

The Official Newsletter of the Tulare County Amateur Radio Club

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TULARE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA  
146.880 (-) TCARC REPEATER  
Park Ridge Mountain  
East of Fresno, California  
36 43.29' N Latitude, 118.56.38' W Longitude  
7,500' 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/>

## Club Officers

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President: Dave McElroy WA6BEF

Vice President: Bill Stenger K6QOG

Secretary: Ray Quinn KF6KMY

Treasurer: Dave Millhouse N6YMM

Past President: Steve Lee-Thomas W6SLT

Repeater Liaison: Chuck Ward WA6SAA

Activities Director: Hal Clover KC5LUB



**Next Club Meeting is January 18th, 7:30 pm at the  
County Board of Supervisors Building,  
2800 Burrell, Visalia.  
It is located West of the court house.**

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**Happy New Year**  
from  
**Tulare County Amateur Radio Club**

**URGENT- Please Note**

*Club meeting nights changed to third Thursday of the Month*

## President's Message

Hello and Happy New Year everybody.

This year we're starting with a bang, thanks to your president having errored.

Apparently, while we were thinking about other things, Christmas, Goliath and other things, the Sheriff's volunteer people came in and scooped up our fourth Thursday.

The quickest and easiest fix at least for now is to back our meetings up one week to the third Thursday. This month, that means the 18th. I've tried, as you know, to get input and it seems that this is the best solution.

Nothing's in stone and if we find it doesn't work we can certainly explore other avenues as a club. I really am sorry and I hope this isn't an inconvenience to anyone.

There is a side benefit; we won't have meetings scheduled on Thanksgiving anymore, so we can have a regular November meeting if we want and then a holiday gathering.

On another note, congratulations are in order to Bill, KG6AIR, who has just

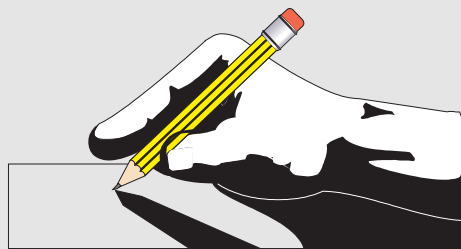
past his general class. Sounds like a few of us need to get on the stick and get our Extras now.

Finally, we're going to be collecting dues and if we can, elections will be next meeting as well. So be thinking about next year's officers.

So that's it from this desk. See you all on the 18th usual time and place, only the date has changed to protect, oh never mind.

73's.

Dave WA6BEF



## Club Websites:

The mailing lists available for TCARC are:

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

## Emergency Coordinators:

**Emergency Coordinators for Tulare County:**

**RACES is Jim Reeves KC6YRU - [kc6yru@tcarc.net](mailto:kc6yru@tcarc.net)**

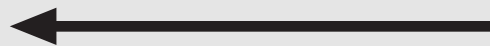
**ARES is Hal Clover KC6LUB - [hal90000@sosinet.net](mailto:hal90000@sosinet.net)**

TCARC Minutes from December 10th Meeting

The December meeting was a family potluck at Bill (K6QOG) and Carol Stenger's home in Elderwood. The food was plentiful and delicious and thanks to Bill Balsley (KG6AIR) we had a holiday sing-along. A big thanks to all who came and participated. The pictures will speak for themselves.



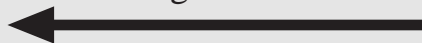
Boy, is that good or what?



Gloria, what are you doing?!



You caught me?



Let's sing another one!



## Tulare County Amateur Radio Club

### SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY SECTION

Report for the month of November 2006

SM Charles McConnell, W6DPD- ASMs K6YK and W6FRH, ACC W6DPD, SEC N6ZFN, OOC N1VM, STM K6RAU, PIC KE6IGJ, TC W6TE.

Greetings from the ARRL San Joaquin Valley Section.

Your San Joaquin Valley Section staff sends you holiday greetings and hope for the best in 2007.

KI6PR is the Emergency Coordinator for Merced County. Thanks Mike for taking this position.

Mark your calendars: The International DX Convention is April 27-29, 2007 at Visalia.

