

THE GRID LEAK

The Official Newsletter of the Tulare County Amateur Radio Club

P.O. Box 723, Visalia, CA 93279
 TULARE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
 146.880 (-) TCARC REPEATER
 Blue Ridge Mountain
 East of Visalia, California
 36 17.19' N Latitude, 118 50.23' W Longitude
 5,700' above Sea Level

I.R.L.P. Node # **8120**

Echolink Node # **152747 (WA6BAI-R)**

Web Page: <http://www.tcarc.net/>

Companion site at: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/wa6bai/>

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**Next TCARC Meeting will be January 27, 2005
 at the Supervisors Chambers, 2800 W. Burrell
 in Visalia at 7:30 p.m.**

Members – APRS Server

From: Ray Quinn KF6KMY

Below is a snippet from an article I have written for an upcoming newsletter:

It just so happens that the Tulare County Amateur Radio Club has one of these [APRS] servers up and running. The address is <http://wa6bai.tcarc.net:14501>. This will give you some information about the server, such as Server version, bytes in and out, outbound connections, inbound connections, available ports, and more.

With the APRS software, you would type wa6bai.tcarc.net as the server address with one of the listed ports you choose. As of this writing, 10151 will give you a dump of the last thirty

minutes and populate your map quickly. Port 10152 will give you the full APRS-IS feed, including messages, bulletins, and alerts. Port 14579 gives the California Regional feed, just as the full feed does, only regional. Port 1314 will only give you the messages sent via APRS. There is too much information to be posted here, but the Internet can give you a whole lot more.

Believe it or not, there is an even simpler solution. All you need is your favorite web browser, and, of course, your computer and Internet. Just type the address <http://javapr.tcarc.net> into your Java equipped browser and follow the instructions below the applet. The information inside the applet is live directly from the Club's APRS server.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to email me at kf6kmy@tcarc.net.

73 de Ray KF6KMY

Photo Page from Our Christmas Party on
December 4, 2004 at the home of Alan W6MTR
& Gloria W6NRS

*Family Christmas
Open House & Potluck*



Deddi, Ray and Steve



Pam and Dave



Deddi, Ray, Steve and Gloria



Hal and Friend



Joe, Alan and Daughter



Alan



Carol, Joe and Allen



Mom and Baby



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Greetings from the ARRL San Joaquin Valley Section. Happy Holidays to all!!

Emergency Coordinators are needed in Mono and Calaveras Counties. Contact N6ZFN (n6zfn@ares-races.net) or W6DPD (w6dpd@arrl.org) if you can help.

W6FRH is as Assistant SM. N6RDY is the new EC for Mariposa County.

Mark your calendars. The International DX Convention (Visalia) is April 15-17, 2005. EMCOMM West will be 13-15, 2005 in Reno. Pacificon 05 will be October 14-16, 2005 at the San Ramon Marriott.

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It is my sad duty to report that W6JOD, N6NMM and W7FMD have become a Silent Keys. They will be missed.

Congratulations to the following on completing the Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Courses: Level One: AE6GY: Level Two: W6DWF: Level Three: KO6UW

The Sierra ARC, WA6YBN, was fourth in the nation in 2004 FD 3A battery. Way to go!!

The Kern County Central Valley ARC manned the road and weather net on their repeaters during the Thanksgiving weekend.

The Mountain ARC provided communications for the Mountain Heritage Days Parade. The officers for 2005 are pres WA6ONA, vp WA6LTO, sec W6LSU, and treas W6NDR. The club meets the 4th Thursday in Oakhurst. The web page is located at www.w6bw.org.

The officers for the Stockton-Delta ARC for 2005 are pres WB6NVB, VP W6INP, sec KG6EFD, and treas N6LHL The club meets the second Thursday in Stockton. The web page is located at <http://home.comcast.net/~jjkester>.

The Clovis Amateur Pioneers participated in the White Dove project to send toys to Florida.

The San Joaquin Valley ARS is a new club in Fresno.

WS6X operated from KP4US during the CQ WW CW Contest.

W6XK has 2 elements on 80 meters.

Traffic for November was K6RAU 10 and N6SUZ 14 for a total of 24. PSHR K6RAU 63 and N6SUZ 51.



Club News

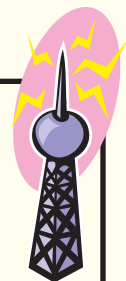
The mailing lists available for TCARC are:

- gridleak@tcarc.net - Grid Leak distribution in Portable Document Format (PDF)
- gridleak-text@tcarc.net - Grid Leak distribution in text format for those who prefer or require it.
- tcarc-announce@tcarc.net - One-way announcements open to all
- members@tcarc.net - Open to all active members
- repeater@tcarc.net - New repeater committee list (committee members only)
- officers@tcarc.net - For officers

If anyone wishes to start a new list related to amateur radio or the TCARC, you may do so by sending me an e-mail. -- 73 de Ray KF6KMY

Equipment Sale/Trade/Seeking -

For Sale: Kenwood TS 440S w/Astron PS35A power supply + MC-60 desktop microphone \$400. Call **Bill K6QOG, 559/564-1926.**



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Greetings from the ARRL San Joaquin Valley Section. Happy Holidays to all!! I hope all had a Happy New Year and received all the ham radio goodies you wanted.

