

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/>

Club Officers

President: Steve Lee-Thomas W6SLT

Vice President: Dave Millhouse N6YMM

Secretary: Jim Brunk KD5NED

Treasurer: Joseph Simons WB6MUD

Past President: Ray Quinn KF6KMY

Repeater Coordinator: Mike Irving N6BYH

Activities Director: Tom Thompson KD6DXX



**Next TCARC Meeting will be February 24, 2005
 at the RED CROSS BUILDING, 505 W. Main Street
 in Visalia at 7:30 p.m.**

ARRL warns against spurious, virus-infected e-mails (Feb 17, 2005)

Some ARRL members have reported receiving e-mail messages purporting to be from the ARRL and suggesting that the recipient's account has been used to send "a large amount of unsolicited commercial e-mail" and "now contains a hidden proxy server" or similar wording. They may be signed by "The arrl.org team" or "The arrl.net team." These messages, which include a file attachment, do not originate from ARRL, and recipients of such messages should never attempt to open the attached file. Outside of routine correspondence, the ARRL only sends e-mail to members who specifically request mailings, such as W1AW bulletins and The ARRL Letter.

Opening the attached file on one of these spurious messages could unleash a nasty computer virus, quite possibly the W32/MyDoom.bb@mm mass-mailing worm. This recent MyDoom incarnation will attempt to disable anti-virus program updating and help a remote user to "hijack" an infected machine. The W32/MyDoom.bb@mm worm spreads using stolen e-mail addresses harvested from victim PCs and search engine queries. Some messages may show up as e-mail bounces from "Postmaster" or "Mail Administrator." As a defense against these kinds of viruses, ARRL strongly recommends installing virus-protection software on all personal computers and updating virus definitions on a regular basis.

Tulare County Amateur Radio Club

TCARC MINUTES – 1/27/05

Meeting called to order 1940 hrs by **Steve Lee-Thomas W6SLT**.

The meeting was held at the Red Cross Office, 505 West Main St, because the Board of Supervisor's office is being renovated. Meetings will continue at the Red Cross Office until further notice.

Those in attendance:

W6SLT	Steve Lee-Thomas	Visalia
WA7HRG	Jim Purvis	Exeter
WA6SAA	Chuck Ward	Three Rivers
K6QOG	Bill Stenger	Elderwood
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KF6KMY	Ray Quinn	Tulare
KF6KMX	Scott Yarbrough	Hanford
W6MTR	Alan Vicenti	Visalia
W6NRS	Gloria Vicenti	Visalia
N6YMM	Dave Millhouse	Visalia
WA6BEF	Dave McElroy	Visalia
WA2RQK	Pam Drake	Visalia
KF6JBG	Larry Taylor	Visalia
KG6YAB	Frank Elliott	Visalia
KA6MEL	David Williams	Visalia

Treasurer's Report was given by **Dave Millhouse (N6YMM)**. Funds in account as of 1/27/05 is \$1,012.84. **Joseph Simmons** was not present because of illness.

Old Business

Nominations of Officers for 2005

- Treasurer: **Bill Stenger K6QOG**, nominated by **Carol Stenger**, seconded by **Alan Vicenti**.
- Secretary: **OPEN**
- Vice-President: **Dave McElroy WA6BEF**, nominated by **Dave Millhouse N6YMM**, seconded by **Steve Lee-Thomas W6SLT**.
- President: **Steve Lee-Thomas W6SLT**, nominated by **Dave McElroy WA6BEF**, seconded by **K6QOG**.
- Past President: **Ray Quinn KF6KMY**, accepted a second term.

- Director of Repeater Operations: **Chuck Ward WA6SAA**, nominated by **Steve Lee-Thomas W6SLT**, seconded by **Alan Vicenti W6MTR**.
- Activities Director: **Hal Clover KC5LUB**, nominated by **Gloria Vicenti W6NRS**, seconded by **Ray Quinn KF6KYM**.

(Ed. Note: Nominations are open for anyone who wishes to volunteer. Elections will held at the February meeting. Anyone interested in filling any position can contact Steve or any other club member who was present that the January meeting.)

Committees

Public Relations: **Steve Lee-Thomas W6SLT** and **Dave Millhouse N6YMM**.

Emergency Communications: **Hal Clover KC5LUB**

Repeater Operations: **Dave McElroy WA6BEF**, **Ray Quinn KF6KMY**, **Chuck Ward W6SAA**, **Jim Purvis WA7HRG**, **Dave Millhouse N6YMM**, **Mike 6BYH**.

New Business

REPEATER COMMITTEE MEETING. There will be a Repeater Committee meeting on Feb. 10th, 1930 hrs. at the Red Cross Office. Everyone is welcome to participate in this meeting.

