900Z, W1G, East Berlin, PA. WO4L. Certificate & QSL. For a Beautiful full

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color 11x14 Certificate or QSL or both info is on QRZ

<https://www.qrz.com/db/w1g>

11/10/2017 | U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary 78th Anniversary

Nov 10-Nov 12, 0000Z-2359Z, K1H, East Freetown, MA. US Coast Guard Auxiliary. QSL.

11/10/2017 | US Coast Guard Auxiliary 78th Anniversary

Nov 10-Nov 12, 1400Z-2200Z, N4Z, Anderson, SC. US CG Auxiliary Flotilla 25 Hartwell Lake. QSL.

www.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=070-02-05

11/10/2017 | USCG Auxiliary 78th Anniversary

Nov 10-Nov 13, 1200Z-0000Z, K2D, Blackwood, NJ. Rick Tighe. 14.260 MHz 7.235 MHz. QSL. Rick Tighe, 210 Hillcrest Ave, Blackwood, NJ 08012.

11/10/2017 | USCG AUXILIARY 78TH ANNIVERSARY

Nov 10-Nov 12, 0000Z-2000Z, K9C, Champaign, IL. USCG AUX FLOTILLA 4. QSL.

11/10/2017 | Veterans Day Nov 10-Nov 12, 1423Z-1423Z, K8V, Iron Mountain, MI. Mich-A-Con ARC, LCC. Certificate & QSL. Requests with SASE. qsl.net/ka1ddb

11/10/2017 | Veterans Day Special Event

Nov 10-Nov 12, 1600Z-1800Z, W5H, Broken Arrow, OK. Broken Arrow Amateur Radio Club. Certificate. See w5drz.org for full details QSL Card on request. w5drz.org

11/11/2017 | Camp Van Dorn world War II Museum 12th Anniversary

Nov 11-Nov 12, 1500Z-0300Z, W5CCW, Liberty, MS. Amateur Radio Club of Amite County. QSL.

w5ccw.net

11/11/2017 | Coast Guard Auxiliary 78th Anniversary

Nov 11-Nov 12, 1402Z-1402Z, W8E, Loveland, OH. United States Coast Guard Auxiliary. Certificate.

11/11/2017 | Commemorating U.S. Coast Guard AUX 78th Anniversary

Nov 11-Nov 12, 1400Z-2200Z, K3G, Media, PA. U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary. QSL.

11/11/2017 | Honoring Veterans for Veterans Day

Nov 11, 1500Z-2200Z, W0FSB, Waterloo, IA. Five Sullivan Brothers Amateur Radio Club. Certificate & QSL. Five Sullivan Brothers ARC. For QSL card: Send card and #10 SASE; For Certificate & QSL: Send QSL, address label and 3 Forever stamps; For eQSL & Certificate: Send eQSL, then an email to w0fsb@outlook.com, requesting a .jpg file of the certificate that you can print yourself. www.qrz.com/db/w0fsb

11/11/2017 | Saluting Our Nations Veterans

Nov 11, 1500Z-2100Z, K0KBX, Vinton, IA. Benton County Amateur Radio Group. Certificate. k0kbx@gmail.com. Saluting Our Nations Veterans – On 11 November the Benton County Amateur Radio Group will conduct its second Special Event from the American Legion in Vinton, Iowa. We will focusing on 20 & 40 Mtr, but look for us anywhere based on conditions. Air time 10 AM – 4 PM, starting freqs 7.280 & 14.250. EMAIL your contact info to K0KBX@gmail.com and when verified we send you certificate via return email.

k0kbx@gmail.com

11/11/2017 | The American Legion National Salute to Veterans

Nov 11, 1800Z-2359Z, N9V, Indianapolis, IN. The American Legion Amateur Radio Club. Certificate & QSL. The American Legion Amateur Radio Club. Certificate & QSL, please send a 9x12 SASE to The American Legion Amateur Radio Club, c/o The American Legion.

k9tal@legion.org or www.legion.org/hamradio

11/11/2017 | USCGA 78th Anniversary

Nov 11, 0000Z-2359Z, N4U, Benton, KY. KC4TIE. QSL. Via Bureau or, KC4TIE.

11/11/2017 | USS Cobia WWII Submarine celebrating Vets Day Nov 11-Nov 12, 1400Z-2100Z, NB9QV, Manitowoc, WI. USS Cobia Amateur Radio Club. QSL. W6BSF.

www.qrz.com/db/nb9qv

11/11/2017 | USS Midway Museum Ship Special Event: Veterans Day and the establishment of the US Marine Corps on 10 NOV 1775

Nov 11, 1700Z-2359Z, NI6IW, San Diego, CA. USS Midway (CV-41) Museum Ship. QSL. USS Midway cv-41 COMEDTRA.

11/12/2017 | George Rogers Clark Quarter issue

Nov 12, 1200Z-2300Z, W9EOC, Vincennes, IN. Old Post Amateur Radio Society. QSL. W9EOC. Will be operating from the George Rogers Clark National Memorial

11/17/2017 | 14th Annual Pioneer Days & 150th Anniversary of the Chisholm Trail

Nov 17-Nov 19, 1400Z-2200Z, W5JCR, Cleburne, TX. Johnson County Amateur Radio Club. QSL. J.C.A.R.C members and friends will be operating to celebrate the 14th Annual Pioneer Days event held at the Chisholm Trail Outdoor Museum in Cleburne, TX. More information about the museum is available at www.jcchisholmtrail.com. QSL information can be found on the Clubs QRZ.com page. <https://www.qrz.com/db/w5jcr>

11/17/2017 | Highland Road Park Observatory 20th Anniversary

Nov 17-Nov 19, 1700Z-0400Z, W5YW, Baton Rouge, LA. Amateur Radio Society at LSU QSL. Amateur Radio Society at LSU, SASE. Celebrating the anniversary by operating from the HRPO Friday and Saturday.

www.bro.lsu.edu

11/17/2017 | NRA's 146th Birthday Party

Nov 17, 1500Z-2359Z, K7NRA, Paulden, AZ. Yavapai Amateur Radio Club. Certificate. Yavapai Amateur Radio Club. E-certificate available. See website for more information.

www.w7yrc.org/nrabirthday

11/17/2017 | USS Milwaukee Commissioning 2nd Anniversary

Nov 17-Nov 25, 0000Z-2359Z, W9N, Muskego, WI. KC9HYY. QSL. ATTN: W9N QSL Manager, To obtain QSL, please send SASE to listed address before 1/1/2018. <https://kc9hyy.wordpress.com/naval-special-events>

