

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: Steve Lee-Thomas W6SLT

Secretary: Ray Quinn KF6KMY

Past President: Ray Quinn KF6KMY

Vice President: Dave McElroy WB6BEF

Treasurer: Bill Stenger K6QOG

Repeater Liaison: Chuck Ward WA6SAA

Activities Director: Hal Clover KC5LUB



Next Club Meeting is September 22, 7:30 pm
Red Cross Building, 505 West Main St, Visalia, CA.

Up Coming Events

* San Joaquin Valley Amateur Radio Society Harvest HamConVention,
September 16-18, 2005. More Info: www.sjvars.com

* Tulare County ARES SET Exercise
October 1, 2005 8am to Noon

* Pacificon 05, October 14-16, 2005, at San Ramon Marriott
More Info: www.pacificon.org

* Annual Turlock ARC Auction October 22, 2005, more Info: www.w6bxn.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

TCARC Minutes for August 25, 2005

Meeting called at 1940 and decided there were not enough members present to conduct a formal meeting. An informal discussion took place.

Those Present:

KF6KMY, Ray Quinn, Visalia
W6MTR, Alan Vicenti, Visalia
KF6JBG, Larry Taylor, Visalia
WA6SAA, Chuck Ward, Three Rivers
WA7HRG, Jim Purvis, Exeter
KG6AIR, Bill Balsley, Visalia
N6YMM, Dave Milhouse, Visalia
KC5LUB, Hal, Clover, Porterville
K6QOG, Bill Stenger, Elderwood
Carol Stenger, Elderwood
WA6BEF, Dave McElroy, tried to check in on the IRLP. He was heard but the club members were unable to get back to him.

Bill Stenger, K6QOG, Treasurer, reported after paying the bills there was \$463.91 left in the account.

There was an informal discussion on the repeater and how and when it would be link to IRLP and Echolink. Chuck Ward, WA6SAA, said that to use UHF as a link, we need a UHF receiver. He found one on Ebay and the members present agreed that if it could be obtained for \$150 or less, to get it.

Dave Millhouse, N6YMM, brought up club equipment that is not be used should be sold. There is a tower, coax, antennas and parts that are not in use and most likely won't be in the future. Members present agreed that these things should be sold.

Hal Clover, KC5LUB, mentioned several club and ARES activities. Sept. 16 and 17, during the Tulare County Fair, the club could set up a radio station at the Fair grounds to show visitors what Ham Radio is about. He is hoping that Amateur TV and position locator could be placed on a Tulare County Fire Engine for demonstration purposes. Volunteers are needed to man the station during visiting hours. On October 1st, there will be a SET exercise from about 8am to noon. Again more volunteers are needed and he will provide more information as the time approaches.

It was at this time this recorder left the meeting and is unsure what transpired after this point.

September Birthdays: **September Anniversaries:**
Jim Reeves KC6YRU **Gloria & Alan Vicenti**
Gloria Vicenti W6NRS **Darlene & Chuck Wilcox**

October Birthdays:
Alan Vicenti W6MTR

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 - 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 the month of August

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.

If you would like to help with the relief effort
but are unable to physically to the disaster area,
Mary Hobart, K1MMH says you can mail a
contribution to ARRL designated for Ham Aid,
a program that will support our hams deployed
during the Katrina response and recovery.
K1MMH is the development director at ARRL
HQ.

Let the seller beware! The ARRL again cautions
anyone selling Amateur Radio and related
equipment via Radios On-Line or QST Ham
Ads (or via on-line auction sites or other
advertising media) to beware of so-called
"advance fee fraud" (or 4-1-9) payment schemes
< <http://www.secretservice.gov/alert419.shtml>
> aimed at ripping you off. We continue to
receive reports from ARRL members who have
received responses to their ads from individuals
offering to overpay for goods via bank check
with instructions to deduct the cost of their
item(s) from the overpayment (typically quite
substantial) and return the "change" to the buyer
or another individual. The "bank check" is
bogus, however, and the seller ends up holding
the bag. This is a well-known scam. There's
additional information on the Scam Victims
United Web site
< <http://www.scamvictimsunited.com/> >.
Remember: Transact carefully, and protect
yourself from fraud! (From the ARRL Letter)

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

N6GOD is the new EC for W. Kern County.
KO6HV is the EC for Calaveras County.
AE6SX is the new EC for Fresno County.
Thanks to N6ZFN for many years of service
as the EC for W. Kern County. She remains
as the SEC. Thanks to AE6QP for service as
the Fresno County EC.

The California QSO Party is October 1-2, 2005.
Try to be on the air and activate your county.
Check

Mark your calendars. SJVARS presents the
Harvest HamConVention is Sept 16-18, 2005
in Fresno. Check

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,

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 W6YKQ and
W6JTA are Silent Keys. They will be missed.

Congratulations to N5FDL on completing the
ARECC Level 3 Course and to KA6PNL and
K6PPJ and N6SUZ on completing the ARECC
Level 1 Course.