It takes many volunteers to make the ARRL Field Organization work. Thanks to all the volunteers who make it work, the ORS, OBS, OO, EC, asst EC, OES, PIO, and TS. Thanks to those who serve in coordinator positions, OOC, TC, SEC, STM, ACC, PIC, and asst SM. Keep up the good work in 2005.

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The Clovis Amateur Radio Pioneers participated in the 2004 Skywarn Recognition Day at the Hanford Office of the National Weather Service.

The Turlock ARC provided communications for the Turlock Christmas Parade.

The Bakersfield ARA had a float in the Bakersfield Christmas Parade. Officers for 2005 are pres N6BAR, vp KB6JFL, sec KG6HHE, and treas N6SMU.

The Kern County Central Valley ARC manned the road and weather net on their repeaters to assist travelers during the Christmas and New Years weekends.

TCARES officers for 2005 are pres KG6FEY, vp WB6WFF, sec KE6RGP, and treas WA7MOB.

W6S (W6 Santa) was on the air courtesy of WO6T from Bakersfield during December.

KF6GKC received the 2004 Ham of the Year award from the Fresno ARC. W6VPS received the Boner Award.

N6VYT received the Bonehead award from the Clovis Amateur Radio Pioneers.

N6AJ received QSL card from the 100th DXCC entity he worked on 6 meters. He can now apply for DXCC on 6 meters. Way to go, Jerry!! This is quite an accomplishment.

Traffic for December was K6RAU 20 and N6SUZ 20 for a total of 40. PSHR K6RAU 75 and N6SUZ 72.



Happy Birthday to --

January Birthdays

Gary Evans AA6R
Floyd Morris KA6VEC
Joseph Simons WB6MUD
Deddi Quinn
Sarah Corum WD6FUF

February Birthdays

Glenn Ricketson K8GR
Hal Clover KC5LUB
Larry Taylor KF6JBG

Happy Anniversary to --

February Anniversaries

Ray KF6KMY & Deddi Quinn

From the Editors: If there is anything that you would like to add to the newsletter, you may contact us by email at stengerw@sti.net. The deadline to have articles included is the 10th of each month; submissions after the 10th will go in the next newsletter unless otherwise instructed.

-- de Carol & Bill K6QOG

All Ham News

Emergency Coordinators for Tulare County:

RACES is Jim Reeves KC6YRU - kc6yru@tcarc.net

ARES is Hal Clover KC6LUB - hal90000@sosinet.net

November ARES News

KC5LUB Emergency Coordinator / Tulare County ARES

Here's the hap's for November.

Members: 26 up 2 from October.

Activity:

Statewide Hospital Emergency Drill.

Thursday November 18, 2004

Participants:

Hal KC5LUB

Jon WB6AEA

Al KJ6OH

Dave WA6BEF

Leonard KG6PBE

Bill K6QOG

Bill (the other one, lol) KG6AIR

Larry KF6JBG

Andy N6IJF

Bill (three is not a crowd) KA6HGA

Walt W6ALT

A BIG thanks to everyone that made the drill a success. The organizers decided 5 minutes into the exercise that there needed to be an additional 5 stations set up and we met the challenge by covering them all within 1 hour. Please log 66 hours for ARES in Tulare County last month.

Also, two additional AEC appointments are **Al KJ6OH** and **Jon WB6AEA**. Al comes from the Santa Clara Valley area and is liaison with our Porterville hams. Jon is from Sacramento and brings his training experience south with him. Welcome to both.

Look for some exciting events from Tulare County in the next year as we attempt to reach out into the community and broaden our group.

December ARES News

November Activity

Thanks to everyone who participated in the County Exercise November 18th. The people at the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) were quite impressed with our versatility and cooperation, not to mention the professionalism with which we handled ourselves. Great job.

Thanks goes out to the following operators for making the exercise a success:

WA6BEF as net control and hf (wow - awesome).

W6ALT assigned to Sierra View and reassigned to Lindsay Health Clinic (HC).

KJ6OH assigned to Sierra View and also covered Porterville HC.

N6IJF volunteering to cover Hillman HC.

KG6PBE assigned to Tulare Clinic and reassigned to Dinuba HC.

KA6HGA assigned to Tulare Clinic and reassigned to Hillman HC.

KG6AIR assigned to Kaweah Delta.

KF6JBG assigned to Kaweah Delta.

K6QOG assigned to Red Cross and reassigned to Visalia HC.

WB6AEA assigned to EOC and reassigned to Farmersville HC.

Here is the response that we received from the county for our efforts:

Dear Bret,

On behalf of the ARES operators in Tulare County I would like to thank you for allowing us to participate in the exercise last Thursday. Many valuable lessons were learned by both myself and the other operators. We look forward to working with the county on future exercises and drills. Again thanks for asking us to come and "play".

Sincerely,

Hal Clover, KC5LUB

Emergency Coordinator ARES
Tulare County

Hal,

Thanks for participating. We hope to continue to involve ARES. I apologize for the miscommunication that impacted some of your folks.

Bret

Again, thanks to everyone participating the exercise was a success. Our debrief on Wednesday December 1, 2004 indicated that there are some areas that we need to address. Look for further training and operating activity in the new year.

73 Hal KC5LUB

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SIGNATURE _____

Membership Dues: (\$20.00 - Individual - \$25.00 - Family)

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