11/18/2017 | Arizona State Parks 60th Anniversary

Nov 18, 1600Z-2300Z, K7T, Tucson, AZ. Oro Valley Amateur Radio Club. Certificate & QSL. OVARC, Operating from Oracle state Park. www.tucsonhamradio.org

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

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11/18/2017 | Bug Roundup Event Nov 18-Nov 19, 0000Z-0000Z, W6SFM, Carmichael, CA. Samuel F. Morse Amateur Radio Club. QSL. W6SFM. You MUST register your station on our Bug Roundup Webpage no sooner than 1 month before this event. 4PM to 4PM PST local time.

www.w6sfm.com/bug-roundup

11/18/2017 | GB1BSW Nov 18, 1000Z-1700Z, GB1BSW, Brymbo, Wrexham, UNITED KINGDOM. Wrexham Amateur Radio Society. QSL. Eifion Parry, Wrexham Amateur Radio Society, Brymbo Sports & Social Club, Brymbo, Wrexham, UNITED KINGDOM. SES for the Brymbo Heritage Project open day, the event will take place on the site of the former Brymbo Steelworks, a major employer in the area at one time. Unfortunately the organisers cancelled the event on 21st October, due to the poor weather that was forecast, consequently our SES didn't go ahead (and apologies to all that looked for us, we did try and get the message out by as many means possible) The event will now happen on 18th November (weather permitting of course!) www.wrexham-ars.com

11/19/2017 | 2017 Elk Falls, KS Outhouse Festival Nov 19, 1500Z-2300Z, WX0EK, Elk Falls, KS. Elk County Radio Society. 14.240 +/- . QSL. Elk County Radio Society. www.facebook.com/ElkCountyKsAmateurRadioSocietyWx0ek

11/24/2017 | Steamship PORTLAND Commemorative Special Event Nov 24, 1200Z-1900Z, W1P, East Falmouth, MA. Marconi Radio Club. QSL. Event Commemorates the sinking of the Steamship PORTLAND in November 1898 off the Massachusetts coast with the loss of 200 lives. QSL via K1WCC. See QRZ.com. SASE required. k1wcc@arrl.net <https://www.qrz.com/db/k1wcc>

11/25/2017 | The First Pilgrim Landing at Plymouth Nov 25-Nov 26, 1300Z-1900Z, NI1X, Plymouth, MA. Whitman Amateur Radio Club. EchoLink: WA1NPO-R, IRLP: 8691. Certificate. Whitman ARC, PO Box 48, Whitman, MA 02382. times are daily www.wa1npo.org

Trivia for November 2017

DID YOU KNOW?

1. Yamaha is the #2 makers of motorcycles in the world, Honda is still #1.
2. Liz Taylor in death still earns over 20 million dollars, and Marilyn Monroe is at 17 million a year.
3. Thomas Edison invented the first coin operated music machine.

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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://www.Facebook.com/HamStudy>

<http://hamexam.org/>

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Upcoming FCC Exam Sessions

11/02/2017 Time: 6:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed) Sponsor: Pasadena Radio Club VEC: ARRL/VEC Contact: Mark E. Seigel (818) 430-5244 Email: mark.seigel@gmail.com Location: C&M Printing & Copying 10034 Commerce Ave Tujunga CA 91042-9999

Valley Presbyterian Hospital (Health Education Center) 15107 Vanowen Street Van Nuys CA 91405-4542

11/04/2017 10:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed) Test 1st Saturday Every Month Sponsor: AA6WC/Ali Hassan VEC: [ARRL/VEC](http://www.arrrl.org) Contact: Ali Hassan (323) 758-0565 Email: aa6wc@prodigy.net Location: VE's Residence 6043 3rd Avenue Los Angeles CA 90043-2618

11/05/2017 Time: 7:30 AM (No walk-ins) Sponsor: Calabasas/LH Sheriff's Station VEC: [Greater LA VEC](http://www.greaterla.org) 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

11/04/2017 Time: 11:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed) Sponsor: ARES LAX VEC: [ARRL/VEC](http://www.arrrl.org) Contact: James W. Laage (818) 368-8710 Email: cllaage@verizon.net Location:

11/11/2017 Time: 7:00 AM (No walk-ins) Pre-Reg Required Sponsor: The PAPA System VEC: [Greater LA VEC](http://www.greaterla.org) Contact: Norman M. Goodkin (818) 222-7893 Email: hamclass@goodkin.net Location: Dinah's Family Restaurant 6521 S Sepulveda Blvd Los Angeles CA 90045-1508

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- 11/11/2017 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
- 11/11/2017 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)
- 11/11/2017 Time: 7:00 AM (No walk-ins) Pre-Reg Required Sponsor:** The PAPA System **VEC:** Greater LA VEC **Contact:** Norman M. Goodkin (818) 222-7893 **Email:** hamclass@goodkin.net **Location:** Dinah's Family Restaurant 6521 S Sepulveda Blvd Los Angeles CA 90045-1508
- 11/18/2017 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
- 11/25/2017 Time: 10:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed) Sponsor:** Crescent Bay VE Grp/W6TRW ARC **VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](#) **Contact:** Scott Swanson (310) 459-0337 **Email:** k6pyp@arrl.net **Location:** Northrop Grumman 1 Space Park Blvd (Bldg S Cafeteria) Parking lot off Marine Blvd Redondo Beach CA 90278-1001
- 12/02/2017 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
- 12/02/2017 Time: 11:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed) Sponsor:** **ARES LAX VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](#) **Contact:** James W. Laage (818) 368-8710 **Email:** cllaage@verizon.net **Location:** Valley Presbyterian Hospital (Health Education Center) 15107 Vanowen Street Van Nuys CA 91405-4542
- 12/02/2017 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.
- 12/06/2017 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
- 12/09/2017 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)
- 12/09/2017 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
- 12/10/2017 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
- 12/16/2017 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
- 12/18/2017 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
- 12/30/2017 Time: 10:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed) Sponsor:** Crescent Bay VE Grp/W6TRW ARC **VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](#) **Contact:** Scott Swanson (310) 459-0337 **Email:** k6pyp@arrl.net **Location:** Northrop Grumman 1 Space Park Blvd (Bldg S Cafeteria) Parking lot off Marine Blvd Redondo Beach CA 90278-1001

Upcoming HamFests & Conventions

[Oro Valley Amateur Radio Club Hamfest](#)

