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SWAP, SELL, BUY SECTION

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Silent Key



We extend our sincere condolences to the friends and family of Bruce Roth W6OBU who passed away recently.

Just a little about Bruce from Al Peña KQ6YW, Bruce has been with our ARES group since November of 2003, he was the author of the bylaws used to gain our 501(c)(3) status, he was also the Ham radio operator assigned to Cal Fire in Redding. Bruce was a volunteer for all of the public service events we did, his favorite was the Equestrian Endurance Ride we usually do in early April, his only complaint about the event was we had to get up at O'dark thirty to be at our stations on time in bone chilling winds, but was one of the first to volunteer every year. He was usually one of the cooks for the spaghetti dinners we put on and my wife tells me he made a killer cheesecake. Bruce loved technology and wanted ARES to take advantage of new things, but if you ask me what he did in our group I would have to tell you he made friends, lots of friends. He was in our family and he was my friend, I will miss him. Al.

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Local Ham Radio Clubs

[Amateur Radio Club of Anderson](#)

[Shasta Cascade Amateur Radio Society](#)

[Inter Mountain Amateur Radio Club](#)

[Western Amateur Radio Repeater & Echolink Association](#)

[STARES E-Letter Archives](#)

STARES Website

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

Contact STARES Emergency Coordinator

<mailto:kq6yw@sbcglobal.net>

Al, thank you for the kind words. I'm sure everyone who knew Bruce agrees he will be greatly missed. I found this poem online, which is befitting of all who serve. KG6ZCE

The Ham

By: James C. Wheeler (W5OI)

There is this bunch of guys I know,
Who like to talk on the radio.

Around the clock, both night and day,
They never run out of something to say.

They talk to each other, about this and that,
About problems of the world, and how to combat.

New Friendships are born, both far and near,
While enjoying this hobby, they hold so dear.

They provide the world, and our nation,
With a constant flow, of information.

From humor to technical, the subject may run,
It's all in good taste, it's all in fun.

While old timers tell, of how to home brew,
Some sit and talk, while sipping a few.

Newcomers join in, rather timid at first,
Only to learn, they could have done worse.

A wonderful hobby, this ham radio game,
Compared to some, it may seem rather tame.

Then comes along, a need or disaster,
And no others, can act any faster.

They load up their gear, without hesitation,
And head for the field, with emergency stations.

They ask for no pay, they cannot accept,
All this is for caring, no fees are set.

This is the time, when there is no phone,
But because of their hobby, you can call home.

Your family assured, that you are okay,
Re-enforces the spirit, they work this way.

And when it's all over, they return to their shack,
Resume their chatter, and never look back.

New Membership

Congratulations to Cris Simpson KJ6EYT and Rudy Carver KJ6EZH, two new members of STARES. We are happy to have you join us!

Message from our EC

From Al Peña KQ6YW:

The small business my wife and I make a living with now consumes more and more of our time. In this economy we find it difficult to turn business away, which in turn makes it difficult for me to put the time into the ARES group that I think it deserves. It's with great regret that I am announcing my resignation as Emergency Coordinator effective April 30, 2010. As you know, the Shasta-Tehama ARES group is an ARRL field team and a new EC will be appointed by the ARRL Section Manager. I believe there are a number of perfectly capable members in our group who should petition and ask for recommendations to become the next EC.

I am very proud to have been a public service volunteer with such a great group of people. I intend to remain a member of the group and will assist where needed. Thank you for the support and encouragement you have given me this last six years I have truly enjoyed my time with you. Al

Yahoo! Groups

Al Peña KQ6YW reports that the STARES Yahoo! Groups site is still up but gets little use. It can be a useful tool for both new and seasoned membership. He encourages all membership to join and use it to ask questions, start general discussion within the group about amateur radio, ARES, or other items of interest to the group. Remember all posts go to the entire group and any Elmer's out there could respond to the newbie's and help them as much as possible. If you want to join go to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/stares/>. You must open a Yahoo! account to participate. Also, some of the group also uses Skype – it's free and seems to work well, it uses your computer microphone and webcam if you have one.

