



Stanislaus Amateur Radio Association

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Chuck McKinsey KG6ZYN

It is with great sadness that we learned of the passing of Chuck. Paul, W6UHF, provided this picture that he captioned, "Good Time Charlie KG6ZYN"..... So whose lipstick was this?



As Steve Vallin, KI6PYQ, echoed everyone's sentiments when he said that Chuck will be sorely missed, he writes this beautiful memorial. Steve had long conversations with Chuck nearly every weekday morning in the wee hours while on his way to work. Thank you Steve for your incredible words.

I, like everyone who knew him, was deeply saddened by the loss of our dear friend Chuck McKinsey, KG6ZYN. I'm sure everyone has a story to tell about Chuck.

This is mine.

I never met Chuck in the flesh, something which I had hoped to change in the near future. Perhaps by meeting him for lunch on a Friday at Twin Rivers, or just stopping by his house on my way home. Sadly I never got the opportunity to do either. I did however get to meet Chuck through the magic of ham radio, something for which I am eternally grateful. As most of you know Chuck was a truck driver for many years, I too have been driving truck for many years. I leave my house at 2AM on weekdays and drive to Tracy to start my job. The first thing I do when I pull out of my driveway is turn on the radio and give my call sign on the repeater. Nearly every morning, Chuck would answer my call. Chuck often had trouble sleeping at night and was nearly always up when I would leave the house. If he wasn't, it was almost guaranteed that he would be, before I arrived at work, and he would always give me a call. During those QSO's in the wee hours of the morning, we would swap trucking stories and talk about our many common interests. Sometimes we talked about the history of Modesto, the town where we both grew up. Sometimes we would talk about aviation, and of course sometimes we would talk about ham radio. Sometimes we talked about our personal lives and our families.

I found Chuck to be an intelligent, funny, and warm man, who's company I never tired of. Once in a while, the radio would be eerily silent on my way to work. During those times I would miss our conversations, but I would say to myself, "Its nice that Chuck is getting a good nights sleep tonight."

Words cannot describe how much I miss those QSO's with Chuck in the wee hours of the morning. I miss his friendly voice. I miss his laugh. I miss his self depreciating humor. I miss.....HIM.

Now as I drive to work in the mornings, I often stare down, in the eerie silence, at the warm glow from my radios display, and say to myself, "Sleep well Chuck. Sleep well."

73 Old Friend, KI6PYQ



On Saturday February 18th, 2012 from 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM there will be a "Celebration of Life" gathering for Chuck at the Modesto Moose Lodge, 821 5th. St. Modesto, CA 95351. This will be a pot luck affair.

**Stanislaus Amateur Radio Association Monthly Meeting
February 21, 2012 – 7:00 p.m.
Modesto Police Department Northeast Area Substation
3705 Oakdale Road – Modesto**

Green Eggs and Ham

Chuck L. McKinsey, KG6ZYN was discovered in his residence where it appears he passed away peacefully and of natural causes. Chuck was a General class amateur radio operator. It turned 75 years old the day he was discovered – Wednesday, February 1, 2012. He will be missed. Here is a picture of the two of us together as we shared being Moose Mates together!



73's de W6UHF, Paul O

Upcoming Events!

- Ham Cram: FEBRUARY 18, 2012
- REGALADO ROAD RACE EAST OF OAKDALE: MARCH 25, 2012
- COVERED BRIDGE CLASSIC BIKE RIDE: APRIL 28, 2012
- M.S. WALK: APRIL 28, 2012
- BIKE RIDE FOR MOM: MAY 12, 2012
- CROP WALK TENTATIVE: MAY 12, 2012
- HAM CRAM: MAY 19, 2012
- MODESTO CRITERIUM: MAY 19, 2012
- MODESTO ROAD RACE: MAY 20, 2012
- CANYON CLASSIC BIKE RIDE: JUNE 9, 2012
- WARNERVILLE TIME TRIAL KNIGHT'S FERRY: AUGUST 4, 2012
- HAM CRAM : AUGUST 18, 2012
- CANCER AWARENESS BIKE RIDE: SEPTEMBER 15, 2012
- WINE AND CHEESE BIKE RIDE: OCTOBER 14, 2012
- HAM CRAM: NOVEMBER 17, 2012

S.A.R.A. Mt. Oso Repeater System

Located on Mt. Oso at an elevation of 3400 ft. with reliable coverage from Fresno to Woodland.