Check <http://www.dxconvention.org> for information. EMCOMM West is May 4-6, 2007 at the Atlantis Resort and Casino in Reno NV. Check [www.emcommwest.org](http://www.emcommwest.org) for information. Field Day 2007 is the fourth full weekend of June. The 65th Fresno Hamfest is August 4, 2007 at the Holiday Inn at the Airport in Fresno. Check [www.w6to.com](http://www.w6to.com) for information. Pacificon 2007 is October 19-21, 2007 at the Marriott Hotel in San Ramon CA. Check [www.pacificon.org](http://www.pacificon.org) for information.

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

It is my sad duty to report that WU6V, AA6D, K6KEW, KE6UOO, and K6LFR, are Silent Keys. They will be missed.

The Amateur Radio Association of Central

California (KI6GIL) is a new club in Fresno.

The Mountain ARC and San Joaquin Valley ARS provided communications support for the second annual Powerhouse Double Century Bicycle event.

The Sierra ARC operated K2BSA/6 for the 2006 Scout Jamboree on the Air and provided communications support for the Kiwanis Walkathon.

Mountain ARC 2007 officers are pres W6LSU, vp W6RFR, sec W6NDR, and treas W6HYI. The club meets the fourth Thursday 7:00PM at the Senior Center in Oakhurst. Check [www.w6bw.org](http://www.w6bw.org) for information.

Fresno ARC 2007 officers are pres NA6G, vp AE6SX, sec, WA6NIF, and treas W6TLM. The club meets the 2nd Friday at 7:00 PM at Cedar Lanes in Fresno. Check [www.w6to.com](http://www.w6to.com) for information.

Kern County Central Valley ARC 2007 officers are pres KF6JOQ, 1st vp KC6ZRF, 2nd vp KC6WTA, sec W6WTG, and treas KG6UFB. The club meets the 4th Tuesday in Bakersfield. Check [www.w6lie.org](http://www.w6lie.org) for information.

San Joaquin Valley ARS 2007 officers are pres W6TTF, vp and treas, K6YRZ, and sec KF6GKC. The club meets the first Friday in Fresno. Check [www.sjvars.com](http://www.sjvars.com) for information.

Congrats to K6RYD, and N6NPG on completing the ARECC Level One course.

SJV results for the ARRL UHF Contest were first KK6KE and second N6KOG.

Traffic for November K6RAU 224, N6SUZ 12 and W6SX 5. Total 41. PSHR: K6RAU 78, N6SUZ 38.

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Greetings from the ARRL San Joaquin Valley Section.

Your San Joaquin Valley Section staff sends hope for the best in 2007.

Thanks to all the volunteers who participate in the ARRL Field Organization. They put in lots of hours for the benefit of Amateur Radio. Keep up the good work in 2007.

Thanks to Rex, KE6ZOC for maintaining the SJV Section page on [www.pdarrrl.org](http://www.pdarrrl.org).

This is a reminder to all Field Organization Appointees that you must keep your ARRL membership active to keep your appointment. You also need to make a monthly report of your activities.

If you desire your club information and events to be listed in Section News, please send the information to [w6dpd@arrl.org](mailto:w6dpd@arrl.org).

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Fresno County and Kings County ARES groups operated W6H for the SKYWARN Recognition Day from NOAA Hanford.

Turlock ARC members provided communications support for the Turlock Christmas parade.

The Radio Club of America awarded its 2006 Barry Goldwater Award to Frank Clement, W6KPC, of Bakersfield for his lifetime achievements. Congratulations Frank.

The Fresno ARC named KF6CL as its 2006 Amateur of the Year. W6TLM earned the Boner Award and WB6GBS earned the Alligator Award.

The Golden Empire DX Club (KI6GWR) is a new club in Bakersfield.

Gordon West, WB6NOA, will visit the Sequoia Amateur Group in February 2007.

Bakersfield ARA 2007 officers are pres KB6JFL, vp KG6ZBK, sec K6JAG, and treas KA6VXC. Check [www.w6bar.org](http://www.w6bar.org) for information. The club named N6RSK its 2006 Ham of the Year.

Central California DX Club 2007 officers are pres WA5VGI, 1st vp N6AWD, 2nd vp WS6X, sec/treas W6DPD, Directors W6YDE, AA6LY and W6RFL. For information contact [w6mel@arrl.net](mailto:w6mel@arrl.net). The club will celebrate 25 years of ARRL affiliation in 2007.

Stockton-Delta ARC 2007 officers are pres WB6NVB, vp KD6FVA, sec/editor N6LHL, and treas KB6QIT. The club celebrated its 75th Anniversary in December. Congratulations!! The club is planning for its 80th anniversary in 2011. Check [www.w6sf.org](http://www.w6sf.org) for information.

