

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

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Treasurer: Bill Stenger K6QOG

Past President: Ray Quinn KF6KMY

Repeater Liaison: Chuck Ward WA6SAA

Activities Director: Hal Clover KC5LUB



**Next Club Meeting is May 26, 7:30 pm
Red Cross Building, 505 West Main St, Visalia, CA.**

Birthday's

May

N6QBK Charles Wilcox
WD6CNV Roger Corum
KG6QNW Arlene Gregory

June

KD6DXX Tom Thompson
KJ6P Dave Gregory
KG6AIR Bill Balsley
KF6PCV Karen Stevens

Anniversaries

May

KA6HGA Bill & Yoko Shearer
KE6UKK Frank & Phyllis Devin
WD6CNV Roger & Sarah Corum

June

K6QOG Bill & Carol Stenger

Tulare County Amateur Radio Club

Monthly DEC/EC Report

Jurisdiction: Tulare/Kings County **Month:** April **Year:**

AMATEUR RADIO EMERGENCY SERVICE

Total number of ARES members: 25 Change since last month: same_(+,-, or same)

Local Net Name: Southern San Joaquin Valley FM Radio Net Total sessions: 3

NTS liaison is maintained with the _____ Net

Number of drills, tests and training sessions this month: 1 Person hours: 65

Number of public service events this month: 2 Person hours: 349

Number of emergency operations this month: 1 Person hours: 2

Number of ARES or other agency meetings this month: 4 Person hours: 29

Total number of ARES operations this month: 8 Total Person hours: 445

Comments: This was a busy month for Tulare and Kings counties. Our operators provided communications for a final exam drill for the College of Sequoias Truck Academy, Sheriff's Department Baker to Vegas Team, and WalkAmerica (March of Dimes). We used ATV at two of the events (COSTA and WalkAmerica) which was well received by both organizations. The Baker to Vegas operation was credited with helping the team shave 3.5 hours off their run time from the previous 2 years. We have been invited to continue participating with the Baker to Vegas team in future events. Amateur Radio was used to help provide traffic control during a traffic accident that closed the road up to Eagle Mountain Casino.

Signature: Hal Clover Title: (EC or DEC) EC Call sign: KC5LUB
Please send to your SEC or DEC as appropriate by 2nd of the month

FSD-212 (1-04)

Emergency Coordinators:

Emergency Coordinators for Tulare County:

RACES is Jim Reeves KC6YRU - kc6yru@tcarc.net

ARES is Hal Clover KC6LUB - hal90000@sosinet.net

Club Websites:

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

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY SECTION Report for March 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.

Field Day is June 25-26, 2005, the fourth full weekend of June. Now is the time to begin planning for the event. There are some rules changes for 2005 so download your FD packet from .

Mark your calendars. EMCOMM West will be May 13-15, 2005 in Reno. Check for information. The California Historical Radio Society Swap Meet/Auction is June 18, 2005 at Cliffs Radio Warehouse on the corner of 13th and X in Merced. Check for information. Check their events page. The Fresno Hamfest is August 13, 2005. Check for information. SJVARS presents the Harvest HamConVentio is Sept 16-18, 2005 in Fresno. Check for information. Pacificon 05 will be October 14-16, 2005 at the San Ramon Marriott. Check 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, 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.

Grant-sponsored Reimbursement Ending Very Soon.

In June, the last seat to be offered under the Corporation for National and Community

Service (CNCS)-sponsored grant will open. After that, only a small number of reimbursable seats in each course will be offered under the United Technologies Corporation (UTC) grant through October. At this time, no further grant-sponsored reimbursement for EmComm course students is on the horizon. If you have any additional questions, please send them to cce@arrl.org <<mailto:cce@arrl.org>>.

It is my sad duty to report that N6FRM, W6KBP, KD6ZUQ, W7FMD, and K6GQB became a Silent Keys. They will be missed.

Clovis ARP, Fresno ARC, and Tulare County ARC members provided communications for the March of Dimes Walk America.

Members of the Stockton Delta and Lodi ARCs provided communications for the Stockton Bike Club's Century Bike Ride thru the Delta.

San Joaquin Net 2005-2006 officers are Net Manager AD6X, Secretary KG6BBZ, and Asst. Secretary WG6Q. The net meets at 6 PM Pacific Time Mon-Sat on 3.918 MHZ.

The San Joaquin Valley ARS is now an affiliated club of the ARRL.

Congratulations to W6WBT, and W6DBM, on completing the ARECC Level 1 course.

Congratulations to WC6H, W6XK, and N6NZ on placing first, second and third in the November 2004 ARRL Phone sweepstakes for the SJV Section.

W6RUJ, K6XJ, W6UA, and K6KH won the golf tournament at the 2005 International DX Convention. A number of section members won prizes at the convention.

The Central California DX Club named K6XJ the 2004 DX'er of the Year.

K6YK worked satellites, PSK 31 and RTTY while portable in Alabama.

HB9MX and KB6AAL attended the International DX Convention and visited in the Fresno Area after the convention.

Traffic for April: K6RAU 16, N6SUZ 174; Total 190. PSHR K6RAU 62, N6SUZ 115.

PUBLIC SERVICE ACTIVITY REPORT

About This Form

Amateur Radio donates thousands of person hours of supplementary public service communications in civil emergencies, official drills and events such as parades and marathons each year. Such events show Amateur Radio in its best light, and it is critically important that ARRL bring documentation of this public service work to the attention of the Congress, the FCC and other public officials. Your information below is an important addition to the record. Please complete and return this form to the Public Service Branch at ARRL Headquarters. Thank you.

1. Nature of activity (Check one).

Communications Emergency. Amateurs supplied communications required to replace or supplement normal communications means.

Alert. Amateurs were deployed for emergency communications, but emergency situation did not develop.

Special exercise. Amateurs supplied communications for a parade, race, etc.

Test or drill. A training activity in which amateurs participated.

2. Brief description of activity: Provided voice and digital communications for runners of the Tulare County Sheriff's Department Baker to Vegas team.

3. Places or areas involved: The runners course was from Baker CA to Las Vegas NV via Shoshone CA and Pahrump NV

4. Number of amateurs participating: six (6)

5. Event start date/time: 04/22/05 1300 6. Event end date/time: 04/24/05 2200

7. Duration of event (hours): 57 Hours 8. Total person-hours: 289 (includes 12 hour round trip travel time [300 miles to event location])

9. Number of repeaters used: 2

10. Estimated person-power cost: \$ 2890 (person-hours times \$10/hr)

11. Estimated cost of equipment used: \$ 610 (hand-helds, repeaters, etc.)

12. Total estimated cost of service: \$ 3500 (add amounts from lines 10 and 11)

FSD-157 (1/04)

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

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)

EMERGENCY SERVICE

RAG CHEWING

BUILDING

TRAFFIC HANDLING

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ANTENNAS

CINTESTS

QRP

OTHER

DESCRIBE _____

SIGNATURE _____

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

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