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**President's message,
Wally, KK6CPN**

From the desk of *The Readout* editor John Otte, K6JRO

Welcome to another edition of *The Readout*!

International ShakeOut Day was held last Thursday, October 15 (always the third Thursday of October) and while COVID-19 has brought many uncertainties and challenges, one thing's for sure: you can never underscore the importance of the ShakeOut exercise. While it was my intention to get this edition of the *Readout* out before the ShakeOut, my work schedule just did not allow it. So, my apologies for this information being written in past tense. Nevertheless, Stanislaus ARES participated in the international event and was well represented on both VHF voice and digital. I encourage you to great the ARES report below.

If you have any suggestions for articles or if you would like to publish an article, please reach out to me at k6jro@arrl.net. Stay safe! Stay healthy!

73 de John, K6JRO

A Message from the Club President Wally, KK6CPN

I hope everyone is staying safe and wearing those masks and maintaining social distancing. Not much is going other than all these fires in California burning over two million plus acres. We will still be having our monthly meetings via Zoom until the OES give us permission to return to their facility.

As I have mentioned over the last couple of months it is time to start thinking about our elections for 2021. This will be my last year as your President and it has been a pleasure serving our Club. Please if you are interested in any of the positions on the board let us know.

On to soon good news we submitted our renewal to the Bureau of Reclamation and at this time they are unable to good up to Mt Oso to check on their site we have equipment in due to the Fires. They gave us a one-year extension, so we are not going to be behind in our application fee.

Please take care of yourself.
Wally, KK6CPN

Minutes, SEP Zoom

Next General Meeting:
Zoom Tuesday,
OCT 20th

Joining SARA:

We are currently taking membership applications for 2020.

One-year dues are \$30.00 for individuals, or \$45.00 for a family. To join, fill out the registration form in this newsletter and bring it to any SARA meeting.

Write for The Readout:

If anyone has information that they want included in *The Readout* please submit to the editor
k6jro@arri.net.

Please try and have the information or articles to the editor by the 30th of each month.

Minutes from the SEP Zoom meeting

Stanislaus Amateur Radio Association

P.O. Box 4601 Modesto, CA 95352

www.saraclub.net

September 15, 2020

Club Meeting Minutes

(conducted over ZOOM due to COVID19)

Attendance (the best I could do by check in on ZOOM. No roll was called)

Lucian, KF6NPG	Owner	Davona, KF6TSY
John, W6PY	John, NZ6Q	Wally, KK6CPN
Scott, N6CIC	Richard, WE6V	Paul, W6UHF
Robin, KG6ZYQ	Roy, KK6OQP	Patrick, KG6AZZ
Zack, KI6KQO	John, N6JCS	Derrill, W7LTM
Don, K6RUS	Danny, W6DMC	Vicki, KF6RCV
Jason, KA6TIO	Rick, KF6TEZ	Jay, W6WFZ
Elias, KN6GZW	Randy, KF6RJS	Cheryl, KK6GJM
Mark, WB6BJN	Bill, KN6DAM	Eva, KM6BIP

President Wally, KK6CPN called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m.

August minutes were sent out to the membership prior to the meeting via e mail. Motion to approve by Randy KF6RJS and second by Scott N6CIC. Minutes were approved.

President Wally KK6CPN

Wally said this was his last term as president. He said that club members should be thinking about next year's officers and that all positions are open. He said that all positions are open. If anyone is interested in serving as a club officer or board member, they should contact him at kk6cpn@yahoo.com. He wanted to thank Patrick KG6AZZ for his work on updating the club's web site. Wally encouraged everyone to check out the new and improved web site.

Vice President, Mark WB6BJN

Weather will be cooler, and a low-pressure system is moving in. WE should have 70's and 80's for a few days. There could possibly be some rain in the north on Friday.

Treasurer, Vicki KJ6RCV

She gave a report and a copy will be attached to these minutes and will be in the READOUT. Motion to approve by Mark WB6BJN and second Scott N6CIC. It was approved.

Sergeant at Arms Mark N6ARP: Mark was not present.

Board Members: Paul W6UHF

No report from Paul. Brendon NK6M, Tom K6KQR, and Bill AE6J were not present.

Equipment/Mt Oso: Patrick KG6AZZ

Nothing has changed. Some stations have had rough coverage. The poor air quality (smoke) could be a factor. He has been working on the club website. It has been updated and is now much easier to edit and post new information to the web site.