QCWA Fresno Chapter 213 2007 officers are pres W6YEP, vp W6VPS, sec/treas W6DPD and Directors K6XJ and WA6NIF. The chapter meets the 4th Tuesday at Carrow's, 4280 N. Blackstone at noon in Fresno. All QCWA members are welcome to attend. Check [www.qcwa.org/chapter213.htm](http://www.qcwa.org/chapter213.htm) for information.

Traffic for December K6RAU 28, N6SUZ 23 and W6SX 2. Total 53. PSHR: K6RAU 73, N6SUZ 36.

## Ham Equipment FOR SALE or TRADE



**Rohn HD 40ft Self-Supporting Tower  
\$450**

**Yaesu G-450A Rotor, Control box, 75ft  
5 wire rotor cable  
\$150**

**Call Bill K6QOG 559-564-1926**

Anyone wishing to buy, sell, or trade ham equipment, call Bill at 559-564-1926 or email information to: [stengerw@wildblue.net](mailto:stengerw@wildblue.net)

### **January Birthdays:**

**WD6FUF Sarah Corum**

**KA6VEC Floyd Morris**



**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](mailto: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**

FOR THE DXer

SB DX @ ARL \$ARLD001  
ARLD001 DX news

ZCZC AE01  
QST de W1AW  
DX Bulletin 1 ARLD001  
From ARRL Headquarters  
Newington CT January 4, 2007  
To all radio amateurs

SB DX ARL ARLD001  
ARLD001 DX news

This week's bulletin was made possible with information provided by NC1L, the OPDX Bulletin, DXNL, 425 DX News, The Daily DX, Contest Corral from QST and the ARRL Contest Calendar and WA7BNM web sites. Thanks to all.

TUNISIA, 3V. GM0DHZ will be QRV holiday style as 3V8SS from January 7 to February 11. Activity will be on 80 to 10 meters, and possibly 160 meters, using CW and SSB.

ANTARCTICA. Dag, LA9SDA is QRV as 3Y9SDA from Troll Station. Activity is mostly on 20 meters using SSB and PSK. QSL to home call.

TANZANIA, 5Z. Vlad, UA4WHX is QRV as 5H3VMB/5 from the Lindi/MTWARA Region Group, IOTA AF-074. He is active on 80, 40, 30 and 20 meters using CW. He has also been active on 17 meters using SSB. His length of stay is unknown. QSL to home call.

WEST MALAYSIA, 9M2. Gerben, PG5M is QRV as 9M2/PG5M while on holiday from Pulau Pangkor, IOTA AS-072, until January 7. Activity is on 40 to 10 meters using CW. QSL to home call.

EAST MALAYSIA, 9M6. Saty, JE1JKL is QRV as 9M6NA from Labuan Island, IOTA OC-133, until January 7. Activity is on 160 and 80 meters. QSL to home call.

NEPAL, 9N. Stig, LA7JO is QRV as 9N7JO from Kathmandu. Since he is here on work assignment, he is active at various times on 160 to 12 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK. QSL direct.

EASTER ISLAND, CE0. Nao, JK1FNL is QRV as CE0Y/JK1FNL until January 7. Activity is on 40, 20 and 17 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL to home call.

ANGOLA, D2. Koji, JM1CAX is QRV as D2NX at various times while on work assignment. QSL via JH7FQK.

SCOTLAND, GM. Ken, G0ORH plans to be QRV as GM0ORH from Arran Island, IOTA EU-123, from January 6 to 13.

REPUBLIC OF KOREA, HL. Kim, DS5SWL is QRV as HL22 until June 30 to mark the city of Pyeong Chang's desire to host the 2014 Winter Olympic Games. Activity is on 80 to 10 meters using CW and SSB. QSL to home call.

SOUTH SHETLAND ISLANDS. Sang, DS4NMJ is QRV as HL8KSJ from the King Sejong station.

BANGLADESH, S2. Look for a large group of operators to be QRV as S21XA from Dhaka from January 10 to 16. Activity will be on 160 to 6 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY, with three stations on the air simultaneously. QSL via EA3BT.

SUDAN, ST. Slavko, S57DX is QRV as ST2R until April. QSL to home call.

