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Repeater & Echolink
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SWAP, SELL, BUY SECTION

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)

Node News

Haney Node Operational on 145.050

The John Rodman WB6YZF reports, that the Haney Node is in its permanent location and operating on 145.050. He will test it on this frequency and compare its reliability there versus 144.950, the node has added RDG, MODOC and KENO to its node list. Things look good so far. It's in an air conditioned space with battery backup. Special thanks to John Rodman WB6YZF and Chuck Sardoch KN6FM for their work on this project.

Repeater News

STARES E-Letter Archives

STARES Website

<http://www.st-ares.org/>

Contact STARES Emergency Coordinator

<mailto:kq6yw@sbcglobal.net>

In case you missed the message from Dave Grossman, KF6VAN about the Cross band repeater serving the Fall River and Hat Creek area, here is the information.

The repeater is in a radio vault near an old lookout near Hat Creek. The repeater sits at 5,100 feet in elevation. Right now it is set for the 145.150 machine, Dave has already programmed the radio so that it will hit the 146.760 machine and the 145.110 machine. He did not hit the 147.090 or the 146.640 machine on low power.

It will require someone to manually to go to the site to change frequency if needed. Dave plans on leaving it on the 145.150 to test it but will let people try it out and find out the best frequency to use.

To get into the cross band it is set on UHF **446.200 Simplex with a PL of 100.0**. Dave put the PL on to keep any interference out. He has tested the cross band with 5 watts going out and it hits Burney, Fall River, and Hat Creek Valley. It covers quite a bit of area. Dave is utilizing the lowest power settings at this point for the VHF side and it hits full quieting into the 145.150 as well as the 146.760.

He is utilizing about 70 watts in Solar panels into 2 (26 amp hour batteries) at this time. So he believes there will be plenty of power on the lower settings. The Site is run by a FT8800 Yaesu, into a Dual band J-pole at about 30 feet.

STARES Meeting - July

A post-Pandemic Flu Drill discussion took place at the July STARES meeting. Many thanks to those who were able to participate in the exercise. These events allow us to recognize our strengths and determine where improvement can occur.

Amateur Radio License Exams

A special HAM CRAM took place on June 13, 2009. Mac McCulley, W6MAC reported that all six cram participants passed their exam. Four of the other six testers also passed. Congratulations! The next Ham Cram may be in October.

Exams are offered the second Saturday of even months.

Next test session:

Saturday, August 8, 2009, 8 a.m.

VFW Hall, West Center Street, Anderson, CA

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

ARRL Field Day

Many thanks to Dick Cloyd, WO6P for chairing this year's ARRL Field Day in Hat Creek. He invited Lassen Express to serenade the group the evening of the pot luck. Don Nichols showed his ukulele talent. Around 40 people came for the pot luck and nearly 50 people were at Field Day during the weekend. There's

was plenty of time to relax and work the contest in the beautiful setting of Hat Creek Campground. Below photos were taken by Elaine Grossman, KG6ZCE.



Third Wednesday Client Net

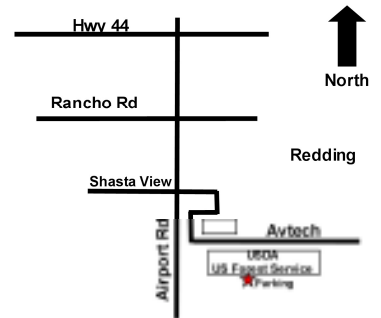
The next client net is August 19, 2009. Anyone is welcome to check in at 11 a.m. (HF) on 3.987 and/or 11:10 a.m. (VHF) on 145.350 (pl 107.2). Packet operators can check in anytime to W6STA-1. If you want to participate at one of our client sites, contact Al Peña KQ6YW at kq6yw@sbcglobal.net.

STARES Monday Night Net Control Operators

August - Bob Blank, KI6MGK

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 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

SWAP, SELL, BUY SECTION - Something New!

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

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.