



# STARES E-letter

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## SWAP, SELL, BUY SECTION

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

## Planning/Training Officer/March Meeting

Jim Samuels K6TUG has volunteered to take on the Planning/Training Officer position for STARES. Jim is interested in seeing our group develop through training while enjoying ham radio. We expect to see some interesting ideas from Jim and appreciate his stepping up to help the group. Thank you, Jim, we look forward to your leadership!

### March Planning

At the Membership Meeting on March 8, 2K10 there will be a survey of the membership on your interest in amateur radio, Emergency Communications and what you expect from STARES. We will gather your input and work out a plan on what STARES can offer. It is important to our members to participate in this. Bring a new member with you.

The second part of the meeting we will have a talk by Dave Grossman on J-Pole antenna's. Dave will talk about the construction of the antennas and the Antenna Build Party for March 13, 2K10.

Will look forward to you seeing you at the March Meeting. Jim K6TUG

## ARES on KCNR 1460 BoomerTech Radio Show

Al Pena KQ6YW has been asked to be a guest on BoomerTech, the radio show Hosted by Bob Belongie KI6SUN and Brenda Belongie KI6SUM. The new and popular 1460 am radio station here in Redding. Listen this Saturday, 12-1pm 1460am

## 147.090 ARCA repeater Moved!

The 145.290 Repeater has been removed from the Shingletown Ridge Tower and was replaced by the ARCA Repeater 147.090 pl 88.5. The 147.090 is still

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operational but back to its original location.

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## Packet Node Stack

Ray Tooker W6TYB has installed a node stack on the Shingletown Ridge tower. The stack consists of one node on 144.950 "Cotton" and one node "CTW" on 145.050. The two nodes tied together via comports allow cross talk between nodes and therefore frequencies.

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## Red Cross Emcomm Vehicle

Lew Bornmann WB7BQW would like to invite membership to learn about the ECRV Vehicle Scheduled to be here in Redding for the month of April. If anyone is interested they should contact Lew Bornmann WB7BQW - see your contact information in the Operations Manual.

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## Section News

News can be found at the ARRL Sacramento Valley Section (SV) web page: <http://www2.arrl.org/sections/SV.html>

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## HAM CRAM - January 23, 2010

Mac McCulley W6MAC reports that 16 people tested at the Ham Cram held on January 23, 2010. Fourteen passed and the other two passed at the February 13 testing. Congratulations new licensees!

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## STARES February Meeting

At the STARES February meeting, Richard Cloyd WO6P discussed mutual assistance which details how the ARES Sacramento Valley Section responds to the call for assistance to other section ARES teams. See link for additional information.

[http://www.emcomm.org/svares/mutual\\_assistance/](http://www.emcomm.org/svares/mutual_assistance/)

Mac McCulley W6MAC discussed go-kits their function, assembly, requirements and related issues. Are you ready?

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## STARES March Meeting

Join us for the March STARES meeting as Steve Lynch KQ6CS will talk to the group about "ARCT" Amateur Radio Communication Teams and its typing structure and deployment.

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## Third Wednesday Client Net

The next client net is February 17, 2010. 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](mailto:kq6yw@sbcglobal.net).

**The format for the third Wednesday net will be changed as of February 17** to an open format inviting all stations to check in. There will be no Roll Call calling for Clients Stations. This is the only change relevant to ARES Operators concerning the Third Wednesday Net. The only difference is that there will be no roll call.

Net Control Station (NCS) will call for check ins from any licensed amateur radio operator. The NCS will keep a record of Call Signs and Station Locations if the amateur station informs the NCS of that location. Amateurs are encouraged to check in and report their First Name and City they are checking in from. ARES Volunteer Operators are requested to make no change in the check in process, send packet message to NCS6XX as usual.

NCS will encourage newly licensed hams to check in.

**SPECIAL NOTICE:** Please take time at your next visit to your client station to inventory all equipment. Make note of Model and serial numbers of all equipment that comprises the amateur station. Also report the name of your client contact, title and phone. This yearly inventory is critical to us having an accurate station description and contact info. Forward info to Al Pena KQ6YW

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## STARES Monday Night Net Control Operators

February - Mac McCulley W6MAC

March- Paul Peterson K6PTT

April - **volunteer needed**

## Third Wednesday Net Control Operators:

February - Mac McCulley W6MAC

March - Dick Cloyd K6LJC and Jim Samuels K6TUG

April - **volunteer needed**

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## STARES Meetings & Nets

Meeting:

The second Monday of each month

Time: 7 pm

Location: 3644 Avtech Parkway,  
Redding, CA 96002

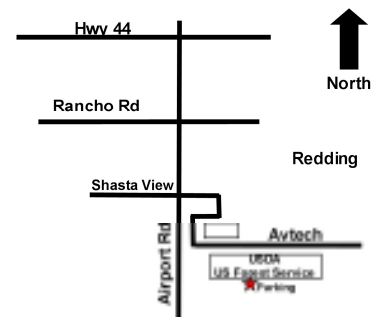
Talk-In: 145.150 pl 107.2

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

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## Newsletter Contact

If you have information you'd like included in our newsletter, please contact Elaine Grossman KG6ZCE at [kg6zce@yahoo.com](mailto:kg6zce@yahoo.com)

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## SWAP, SELL, BUY SECTION - NEW LISTINGS ARE IN GREEN TEXT

Email Elaine Grossman KG6ZCE at [kg6zce@yahoo.com](mailto: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.

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### ITEMS FOR SALE:

1. An Archer light-duty rotor, with approximately 100 feet of rotor cable, \$50
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](mailto:k6kss@yahoo.com) or at 365-3255.

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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.

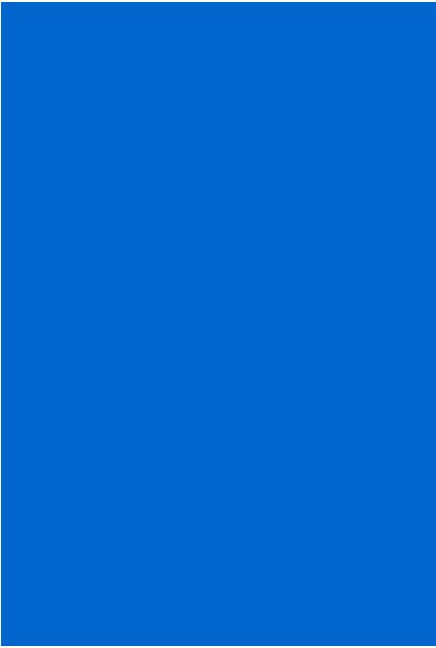
Each tower is available separately or all three towers are available as a package.

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





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