

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
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

President: Dave McElroy WA6BEF

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Treasurer: Dave Millhouse N6YMM

Past President: Steve Lee-Thomas W6SLT

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Activities Director: Hal Clover KC5LUB



**Next Club Meeting is June 22nd, 7:30 pm at the
County Board of Supervisors Building,
2800 Burrell, Visalia.
It is located West of the court house.**

June Birthdays:

KG6AIR Bill Balsley
Carol Stenger

June Anniversariers:

K6QOG Bill & Carol Stenger

July Birthdays:

W6NRS Gloria Vicenti



President's Message

Hello to all.

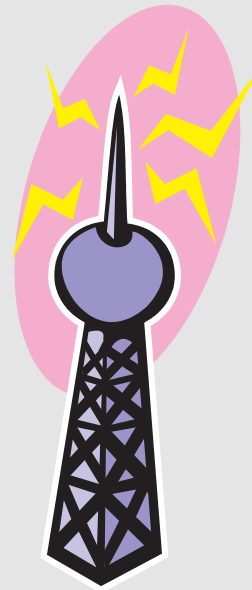
Let's all thank Alan, W6MTR and Gloria, W6NRS, for hosting last month's BBQ. As a club, I have always believed that we need to do more which is purely social and this was a very nice way to begin the summer. Thanks guys.

We learned that Bill Stenger, K6QOG along with Carol and their little dog, will soon be leaving us for the wilds of Cedar City, Ut, opening a new chapter in their lives. So I guess when they make it official, that'll be an excuse for a wild party. It will also mean that we'll need a newsletter editor. So if anybody out there feels that artistic inclination, please come forward. Communication is an important part of what we're about and our Grid Leak helps to keep that communication going.

We will hold a meeting this month as the club does not have an organized field day exercise planned.

So we'll hope to see you all at the supervisor's chambers, June 22rd at 1930 hours.

All the best and 73's,
Dave WA6BEF



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

Emergency Coordinators:

Emergency Coordinators for Tulare County:
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kc6yru@tcarc.net
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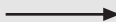
PICTURES OF TCARC BBQ ON May 25, 2006



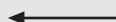
Alan is hard at work, slaving over the bbq, while Chuck and Gloria enjoy a refreshing libation. Alan's hard work was worth the effort. The meal was delicious.



Dave and his wife Tricia look on wondering how long Alan was going to keep us waiting.



Dave and Pam were wondering if they should start the meeting, but decided the aroma of the bbq was more enticing than the sound of a gavel.



Carol & Steve could care less



Jim and Ted said "The heck with this, let's eat!"



Thank You Alan and Gloria

Tulare County Amateur Radio Club

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY SECTION Report for the month of May 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.

An Emergency Coordinator is needed in Merced County. Contact N6ZFN (n6zfn@bak.rr.com) or W6DPD (w6dpd@arrl.org) if you can help.

Mark your calendars. The ARRL VHF QSO Party is June 10-12, 2006. Check the May issue of QST for information. Field Day is June 24-25, 2006. The California Historical Radio Society Merced Swap Meet is June 24, 2006 at 9 AM. Check

<www.californiahistoricalradio.com/events.html> for information and directions. The 64th Fresno Hamfest will be August 5, 2006 at the Satellite Student Union on the CSUF Campus in Fresno. Check <www.w6to.com> for information. San Joaquin Valley ARS presents the Harvest HamConVentio Sept 15-16 in Fresno. Check <www.sjvars.com> for information. Amateur Radio Awareness Day is Saturday, Sept. 16, 2006. The 2006 California QSO Party is October 7-8. Check <www.cqp.org> for information. Pacificon 06 will be October 13-15, 2006 at the San Ramon Marriott. Check <www.pacificon.org> for information. 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> 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. You can also search for Amateur Radio Classes in your area.

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. The California Traffic Net meets daily on 3.906 MHz and 6:30 PM local time.

It is my sad duty to report that W6UTN, N6CIY, and KB6TIM are Silent Keys. They will be missed.

K6SNE and N6IDF became Silent Keys while on a transmitter hunt in the Kern County mountains on the

road to Lake Isabella. This is a reminder to drive safely, even when on transmitter hunts.

Congratulations to KF6UDF on winning a Dayton ARA scholarship and an ARRL Foundation General Fund Scholarship. Way to go Stuart.

EMCOMM West 2006 was a good conference. If you did not attend, you missed out on a lot of information. Hams from the SJV in attendance were WB6BRU, K6SUU, K6IXA, KA6PNL, WA8SME, and W6DPD. The 2007 EMCOMM West is now in the planning stages.

Congrats to AI6A and KM6JM on completing the ARECC Level 1 Course.