WEST KIRIBATI, T30. T30XX has been QRV on 20 and 17 meters using CW and SSB at various times. QSL via JA8UWT.

MARSHALL ISLANDS, V7. Neil, WD8CRT is QRV as V73NS from Roi-Namur Island, IOTA OC-028, for at least two years. Activity is on 160 to 6 meters using mostly CW. QSL to home call.

BURKINA FASO, XT. Members from the F6KOP ARS of Provins group will be QRV as XT2C from Ouagadougou from January 6 to 20. They will also be active using their own XT-calls. Activity will be on 160 to 6 meters using CW and SSB. QSL via operators' instructions.

INDONESIA, YB. To mark the 71 years of Central Java's Kebumen Regency, look for YC2ZBM to be QRV from January 6 to 10. Activity will be on 40 and 15 meters. A large certificate is available for this event. QSL via YC2TJV.

THIS WEEKEND ON THE RADIO. The ARRL RTTY Roundup, DARC 10-Meter Contest, EUCW 160-Meter Contest and the Kid's Day Contest are all scheduled for this weekend. Please see January 2007 QST, page 97 and the ARRL and WA7BNM contest websites for details.  
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## THE VALUE OF HAM RADIO

### What happens when your satellite phone battery dies

SB QST @ ARL \$ARLB002  
ARLB002 California ham has role in sea  
rescue

ZCZC AG02  
QST de W1AW  
ARRL Bulletin 2 ARLB002  
From ARRL Headquarters  
Newington CT January 9, 2007  
To all radio amateurs

SB QST ARL ARLB002  
ARLB002 California ham has role in sea  
rescue

A California radio amateur played a part in an international effort to rescue a US sailor attempting to single-handedly circumnavigate the globe. Miguel "Mike" Morales, KC6CYK, of Riverside, told ARRL he was able to contact fellow radio amateurs in Chile to obtain and relay reassuring information to the family of Ken Barnes, whose 44-foot ketch Pivateer was foundering off South America. A Chilean trawler, Polar Pesca 1, rescued Barnes from his disabled vessel on January 5. Upon learning of Barnes's predicament on January 2, Morales said he contacted the sailor's fiance, Cathy Chambers.

"She mentioned that the satellite telephone was dying on him over there, so their communication was 30 to 60 seconds at a time," Morales recounted. "I was lucky enough, I got in touch with some of the Charlie Echo [CE-prefix] stations until I got to someone in Punta Arenas, and then Polar Pesca, the vessel that did the rescue." Morales speaks fluent Spanish and has visited Chile and knew "the way things operate down there." As a result, he says, he was able to obtain credible reports via his 10-meter contacts as to what was happening.

Morales said he was able to gather information via his Chilean ham radio contacts from the Polar Pesca 1. He relayed information about Barnes's location and when he was going to be rescued. Morales said he

felt it was important for the family to know Barnes's situation and how the rescue plans were playing out.

Barnes, who's 47, left Long Beach, California, late last October, hoping to be the first person to sail around the world from the West Coast. A severe storm dismasted, badly damaged the vessel and soaked his supplies.

The Chilean Navy dispatched one of the CP3 Orion aircraft Chile uses to patrol its 200-mile-offshore territorial claim. The plane spotted the foundering vessel, photographed it and even attempted to drop a life raft that missed its mark. The Chilean Navy coordinated the operation and recruited the Polar Pesca 1 to undertake the actual rescue, although Morales says the US Coast Guard agreed to cover the expense. At that point he was able to pass along news to the family that the trawler was en route to Barnes's location.

"The main thing is, Ken Barnes is back, is alive," Morales said. "What I did was on behalf of the US ham radio community, I believe. That's what you're there for."

Barnes is scheduled to return home to California this week, and Morales will be among those on hand to welcome him.  
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# TULARE COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC. MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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NAME (Self) \_\_\_\_\_ NAME (Family Member) \_\_\_\_\_

CALLSIGN (Self) \_\_\_\_\_ CALLSIGN (Family Member) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

LICENSE CLASS (Self) \_\_\_\_\_ LICENSE CLASS (Family Member) \_\_\_\_\_

RES PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ BUS PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

EQUIPMENT \_\_\_\_\_

BANDS \_\_\_\_\_

## INTERESTS (Please Check)

EMERGENCY SERVICE

RAG CHEWING

BUILDING

TRAFFIC HANDLING

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ANTENNAS

CINTESTS

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

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