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STARES, Inc. Board Meetings

The STARES, Inc. Board now meets quarterly on the second Wednesday of January, April, July, and October at the residence of Mac McCulley W6MAC.

Dates for 2010 are as follows:

January 13, 2010

April 14, 2010

July 14, 2010

October 13, 2010

November Meeting - Packet

Al Peña, KQ6YW reports that the Outpost packet message software STARES currently uses for packet radio will soon release an update that will contain an address book.

This should be a great addition to the program, it should help with those hard to remember tactical call signs.

The November STARES meeting program will be another packet training night. If the Outpost program releases the new update hopefully we will get some information from Bill Hoogstad KB6KY on the address book function.

NCS Packet Messages

Al Peña, KQ6YW advised that, from now on when you check in on packet for either the Monday night net or third Wednesday net send your check ins to "NCS6XX" On Monday nights you can check in to either BBS, the w6sta-1 OR N6SCC-1. If the NCS on the Monday night net does not have packet capability

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he or she can ask someone else to check the BBS's for check ins.

For the third Wednesday net use the BBS as directed by the NCS. If you are the station that will poll the BBS's for the number of check ins change your call sign in outpost to "NCS6XX" and hit "send/receive in the outpost program. The BBS will list all the check ins for you. Be sure to reset your call sign when you're done.

Section News

At the September SEC meeting, Section Emergency Coordinator Dick Cloyd WO6P advised that there has been some discussion regarding commercialization of amateur radio frequencies. Licensed amateur employees may not use radio equipment installed in their work space for promoting their company. This includes emergency training. There is still some question as to whether a licensed employee may use the equipment for normal amateur use.

However, during an actual emergency, the above restrictions are lifted.

The above concerns are being addressed by ARRL. Here are a couple of websites for reference. FCC part 97.113 is the regulation.

www.arrl.org/news/stories/2009/09/25/11094

www.arrl.org/news/features/2009/09/01/10982

Amateur Radio License Exams - October Testing

Mac McCulley W6MAC reports that four testers passed in October; one Extra, two Technician, and one General. Congratulations!

50K Whiskeytown Trail Run - October 24, 2009

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to support communications for this all day event. According to the web site http://www.sweatrc.com/Whiskeytown_Trail_Runs/ The 50K course runs in the backcountry surrounding Whiskeytown Lake. The course encounters small streams, shaded single track trails, breath taking views of Whiskeytown Lake, Mt. Shasta, & Mt. Lassen. The course is roughly 97% trail / 3% paved road. Aid Stations will be approximately every 5-miles. Contact Al Peña, KQ6YW at kq6yw@sbcglobal.net if you are interested in volunteering.

Public Health School-Based Flu Clinics - November and December 2009

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

STARES has been invited to provide communications support for some possible flu clinics in November and December 2009. Al Peña, KQ6YW at kq6yw@sbcglobal.net will send members an e-mail with details as they become available.

Amateur Radio License Exams

HAM CRAM - November 7, 2009

A special HAM CRAM is scheduled for November 7, 2009. Mac McCulley W6MAC reports that we have ten signed up so far.

This is cramming and testing for a technician license.

It will be at 8 a.m. at our [meeting location](#) on Avtec. The cost is \$25.

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, December 12, 2009, 8 a.m.

VFW Hall, West Center Street, Anderson, CA

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

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Third Wednesday Client Net

At this time we will not encourage agency employees to operate radio gear during the third Wednesday net. We intend to work out a solution that will be legal and productive for our agency ham radio operators.

The next client net is October 21, 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.

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

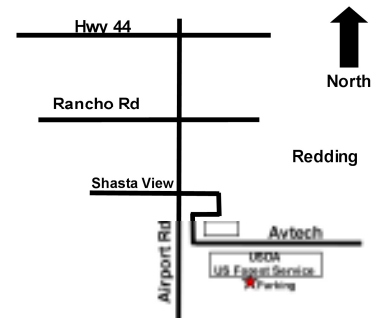
October - Dick Karpinen K6LJC
November Paul Peterson K6PTT
December - **VOLUNTEER NEEDED**

Third Wednesday Net Control Operators:

October - Larry Cardoza N6HDC
November - Mac McCulley W6MAC

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
NCS6XX on the W6STA-1 pbbs.
145.050 address check ins to
NCS6XX 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 - NEW LISTINGS ARE ADDED AT THE END

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. I will continue to list the items until you ask that they be removed. Thank you.

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. 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.
3. An ELK 2-meter / 440 MHz dual-band log periodic antenna, \$ 50.
4. A Daiwa CS-401 4-position coax switch with SO-239 connectors, \$ 50.
5. A Daiwa CS-201 2-position coax switch with SO-239 connectors, \$ 20.
6. A Heil FS-1 foot switch, \$20.
7. A Micronta VHF/UHF SWR power meter, \$ 15.
8. A Kenwood SMC-25 hand microphone, \$ 2.

Please contact Steve K6KSS at k6kss@yahoo.com or at 365-3255.

Three towers for sale. Each tower is triangular, each tower is made of three sections, each is telescoping and each is made of heavy duty galvanized steel. The telescoping feature includes the standard gear driven telescoping mechanism.

1. Tower one is brand new and still in its crated shipping container. The triangular base section is built on a 22" leg equilateral triangle and is 20' high. The other two sections fit within the base section. The tower is extendable to approximately 60'.
2. Tower two is assembled and bolted to a concrete foundation. The concrete section is approximately 5'x5'x4' and is available with the tower. The tower is on a 24" leg equilateral triangle and the base section is 25'. The tower is telescoping with two other sections fitting within the first section so the approximate extension is 75' tall. Several antennas are fitted to the tower and are available with the tower.
3. Tower three is similar to tower two except each section is 16' tall. There is one antenna on the tower and the antenna is available with the tower.

Each tower is available separately or all three towers are available as a package.

The towers are located in Redding, California.

The weight and load factors may require a crane and a flatbed for dismantling and transportation.

Contact: Greg Rill, KI6WBG
530-410-7123



For sale:

Heil iCM microphone, PL2T boom, SM1 shock mount and foot switch asking \$200 for the set. This mic is specifically for Icom HF radios. contact Al Peña KQ6YW at kq6yw@sbcglobal.net.