W6JPU is the new call sign of the Fresno Amateur Radio Technical Society.

On June 9-11, KF6JOQ, Larry, KG6ZBL, Mark and W6WTG, Terry will be going to Santa Cruz Island off the coast of Ventura for a DX Expedition. The island is IOTA NA-144. We will be operating 14.260, 50.130 and also 144.210 SSB during the ARRL VHF contest using the special call sign W6C. QSL Manager is N2OWL. For more information contact Terry, W6WTG at w6wtg@arrl.net or <www.islanchaser.com>.

The Los Banos ARC provided communications support for the May Day Parade.

TCARES members provided communications support for the 27th Old Mill Run in Columbia CA.

The Stockton-Delta ARC and Lodi ARC provided communications support for the Stockton Bike Club's annual Delta Century Bike Ride. W6INP, K6UII, WB6NVB, N1ILZ, N6HW, AA6K, and N6LHL from the Stockton-Delta Club, N6WTI, KD6TDD, and N6VVK from the Lodi Club, participated. ND6S from the Amador County ARC operated as a bike mobile.

Amateurs in many communities provided communications support for the March of Dimes Walk America this spring.

KA6BIM was first, W6TE was second and N6IIU was third in the SJV section in the December 2005 ARRL 10 Meter Contest.

KA6BIM was first, WS6X was second, and K6YK was third in the SJV section in the 2005 ARRL 160 Meter Contest.

WK6I was first, NN6NN was second and K6MI was third in the SJV section in the 2006 ARRL RTTY Roundup. WK6I was second and NN6NN was third in the Pacific Division scoring.

Traffic for May: K6RAU 14, and N6SUZ 162; Total 176 PSHR K6RAU 57 N6SUZ 100.

Attention All Amateurs... News Item from ARRL Web Page!

Full US House Okays Telecoms Bill with BPL Study Language Intact (Jun 9, 2006) - On a 321 to 101 vote, the US House of Representatives on June 8 passed the Communications Opportunity, Promotion and Enhancement (COPE) Act of 2006. The House-passed bill, HR 5252, left intact language that required the FCC to study the interference potential of BPL systems. US Rep Mike Ross, WD5DVR (D-AR), one of two radio amateurs in Congress, sponsored the BPL study requirement, "Study of Interference Potential of Broadband over Power Line Systems," contained in Title V, Section 502 of the complex bill. HR 5252 now goes to the US Senate, where a separate--and very different--telecoms bill, the Communications, Consumer's Choice, and Broadband Deployment Act of 2006 (S 2686) is still in committee. See ARRL web page for rest of the story.

ARRL Certification and Continuing Education course registration (Jun 13, 2006) -- Registration remains open through Friday, June 23, for these ARRL Certification and Continuing Education (CCE) program on-line courses: Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Level 1 (EC-001), Radio Frequency Interference (EC-006), Antenna Design and Construction (EC-009), Analog Electronics (EC-012) and Digital Electronics (EC013) **Classes begin Friday, July 7.** To learn more, visit the CCE or the CCE Department.

Field Day 2006: NASA Releases ISS North and South America Pass Times (Jun 15, 2006 [REVISED Jun 15, 2006 13:25 ET]) -- NASA ISS Ham Radio Project Engineer Kenneth Ransom, N5VHO, has released a list of

International Space Station Field Day pass times for North and South America. The Amateur Radio on the International Space Station (ARISS) program announced earlier this month that the Phase 2 ham station aboard the ISS would be on the air in crossband repeater mode over Field Day weekend, Saturday and Sunday, June 24-25. The chances of talking to one of the crew members appear to be minimal, however. See ARRL web page for rest of the story.

Amateur radio club goes to nationwide exercise

Tuesday, June 13, 2006

By Special to the Madera Tribune

The Madera County Amateur Radio Club will participate in the nationwide Field Day exercise of amateur radio operators, 11 a.m. Saturday, June 24, to 11 a.m. Sunday, June 25, at the North Fork Elementary School.

This year Boy Scout troop 116 will join the field day while working on their radio and electronics badges.

Under the tutelage of a licensed Ham operator the scouts will learn how to operate the equipment at the Get On The Air station.

This event tests the on-air skills of ham radio operators all across the United States and Canada. During the weekend, each field day station tries to contact as many other stations as possible during the 24-hour period using voice, data, Morse and other codes.

More than 30,000 Ham radio operators across the country participated in last year's field day.

The group uses alternative power sources to duplicate conditions of a national emergency. For more information visit the club's Web site at: www.w6wgz.org or www.arrl.org.

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

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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) _____

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BANDS _____

INTERESTS (Please Check)

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OTHER

DESCRIBE _____

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

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