



THE **Readout** STANISLAUS AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION

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President's message,
Randy, KF6RJS

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

Welcome to another edition of *The Readout*!

Field Day is upon us and for the first time since 2019, the club will be participating!

Field Day is, arguably, THE weekend that the ham radio calendar revolves around. Its anticipation is second only to a child's Christmas. As a kid in the mid-70s my whole summer revolved around Field Day. In fact, my passion for this hobby is directly related to the amazing memories I have as kid at Field Day.

So, if you are planning on being in the mountains with us, please attend the June 21st meeting where we will be going over the history of Field Day as well as setting the band plan and making other arrangement. Also, Everett, AJ6VZ is your new Field Day coordinator and any help you can provide him will be appreciated.

If you do, please reach out to me at k6jro@arrl.net.

73 de John, K6JRO

A Message from the Club President Randy Spindler, KF6RJS

Thank you for coming out to the last meeting. Field Day is next weekend and as John mentioned we will be making our Field Day preparations. One of the things we need to discussion is food. We will need your help with getting food up to the Field Day site and cooking. It will be our first one in three years.

If you have any questions, feel free to email me at kf6rjs@yahoo.com

Thank You & 73's
Your President Randy J. Spindler, KF6RJS.

Minutes: MAY
face-to-face
meeting

Next General
Meeting:
Face-to-face.
Tuesday, June
21th 7:00pm

Write for *The
Readout*.

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

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

Minutes from May face-to-face meeting

Stanislaus Amateur Radio Association

P.O. Box 4601 Modesto, CA 95352

www.saraclub.net

May 17, 2022

Club Meeting Minutes

(Conducted at 3705 Oakdale Road Modesto, CA)

Attendance (via sign in sheet)

Lucian KF6NPG

Everett AJ6VZ

Randy KF6RJS

Cheryl KK6GJM

Robin KG6ZYQ

Scott KN6RKY

Richard W6DU

Rodney KN6HWE

Scott KN6OOV

Robert KN6SDD

Jason KA6TIO

Vicki KJ6RCV

Zack KI6KQO

Paul W6UHF

Gene W6QFU

Richard WE6V

John K6JRO

Craig KN6TQX

Visitors

Jerry WX6AAA

President Randy, KF6RJS called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm and welcomed everyone. There were 18 members and 1 visitor in attendance. Randy had everyone introduce themselves and Zack, KI6KQO led the pledge of allegiance.

Reading of Minutes Secretary Lucian, KF6NPG

The minutes were included in the READOUT and had been e-mailed out to the membership prior to the meeting. A motion was made by Jason, KA6TIO and second by Robin, KG6ZYQ to accept the minutes as printed in the READOUT. The motion was passed without opposition.

President Randy, KF6RJS

Randy said he was happy with the large turnout, and he hoped that we have good meeting.

Vice President, John, K6JRO

John said there would be a presentation on a field day antenna.

Treasurer, Vicki, KJ6RCV

Vicki read the current treasurer's report and a copy is attached to the minutes and will be included in the next READOUT. Motion to approve by Scott KN6OOV and second by Zack, KI6KQO. Motion was approved without opposition.

Sergeant at Arms: Zack KI6KQO

Zack said there were goodies and water at the back table and there would be a 50/50 split the pot for the equipment fund.

Board Members: Everett, AJ6VZ was present. Richard, W8AAL, Wally KK6CPN and Scott, N6CIC were not present.

Everett said he would have a Field Day Report.

Equipment/Mt Oso: Club Trustee Leroy, NV6S/Club Technician Patrick, KG6AZZ

Leroy and Patrick were not present. Paul, W6UHF said all was good with the club equipment.

Joining SARA:

We are still taking membership applications for 2022.

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.

ARES: John, K6JRO

The president did not ask for an ARES report.

Community Events: Lucian, KF6NPG

Members of SARA and StanARES will provide communications for the Regalado Road Race Sunday June 5, 2022, from 7a to noon.

Ham Cram: John, K6JRO

The next Ham Cram is scheduled for Saturday August 13, 2022. The new fee is not in effect. It has caused some complications on the FCC website and slowed the licensing process down.

Field Day: Everett, AJ6VZ

Everett reported that plans for field are in progress. This will be the first field day on 2 years. In the past the club made a group order for field day however this year each member is encouraged to order their own field day items. The club meeting in June will be dedicated for the final planning of field day. John, K6JRO is assisting Everett to transition as the field day coordinator.

Break:

There was a 10-minute break.