Start Date: 11/11/2017 **End Date:** 11/11/2017 **Location:** Marana Middle School 11279 West Grier Road Marana, AZ 85653 **Website:** <http://orovalleyarchamfest.com> **Sponsor:** Oro Valley Amateur Radio Club **Type:** ARRL Hamfest **Talk-In:** 146.62, 444.1, 147.32 (PL 156.7) **Public Contact:** Steven Wood , W1SR 6219 North Via de la Tortola Tucson, AZ 85718 Phone: 520-906-1204 **Email:** W1SR@arrl.net

[HARKFEST](#)

Start Date: 11/18/2017 **End Date:** 11/18/2017 **Location:** North Ranch Escapees RV Park 30625 South Highway 89 Congress, AZ 85332 **Website:** <http://harkaz.org> **Sponsor:** Hassayampa Amateur Radio Klub **Type:** ARRL Hamfest **Talk-In:** 146.58 **Public Contact:** Duane Grooms , KD0KYK 30736 South Wandering Way Congress, AZ 85332 Phone: 602-814-9603 **Email:** djgrooms@yahoo.com

[Superstition SuperFest 2017](#)

Start Date: 12/02/2017 **End Date:** 12/02/2017 **Location:** Mesa Community College 1833 West Southern Avenue Mesa, AZ 85201 **Website:** <https://superstitionsuperfest.org> **Sponsor:** Superstition Amateur Radio Club **Type:** ARRL Hamfest **Talk-In:** 147.12, 162.2 (PL 100.0) **Public Contact:** Dale Schmidt , N7QJK 156 North Hawes Road, Space 74 Mesa, AZ 85207 Phone: 480-986-3352 **Email:** info@superstitionsuperfest.org

[Thunderbird Hamfest 2018](#)

Start Date: 01/13/2018 **End Date:** 01/13/2018 **Location:** Northwest Community Church 16615 North 43rd Avenue Phoenix, AZ 85001 **Website:** <http://www.w7tbc.org> **Sponsor:** Thunderbird Amateur Radio Club **Type:** ARRL Hamfest **Talk-In:** 146.700 -600 KHz (PL 162.2) or 446.150 -5 MHz (PL 100) **Public Contact:** Walter Reinert , NJ8G 5546 West Sweetwater Avenue Glendale, AZ 85304 Phone: 602-938-8219 **Email:** hamfest@w7tbc.org

[QuartzFest Convention](#)

Start Date: 01/21/2018 **End Date:** 01/27/2018 **Location:** Road Runner BLM La Paz Valley Road (53rd Street N) Quartzsite, AZ 85346 **Website:** <http://quartzfest.org> **Sponsor:** QuartzFest Planning Committee **Type:** ARRL Convention **Talk-In:** 146.55 FM Simplex **Public Contact:** Kristyn Weed , KR1SS 1519 North Camino Emiliano Tucson, AZ 85745 Phone: 520-730-1806 **Email:** kristynweed@gmail.com

[Southwestern Division Convention \(Yuma Hamfest\)](#)

Start Date: 02/16/2018 **End Date:** 02/17/2018 **Location:** Yuma County Fairgrounds 2520 East 32nd Street Yuma, AZ 85364 **Website:** <http://www.yumahamfest.org/> **Sponsor:** Yuma Amateur Radio Hamfest Organization **Type:** ARRL Convention pending Executive Committee approval **Talk-In:** 146.780 (PL 103.5) **Public Contact:** Jeff Weeks , W7JLW 10337 South Fairway Drive Yuma, AZ 85367 Phone: 928-941-0131 **Email:** jeff@weekspcservices.com

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.

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 for the use of the repeater for our net”

“73, This is _____.”

K6MEP CALENDAR

November 2017

10: Regular Monthly Club Meeting at 7:30pm. K6MEP Board meeting precedes the club meeting at 7:00pm Election Night for 2018 Club Officers

11: Veterans’ Day – Remember their Sacrifice

11: Oxnard H.S. Band Contest – ARES Support – contact Hovan KI6BQL ki6bql@arrl.net or Quent KF6FQN kf6fq@hotmial.com

23: Thanksgiving – Enjoy the Turkey !

December 2017

2: Skywarn Recognition – NOAA/NWS Skywarn Recognition at NWS Oxnard – contact Rob Hanson W6RH w6rh@arrl.net

8: DecemberFest Dinner Meeting at Casa de Soria in Ventura – 6:00 PM 1961 E. Thompson, Ventura

9: Camarillo Christmas Parade – ARES Support – contact Ted W6TEL w6tel@arrl.net

10: Santa to the Sea Half-Marathon – ARES Support – contact Stewart KG6BOV kg6bov@arrl.net

12-20: Chanukah

24-25: Christmas Eve & Day Watch out for renegade reindeer

31: New Year’s Eve / Straight Key Night

January 2018

1: New Year’s Day

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

15: Martin Luther King Day

*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 _____

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

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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-5.a **An Introduction to Hazardous Materials** - (10/31/2013)
- IS-10.a **Animals in Disasters: Awareness and Preparedness** - (10/2/2015)
- IS-11.a **Animals in Disasters: Community Planning** - (10/2/2015)
- IS-15.b **Special Events Contingency Planning for Public Safety Agencies** - (10/31/2013)
- IS-20.17 **Diversity Awareness Course 2017** - (1/25/2017)
- IS-21.17 **Civil Rights and FEMA Disaster Assistance** - (1/25/2017))
- IS-26 **Guide to Points of Distribution** - (8/11/2010)
- IS-27 **Orientation to FEMA Logistics** - (10/31/2013)
- IS-29 **Public Information Officer Awareness** - (10/31/2013)
- IS-35.17 **FEMA Safety Orientation 2017** - (1/25/2017)
- IS-36 **Multi-hazard Planning for Childcare** - (10/31/2013)
- IS-42 **Social Media in Emergency Management** - (10/31/2013)
- IS-75 **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-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-235.c **Emergency Planning** - (12/15/2015)
- IS-240.b **Leadership and Influence** - (6/16/2014)
- IS-241.b **Decision Making and Problem Solving** - (3/31/2014)
- IS-242.b **Effective Communication** - (3/31/2014)
- IS-244.b **Developing and Managing Volunteers** - (3/29/2013)
- IS-250.a **Emergency Support Function 15 (ESF15) External Affairs: A New Approach to Emergency Communication and Information Distribution** - (5/7/2012)
- 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-320 **Wildfire Mitigation Basics for Mitigation Staff** - (10/31/2013)
- IS-322 **Flood Mitigation Basics for Mitigation Staff** - (10/31/2013)
- IS-323 **Earthquake Mitigation Basics for Mitigation Staff** - (10/31/2013)
- IS-325 **Earthquake Basics: Science, Risk, and Mitigation** - (10/31/2013)
- IS-326 **Community Tsunami Preparedness** - (10/31/2013)
- IS-366.a **Planning for the Needs of Children in Disasters** - (12/9/2015)
- 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-405 **Overview of Mass Care/Emergency Assistance** - (12/10/2013)
- IS-454 **Fundamentals of Risk Management** - (10/31/2013)
- 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** - (1/20/2017)
- IS-815 **ABCs of Temporary Emergency Power** - (12/27/2016)
- IS-907 **Active Shooter: What You Can Do** - (12/28/2015)
- IS-909 **Community Preparedness: Implementing Simple Activities for Everyone** - (10/31/2013)
- IS-910.a **Emergency Management Preparedness Fundamentals** - (10/19/2012)
- IS-915 **Protecting Critical Infrastructure Against Insider Threats** - (7/10/2013)
- IS-916 **Critical Infrastructure Security: Theft and Diversion – What You Can Do** - (10/31/2013)
- IS-922 **Applications of GIS for Emergency Management** - (10/31/2013)
- IS-951 **DHS Radio Interoperability** - (9/22/2016)