- 145.390 Mhz Negative Offset
- 224.140 Mhz Negative Offset
- 51.800 Mhz Negative Offset
- 440.225 Mhz Positive Offset (1/2 Watt very low power)

All repeaters require 136.5 Hz PL tone for access.

All Mt. Oso repeaters can be linked to each other in any combination by authorized control operators.

440.225 repeater is back on the air after reducing transmitter power to 1/2 watt due to Pave Paws interference complaints.

S.A.R.A. Low Level Repeater

Located atop the Doubletree hotel in downtown Modesto on 145.110 Mhz Negative offset PL 136.5 Hz

S.A.R.A. Packet Node

Located on Mt. Oso, It's identifier is "SARA" 144.910 Mhz 1200 Baud, 438.960 Mhz 9600 Baud

Nets and More Nets.....

Traffic and Information Net

Monday through Friday starting at 7:00 AM on the S.A.R.A. two-meter repeater 145.390 MHz. Traffic updates along with the weather conditions, Hosted by Mark WB6BJN.

S.A.R.A Weekly Net

Every first, second and fourth Tuesday at 7:30 PM on our club two-meter repeater 145.390 MHz. Covers the latest information on club activities.

Stanislaus County ARES® Weekly Net

Every Wednesday at 8:00 PM on our club two-meter repeater 145.390 MHz. Training and information for those interested in amateur radio emergency communications. The only requirements are being a licensed amateur radio operator and have an interest in emergency operations. Visitors to the net are always welcome to check in, after the membership roll-call. On the air training is provided and people of all license classes are welcome to join.

Tech Net

Thursday nights at 7:00 PM on our club two-meter repeater 145.390 MHz. Dedicated to helping all hams increase their skills, an ideal forum for all hams to share their knowledge. Topics may include simple construction projects, answering your questions, training for license upgrades, and general skills needed by any ham.

SpaceNet

Friday nights at 8:00 PM on our club two-meter repeater 145.390 MHz. Those interested in the very latest news and information related to air and space are invited to join us on SARA SpaceNet. This is an open net held on SARA's 145.390 repeater and can be reached throughout the Central Valley of California. Topics include the latest news in the worlds manned and unmanned space programs, aeronautics, astronomy events and new discoveries. We also cover Amateur Astronomy, Model, Mid and High Powered Rocketry, as well as Amateur Radio activities related to space such as monitoring meteor activity, contacting the International Space Station, using Amateur Radio Satellites, EME (Moonbounce) and how to use Orbital Plotting software.



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NIMS SEMS ICS Training Schedule

January - December, 2012 (Revised 2-1-2012)

COURSE	HOURS	DATE(S)	TIME	LOCATION
Advanced Emergency Operations Center	16 hours	June 6-7, 2012	0800-1700	3705 Oakdale Rd (Logistics Room)
I 100.a/I 700.b: Intro to Incident Command System/Intro to National Incident Management System	8 hours	March 27, 2012 May 9, 2012 August 15, 2012 October 23, 2012	0800-1700 0800-1700 0800-1700 0800-1700	3705 Oakdale Rd (Logistics Room) (Changes in bold indicate new course dates)
ICS 200.b: Basic Incident Command System	12.5 hours	June 19-20, 2012 October 9-10, 2012	0800-1700 (Day Two: 0800-1230)	3705 Oakdale Rd (Logistics Room)
ICS 300: Intermediate ICS (State Fire Marshal Certified)	20 hours	April 10-12, 2012	0800-1700 (Day Three: 0800-1200)	3705 Oakdale Rd (Logistics Room)
ICS 400: Advanced ICS (State Fire Marshal Certified)	20 hours	April 24-26, 2012	0800-1700 (Day Three: 0800-1200)	3705 Oakdale Rd (Logistics Room)
ICS 300/400/Intro to EOC: Intermediate/Advanced	40 hours Note: 300 and 400 can be	September 5, 6, 12, 13, 19, 2012	0800-1700	3705 Oakdale Rd (Logistics Room)

ICS (NIMS compliant version)	taken individually @ 20 hrs each			
I 704: Communications and Information Management	8 hours	August 22, 2012	0800-1700	3705 Oakdale Rd (Logistics Room)
I 800.b: Intro to National Response Framework	4 hours	May 15, 2012	1300-1700	3705 Oakdale Rd (Logistics Room)
ICS 402: NIMS Executive Course	4 hours	February 29, 2012 November 8, 2012	0800-noon 1300-1700	3705 Oakdale Rd (Logistics Room)