ARES: Lucian KF6NPG

The next ARES meeting is Saturday October 3, from 1000 to 1200. There will be a voice net check in for officer reports and general announcements. At the conclusion of the check in members will participate in a SET (Simulated Emergency Test). An e mail was sent out asking for ARES members to participate. Those members that signed up for participation will be sent an IAP (Incident Action Plan) for the exercise.

Community Events: Lucian KF6NPG

All of the community events for the rest of the year have been canceled. Pacificon 2020 has been canceled and no virtual conference is planned.

Ham Cram: John K6JRO

John was not present. Our next Ham Cram is scheduled for Saturday February 13, 2021. As of this time we will be doing a test only session. Testing will be at 10:30am, 1:00pm and 2:30pm. You can sign up at the Stanislaus ARES web site, www.stanares.org. Scroll down to bottom of the page.

Section Manager: John NZ6Q

John talked about the FCC proposal to increase the fee to \$50.00 to obtain or renew an amateur radio license. He encouraged everyone to review the proposal and to send in comments. The amateur radio community is very much against these large increase in fees. For further information go to the ARRL web site www.arrl.org and enter license fee increase into the search section or www.w6sf.org for more information.

Un-Finished Business: None reported.

New Business:

Presentation: None

Meeting Adjourned: Motion to adjourn by Mark WB6BJN and second by John N6JCS. Adjourned at 7:38 P.M.
Minutes by Lucian KF6NPG, Club Secretary

Treasure report from the March net meeting



STANISLAUS AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION

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www.saraclub.net

Treasury Report September 15, 2020

8-18-20 to 9-14-20

BALANCE FORWARD: \$8,014.19** (Previous Balance \$7,950.31)

Bills Paid:

John Otte	\$ 90.00 (Ck #1055 – Reimburse for Ham Cram 8-29-20)
Moeller Mt. Oso:	\$ 80.00 (Ck #1056 – September site rent 9-1-20)
PG & E	\$ 69.83 (Ck #1057 – Mt. Oso utilities 9-11-20)

Total: \$ 239.83

INCOME:

Dues:	\$ 60.00
Ham Cram	\$ 90.00
Mercer Equip Refund	\$ 114.13
Mercer COVID Refund	\$ 39.58

Total: \$303.71

DEPOSITS:

Tri-Counties Bank	\$ 120.00 (8-31-20)
Tri-Counties Bank	\$ 183.71 (9-11-20)

BOTTOM LINE:

Total Income:	\$ 303.71
Total Expenses:	\$ 239.83

Field Day Fund:	\$ 846.88 (included in account balance)
Equipment Fund	\$ 720.00 (included in account balance)

**** TRI COUNTIES BANK BALANCE: \$8,014.19 as of 9-14-20**

Treasurer

Vicki Pitz

September 15, 2020

ARES

Pat, KG6JXZ
Stanislaus County
Emergency
Coordinator

Stanislaus County ARES Report



October is earthquake awareness month and the **Get Ready to Shakeout** exercise was on Thursday October 15, 2020 at 10:15am. This was a nationwide exercise and California being earthquake country there is a lot of participation here.

Stanislaus ARES participated with some activities to highlight earthquake awareness. There were 16 check-ins the voice net (145.390- pl 136.5) and six packet check-ins on Winlink. The packet stations completed the DYFI (Did You Feel It) exercise form that was submitted via Winlink.

Lucian Thomas, KF6NPG Assistant Emergency Coordinator, Stanislaus Co.
KF6NPG@aol.com



ARES® operates under the authority of the Stanislaus County Office of Emergency Services (OES), and the Stanislaus County Assistant Director for OES. ARES® is organized under the auspices of the American Radio Relay League, the San Joaquin Valley Section Manager, and the San Joaquin Valley Section District Emergency Coordinator. Operational control is under the Stanislaus county OES.

If you are interested in joining Stanislaus ARES go to the Stanislaus ARES website (www.stanares.org) and click on the Join ARES tab. There is information on how to join and the membership forms to complete are available there. Please check in on the ARES voice radio net very Wednesday at 7:30 pm on the 145.390 – pl. 136.5 S.A.R.A. repeater. There is also an unproto Packet radio net during the voice net on 144.910 via the SARA node. The monthly training meeting is at 10:00am on the first Saturday of the month at 3705 Oakdale Road Modesto, CA. Meeting dates and times can change due to operational needs. Please check the web site for updates.