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.

ARES-ACS Frequency Updates

The Tuesday night Ventura County ARES/ACS Net is held on the WD6EBY Sulphur Mt. Repeater. Local nets are 7:00 to 7:30 PM; County Net starts at 7:30 on WD6EBY Sulphur Mt. Repeater 145.200 (-) PL 127.3 / 447.580 Mhz(-) PL 141.3

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 (-) PL 114.8

Area 6 Ventura City – K6ERN 147.765 Mhz (-) PL 127.3 Olivas Park / SMRA

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 – WD6EBY 145.200 (-) PL 127.3

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

Other Good Area Frequencies ...

AA6DP 147.090 Mhz (+) No PL Catalina

K0AKS 147.150 Mhz(-) PL127.3 TOaks

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 LA DCS

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

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

N6EVC 146.850 Mhz (-) PL 94.8 Rasnow

N6FDR 145.260 Mhz (-) PL 100.0 Malibu

W6AAX 147.180 Mhz (+) PL 186.2 Verdugo Peak

W6GRG 146.940 Mhz (-) PL 127.3 Simi DSW Repeater

W6YJO 145.180 Mhz (-) PL 131.8 Sta Ynez

WA6FGK 146.640 Mhz (-) PL 127.3 Simi Valley

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

WB6OBB 147.000 Mhz (+) PL 131.8 Sta Barbara

WD6EBY 145.420 Mhz (-) PL 127.3 Chatsworth Pk

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@gmail.com

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

Area 3 Camarillo, Somis EC: Ted Lansing W6TEL Email: w6tel@arrl.net

Area 4 Oxnard, Hueneme, Mugu EC: Stewart Stone, KG6BOV Email: kq6bov@arrl.net

Area 5 Ojai EC: Wayne Francis, W6OEU Email: w6oeu@arrl.net

Area 6 City of Ventura EC (acting): Grant Mohr, KG6SFW, E-mail gmohr12@hotmail.com

Area 7 Santa Paula, Fillmore, Piru EC: Grant Mohr, KG6SFW, E-mail gmohr12@hotmail.com

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

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

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

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.



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)**

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**

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 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 on **WD6EBY 145.200 (-) / 127.3 PL**

Ventura County ARES-ACS 6 Meter Net -- between 6:00 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 **7.235 Mhz LSB +/-** ;

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

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

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 (linked)**

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

Military Radio Collector Net 1800 / 6:00PM **3985 Kc +/- AM** www.mrcgwest.org/mrcg-radio-nets/

Sunday

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

Rabbit Net 7:00- ??? pm Sundays Linked Rabbit repeaters

Meeting Minutes (Cont fm pg 2)

NEW BUSINESS

Nominations for officers , Joe asks for nominations, Bob Brodie self nominated for board member, and Joe nominated the sitting board members. Members who have paid 2018 dues are eligible to vote

Stewart KG6BOV : At the he won a drawing for a \$200.00 discount coupon toward purchase of a Flex Radio – about 10% savings. Offers to anyone who would like it.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Discussion about ham study and testing. Study quizzes on hamtestonline.com and qrz.com. Various test sessions in the region are available in upcoming weeks.

Comment about NTS, handout information available

Comment about potential sites we could use for field day that someone may want to suggest for 2018. We have been using the Camarillo airport RTC, but other options could be found.

PRESENTATION Ben K6QV demonstrates the K42c memory keyer which he built. His goal is to become fully proficient on morse code (CW) and make contacts (QSO) by the end of the year.

COMMENTS KQ6NO@arrl.net contact for Sun. 10/22 Mountains to Sea marathon, Ojai to Ventura pier.

Notes

Roll Call Total attendance : Guests:

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Casa de Soria – 1961 E. Thompson

MEETING ADDRESS : Ventura Port District meeting room 1603 Anchors Way, Ventura

OFFICER ATTENDEES

CALL TO ORDER

Joe calls brief meeting

MEETING MINUTES

Joe had asked for :

Call to approve minutes: approved unanimous

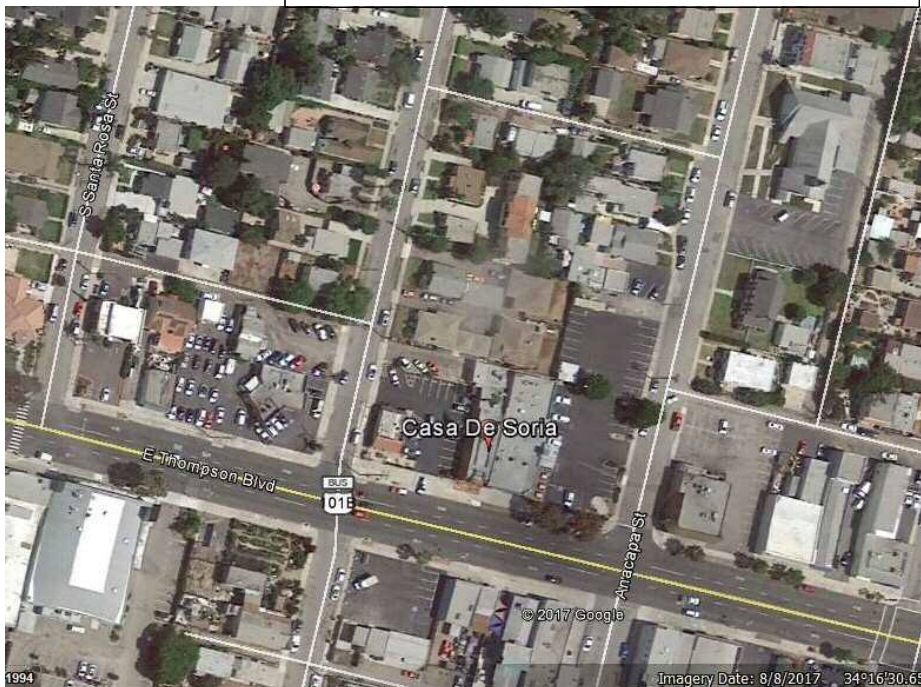
Secretary report , current members is 38

Treasurers report paid insurance for next term

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Stewart KG6BOV says he was asked at the last division convention if our Santa Barbara section was interested in hosting the future 2018 convention.