Raffle/Split the Pot: Zack, KI6KQO

Paul, W6UHF was the winner of the split the pot. \$110.00 was collected and Paul donated his half back to the equipment fund. Thanks Paul.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Due to some inappropriate conduct on the repeater the club will be working on some rules of etiquette and use of the club repeaters. Once completed they will be presented to the club and published on the web site and READOUT.

A question was asked by Everett, AJ6VZ regarding placing an all-star node on the SARA club repeater. This will be checked out.

Presentation:

John, K6JRO gave a presentation on field use of a Yagi antenna. It was a very good presentation and was well received.

Meeting Adjourned: The next SARA Club meeting is Tuesday June 21, 2022 (7:00pm to 8:00pm) and will be a face-to-face meeting. The location is the Stanislaus County Office of Emergency Services, 3705 Oakdale Road Modesto, CA.

Motion to adjourn by Lucian, KF6NPG and second by Gene, W6QFU.
Adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

Minutes by Lucian KF6NPG, Club Secretary

Treasure's
Report,
Vicki, KJ6RCV

Treasure report from the May meeting



STANISLAUS AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION
P.O. BOX 4601, MODESTO, CA 95352-4601
www.saraclub.net
Treasury Report May 17, 2022
4-19-22 to 5-16-22

BALANCE FORWARD: 7,725.87** (Previous Balance \$7,709.05)

Bills Paid:

Zach Pelham	\$ 47.57 (Ck #1106 – Reimb. Feb. & Apr. meeting supplies)
Moeller Mt. Oso	\$ 80.00 (Ck #1107 – May site rent 5-1-22)
PG & E	\$ 72.61 (Ck #1108 – Mt. Oso utilities 5-11-22)
Total:	\$ 200.18

INCOME:

Split the Pot	\$ 102.00
Radio Raffle	\$ 115.00
Total:	\$ 217.00

DEPOSITS:

Tri-Counties Bank	\$ 217.00 (4-22-22)
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Field Day Fund:	\$ 946.88 (included in account balance)
Equipment Fund	\$ 858.23 (included in account balance)

**** TRI COUNTIES BANK BALANCE: \$7,725.87 as of 5-16-22**

Treasurer Vicki Peitz May 17, 2022

2022 Memberships – 67 Paid/Honorary to date

AA6YV, AE6J, K6JRO, K6KQR, K6SBO, K7RKU, KA6BYR, KA6TIO, KC6KSN, KD5QWC, KD6BNY, KE6QMS, KE6ULQ, KF6NPG, KF6RJS, KF6TEZ, KF6TSY, KG6AZZ, KG6ZYQ, KI6HOB, KI6KQO, KJ6EWD, KJ6MRG, KJ6RCV, KK6CPN, KK6GJM, KK6ILV, KK6OQP, KM6BIP, KM6JAG, KM6SIO, KM6VLJ, KN6GJL, KN6GZW, KN6HAG, KN6HWE, KN6KOD +1, KN6NQN, KN6OOV, KN6RKY, KN6SCX, KN6SDB, KN6SDD, N5QC, N6ARP, N6CIC, N6JCS, NK6M, NV6S, W5NH, W6DU, W6MUT, W6PV, W6PY, W6QFU, W6UHF, W6WEZ, W7EOV, W7LTM, W8AAL, WA6BFG, WA6KEC, WA6LUXA, WA6ZLO, WB6BJN, WE6V

2023 Membership – 4 Paid/Honorary - AE6J, KI6HOB, NV6S, WA6ZLO

2024 Membership – 3 Paid/Honorary – KI6HOB, NV6S, WA6ZLO

ARES

John, K6JRO
Emergency
Coordinator,
Stanislaus County

Stanislaus County ARES Report



One of the most important pieces of equipment that an ARES operator needs is a Go-box which generally includes a radio and anything else you might need for an activation or event and Field Day is the perfect time to test your equipment! With this in mind, training at our ARES meeting on May 14th centered on Go-boxes.

Also, Lucian, KF6NPG has started an ARES WinLink Wednesday net which will consist of sending in a WinLink forms on Wednesday. Also, Paul, W6UHF has started a VHF simplex net on the first Wednesday of the month immediately following the ARES net.

John Otte, K6JRO Emergency Coordinator, Stanislaus Co.
K6JRO@arri.net



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 formation 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.



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.



Next Ham Cram

August 13, 2022
Office of Emergency Services
3705 Oakdale Road, Modesto, CA

The COVID restrictions have been relaxed and currently, masks are not required but encouraged. Please be mindful that this may change at any time.

