



# STARES E-letter

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## SWAP, SELL, BUY SECTION

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

## New Membership

Welcome Yvonne Keefauver KJ6FOD and Shirlyn Pappas KJ6EYP to STARES.

## Please Comment by April 2, 2010:

## Message from our Emergency Coordinator

In the recent past, the FCC made comments basically stopping all hospital employed amateur radio operators from taking part in preparedness drills. In the wake of this decision many in the amateur radio and the health care communities have worked to come up with a solution that would convince the FCC to change related rules and allow these employees to take part in drills.

The American Hospital Association has filed for a blanket waiver to permit hospitals to use Amateur radio as part of emergency preparedness drills. The FCC is accepting comments from the public on this matter.

I encourage you to make a comment in favor of this blanket waiver. Please go to this FCC website <http://fjallfoss.fcc.gov/ecfs/hotdocket/list?z=iyfrh> and click on Proceeding No. 10-54 you will be directed to the comment page. Although there is no guarantee that the FCC will make the change, they would almost certainly not make the change if there isn't enough interest by the public or public service agencies.

Please refer to these items when making your comments:

Should the FCC allow the blanket waiver to allow hospital employees to participate in drills and why.

Should the hospital be required to notify or file to the FCC for this waiver if so how.

[Amateur Radio Club of Anderson](#)

[Shasta Cascade Amateur Radio Society](#)

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

[Contact STARES Emergency Coordinator](#)

<mailto:kq6yw@sbcglobal.net>

You may see the FCC public notice here:

[http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs\\_public/attachmatch/DA-10-365A1.txt](http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/DA-10-365A1.txt)

Shasta Tehama ARES volunteers work side by side with Hospital/Clinic employees every month to prepare for that disaster that would create a need for auxiliary communications. Some of these employees are amateur radio operators themselves. In my opinion watching ARES volunteers operate is not an acceptable training method. In the event of an emergency, those on the amateur gear should and must be thoroughly trained to communicate and operate the equipment effectively, without hands on experience this cannot be accomplished.

Please make your comment to the FCC by April 2, 2010.

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## J-pole Antenna Workshop - April 3, 2010

A J-pole Antenna-Building Workshop will be hosted by Dave Grossman KF6VAN and held at the home of Mac McCulley W6MAC on April 3, 2010 promptly at 10 a.m. Call Mac at 244-6456 for directions to the location. The cost is \$20 per antenna for supplies. Dave has worked very hard to get all the materials ready for the workshop. Email Dave at [KF6VAN@yahoo.com](mailto:KF6VAN@yahoo.com) for additional information and to sign up.

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## Ham Cram - April 9, 2010

## Ham License Testing - April 10, 2010

Another Ham Cram Exam Review Lecture (for Technician License only) will be held April 9 at the American Red Cross building at 8 a.m. The address is 20264 Skypark Drive off Airport Road.

Ham License Examinations (all) will be held April 10 at the Veterans Memorial Hall in Anderson at 8 a.m. The address is 3210 West Center Street. Remember to bring a photo I.D. and a copy of it.

Reserve your seat for the ham cram or testing by calling Mac McCulley W6MAC at 244-6456.

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## STARES Meeting - April 13, 2010

Join us for the April meeting as Al Peña KQ6YW will be covering Public Service communications relating to parades, bike rides, and marathons.

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## 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.

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## 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 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.

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## Anderson River Park Bike Ride - May 15, 2010

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THIS EVENT!**

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.

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## 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/agony/agony.html>

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## Section News

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

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## Third Wednesday Client Net

The next client net is March 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

Thank you volunteers!

March- Paul Peterson K6PTT

April - volunteer needed

May - Steve Lynch KQ6CS

June – Joe Hickerson KF6WGV

## Third Wednesday Net Control Operators:

Thank you volunteers!

March - Dick Cloyd K6LJC and Jim Samuels K6TUG

April - volunteer needed

May - 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)

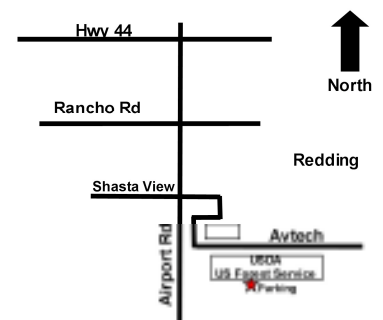
Packet:

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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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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