Due to the State-wide Stay in Place Order, ARES meetings will be conducted on the SARA repeater until further notice. Please join us on 145.390 at 10am on Saturday, NOV7th.



Earthquake Country Alliance
We're all in this together.

Seven Steps to Earthquake Safety

Follow the Seven Steps to Earthquake Safety to be prepared to survive and recover from the next damaging earthquake. More information for each step is available at EarthquakeCountry.org/sevensteps

PREPARE	SURVIVE	RECOVER

Seven Steps to Earthquake Safety © 2009 Earthquake Country Alliance



Website

SARA Website Update

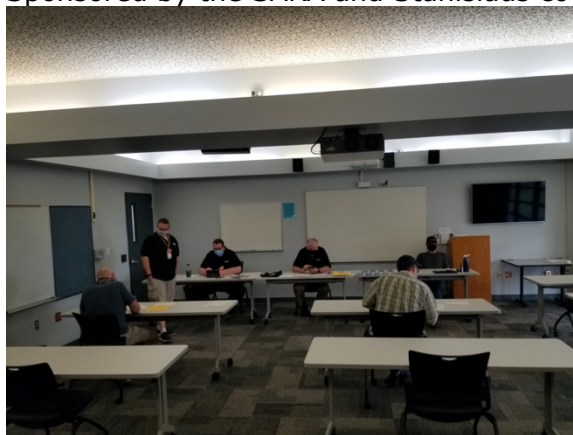
Patrick, KG6AZZ has moved the SARA Club web site to a newer web platform. He has completed some updates and the web site looks great. It is still a work in progress and more updates are on the way. Please take a few minutes and check it out www.saraclub.net. Thanks to Patrick for his work on this project.

Ham Cram

John, K6JRO Ham Cram coordinator

Ham Cram Information

Study for your amateur radio license or upgrade your current license. Sponsored by the SARA and Stanislaus county ARES.



When and Where?

February 13, 2021
Office of Emergency Services
3705 Oakdale Road, Modesto, CA

*****COVID-19 Restrictions*****

Due to COVID-19 there will not be an all-day cram. Instead, we will provide testing only. Three testing sessions will be offered: 10:30am, 1:00, and 2:30pm. To maintain social distancing, each testing session will be limited to six people. All individuals in the building will have to wear a mask. All registered individuals will need to bring the following:

- A valid identification, preferably CDL (California Driver's License)
- Cash or check for \$15 for the testing session, check preferred and payable to Stanislaus Amateur Radio Association (SARA).
- If you are upgrading your license, please bring a copy of your current license as well as the ORIGINAL.



Sign Up

Please send the following information to hamcram@stanares.org

Full name, Address, Phone, and Call Sign if you have one.

If you have any questions please email John Otte, K6JRO at k6jro@arrl.net.

ARRL EC-001 Emergency Communications Course

If you need to take the ARRL Emergency Communications Course (EC-001) Stanislaus ARES can help. The EC-001 workbook is out of print, however The Indian River County ARES has all of the study information (including test and answers) posted on their web site. Recent amateurs who have taken the test have printed out the test questions and answers and have studied like they would for a ham cram. Pass rate has been about 100 percent.

The ARRL has updated this course. There are some content differences, however members who have used this to prepare for the challenge exam have been successful.

Here is the web site to study for the ARRL Introduction to Emergency Communications Course challenge examination (EC-001):

Go to www.ircares.org This is the web site for the Indian River County ARES. Once you are on the web site click on the training and reference tab. Then click on the ARRL Introduction to Emergency Communications (EC-001) tab. That will take you to the course information.

Once you complete this on-line study you can arrange with Stanislaus ARES to take the ARRL test. We generally give the test at a ham cram session or before or after the monthly ARES meeting. Please e-mail Pat KG6JXZ at kg6jxz@charter.net, or Lucian KF6NPG at kf6npg@aol.com or John K6JRO at k6jro@arrl.net to arrange to take the test. **There is a \$15.00 test administration fee payable to ARRL.**

Community Events

You can also access the updated ARRL EC-001 course at the ARRL website. Go to www.arrl.org. Once there click on the licensing, education and training tab. Then click on the online course catalog tab and look for the EC-001 course. It states that it takes about 45 hours to complete the course over 9 weeks. Once you complete the ARRL course you can take the exam online. From what I can see there is no charge to take the course or exam. You have to take the course before you can take the exam.

