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SHORT SKIP



Field Day 2010 • K6WC at CAL FIRE



Photo: K6EXT



By Art Lee WF6P

CHATTER

It is nice to see so much interest in ham radio these days despite computer emails, handheld telephones, hand texting (IPOD) machines and other forms of instant, world-wide communications. Our club meetings are well attended and we are blessed with a series of speakers presenting high-interest topics. As we all know, ham radio is a constant learning process of new technology, geography, math, physics, space technology and history. The icing on the cake is the making of friends who also enjoy the hobby.

The big news this month is the great adventure of Field Day. I was unable to visit our site, but a word of thanks should go out to those who worked hard to set the event in motion, gather the gear, do the setup and teardown, and lastly - see that all the gear, antennas, power cords, dishes and other paraphernalia got back to their proper owners. It was nice to see the Field Day combined with the three active area groups: San Lorenzo Valley, UCSC and Santa Cruz County Amateur Radio Clubs. We did receive a lot of excellent publicity exposure again. Thanks to our collective PR hams.

I was in contact with my pal Terry Parks, N6NUN, last Thursday. He is the regular Tuesday morning Net Control for the Baja Maritime Mobile Net. Terry was aboard his 53-foot yacht Hai Yan at anchor in Richardson Bay, off San Francisco. We make contact on the net, then QSY to 80 meters. It is fun to be anchored in some picturesque cove, having a chat with other hams on their boats. Two decades ago I used to track

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Photo: Dan Dawson, K16ESH

More photos of Field Day can be seen at the sites of Dan Dawson, K16ESH <http://ow.ly/23R9w> and Gary Harbustan, K6GPH <http://k6gph.org/photo/thumbnails>.

CLUB MEETING FRIDAY JULY 16, 7:30PM



CAKE crumbs June 12

The group today was Larry WB6MKV, Ron K6EXT, Vic AE6ID, Reed N1WC, Don K6GHA, and David WS2I. A small group, but it had the advantage that most of the time everybody was participating in the same conversation. Topics: vertical antennas, Russian hams that seem to prefer to talk to other Russian hams, the solar flare predictions (media hype?), converting CB radios (why bother?). WB6MKV provided some fascinating history about KSCO. K6GHA talked about having a good time in Germany. Finally, WB6MKV once met a "light bulb changer". Can you figure out what he actually does for a living?

—WS2I, scribe

W6WO

This is a brief note to say that our time in KY is passing quickly and that we are enjoying the rural life even though al we have isa dial-up connection.

Spending quite a lot of time on 20 and 17 CW and worked 5 sites in SCV during the FD weekend.

Best DX was a QSO with JT5DX (my first ever with Mongolia) who I suspect was the ham I met when he visited Elecraft to pick-up his K3

My little FT857 is holding up quite well but I still have to keep referring to the user manual

I miss the CAKE meetings and here is a topic I would like to hear views on. I was watching the grey-line shaddow move across Asia into W Eu and noted how the QSOs moved West. GL propagaion is a well-known phenomena but just how does it enhance communications? There is more to it than I understand

73 to all BCNU end of August

Ron W6WO

ARRL Exam Testing

The Tri-City VE Group welcome candidates to our location near highways 680 and 880 at Hurricane Electric, 48233 Warm Springs Boulevard, Fremont.

Here are the scheduled 2010 test dates:

August 19 Thursday 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
 Sept. 9 Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
 Nov. 13 Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
 Dec. 16 Thursday 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

For further information, contact Bernhard AE6YN@arrl.net (510) 364-0611, or check the ARRL website.

Chatter continued

sailboats across the Pacific. Each night they would check in with a position report. If they didn't report in after a day or two, we were alerted to a possible trouble. A few times we were able to alert the Coast Guard for assistance. Now, the plotting is done on computer screens and no longer drawn on paper charts. It's still fun.