The 63rd Fresno Hamfest was a success.
Everyone had a great time. Bob Heil K9EID,
was the featured speaker. KG6KYT won a
handheld radio. WA6LUT won a Heil
Microphone. WA6LTO won the FT 897D.
The bottom line was in the black.

QCWA Fresno Chapter 213 presented a
Meritorious Service Award to S/T W6DPD.

Traffic for August: K6RAU 18, and N6SUZ
76; Total 94. PSHR K6RAU 76, N6SUZ 105.

Emergency Coordinators:

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RACES is Jim Reeves KC6YRU - kc6yru@tcarc.net

ARES is Hal Clover KC6LUB - hal90000@sosinet.net

THE YEAR 1905

Maybe this will boggle your mind, I know it did mine!
The year is 1905, one hundred years ago.

What a difference a century makes!

Here are some of the U.S. statistics for 1905:

The average life expectancy in the U.S. was 47 years.

Only 14 percent of the homes in the U.S. had a bathtub.

Only 8 percent of the homes had a telephone.

There were only 8,000 cars in the U.S., and only 144 miles of paved roads.

The maximum speed limit in most cities was 10 mph.

Alabama, Mississippi, Iowa, and Tennessee were each more heavily populated than California.

With a mere 1.4 million residents, California was only the 21st most populous state in the Union.

The tallest structure in the world was the Eiffel Tower!

The average wage in the U.S. was 22 cents an hour.

The average U.S. worker made between \$200 and \$400 per year.

A competent accountant could expect to earn \$2000 per year, a dentist \$2,500 per year, a veterinarian between \$1,500 and \$4,000 per year, and a mechanical engineer about \$5,000 per year.

More than 95 percent of all births in the U.S. took place at home.

Ninety percent of all U.S. physicians had no college education.

Instead, they attended medical schools, many of which were condemned in the press and by the government as "substandard."

Sugar cost four cents a pound.

Eggs were fourteen cents a dozen.

Coffee was fifteen cents a pound.

Most women only washed their hair once a month, and used borax or egg yolks for shampoo.

Canada passed a law prohibiting poor people from entering the country for any reason.



The five leading causes of death in the U.S. were:

1. Pneumonia and influenza
2. Tuberculosis
3. Diarrhea
4. Heart disease
5. Stroke

The American flag had 45 stars.

Arizona, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Hawaii, and Alaska hadn't been admitted to the Union yet.

The population of Las Vegas, Nevada, was 30!!!

Crossword puzzles, canned beer, and iced tea hadn't been invented.

There was no Mother's Day or Father's Day.

Two of 10 U.S. adults couldn't read or write.

Only 6 percent of all Americans had graduated high school.

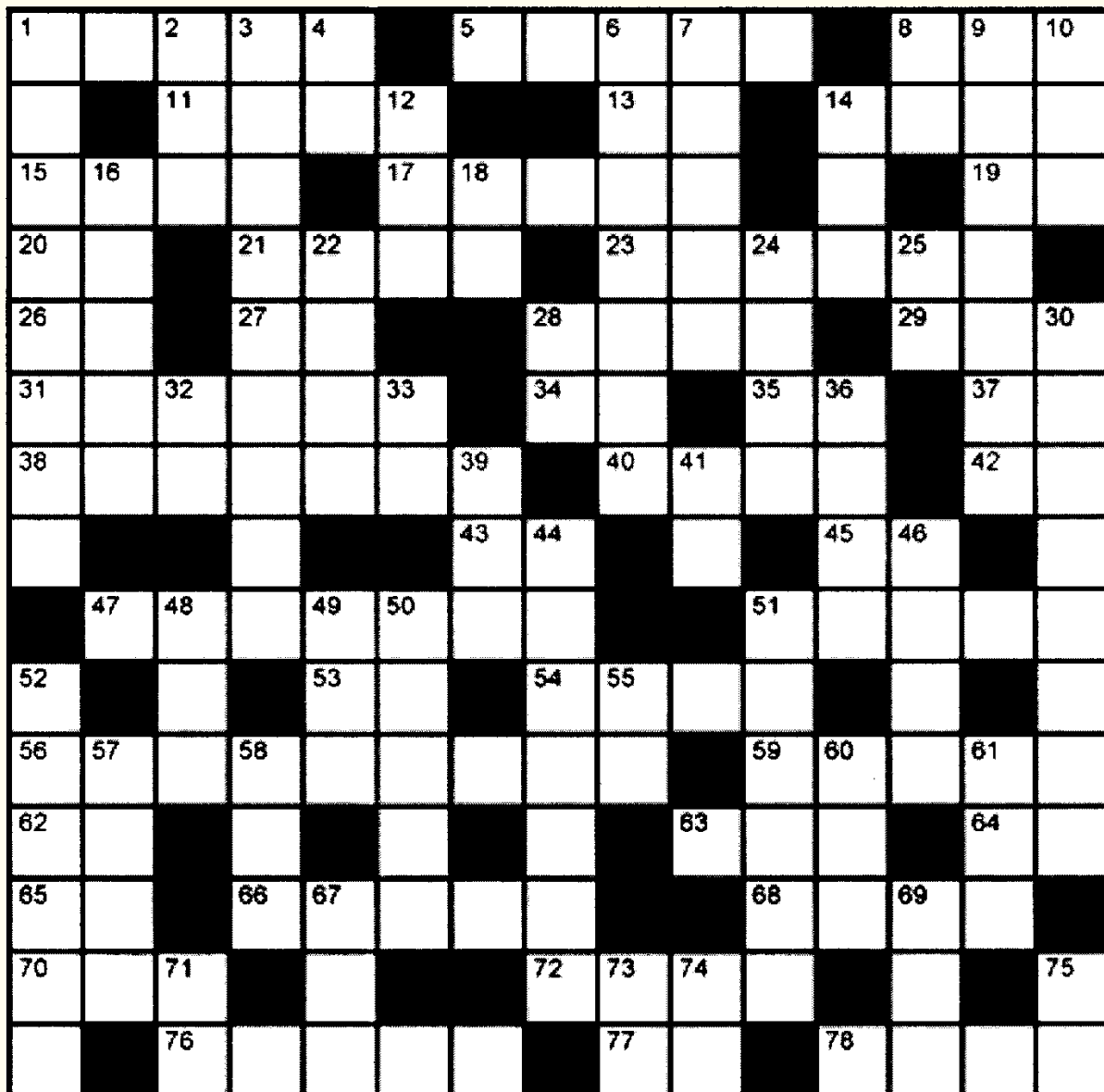
Marijuana, heroin, and morphine were all available over the counter at corner drugstores. According to one pharmacist, "Heroin clears the complexion, gives buoyancy to the mind, regulates the stomach and bowels, and is, in fact, a perfect guardian of health."