***See attached for course descriptions, prerequisites and target audience recommendations.**

ADVANCED EOC

A sixteen hour course designed for students who have completed the forty (40) hour Stanislaus County ICS 300/400/EOC course. This course expands upon Emergency Operation Center functions, roles and responsibilities, and goes into EOC staffing/design, as well as recovery operations. It is tailored specifically for EOC operations in Stanislaus County. It will involve numerous break out scenarios designed to expose participants deeper into their roles and responsibilities in managing/supporting field incidents or large scale events from the EOC.

It focuses on the four phases of emergency/disaster management of mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery. It emphasizes EOC primary functions of policy direction, jurisdictional management/inter-agency coordination, information gathering/sharing, and resource management. (Equivalent to the G775-EOC Management & Operations Course)

Target Audience: Emergency Managers, Command and General Staff representatives, emergency planners, those that would be assigned to recovery operations, and other government and non-governmental representatives that may be assigned to work in the Emergency Operations Center.

Pre-requisite: Completion of: Stanislaus County's ICS 300/400/EOC course.

ICS100.a - IS700.b Introduction to ICS – Introduction to NIMS

An eight (8) hour course that introduces both the National Incident Management System and the Incident Command System. This course meets NIMS requirements for compliance with ICS 100a and IS 700b. It also discusses California's Standardized Emergency Management System. This awareness level training will cover topics such as: NIMS Components, Concepts, and Principles; Purpose of ICS; Basic Features of ICS; Incident Commander and Command Staff Functions; General Staff Functions; Facilities; and Common ICS Responsibilities.

Target Audience: Emergency response personnel, government employees, disaster service workers, Amateur Radio Emergency Service and other Ham Radio Club operators, Search and Rescue Team members, health care workers and generally anyone who may respond or be involved in coordinating and supporting incident management activities.

Pre-requisite: None

ICS 200.b COURSE (Basic Incident Command System)

A twelve and a half (12.5) hour course that meets the requirements of the Basic Incident Command System. This course is designed to go beyond the introductory NIMS/SEMS/ICS courses and cover such topics as Leadership and Management, Delegation of Authority, Management by Objectives, Functional Areas and Positions, Briefings, Organizational Flexibility, and Transfer of Command.

Target Audience: First line supervisors, crew leaders, single resource leaders, or other emergency response/management personnel who require a higher level of NIMS/SEMS/ICS training.

Pre-requisite Completion of: I 700 - Introduction to NIMS
ICS 100 - Introduction to ICS.

ICS 300 STATE FIRE MARSHAL CERTIFIED INTERMEDIATE INCIDENT COMMAND

A twenty (20) hour Intermediate Incident Command System (ICS) course created for supervisory or management staff that would be assigned in a supervisory or leadership role in the Command or General Staff of an emergency response incident or major pre-planned event. **This class will be State Fire Marshal/CICCS Certified.**

This course meets NIMS/SEMS/ICS compliance and is a requirement to work in the Stanislaus Operational Area EOC.

Target Audience: Stanislaus County mid-level management including strike team leaders, task force leaders, unit leaders, division/group supervisors, branch directors

and emergency operations center staff. Stanislaus County command and general staff, select department heads with multi-agency coordination system responsibilities, area commanders, emergency managers and emergency operations center managers.

Pre-requisite: Completion of: I 700 - Introduction to NIMS
ICS 100 - Introduction to ICS
ICS 200 - Basic ICS

ICS 400 STATE FIRE MARSHAL CERTIFIED ADVANCED INCIDENT COMMAND

A twenty (20) hour Advanced Incident Command System (ICS) and Introduction to Emergency Operation Center (EOC) course created for supervisory or management staff that would be assigned in a supervisory or leadership role in the Command or General Staff of an emergency response incident or major pre-planned event. **This class will be State Fire Marshal/CICCS Certified.**

This course meets NIMS/SEMS/ICS compliance and is a requirement to work in the Stanislaus Operational Area EOC.

Target Audience: Stanislaus County mid-level management including strike team leaders, task force leaders, unit leaders, division/group supervisors, branch directors and emergency operations center staff. Stanislaus County command and general staff, select department heads with multi-agency coordination system responsibilities, area commanders, emergency managers and emergency operations center managers.