Issue raised by Joe is the absence of a section manager due to resignation, and an experienced Sec. Manager is vital to the task. Other concerns are the need for a Administrative type person who is able to coordinate and organize a wide range of tasks. Stewart will speak to other clubs' representatives as it involves the section.

COMMENTS

ADJOURN

Board meeting adjourned and proceed to General meeting. 7:34 pm

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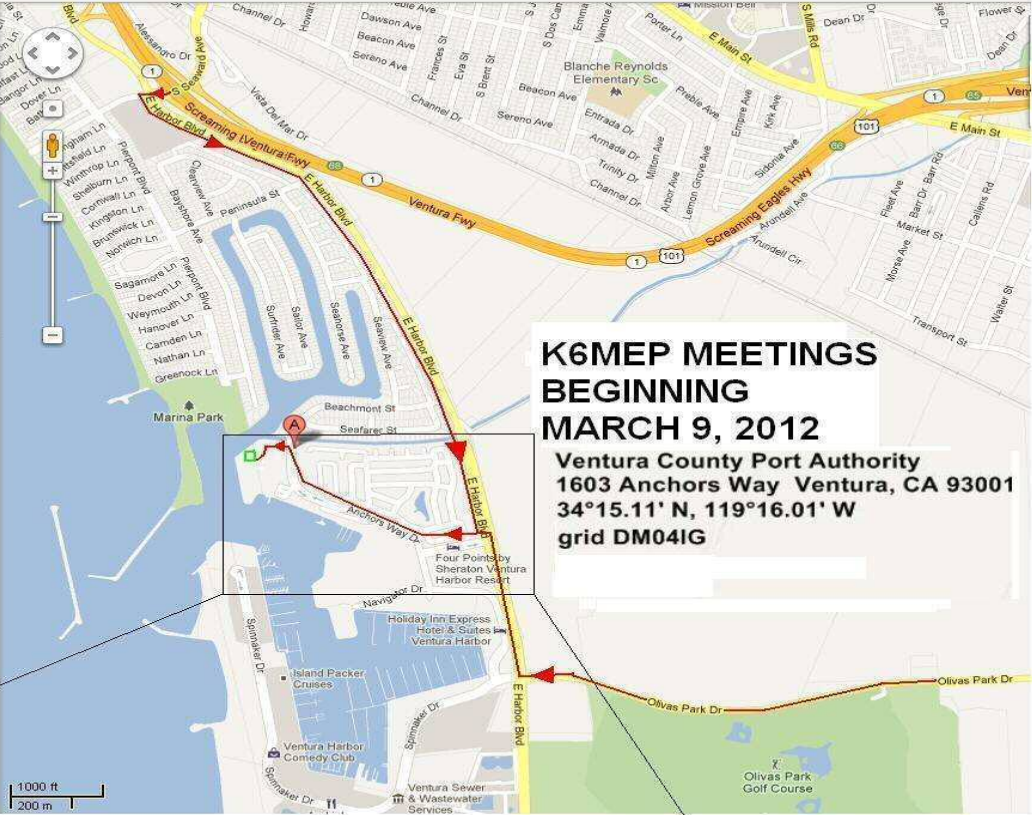
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Caution Urged in Using High Duty Cycle Digital Modes on Satellites

10/27/2017 Satellite enthusiasts planning to try FT8 or MSK144 via satellite are being urged to use caution or possibly to avoid digital modes altogether in light of problems being blamed on the modes' high duty cycle. Stations have reported problems getting into satellite transponders, even during favorable passes, which were traced to digital-mode signals in the transponder passband.

AMSAT News Service quoted an AMSAT-BB post (full thread) by Matthew Stevens, NJ4Y, who cited his recent experience with FO-29.

"Experimentation isn't the problem, too much power is," Stevens said. "It's bad enough on SSB, worse with CW, and killer on constant duty cycle modes like FT8." — Thanks to AMSAT News Service



SSTV Goes Very High Profile

10/26/2017

In late September, University of Alaska-Fairbanks researcher Chris Fallen, KL3WX, was attempting to produce an RF-induced airglow — or artificial aurora — using the High Frequency Active Auroral Research Program (HAARP) facility near Gakona, Alaska, to warm up the atmosphere. Clouds hampered his experiment, but Fallen alerted his Twitter followers that he also had embedded a few Slow-Scan Television (SSTV) frames in the powerful HAARP signal, which were copied in British Columbia and in Colorado. "The SSTV images, aside from being a fun way to engage hams in some of the ionosphere-heating science performed at HAARP, will be useful for understanding radio propagation from Arctic or high-latitude sources," Fallen told ARRL.

HAARP consists of multiple transmitters feeding 180 phased-arrays and is capable of producing 3.6 MW (that's megawatts) of RF. HAARP's signal is essentially aimed straight up.

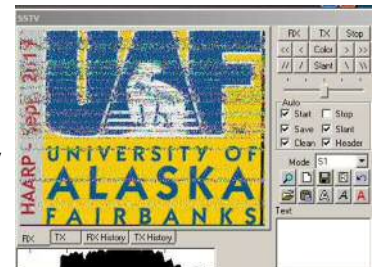
The assistant professor at the UAF's Geophysical Institute transmitted two UAF logos, a photo of his cat — appearing as a giant feline next to the HAARP antenna field, and — most unusual — a QR code granting the recipient 0.001 Bitcoin. The SSTV images were not the best, and you almost need to use your imagination to make out the cat.

The first SSTV reception report arrived from Walt Salmaniw in Victoria, British Columbia, using a Perseus SDR, MixW software, and a north-directed corner fed loop. The second SSTV report arrived from Michael Coletta, KMOMMM, Pueblo, Colorado.

His transmissions were on three discrete frequencies in the 2.8 MHz range. Fallen used different frequencies and antenna phase settings to determine if those factors would affect the airglow.

