

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

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Treasurer: Bill Stenger K6QOG

Past President: Ray Quinn KF6KMY

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Activities Director: Hal Clover KC5LUB



Next Club Meeting is October 27, 7:30 pm
Red Cross Building, 505 West Main St, Visalia, CA.

Up Coming Events

* Pacificon 05, October 14-16, 2005, at San Ramon Marriott
Friday: All-Day Antenna Seminar, Evening DXpedition Presentation
Saturday: Keynote Breakfast & Evening Banquet, Technical Forums
Ham Equipment Exhibitors, Swap Meet, Radio Prize Drawings
ARRL Forum, Transmitter Hunt, VE Exams, QRP Forum,
Legal Seminar, Boy Scout Jamboree-On-The-Air.
More Info: www.pacificon.org

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

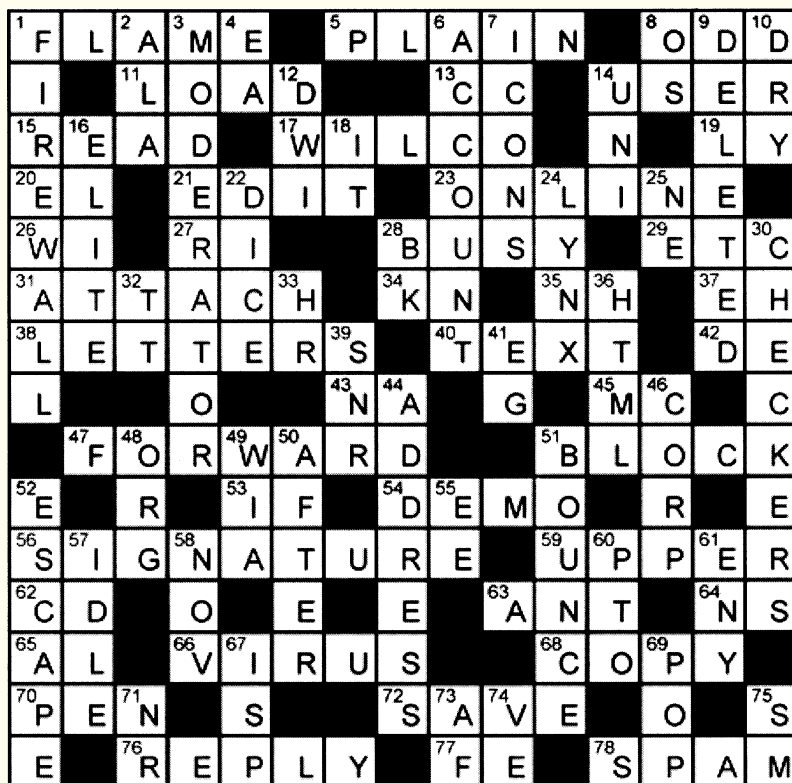
From the Editors: If there is anything that you would like to add to the newsletter, you may contact us by email at stengerw@sti.net. The deadline to have articles included is the 10th of each month; submissions after the 10th will go in the next newsletter unless otherwise instructed. -- de Carol & Bill K6QOG

TCARC Minutes for September 22, 2005

ARES Report for September

Minutes not available

Report not available



Answer to
September's
Cross Word
Puzzle

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 - 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 September

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SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY SECTION Report for the
month of September 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.

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.

ARRL is again sponsoring a toy drive to brighten
the holidays for children left homeless or displaced
as a result of the hurricanes. Country Singer and
ARRL member Patty Loveless, KD4WUJ, has
agreed to serve as the honorary chairperson for the
2005 toy drive. Clubs and individual Amateurs can
send new, unwrapped toys for boys and girls aged
1 to 14 to ARRL Toy Drive, 1775 Moriah Blvd-Suite
12, Memphis TN 38177-7125. Mailings and
shipments need to arrive before Thanksgiving,
November 24, 2005 so toys can be distributed
during the holidays. Monetary donations may be
sent to ARRL Toy Drive, ARRL, 225 Main Street,
Newington CT 06111-1494. In 2004 the Amateur
Community came through and made the holidays
special for boys and girls in Florida.

