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New Membership

Welcome new members Sandy Harrison (works for Norcal Rehab), Ian Stufkosky (Bill Hoogstad's KB6KY 12-year old grandson), and Tom Henthorn! These members are also new ham operators and are awaiting their callsign assignments. Congratulations! We hope to see you at our meetings and at many of the exciting events throughout the year.

Communications Trailer Update

Our Comm trailer is one of the many stars of the Hospital Preparedness Program video prepared by Brenda Belongie KI6SUM and Bob Belongie KI6SUN. We viewed it at the February 9 meeting; it reveals a great collaborative effort of public and private entities working together for emergency preparedness. Carl Seguin KJ6C did a fine job of describing the uses of the trailer and other STARES members were also seen in the video.

At our meeting, Carl Seguin KJ6C reported that the packet station has been upgraded from an old Icom transceiver and MFJ TNC to a new Kenwood 271A transceiver and a KPC3+ TNC. A Signalink USB modem for HF digital communication has been added and a marine grade battery switch with three positions will be added to enable us to switch from either both batteries in parallel to either of the two batteries or the off position which will disconnect all the batteries from the radio equipment. Many thanks to everyone assisting with the modifications to the Comm trailer!

Ham Cram and "Tech" Testing - A Great Success

Congratulations to forty-one new Technician-licensed hams! The Ham Cram and testing took place on February 7, 2009. Ten Volunteer Examiners (VEs) were needed to conduct testing for forty-six people. The youngest tester, an eight-year old, passed at the end of the day. Stay tuned for notification of the next cram session. If you have questions about the testing procedure or the VEs, please call Mac McCulley W6MAC at (530) 244-6456 for more information. At the February 9 meeting, STARES members discussed holding a future testing in the Tehama County area.

will be held at our regular [meeting site](#) on Avtec Parkway. Please register ahead of time so we have enough materials on hand. Contact Stan Smith KE6SLX at (530) 229-9470 to register for the class.

STARES Presentation - March 9, 2009

Be sure to attend the March STARES [meeting](#) as Al Peña KQ6YW will provide a presentation on our communications plan, frequencies and usage.

ARCA/STARES Presentation - March 12, 2009



Tired of semi-accurate weather data? SKYWARN trains volunteer weather spotters to promote a cooperative effort between the [National Weather Service](#) and communities. SKYWARN's web site www.skywarn.org offers weather data and even an online store. You can learn more about this organization as STARES members have been invited to attend the March 12, 2009 ARCA meeting at 7:30 p.m. It will be held at the same [location](#) as STARES meetings. Brenda Belongie KI6SUM is hosting the SKYWARN presentation. Thank you, ARCA, for the invitation!

Section News - April 4, 2009

Section Emergency Coordinator Dick Cloyd WO6P reports that April 4 is the date for the section seminar held just east of Marysville at the University of California extension location. This seminar will be geared to all EMCOMM operators and anyone is invited. It begins at 8 a.m. and the STARES Comm trailer will be there. A "go and tell" lunch will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., so bring your "go kits". Stay tuned for further details on how to get to the meeting location.

Whiskeytown Endurance Ride - April 18, 2009

We may need more volunteers to assist with the annual Whiskeytown Endurance Ride at Whiskeytown Lake. It's an all-day event to provide welfare communications for horses and riders. Contact Al Peña KQ6YW at kq6yw@arrl.net if you'd like more information as to what tasks are involved and if you can volunteer. You get some good event experience on the radio while enjoying the beautiful outdoors. All amateur radio operators are welcome to participate; this event is not limited to STARES volunteers.

STARES Support Events - May 16, 2009

The Redding Rodeo parade is May 16 and we will once again provide communications for the event. The sign-up sheet was circulated at the February 9

meeting. More volunteers may be needed, so contact Al Peña KQ6YW at kq6yw@arrl.net if you are interested in participating. It's a great way to provide community support and enjoy the parade. New attendees are welcome to "buddy up" with volunteers to see how the support system operates.



The Anderson River Park Century Bike Ride is also May 16. It is an all-day event where STARES provides safety communications for the riders. A sign-up sheet was circulated at the February 9 meeting; however, more volunteers may be needed. Contact Al Peña KQ6YW at kq6yw@arrl.net if you are interested in participating in providing support for this event.

Pandemic Flu Drill - June 18, 2009

We're putting a lot of miles on the Comm trailer as it will also participate in the Pandemic Flu Drill in Tehama County on June 18. For more information on our involvement in the drill, contact Carl Seguin KJ6C.

ARRL Field Day - June 26-28, 2009

Plan to join fellow ham radio members for this year's ARRL Field Day at the beautiful Hat Creek Campground on Highway 89/44 near Old Station. All operators are welcome to participate in the contest event. The public is invited to see ham radio operators in action and the creative field units set up. For detailed information on this event, contact Al Peña KQ6YW at kq6yw@arrl.net. Join in the fun! For more information on amateur radio and the ARRL, the national organization for Amateur Radio, visit www.arrl.org

Third Wednesday Client Net

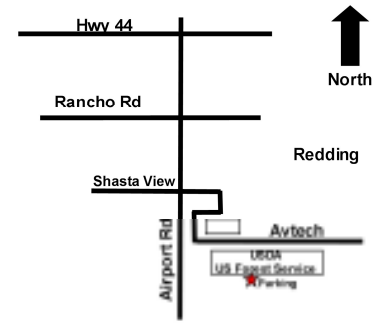
The next client net is February 18, 2009. Anyone is welcome to check in at 11 a.m. (HF) on 3.987 and/or 11:10 a.m. (VHF) on 145.350 (pl 107.2). Packet operators can check in anytime to W6STA-1. If you want to participate at one of our client sites, contact Al Peña KQ6YW at kq6yw@arrl.net.

STARES Monday Night Net Control Operators

February VHF Net control, Al Peña KQ6YW
March VHF Net control, Mac McCulley W6MAC

STARES Meetings & Nets

Meeting:
The second Monday of each month
Time: 7pm
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 W6STA-1 BBS



Newsletter Contact

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