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Check the [end of our newsletter](#) each month.

STARES and ICS - Volunteers Needed

As you know, STARES is adopting the ICS group format so associates can take leadership roles in the organization.

Current opportunities for volunteers are noted below:

- Operations Chief and Main Liaison - Carl Seguin KJ6C (there are still individual client/station liaisons)
- Public Information Officer - Bob Belongie, KI6SUN
- Safety Officer - Mac McCulley, W6MAC
- Finance Officer - Larry Cardoza, N6HDC
- Planning Officer - **VOLUNTEER NEEDED** (includes such duties as planning events and trainings)
- Logistics Officer - **VOLUNTEER NEEDED** (includes such duties as scheduling trailer maintenance, compiling lists of equipment and serial/model numbers from liaisons, and communicating with repeater owners)

Officers, be sure to contact Elaine Grossman KG6ZCE at kg6zce@yahoo.com with information you would like included in the next newsletter.

Contact Al Peña, KQ6YW at kq6yw@sbcglobal.net if you are interested in volunteering.

Fire Photos - August 2009

John Rodman, WB6YZF took these fire photos from the Soldier Mountain Lookout.

Gomez Fire (foreground 3.5 miles from lookout) and the Cassel Fire in the background (8/2/09)

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The Brown Fire in the upper right, the 1-34 fire E. of Hat 2 near Sam Wolfin Spring to the left, then further left is the Cassel and the Gomez Fires.



Cassel Fire (foreground) and Sugarloaf Fire (back right) - (8/5/09)



Goose Fire looming over Lake Britton (8/5/09)



Intermountain Cross-Band Repeater

Dave Grossman, KF6VAN reports that he turned off the repeater for lightning, and turned it back on when STARES was activated for the fires. STARES used it for a couple of days. It worked flawlessly after he hooked it back into the 145.150.

Red Cross Callout for Fires

Al Peña , KQ6YW reports that on Aug 3, 2009, the Red Cross called for ARES assistance to provide communications service. ARES members responded quickly to the phone tree alert and were given assignments by the NCS station. STARES provided operators to both the local Red Cross office in Redding and to the Fire staging area in Hat Creek. NCS had also scheduled replacements into the next day August 4. Operations ended on the August 4 at 2 p.m. The assistance was greatly appreciated by the Red Cross.

Whiskeytown Relays - September 20, 2009

NEED VOLUNTEERS

Our assistance is needed to host communications for a four-person relay doing a 20-mile trek around Whiskeytown Lake. The start and finish are at Brandy Creek Marina. Contact Al Peña KQ6YW at kq6yw@sbcglobal.net if you can volunteer for this event.

Amateur Radio License Exams

HAM CRAM - November 14, 2009

A special HAM CRAM is scheduled for November 14, 2009.

This is cramming and testing for a technician license.

It will be at 8 a.m. at our [meeting location](#) on Avtec.

Space is limited to 40, so have your friends contact Mac McCulley, W6MAC at (530) 244-6456.

Exams for all levels are offered the second Saturday of even months.

Next test session:

Saturday, October 10, 2009, 8 a.m.

VFW Hall, West Center Street, Anderson, CA

Please call Mac McCulley W6MAC at (530) 244-6456 for more information.

Third Wednesday Client Net

The next client net is August 19, 2009. Anyone is welcome to check in at 11 a.m. (HF) on 3.987 and/or 11:10 a.m. (VHF) on 145.350 (pl 107.2). Packet operators can check in anytime to W6STA-1. If you want to participate at one of our client sites, contact Al Peña KQ6YW at kq6yw@sbcglobal.net.

NEW CLIENT NET INFORMATION FROM Al Peña KQ6YW:

We will add the phone tree alert to the normal third Wednesday Health Net. All STARES members will now receive the phone tree alert on the third Wednesday of each month. The idea here is to run this monthly training net per normal callout protocols. The second change is that the NCS station will be a STARES member running the net from his/her home base station allowing all participating health partners to pass traffic. Expect the phone tree alert every third Wednesday of the month at approximately 10:15am. All stations are encouraged to check into the net.

STARES Monday Night Net Control Operators

August - Bob Blank, KI6MGK

September - Gary Sanda KI6OMU

STARES Meetings & Nets

Meeting:

The second Monday of each month

Time: 7 p.m.

Location: 3644 Avtech Parkway,
Redding, CA 96002

Talk-In: 145.150 pl 107.2

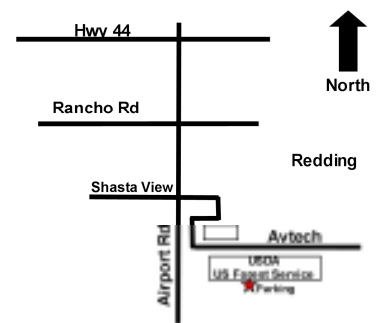
Nets: Mondays, (HF 3.987-7:45pm)

(VHF 145.150 pl 107.2-8pm)

Packet:

144.950 address check ins to W6STA
on the W6STA-1 pbbs.

145.050 address check ins to W6STA
on the N6SCC-1 pbbs



Newsletter Contact

If you have information you'd like included in our newsletter, please contact Elaine Grossman KG6ZCE at kg6zce@yahoo.com

SWAP, SELL, BUY SECTION

Wanted: J-38 key. Contact Dick Karpinen at k6ljc@clearwire.net

ITEMS FOR SALE:

1. A Mirage model B-5018G, 2-Meter amplifier, 50 watts in, 160 watts out, excellent condition, used very little, \$ 200.
2. A Kenwood TH-75A, 2-meter / 440 MHz handheld radio, 5-watts output, 10-channels on each band, includes 4 old ht batteries, a DC-1 dc

adapter, a dc power cord, a Kenwood BC-10 compact charger, manual and original box, \$ 100.

3. An Icom IC-2GAT, 2-meter handheld radio, 7 watts output, 20 channels, includes two BP-7 batteries, one BP-70 battery, a battery charger, an AD-12 external power adapter, a CP-11 dc power cord, and manual, \$ 60.
4. An ELK 2-meter / 440 MHz dual-band log periodic antenna, \$ 50.
5. A Daiwa CS-401 4-position coax switch with SO-239 connectors, \$ 50.
6. A Daiwa CS-201 2-position coax switch with SO-239 connectors, \$ 20.
7. A Heil FS-1 foot switch, \$20.
8. A Micronta VHF/UHF SWR power meter, \$ 15.
9. A Kenwood SMC-25 hand microphone, \$ 2.

Please contact Steve K6KSS at smosconi@earthlink.net or at 365-3255.

Email Elaine Grossman KG6ZCE at kg6zce@yahoo.com if you have items you want listed in this section. Please include contact information in your e-mail and the text you want pasted into the newsletter. Thank you.