FIELD DAY. **Gloria Vicenti W6NRS** suggested that we start preparations for Field Day, which will be June 25th and 26th.

RACES MEMBERSHIP. The members held a discussion about requirements for RACES membership.

VAN FOR TULARE COUNTY. **Dave William KA6MEL** described the new communications van being built for Tulare County. All radios are capable of being computer controlled. This van will be available for use for emergency purposes by any Tulare County agencies. He will have an open-house for the radio club when the van is completed.

NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT. The next radio club meeting will be Feb. 24th, 2005, at 1930 hrs at the Red Cross Office.

Alan Vicenti W6MTR motioned that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by everyone. **Steve Lee-Thomas** closed the meeting at 2102 hrs.



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.



SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY SECTION Report for January 2005

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.

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

Mark your calendars. The International DX Convention (Visalia) is April 15-17, 2005. Check www.ncdxc.org/Ncdxc/Convention for information. EMCOMM West will be May 13-15, 2005 in Reno. Check www.emcomwest.org for information. Pacificon 05 will be October 14-16, 2005 at the San Ramon Marriott. Check www.pacificon.org for information.

When your affiliated club elects officers for the next year, be sure to update your club's information on the affiliated club area of the ARRL web page.

Need to take an Amateur exam? Check the ARRL web page, www.arrl.org for exam information.

The Northern California Net (NCN), the Section Traffic Net, meets nightly on 3.630 MHz at 7 PM Pacific Time. The slow speed training session of the net meets nightly on 3.705 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.

It is my sad duty to report that W6SQP became a Silent Key. He will be missed.

Thanks to Carleton, AA6GZ, for his many years of service at the EC for Kings County.

Congratulations to W6MSU on completing the ARECC Level 3 course.

The Kern County Central Valley ARC is conducting a one day class for Technician and General in Bakersfield. The class will be Feb. 19, 2005 at the Salvation Army, 4417 Wilson Road in Bakersfield. The exam will be given following the class. Contact Marie, N6ZFN, (n6zfn@bak.rr.com) for information.

The Clovis Amateur Radio Pioneers will sponsor a transmitter hunt on March 19, 2005, beginning at 1 PM. This will be a beginners T-Hunt intended to introduce new hams to the fun on hunting transmitters. The hidden transmitter will be on 147.54 MHz. The hunters will meet at the Clovis Senior Center, 804 Fourth Street in Clovis. There will be get together after the hunt. Contact Ray, KB6LQV, at (559) 270-0520 for information.

Southern Sierra ARC 2005 officers are pres KD6RPJ, 1st vp KA6PTJ, 2nd vp W6AMH, sec KA9QCX, and treas KD6KMN, The club meets the 2nd Thursday at the Veterans Hall in Tehachapi.

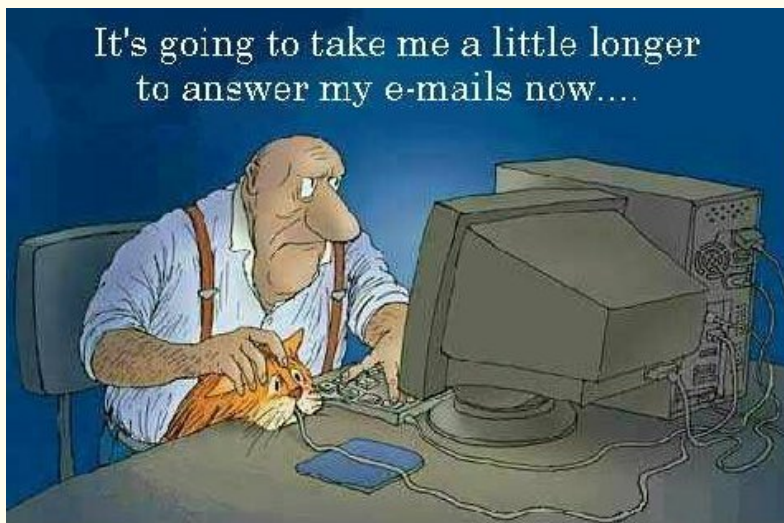
Lodi ARC officers for 2005 are pres WB6FVG, vp WB6ATU, and s/t N6HCH. The club is meeting at the library in Lodi.

Clovis Amateur Radio Pioneers 2005 officers are pres NI6M, vp N6JXL, sec, KB6LQV, and treas KD6WAW. The club meets the first Friday at the Clovis Senior Center in Clovis.

Fresno ARC 2005 officers are pres AE6GE, vp K6MI, sec W6TE, and treas W6ALE. The club meets the 2nd Friday at Cedar Lanes in Fresno. Check www.w6to.com for information.