You cannot take the challenge exam online.



Community Events:

November

Saturday 7th ARES meeting 10a-12p via Zoom

December

Saturday 5th ARES meeting 10a-12p via Zoom



Local Nets

Local Nets:



S.A.R.A. operates several repeaters.
These are located on Mt. Oso in Patterson, CA:
145.390 – pl 136.5
224.240 – pl 136.5
440.225 +pl 136.5
51.800 – pl 136.5

- Digital node 144.910, digipeater name "SARA".
- 145.110 – pl 136.5 is a low-level repeater located in Modesto, CA.

All SARA nets meet on the 145.390 – pl 136.5 repeater except where noted. SARA Club net is every Tuesday (except the 3rd Tuesday) at 7:30pm.

The morning traffic and information net meets Monday through Friday from 7:00am to about 8:00am.

Officers and Board Members

The geezer net (It is not about age; it is all about attitude) meets each weekday morning 9:00am to 9:30am.

The Stanislaus County ARES net meets every Wednesday at 7:30pm.
The Space net meets every Friday at 8:00pm

S.A.R.A. meets the Third Tuesday of every month at 7:00pm at 3705 Oakdale Road Modesto, CA 95357. The club website is www.saraclub.net .

The Stanislaus County ARES generally meets the First Saturday of the month at 10:00am at 3705 Oakdale Road Modesto, CA 95357. Meetings can be changed due to training requirements please check the web site for current information. The web site is www.stanares.org .

Turlock Amateur Radio Club (W6BXN) has several nets as well:

Morning commute and Beer and Pizza Net Monday through Friday 6:30am to 7:00am 147.030 + pl 100 or 447.700 + pl 94.8.

Weekly club net every Tuesday (except the 2nd Tuesday) at 7:00pm on the above repeaters.

DMR round table net every Monday at 7:00pm on the TARC regional talk group. Brandmeister TG 310658 which is linked to the W6BXN DMR repeaters.

TARC meets the second Tuesday at 7:00pm at the Salvation Army 893 Lander, Turlock, CA.

Merced ARES has a weekly net on Mondays at 8:00pm on the TARC repeaters. They have a monthly meeting the third Wednesday at 6:00pm at the Merced County Health Department, 260 East 15th Street Merced, CA.

TARC web site is www.w6bxn.org and Merced ARES is www.mercedares.org .

2020 SARA Club Officers and Board Members

Officers:

President: Jim Walsh, KK6CPN	kk6cpn@yahoo.com
Vice President: Mark Lemmons, WB6BJN	wb6bjn@samobile.net
Secretary: Lucian Thomas, KF6NPG	kf6npg@aol.com
Treasurer: Vicki Peitz, KJ6RCV	vptigger@gmail.com
Sergeant at Arms: Danny Cortez, W6DMC	cortezdanny51@gmail.com

Board Members:

Paul Owen, W6UHF w6uhf@aol.com

Tom Brawley, K6KQR ki6kqr@sbcglobal.net

Brendon Church, NK6M brendonchurch@me.com

Bill Danforth, AE6J ki6hmv@gmail.com

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Readout Editor: John Otte, K6JRO k6jro@arrl.net

Community Events: Lucian Thomas, KF6NPG kf6npg@aol.com

Stanislaus County ARES

Emergency Coordinator: Pat Mandas, KG6JXZ kg6jxz@charter.net

Nominations are held every November with elections in December

STANISLAUS AMATEUR RADIO ASSOC. MEMBERSHIP FORM



Check One: New Member___ Renewing Member___ Family Membership___

NAME: _____ CALLSIGN: _____

ARRL Member:(Yes) (No)

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____

ZIP: _____ PHONE: Home _____ Cell: _____

E-Mail: _____

ADDITIONAL FAMILY MEMBERS AT SAME ADDRESS:

NAME: _____ CALL SIGN: _____ ARRL: (Yes) (No)

NAME: _____ CALL SIGN: _____ ARRL:(Yes) (No)

TOTAL DUES PAID: _____ Date: _____

One-year membership dues are \$30.00, Family Dues are \$45

Note: Bring membership form to SARA Meeting or Mail to: SARA Club, P.O. Box 4601, Modesto, CA 95352-4601