Pre-requisite: Completion of: I 700 - Introduction to NIMS
ICS 100 - Introduction to ICS
ICS 200 - Basic ICS
ICS 300 - Intermediate ICS

ICS 300/400/EOC (NIMS Compliant/All Risk-All Hazard Version)

A forty (40) hour combined Intermediate/Advanced Incident Command System course created for supervisory or management staff that would be assigned in a supervisory or leadership role in the Command or General Staff of an emergency response incident or major pre-planned event. This course introduces participants to the Emergency Operations Center, is a requirement to work in the Stanislaus Operational Area EOC, and meets NIMS/SEMS compliance. Note: This course may be taken separately at different times (twenty hours for ICS 300 and twenty hours for ICS 400).

Target Audience: Stanislaus County mid-level management including strike team leaders, task force leaders, unit leaders, division/group supervisors, branch directors and emergency operations center staff. Stanislaus County command and general staff, select department heads with multi-agency coordination system responsibilities, area commanders, emergency managers and emergency operations center managers.

Pre-requisite: Completion of: I 700 - Introduction to NIMS
ICS 100 - Introduction to ICS
ICS 200 - Basic ICS

IS 704 COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION MANAGEMENT COURSE

An eight (8) hour course designed to introduce participants to the Communications and Information Management component of the National Incident Management System. This course identifies components of NIMS Communications and Information Management; Identifies capabilities required to achieve effective communications and information management; Assesses the communication and information management capability of your jurisdiction or agency; Describes processes and forms for managing incident information flow, and; Identifies strategies for continually improving communications and information management systems and maintaining their readiness. This class will include subject matter expert presentations on the various communication and information management systems used in Stanislaus County.

Target Audience: County OES Staff, Department Managers, EOC management teams, Incident Commanders/Managers; Section Chiefs/coordinators in Planning or Logistics; Leaders of Situation or Communication Units (including I.T.); P.I.O.'s, Advanced Planning Unit Leaders; MAC Coordinators; All City Emergency Managers and City Managers that would serve in the above positions.

Pre-requisite: Completion of: I 700 - Introduction to NIMS.

IS-800.b NATIONAL RESPONSE FRAMEWORK, AN INTRODUCTION

A four-hour course (classroom version) that introduces participants to the concepts and principles of the National Response Framework (NRF). Course objectives include: purpose; response doctrine; roles and responsibilities of entities; actions that support national response; response organizations used for multi-agency coordination; and how planning relates to national preparedness.

Target Audience: Mid-level management, Command and General Staff, Emergency Operations Center staff (basically, anyone who may respond to and fill an Incident Command System position in the field or Emergency Operations Center. Note: These position descriptions are not defined from day to day operations, but for emergency, disaster, or major pre-planned activities).

Pre-requisite: None.

NIMS EXECUTIVE COURSE (ICS 402)

A 4 hour course designed for local elected officials, chief executives, and administrators. This course covers roles and responsibilities of the policy group, as well as the basics of the Incident Command System, an overview of the California Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS), and Introduction to the National Incident Management System (NIMS). The course also covers the Multi-Agency Coordination System (MACS) involving interactions with other jurisdictions/agencies to support the management or command of emergency incidents or major pre-planned events. This specially designed course for Stanislaus County public officials meets the requirements of IS700/Introduction to NIMS, ICS100/Introduction to ICS, and ICS402/Executive Course.

Target Audience: City Councils, Boards of Supervisors, Boards of Directors, Chief Executive Officers, Chief Administrative Officers, etc.

Pre-requisite: None.

Special Notice:

Anyone with emergency management responsibilities, including planning, response, mitigation and or recovery from emergencies is required to be NIMS compliant. All public agencies, including schools, medical and other government organizations that have any role in emergency management need to meet or exceed all NIMS requirements. By attending the courses offered here in Stanislaus County, you will avoid the high registration cost associated with other training (generally \$600+) for registration alone. This training will provide you with the necessary skills to respond and be successful in emergency management regardless of your role in our next emergency/disaster response.

REGISTRATION

Early registration is recommended. Classes fill quickly.
(Preference given to Stanislaus County Emergency Response and Management Personnel.)
To register for courses go to www.stanoes.com, click on NIMS-SEMS-ICS Training
Registration and select the class you wish to attend.

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