Central California DX Club 2005 officers are pres W6RUJ, 1st vp WA5VGI, 2nd vp WA6YEE, s/t W6DPD, directors N6AWD, W6RFL, and AA6LY. Contact w6mel@arrl.net for information on meetings and the club.

Traffic for January: K6RAU 15, N6SUZ 5 for a total of 20. PSHR K6RAU 70 and N6SUZ 53.



Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Course Registration (Feb 18, 2005)

Registration for the ARRL Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Level III on-line course (EC-003) opens Monday, February 21, at 1201 AM EST and will remain open until all available seats have been filled or through the February 26-27 weekend--whichever comes first.

Radio amateurs 55 and older are strongly encouraged to participate. Class begins Friday, March 11. Thanks to our grant sponsors--the Corporation for National and Community Service and the United Technologies Corporation--the \$45 registration fee paid upon enrollment will be reimbursed after successful completion of the course. **This is the final year of grant-subsidized courses!**

During this registration period, seats are being offered to ARRL members on a first-come, first-served basis. To learn more, visit the Web page. For more information, contact Emergency Communications Course Manager Dan Miller, K3UFG, 860-594-0340.

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 - 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



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- The position for Secretary is still OPEN. Elections will held at the February meeting. Anyone interested in filling any position can contact Steve or any other club member who was present that the January meeting.)



Happy Birthday to --

February Birthdays

Glenn Ricketson K8GR
Hal Clover KC5LUB
Larry Taylor KF6JBG

March Birthdays

Ray Quinn KF6KMY

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 K6QG

All Ham News

Emergency Coordinators for Tulare County:

RACES is Jim Reeves KC6YRU - kc6yru@tcarc.net

ARES is Hal Clover KC6LUB - hal90000@sosinet.net

January ARES News

Welcome 2005! In looking back over 2004, for the group, we had a great year. Our group supplied operators for 8 incidents, an increase of 400% from the previous year. Membership has increased from 4-8 members to 18-25 members available for assignment. **We logged over 500 hours of on air service. Great job!**

This year has started off with a bang. Already, we have received two requests for service. The Sheriff's Baker to Vegas team has requested out of county support for the Baker to Vegas run in April. This is a twenty-four hour relay run from Baker CA to Las Vegas NV. We provide APRS tracking and a communication center in Primm NV for the team. This year we would like to also support the runners by having a live operator in Pahrump NV at the half-way point. N6IJF are you up for it?

Two days after the request from the Sheriff's Department, March of Dimes called requesting operators a little closer to home in Visalia. WalkAmerica is scheduled for the last Saturday

in April. This will place the Baker to Vegas run and WalkAmerica on separate weekends. This year we would like to have a tracker available for the shuttle van using APRS.

January also saw a precautionary standby activation on Sunday January 9 when the torrential downpours hit the state. While we didn't see any activity here (the water in the creek only rose part way), our fellow operators were pressed into action in Ventura and Santa Barbara. They did a great job. You can read more about this at the ARRL web site in the ARRL bulletin section.

Finally, on the last Saturday in February, our ARES group will be hosting a foxhunt. For more information on this activity, please visit the ARES web page at www.tcares.org. To volunteer for any of the activities listed above, please contact Jon Morgan our staffing coordinator at WB6AEA at tcares.org. Happy 2005.

73, Hal Clover, KC5LUB
Emergency Coordinator
ARES Tulare County



INTERNATIONAL SPACE STATION NOT OPERATIONAL

Originally in: Newsgroups NEWS: Ham Radio Packet

* Originally on: 01-29-05 21:43

* Originally by: echo

* Originally to: alt.ham-radio.packet

The RS0ISS packet BBS of the Kenwood D-700E transceiver on board the International Space Station has not been operational. According to Ken Ransom, N5VHO, efforts have been made to try and restore this capability but they have been unsuccessful. At this point it is unknown if this is a temporary or permanent state.

Ransom says that the I-S-S control team hopes that Packet BBS operation can be restored in the future once a computer becomes available. A new laptop was

tentatively scheduled to be delivered this year but could be pushed back for higher priority items. Once a computer is available, troubleshooting of both packet systems can be performed.

Ransom also has word on the I-S-S packet digipeater. He says that it is functioning but has continued to exhibit difficulties in relaying data. The digipeater appears to be listening for long periods of time and then transmitting all of the buffered information at once. This duration of this issue seems to vary depending on your location in relation to the I-S-S. (AMSAT-BB)

www.echolink.tk

spain.aprs2.net:14501

Synchronet 3.12b-Linux NewsLink 1.76

Synchronet 3.12b-Linux ListGate 1.2

US 99 - Tulare, CA USA - telnet://us99.synchro.net

TULARE COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC. MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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)

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DESCRIBE _____

SIGNATURE _____

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

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