Saw Al Marconette, KM6VV, at one of our recent club meetings. We usually discuss submarines, his homes while in the Navy. Was thinking about the Machinist Mate I knew in San Diego in the '60's. He helped manage a Little League Team and I was an umpire. He was a quiet, unassuming guy. One morning I read in the local newspaper where a sailor had saved his submarine and the lives of his shipmates. The sailor had volunteered to be locked in a rapidly flooding compartment as the ship, a submarine, was sinking. He was able to repair the damage and stop the leak while standing chest deep in water. That sailor was my friend, the Little League assistant manager. When I congratulated him on his courageous action, he said, "Anyone on board would have done the same thing, but I was the most qualified -- besides, we really didn't have much choice."

At our last club meeting, I was happy to learn that Jack Scanlon, KQ6CH, had not permanently relocated to Hilo. He kept his home in Capitola, and returned there. He liked Hilo, but he has long-term attachments to California. I spent nearly 20 years in Hawaii, but with Donna's and my folks living here, we always felt that Santa Cruz was our home.

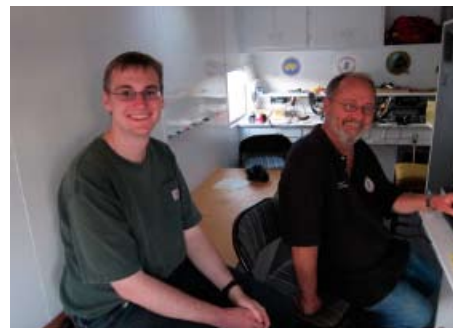


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K6EXT, KE6AFE and WB6RWU operating Field Day station W6TUW, a One Foxtrot at the S.C. EOC.



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MONTEREY BAY REPEATER ACTIVITY

Santa Cruz County	K6BJ 146.790- PL 94.8 Santa Cruz (linked to KI6EH) KI6EH 147.945- PL 94.8 Watsonville (linked to K6BJ) K6BJ 440.925+ PL 123.0 Santa Cruz (not linked) • SCCARC Net Monday 7:30 PM 146.79- /147.945- /147.180+ linked • SCCARC 10 Meter Net Monday 7:00 PM 28.308 MHz USB
ARES Net	SC County Wide ARES Tuesday 7:30 PM on 147.180+ PL 94.8 and 443.600+ PL 110.9 linked
San Lorenzo Valley	WR6AOK 147.120+ PL 94.8 Ben Lomond • SLV Net Thursday 7:30 PM
Loma Prieta	AB6VS 440.550+ / AE6KE 146.835- PL 94.8 (linked for net) • LP ARES / LPARC Net Tuesday 7:15 PM
Monterey	K6LY 146.97- PL 94.8 / 444.700+ PL123 (linked for net) Monterey • Monterey Co. ARES Net Wednesday 7:30 PM K6LY 146.970- (PL 94.8) • NPSARC Net Wednesday at 8 PM on K6LY/R
LPRC	WR6ABD 146.640- PL 162.2 / 442.900+ PL 162.2 (winsystem.org) • LPRC Net Tuesday 8:00 PM 146.640-(PL 162.2) • Amateur Radio Newslines broadcast Tuesday

• Santa Clara Valley Section Traffic NET Tuesday 9:00PM 146.640- (PL 162.2)

FOR MORE INFO SEE: <http://www.k6bj.org/freq.html>

SCCARC Calendar of Events

ARES Meeting (prior to club meeting)	Friday	Jul 16
SCCARC Meeting	Friday	Jul 16
Cake Meetings	Sat	Jul 10, 24
Board Meeting	Thursday	Jul 22
Short Skip articles due	Mon	Aug 9
SCCARC Meeting	Friday	Aug 20

MONTHLY MEETINGS.

The SCCARC Meets at 7:30 PM, on the **THIRD FRIDAY** of the each month (except December). Meetings are at Dominican Hospital, Education Center, 1555 Soquel Drive, Santa Cruz.

NET CONTROL SCHEDULE

(Subject to Change)

7/12	Byron KI6NUL
7/19	Greta KI6NTL
7/26	Phil KE6UWH
8/2	Tom K6TG
8/9	Chris KG6DOZ
8/16	Byron KI6NUL

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