Repeater Donation

The Shasta Cascade Amateur Radio Society board of directors has formally donated the 146.640 repeater to the STARES 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation. It is the intention and promise of the corporation to keep this repeater an open repeater for all radio amateurs. The corporation leadership is recommending that the callsign remain NC6SV as a tribute to the Shasta Cascade Amateur Radio Society.

J-pole Workshop - April 3, 2010

The J-pole workshop was held at Mac's house on April 3. Nineteen people attended and twenty-two J-poles were built. Thank you Dave Grossman KF6VAN for getting the materials ready and thank you Mac and Steph for hosting the workshop location.

Ham Cram Report from April 9, 2010

Ham License Testing Report from April 10, 2010

Another Ham Cram Exam Review Lecture (for Technician License only) was held April 9 and eight people participated according to Mac McCulley W6MAC.

Ham License Examinations (all) were held April 10; Mac McCulley W6MAC reports that fourteen people tested (ten for technician, one for extra, and three for general) and everyone passed. Congratulations!

If you want to volunteer to help with future ham crams or testing sessions, contact Mac McCulley W6MAC at 244-6456.

STARES Meeting Report from April 12, 2010

At the April STARES meeting, Al Peña KQ6YW covered Public Service communications relating to parades, bike rides, and marathons.

Red Cross Emcomm Vehicle - April 2010

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.

Redding Rodeo Parade - May 15, 2010

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THIS EVENT!

The Redding Rodeo parade is May 15 and we will once again provide communications for the event. Contact Steve Lynch KQ6CS kq6cslynch2000@gmail.com 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.

We will also enter our Comm Trailer in the parade.

Anderson River Park Bike Ride - May 15, 2010

The Anderson River Park Century Bike Ride is also May 15. It is an all-day event where STARES provides safety communications for the riders. More volunteers may be needed. Contact Jim Samuels K6TUG if you are interested in participating in providing support for this event. New attendees are welcome to “buddy up” with volunteers to see how the support system operates.

ARRL Field Day in Hat Creek - July 25-30, 2010

Plan to join fellow ham radio members for this year's [ARRL](#) Field Day at the beautiful Hat Creek Campground, Group Camp #1 by the creek, 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.

Group Camp #1 will be rented from Friday, June 25 at noon to Wednesday, June 30 at noon. Official Field Day activities take place in the 24-hr period starting June 26 at 11 a.m. Stay one day, stay several days, but don't miss participating in this event. Green and seasoned operators are welcome!

Mac McCulley W6MAC says all are welcome to come and enjoy a mini vacation with the group. Be sure not to miss the fantastic potluck on Saturday, June 26 at 6 p.m. - bring a side dish. For event details contact Mac McCulley W6MAC at 530-246-6456.

Sierra Valley Agony Ride July 30-31, 2010

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THIS EVENT!

The Sierra Valley is north of Truckee. William Lewis KG6BAJ, Emergency Coordinator for the Nevada-Sierra County Amateur Radio Emergency Services (NIOES) is seeking volunteers for this event. If interested, you can contact William at (530) 263-1595. For additional details on the ride, go to this site: <http://www.ncares.us/events/agonny/agonny.html>

Section News

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

Third Wednesday Client Net

The next client net is April 21, 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.

The format for the third Wednesday net has 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

STARES Monday Night Net Control Operators

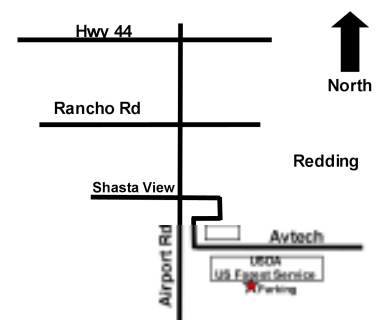
Thank you volunteers!
April - Dick Cloyd WO6P
May - Steve Lynch KQ6CS
June - Joe Hickerson KF6WGV
July - **volunteer needed**

Third Wednesday Net Control Operators:

Thank you volunteers!
April - **volunteer needed**
May - **volunteer needed**
June - **volunteer needed**

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

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 IN GREEN TEXT

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.

KPC3+ TNC for sale; used only for packet net check-ins.
Contact Carl Sequin KJ6C at kj6c1@frontiernet.net for more information.

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