"I used Scottie-1 encoding for the images, because it is widely used in North America and the ~120-second duration fit nicely into the airglow experiment," Fallen said. "The antenna was directed toward the HAARP magnetic zenith, which, at ~75° elevation, is nearly vertical but has often been found by previous scientists to maximize artificial airglow. One factor affecting both the airglow experiment and the reception is that local foF2 had dropped below the transmission frequency of approximately 2.8 MHz at the time of the experiment." He believes the British Columbia and Colorado reports came from the side lobes of HAARP's primary beam.

Fallen told ARRL he still has some HAARP time left from his September campaign, although he's not certain what he'll use it for. His next opportunity to experiment further won't be until early next spring. HAARP conducts just two experimental campaigns a year, due to staff and funding constraints.



Caribbean Telecommunications Union Head Calls for “New Generation” of Hams

10/16/2017 In remarks made on International Disaster Reduction Day, Friday, October 13, Caribbean Telecommunications Union (CTU) Secretary-General Bernadette Lewis described Amateur Radio as a “bedrock of sustained communications” during emergencies, and strongly suggested cultivating a new and younger generation of radio amateurs to carry this role forward. She spoke as part of a panel on emergency telecommunications during the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) World Telecommunication Development Conference 2017 (WTDC-17), now under way in Buenos Aires, Argentina. The CTU, she said, has been considering the role of Amateur Radio in light of this “very, very, violent hurricane season.” “Amateur Radio has been a staple, and it is because of...the Amateur Radio operators in the region that we get a lot of the information that we need,” she told her audience. Her presentation defined Amateur Radio as one component of the coordination of preparedness, response, and recovery efforts on the part of national emergency management agencies.



Moderator Vanessa Gray later asked Lewis what “one concrete step” could be taken to make better use of information and communication technologies (ICT) for disaster management.

“We really have to cultivate a new generation of Amateur Radio operators,” Lewis replied without hesitation. “We found that they are all on the northern side of 50.”

“Amateur Radio has been the bedrock of sustained communications during such emergencies,” she continued, “and one of the things we’re looking at is actually facilitating this process of having a network of disaster-resistant centers that that, in times when you don’t have a disaster, could be used for training new operators and generating that interest across the region.”

Lewis, of Trinidad and Tobago, reiterated her remarks in condensed form during a subsequent interview, in which she called hurricanes “a fact of life” for Caribbean countries, and suggested that hurricane-devastated countries need to think carefully about how to rebuild their infrastructure to make it less prone to storm damage.

WTDC-17, which continues through October 20, considers topics, projects and programs relevant to telecommunication development. The conference theme this year is “ICT for Sustainable Development Goals.” ARRL Technical Relations Specialist Jon Siverling, WB3ERA, and International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) Emergency Communications Special Advisor Rod Stafford, W6ROD, are attending.

New BBC Amateur Radio Station G8BBC Officially Opened

10/24/2017 BBC Director General Lord Tony Hall of Birkenhead on October 18 opened the new London BBC Radio Group’s G8BBC Amateur Radio “premises” (“shack” in the US) at Broadcasting House, the headquarters of the BBC. The shack is in a small room tucked in the roof of Broadcasting House. On opening day, Lord Hall used G8BBC to send greetings to GB2RN on HMS Belfast which is moored on the Thames River. The G8BBC call sign originally was held by the Ariel Radio Group BBC Club, under BBC engineering. The new group of radio amateurs and SWLs at the BBC are putting the finishing touches on its shack and antenna system on the roof. There are 28 current members, some of whom are BBC on-air talent.



“We are now testing on the air from our new shack in Broadcasting House,” the G8BBC team announced on its QRZ.com profile. “Please listen and report our signal.” Jonathan Kempster, M5AEO, is the G8BBC secretary and station manager. — Thanks to Southgate Amateur Radio News for some information

CW Gets the Message Through in Wake of Hurricane Irma

10/27/2017

Any CW operator worth his or her salt will tell you that CW is the mode that gets through when all others fall short of the mark. CW certainly did the job for Chet Hogue, N3BK, who handled dozens of messages for residents of Florida's Lower Keys in the days following Hurricane Irma in September.

"A message from a Big Pine Key man to his girlfriend, who evacuated with their young daughter and was waiting to hear how he weathered the storm, was one of about 80 sent out over the airwaves by ham radio enthusiast Chet Hogue in the days following Irma's destruction," reporter Katie Atkins wrote in The Keynoter in describing Hogue's activity.

"Things here are still incredibly a mess!" Hogue told ARRL this week.

The Summerland Key charter captain, known as "Captain Chester," weathered the storm in place. He noted that the primary frequencies handling traffic were quite busy, so he got on CW, which, he told Atkins, allowed him "to relay messages clearly." He operated from a station at his home as well as from his boat.

According to the news report, Hogue would transmit message traffic gathered from residents trying to get in touch with family and friends outside the area. He urged anyone interested in Amateur Radio to visit the ARRL website. "It's just neat, this system," he told Atkins. "With a piece of wire and a car battery, you can talk around the world."

Hogue told ARRL that he "escaped" to the Keys in 2010 after recovering from an injury suffered in a vehicle accident. "I haven't been active in some time, but have kept my 'bug-out bag' ready for just this situation," he said. "[This] was my first emergency, as it was for many who passed traffic for me."

Hogue's father — also Chester — is N3VA, and his dad and some of his friends got him interested in Amateur Radio. Hogue entered the military as a teenager and, he said, realized the vital importance of communication.

Hogue used a 100 W radio powered from deep-cycle marine batteries, a G5RV antenna on shore and a fiberglass vertical antenna on his charter boat. He kept a handwritten log on a piece of cardboard.

"This is a good reason for all of us to learn CW and use it on the bands, and become skilled at sending and receiving CW," remarked Whitey Doherty, K1VV, a CW stalwart who shared the news story with ARRL Headquarters. — Thanks to "Captain Chester" Hogue, N3BK, The Keynoter, and Whitey Doherty, K1VV



New Digital Modes Changing Complexion of Bands and Perhaps of Ham Radio

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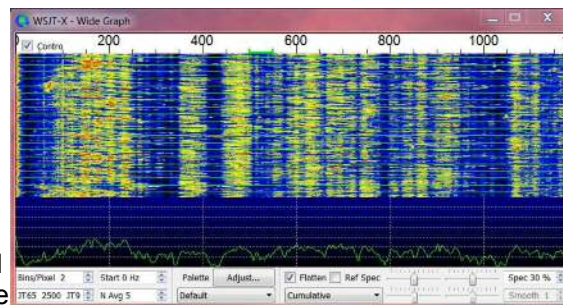
The wave of software-based digital modes over the past several years has altered the atmosphere of the HF bands. Some suggest the popularity of modes that make it possible to contact stations neither operator can even hear has resulted in fewer CW and SSB signals on bands like 6 meters and 160 meters. Traditional modes require far more interaction and effort on the part of the operator; the newer digital modes not so much. The recent advent of the still-beta "quick" FT8 mode, developed by Steve Franke, K9AN, and Joe Taylor, K1JT — the "F" and the "T" in the mode's moniker — has brought this to a head. Some now wonder if FT8 marks the end of an era and the start of a new, more minimalist age.