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

Mark your calendars. Pacificon 05 will be October
14-16, 2005 at the San Ramon Marriott. Check
www.pacificon.org <<http://www.pacificon.org>> for
information. The Annual Turlock ARC Auction is
October 22, 2005. Check www.w6bxn.org
<<http://www.w6bxn.org>> for information. The
International DX Convention is April 21-23, 2006
at Visalia. Check <http://www.dxconvention.org/> for
information. Field Day is June 24-25, 2006.

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 <<http://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.

It is my sad duty to report that AC6II and W6OV
are Silent Keys. They will be missed.

The first San Joaquin Valley ARS Harvest
HamConvention is now history. Those in attendance
had a great time. KG6SUL came in first in the
transmitter hunt.

The Sierra Amateur Radio Club donated \$500 to
the ARRL Defense of Frequencies Fund. The check
was presented to your Section Manager when he
visited the club.

The Tulare County ARC demonstrated Amateur
Radio at the Tulare County Fair.

The Fresno ARC participated in Amateur Radio
Awareness Day and the Emergency Power
Operating Event.

New officers of the Central California Sideband
Association are pres AA6S, S/T W6WZM.

Congratulations to KK6RRT on completing the
ARECC Level 1 course and to AE6GY on
completing the ARECC Level 2 Course.

The grant funding for the ARECC classes has run
out.

TCARES has 3 NIMS qualified, 18 CERT members
and 3 ECRV qualified members.

The Sierra ARC used APRS plus voice to help
keep track of walkers in the Kiwanis Walkathon.

Traffic for September: K6RAU 24 and N6SUZ 58;
Total 82. PSHR K6RAU 86, N6SUZ 100.

Surfin': Distaff Amateur Radio

By Stan Horzempa, W1LOU
Contributing Editor
September 23, 2005

This week, a visit to the better half of Amateur Radio is in order and a ham radio mystery causes some disorder.

Pam and Curt, KG4YQO and WA4KSO respectively, suggested that I write about the distaff side of the Amateur Radio world. They suggested that I look at some YL (female) oriented Amateur Radio Web sites. Although, I did not tell my wife that I was going to check out YL Web sites, I followed Pam and Curt's suggestion to the letter, those letters being YLISSB for the *Young Ladies International Single Sideband System*.

The YLISSB is the home of the Young Ladies International Single Sideband System, a worldwide network for men and women alike.

V. Mayree Tallman, K4ICA, the wife of a doctor, as well as a ham radio operator, founded the System. She recognized the need for emergency communications in all parts of the world. Mayree decided to start an Amateur Radio system with the primary purpose of handling emergencies everywhere in the world. As a result, the YLISSB was born on February 9, 1963.

The System originally was for women only, but men liked what they heard and they petitioned for membership. The rules were changed to allow men to join and today, the System is now approaching 16,000 members and is active on 14.332 MHz daily at 1300Z and 2200Z (1200Z and 2100Z during DST). Besides their on-the-air network, YLISSB also has an awards program, sponsors an annual QSO party, runs a QSL bureau, and holds an annual convention. Read all about it at their comprehensive Web site.

Bill Cullen: Mystery Ham

Reader John Hagle, N2JH, wrote asking about radio and television game show personality, Bill Cullen. John said that he recalls when Cullen was on the panel of "I've Got A Secret," he once disqualified himself since he had his own ham radio experiences that would make it unfair for him to use to solve the guest's secret.

I checked the *Famous Hams and Ex-Hams web site*, but Cullen was a no-show. I also Googled "Bill Cullen," which turned up his *biography* that even listed his hobbies, but there was no mention of Amateur Radio. So was Bill Cullen as a ham or not? Does anyone out there in ham radio land have a clue to this mystery?

Until next week, keep on surfin'.

October Birthdays:

W6MTR - Alan Vicenti

November Birthdays:

KF6MKJ - Nona Loeffler

WA6BEF - Dave McElroy

November Anniversaries:

KF6JBG - Larry & Jane Taylor

KG6AIR - Bill & Marge Balsley

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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