Eighteen percent of households in the U.S had at least one full-time servant or domestic.

There were only about 230 reported murders in the entire U.S.

And I forwarded this from someone else without typing it myself, and sent it in a matter of seconds! Try to imagine what it may be like in another 100 years...it staggers the mind

September Cross Word Puzzle



Answers will be in next month issue

Across

1. Hostile angry email content
5. Simplest text format
8. Unusual
11. Transfer a program to memory to run
13. Send a copy also
14. Person applying a program
15. Open and look at
17. Roger's companion
19. Next door to Latvia (prefix)
20. Angular distance from the horizon (abbr.)
21. Mark or change
23. Connected
26. FiorMax
27. Smallest of the 48 (abbr.)
28. Occupied
29. And so on (abbr.)
31. Put together to send
34. Go ahead only (CW prosign)
35. Between VT and ME (abbr.)
37. Two components of RF
38. Email replaced these
40. Characters that make up the message
42. From (CW prosign)
43. Our continent (abbr.)
45. Net master (abbr.)
47. Send on
51. Prevent or stop
53. Where a receiver's gain stages lie (abbr.)
54. Prototype program for show
56. Closing identification
59. You're shouting in this case

62. Non-volatile data storage (abbr.)
63. Skyhook (abbr.)
64. One of the Maritime islands (abbr.)
65. Soft, conductive metal (chemical symbol)
66. Type of malware
68. Reproduce
70. Used in the old days with ink
72. Store
76. Respond to
77. Metal that rusts (chemical symbol)
78. Unwanted email

Down

1. Device or program that protects a computer
2. Chicken or mode
3. Person that approves content
4. Spanish prefix
6. Your identity at a bank or data service
7. Symbols that represent data or programs
8. Program that runs the computer (abbr.)
9. Removed
10. Not wet
12. Don't drink or else you'll be cited for this (abbr.)
14. Prefix meaning single
16. Top-notch or highly trained
18. The network and computer department (abbr.)
22. Cubical random number generator
24. This cat was an early Web surfer

25. The most easterly US ARRL Division (abbr.)
28. Break (CW prosign)
30. Spelling and call sign testers
32. That (CW abbr.)
33. Between a minute and a day (abbr.)
36. Language that defines Web pages
39. Measure of signal versus noise (abbr.)
41. Example (abbr.)
44. Destination
46. Type of company (abbr.)
48. Non-profit company email suffix
49. Australian peer to ARRL (abbr.)
50. When Jill came tumbling
51. Rejection of email
52. The key to get out
55. Computer designers (abbr.)
57. Not doing anything
58. Month of Sweepstakes (abbr.)
60. Oscillator tuned with inductor core (abbr.)
61. One of the Hudson Division sections (abbr.)
67. Where you get on the Internet
69. Type of email server (abbr.)
71. Number (abbr.)
73. One of the armed services (abbr.)
74. Canadian prefix
75. In charge of a section (abbr.)

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CALLSIGN (Self) _____ CALLSIGN (Family Member) _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

EMAIL _____

LICENSE CLASS (Self) _____ LICENSE CLASS (Family Member) _____

RES PHONE _____ BUS PHONE _____

EQUIPMENT _____

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INTERESTS (Please Check)

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DESCRIBE _____

SIGNATURE _____

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

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