"We've been as surprised as anyone about the rapid uptake of FT8 for making QSOs on the HF bands," Taylor told ARRL this week. Rather than viewing FT8 as a total game-changer, he sees a dividing line between such digital modes and more traditional modes.

"SSB and CW are general-purpose modes," Taylor asserted. "They are good for ragchewing, DXing, contesting, emergency communications, or whatever. FT8 and the other modes in WSJT-X are special-purpose modes. They are designed for making reliable, error-free contacts using very weak signals — in particular, signals that may be too weak for the more traditional modes to be usable, or even too weak to hear."

Taylor notes that the information exchanged in most FT8, JT65, and other digital-mode contacts "is little more than the bare minimum for what's considered to be a valid contact." In addition to call signs and signal reports, stations may exchange grid squares and acknowledgments.

Radio amateurs recently commented in response to a Top Band Reflector post, in which Steve Ireland, VK6VZ, averred that because of FT8, "160-meter DXing has changed, perhaps forever" in recent weeks. Ireland said he downloaded FT8 but just couldn't bring himself to use it on the air. "My heart isn't in it," he wrote. "My computer will be talking to someone else's computer, and there will be no sense of either a particular person's way of sending CW or the tone of their voice. The human in radio has somehow been lost."



In his blog, Steve McDonald, VE7SL, compiled not only Ireland's posts, but some responses to it, although not identified by name or call sign. One commenter suggested that the game-changing aspect of FT8 is that those who typically operate CW or SSB will gravitate to FT8. "The amount of activity on the FT8 frequency of any band is phenomenal," the commenter observed. A few complained that no skill is involved in making contacts using computer-based digital modes.

Another suggested that FT8 is already falling victim to its own success, with too many stations crowding around the designated FT8 frequencies. Others were more philosophical, with remarks along the lines of this one: "It is allowing people who have smaller stations the opportunity to get on and use their radios and a computer to make contacts they never would have been able to make. This is great for ham radio!"

Taylor would agree. As he sees it, FT8 won't replace modes such as CW or SSB. "Nevertheless, it's clear that — at least in the short term — many hams enjoy making rapid-fire minimal QSOs with other hams, all over the world, using modest ham equipment," he said. "For this purpose, FT8 shines."

In a related "lightning talk" at the 2017 ARRL-TAPR Digital Communications Conference (DCC) earlier this year, ARRL Contributing Editor Ward Silver, N0AX, challenged his savvy audience to develop a keyboard-to-keyboard mode "between FT8 and PSK31" that would support casual and competitive operating, be more interference and noise tolerant, and be usable by those with "compromised" stations and antennas. He also challenged his listeners to develop a "smart" spectrum display that would identify signals by mode, so Amateur Radio could move away from the practice of setting aside specific frequencies for digital modes.

HamSCI Workshop Aims to Foster Collaboration between Hams and Space Science/Weather Researchers

11/02/2017

HamSCI — the Amateur Radio citizen science initiative — has announced a 2-day workshop February 23-24 at New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT) in Newark. HamSCI's Nathaniel Frissell, W2NAF, has posted a survey to gauge interest and potential attendance.

"We are inviting all hams and scientists interested in ham radio science," Frissell said. "This aim of this workshop is to foster collaborations between the ham radio and the space science and space weather research communities through presentations, discussions, and demonstrations. This year's meeting will focus on solar eclipse analysis, ham radio data sources and databases, and the development of a 'personal space weather station.'"

Frissell, an NJIT research professor, invited presentations from within the Amateur Radio community. "We will also accept submissions of abstracts and demonstrations of other topics that are of interest to ham radio and ionospheric science," he said. "The solar eclipse topic is a follow-on to this summer's total solar eclipse and the Solar Eclipse QSO Party (SEQP). We hope to have presentations from both ham radio operators and professional scientists showing the data that they have collected and what they think it means. Presentations should be on any topic about how the ionosphere and/or radio propagation was affected by the eclipse."

The tentative schedule calls for oral presentations on "Ham Radio Data Sources, Databases Analysis" and "Solar Eclipse Effects on the Ionosphere, including results from the Solar Eclipse QSO Party." Phil Erickson, W1PJE, of MIT's Haystack Observatory is scheduled to be the Friday evening banquet speaker. Tutorials on Saturday will include "Ham Radio for Space Scientists," with Frank Donovan, W3LPL, and "Space Science for Ham Radio Operators" (speaker pending).

"The ham radio data sources and databases session addresses an ongoing HamSCI topic," Frissell told ARRL. "We will have presentations and discussions about the current methods that we use to collect data in ham radio, how it is stored, and how we can make it more scientifically useful, and current analysis making use of these datasets." Frissell said a huge amount of data is available right now, from such sources as the Reverse Beacon Network (RBN), PSKReporter, and WSPRNet. "However, this data is really designed for Amateur Radio use, and new techniques need to be developed to make it useful scientifically," he added.

The Personal Weather Station

Frissell said HamSCI would like to encourage development of the personal space weather station concept. "This is analogous to a personal weather station that people install at their homes to measure temperature, wind speed, rain fall, humidity, etc, reporting this data to groups like the NWS, NOAA, and Weather Underground," Frissell said. "We want to create a similar package for space weather and have that data go to a single repository."



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An ideal personal space weather station would likely include instruments able to detect things such as traveling ionospheric disturbances, radio blackouts, propagation changes, lightning, and magnetospheric activity, Frissell said. It would probably include, at a minimum, a wideband software defined radio, a magnetometer, a timing source, and a computer.

“All of these devices are currently available technology, but they are not available in a single, integrated package that is easy to purchase and deploy,” he said. At the February workshop, HamSCI wants to better define the capabilities of a personal space weather station as well as how to implement the concept. “HamSCI will be teaming up with TAPR to do this,” Frissell said. “Scientists will talk about what science topics the device should be able to measure, and TAPR will discuss how to actually design and implement the device.”

