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SWAP, SELL, BUY SECTION

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Welcome New Members!

STARES welcomes new members Kent Hiemforth KJ6DMV and Jeremiah Mantooth KJ6DMR.

STARES, Inc. Board Meetings

The Board of Directors of the Shasta Tehama Amateur Radio Emergency Service, a California nonprofit corporation, now meets on a quarterly schedule. Corporation Board Meetings will take place at 7 pm the second Wednesday of January, April, July, and October.

Dates for 2010 are as follows:

January 27, 2010 at the residence of Mac McCulley 3165 Corto Street
Redding, CA 96001

April 14, 2010 Place TBA
July 14, 2010 Place TBA
October 13, 2010 Place TBA

Silent Key

We extend our sincere condolences to the friends and family of Sue Bogue K6ORF, beloved wife of Jim Bogue KN6ZB.

Public Service Coordinators

The following people have stepped up to coordinate upcoming events in which STARES has been asked to provide communications support. These people will enlist volunteers, coordinate with the Event Coordinator and execute the operation. Keep these events and dates in mind so you can volunteer to participate.

[Shasta Cascade Amateur Radio Society](#)

[Inter Mountain Amateur Radio Club](#)

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NEW! Rodeo Parade Float (Comms Trailer) May 15 - Mac McCulley W6MAC
Redding Rodeo Parade Comms Support May 15 - Steve Lynch KQ6CS
Anderson River Park Century Bike Ride May 15 - Jim Samuels K6TUG
Whiskeytown Relays September 19 - Paul Peterson K6PTT
Whiskeytown Trail Run October 23 - **Volunteer Coordinator Needed**

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 he or she can ask someone else to check the BBS's for check-ins. Al will be asking those who check the BBS for packet check-ins on Monday night to respond back to the senders. Members who check in should check the BBS for a reply.

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

From the ARRL Sacramento Valley Section (SV) web page:

Amateur Radio Bill Passes Senate, Moves to the House (Dec 15, 2009) -- On Monday, December 14, S 1755 -- The Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Enhancement Act of 2009 -- passed the Senate by unanimous consent; the bill now goes to the House of Representatives for consideration. Sponsored by Senator Joe Lieberman (ID-CT), and Senator Susan Collins (R-ME), S 1755, if passed, would direct the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to undertake a study on emergency communications. S 1755 points out that "There is a strong Federal interest in the effective performance of Amateur Radio Service stations, and that performance must be given -- (A) support at all levels of government; and (B) protection against unreasonable regulation and impediments to the provision of the valuable communications provided by such stations."

For more information, visit <http://www2.arrl.org/sections/SV.html>

Redding Marathon - Post-event Notes

Paul Peterson K6PTT, reported that fourteen operators braved wet conditions to provide communications for the Redding City Marathon on Sunday, January 17, 2010. Over 200 runners participated in this Boston Marathon qualifying race as solo runners and 300 more ran as 3-person relay teams over the 26 mile 375 yard course, and an additional 100 runners participated in the 5-kilometer race. David Mosier from Chico ran the second fastest marathon in Redding history, finishing the race in just over 2 hours and 40 minutes. In doing so, he ran past the six aide stations being supported by STARES volunteers. In direct contrast, the last runner beat the seven hour time limit by a mere 4 minutes!

Co-race directors, Marge Dunlap and Tori Parks had nothing but praise for the work by our volunteers. Marge went on to say that "On a rainy day like today, it was reassuring to know that we had reliable communications along the entire race route." Communications were routine throughout the day and all operators were released by 3 pm. Thanks to all who volunteered on this community event. Photos provided by Al Peña KQ6YW.

Sandy Harrison KI6WAL, Gary Sanda KI6OMU, and Tom Henthorn KI6WAN



Kent Hiemforth KJ6DMV and Joe Hickerson KF6WGV



STARES Repeater Tower

Carl Seguin
KJ6C and Mac
McCulley
W6MAC have
secured a Tower
to install the
145.290 pl 88.5.
Photo provided
by KJ6C.

Now in Service!



HAM CRAM - January 23, 2010

There are seats available for the next HAM CRAM.

Location: US Forest Service Conference Room at 3644 Avtech Parkway, RDG

Time: 8 am - 4 pm

Fee: \$25.00 (includes materials and FCC testing fee)

Contact Mac McCulley W6MAC at 530-244-6456 to register.

Third Wednesday Client Net

The next client net is January 20, 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.

Expect the phone tree alert every third Wednesday of the month at approximately 10:15 am. All stations are encouraged to check into the net.

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

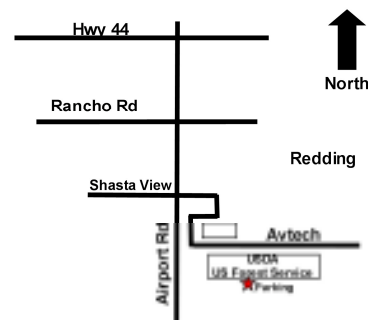
January - Al Peña KQ6YW
February - Mac McCulley W6MAC
March- Paul Peterson K6PTT
April - **volunteer needed**

Third Wednesday Net Control Operators:

January - Carl Seguin KJ6C and Bert Stead KI6SVA
February - Mac McCulley W6MAC
March - Dick Cloyd K6LJC and Jim Samuels K6TUG
April - **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.

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 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
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