Frissell said he hopes hams attending will come away more knowledgeable about ionospheric and space science, and scientists will gain a better understanding of Amateur Radio. He anticipates that workshop, admission fees, and registration details will be finalized by December. He noted that NJIT is a 20-minute train ride from Newark Airport and less than 30 minutes from Manhattan.

ARRL Executive Committee Updated on Entry-Level License, Amateur Auxiliary Revision



11/02/2017

The ARRL Executive Committee reviewed plans to implement recommendations of the Entry Level License Committee, when it met on October 14 in Hartford, Connecticut. At its July meeting, the ARRL Board of Directors called for work to go forward on a plan to pursue additional HF digital and phone privileges for Technician licensees. The Executive Committee was told that New England Director and Entry-Level License Committee Chair Tom Frenaye, K1KI, will work with ARRL General Counsel Chris Imlay, W3KD, and International Affairs Vice President Jay Bellows, K0QB, to develop the specifics of a proposal to the FCC requesting expanded frequency and mode privileges for Technicians. This will be completed in time for review by the full Board of Directors at its January meeting.

Frenaye explained this week that enhancing the Technician license would be “an immediate step that can take place with little FCC impact, since the question pool would not need to be changed.” He pointed out, however, that this approach “does not rule out longer-term consideration of a new entry-level license.” The Entry-Level License Committee had recommended both steps in its July report to the Board.

The Executive Committee also heard a brief report on the work of the ad hoc Amateur Auxiliary Study Committee, which has prepared the first draft of a new training manual. The Committee is awaiting feedback from the FCC on a proposed memorandum of understanding for the Amateur Auxiliary. The chair of the study panel, ARRL Second Vice President Brian Mileschosky, N5ZGT, told the Executive Committee that several topics related to in-house management of the program still must be resolved, and the committee hopes to have the revised Amateur Auxiliary package ready for consideration by the ARRL Board of Directors at its January meeting.

The Executive Committee requested the Programs and Services Committee to undertake an evaluation of all ARRL membership program offerings, in coordination with the Administration and Finance Committee. The action followed a recommendation from ARRL CEO Tom Gallagher, NY2RF. The Programs and Services Committee is to report back to the Executive Committee next fall.

In his CEO report, Gallagher highlighted the efforts of the “Force of 50,” the ARRL Amateur Radio volunteers deployed to Puerto Rico, which, he told the Committee, were assembled and equipped within 48 hours of the initial request from the American Red Cross for volunteers.

ARRL President Rick Roderick, K5UR, who chaired the meeting, expressed pride in the League’s efforts to provide hurricane relief to Puerto Rico and requested that Gallagher relay the Executive Committee’s appreciation to the Headquarters staff for its efforts to assist with hurricane relief efforts.

Other Business

The Executive Committee directed Gallagher, who serves as its Secretary, to call a special meeting of the ARRL Board of Directors this fall to consider recommendations from the Ethics and Elections Committee and related items. Executive Committee Member and Hudson Division Director Mike Lisenco, N2YBB, told the panel that the legislative team is continuing to work all avenues to secure passage and implementation of S. 1534, the Amateur Radio Parity Act of 2017.

The Committee asked Imlay to work with ARRL resources to develop recommendations for possible deregulation of the Amateur Service rules. The Technology Advisory Council in August issued a Public Notice inviting comments identifying FCC technical rules that may be obsolete or ripe for change in light of current communication technologies.

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The committee directed Imlay to prepare and file a request for an FCC declaratory ruling, asking the Commission to correct discrepancies between Part 73, which regulates broadcasting, and Part 97, which governs Amateur Radio. §73.102.7(c) allows a broadcaster to retransmit an Amateur Service signal without the licensee’s consent. §97.113(b) largely prohibits “any form of broadcasting,” and prohibits amateur stations from engaging “in any activity related to program production or news gathering for broadcasting purposes,” except in certain emergency situations.

Minutes of the October 14, 2017 meeting of the ARRL Executive Committee have been posted on the ARRL website.

American Red Cross Hails “New Partnership” with ARRL Following Puerto Rico Deployment



10/31/2017

The American Red Cross (ARC) this week thanked ARRL and its “Force of 50” hurricane recovery volunteers who deployed to Puerto Rico earlier this month, and it suggested a new level of partnership now exists between the two organizations. ARC Senior Vice President, Disaster Cycle Services Harvey Johnson this week wrote ARRL President Rick Roderick, K5UR, and ARRL CEO Tom Gallagher, NY2RF, to express his organization’s gratitude for “all your amazing volunteers for the unwavering commitment demonstrated during the response to this unprecedented disaster in Puerto Rico.” Johnson said the team’s actions “made a significant difference” in the lives of those affected. “This mission marked an exciting new path for our two organizations with it being the first time we deployed ARRL volunteers to a Red Cross relief operation,” Johnson wrote. “I continue to hear incredible stories about how the ARRL volunteers supported individuals, communities, and partner organizations during their time in Puerto Rico.” The ARRL and the American Red Cross have a long-standing memorandum of understanding (MOU) to cooperate in emergencies and disasters.



“It was a complex cooperation in an austere environment, and the mission certainly had its challenges,” Johnson continued. “While we have much to learn from this new experience and areas to improve upon, we remain committed to working with you, ARRL, and your cadre of talented volunteers.”

Johnson singled out for special praise ARRL Emergency Response Manager Mike Corey, K11U, “for his leadership in planning and managing the mission.”

“Mike was fast acting and thoughtful, constantly working to make the mission effective through transparency and collaboration,” Johnson said. “We simply could not have achieved the outcomes without him.”

Johnson said the ARC looks forward to working together with ARRL to “serve those impacted by disasters.”

[Editors note – I always thought we had a good partnership between the ARRL and the Red Cross, but then I am an ARRL EC and a Red Cross DST Volunteer]

SKYWARN Recognition Day

**2017 SKYWARN Recognition Day
December 2, 2017, from 0000z to 2400z**



SKYWARNTM Recognition Day was developed in 1999 by the National Weather Service and the American Radio Relay League. It celebrates the contributions that volunteer SKYWARNTM radio operators make to the National Weather Service.

During the day SKYWARNTM operators visit NWS offices and contact other radio operators across the world.

Object For all amateur stations to exchange QSO information with as many National Weather Service Stations as possible on 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6, and 2 meter bands plus the 70 centimeter band. Contacts via repeaters are permitted. SKYWARNTM Recognition Day serves to celebrate the contributions to public safety made by amateur radio operators during threatening weather.

[editor’s note: Our local NWS Office is in Oxnard at 520 N. Elevar, just east of Rice and Camino del Sol; they actively support our ARES-ACS program]