All registered individuals will need to bring the following:

- A valid identification, preferably CDL (California Driver's License)
- Cash or check for \$30 for the testing session, check preferred and made 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 fill out the registration at www.stanares.org/ham-cram

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

ARRL EC-001 course

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 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.**

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 must take the course before you can take the exam.



You cannot take the challenge exam online.

Featured Article

Featured Article: What is Field Day?



ARRL Field Day is the single most popular on-the-air event held annually in the US and Canada. On the fourth weekend of June of each year, thousands of radio amateurs gather with their clubs, groups or simply with friends to operate from remote locations.

Field Day is a picnic, a campout, practice for emergencies, an informal contest and, most of all, FUN!

It is a time where many aspects of Amateur Radio come together to highlight our many roles. While some will treat it as a contest, other groups use the opportunity to practice their emergency response capabilities. It is an excellent opportunity to demonstrate Amateur Radio to the organizations that Amateur Radio might serve in an emergency, as well as the general public. For many clubs, ARRL Field Day is one of the highlights of their annual calendar.

The contest part is simply to contact as many other stations as possible and to learn to operate our radio gear in abnormal situations and less than optimal conditions.

We use these same skills when we help with events such as marathons and bike-a-thons; fund-raisers such as walk-a-thons; celebrations such as parades; and exhibits at fairs, malls and museums — these are all large, preplanned, non-emergency activities.

But despite the development of very complex, modern communications systems — or maybe because they ARE so complex — ham radio has been called into action again and again to provide communications in crises when it really matters. Amateur Radio people (also called “hams”) are well known for our communications support in real disaster and post-disaster situations.

Community Events

So, if you plan on participating in Field Day this year, please let Everett, AJ6VZ know at the meeting to contact him at kn6nqn@gmail.com.

Community Events:

June

Saturday 4th ARES Meeting 10a-12p

Sunday 5th Regalado Road Race 7a-12p Burchell Nursery 1200 California 120 (Highway 120/Wamble Road) Oakdale, CA 95361, need 8 operators

Tuesday 21st SARA Meeting 7p-8p

Friday through Sunday (25th - 26th) Field Day www.arrl.org/field-day

July

Saturday 9th ARES Meeting 10a-12p

Tuesday 19th SARA Meeting 7p-8p

August

Saturday 6th ARES Meeting 10a-12p

Saturday 6th Warnerville Time Trial 7a-12pm Willms Road East of Oakdale, near Knights Ferry need 5 operators

Saturday 13th Ham Cram 7:30a-4:00pm

Tuesday 16th SARA Meeting 7p-8p

September

Saturday 10th ARES Meeting 10a-12p

Tuesday 20th SARA Meeting 7p-8p

October

Saturday 8th ARES Meeting 10-12p

Friday-Sunday (14, 15, 16) Pacificon San Ramon Marriot

Tuesday 18th SARA Meeting 7p-8p

Saturday TBD Stanislaus County Bike Club Golden Hills Century Knights Ferry 7a-4p need 5-6 operators

November

Saturday 5th ARES Meeting 10a-12p

Tuesday 15th SARA Meeting 7p-8p

December

Saturday 3rd ARES meeting 10a-12p

Tuesday 20th SARA meeting 7p-8p



Local Nets:



S.A.R.A. operates several repeaters.
These are located on Mt. Oso in Patterson, CA:
145.390 – pl 136.5
224.140 – 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.

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) weekly club net meets every Tuesday (except the 2nd Tuesday) at 7:00pm on 147.030 + pl 100 or 447.700 + pl 94.8.

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

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.

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 Pizza Factory 3146 G Street #147 Merced, CA 95340.

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

Officers and Board Member

2022 SARA Club Officers and Board Members

Officers:

President: Randy Spindler, KF6RJS kf6rjs@yahoo.com
Vice President: John Otte, K6JRO k6jro@arrl.net
Secretary: Lucian Thomas, KF6NPG kf6npg@aol.com
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Board Members:

Scott Griffin, N6CIC scottandalene@msn.com
Richard Aal, W8AAL dick_aal@comcast.net
Everett Young, AJ6VZ kn6nqn@gmail.com
Jim Walsh (past president), KK6CPN kk6cpn@yahoo.com



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Stanislaus County ARES:

Emergency Coordinator: John Otte, K6JRO k6jro@arrl.net

Nominations are held every November with elections in December

STANISLAUS AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION (SARA) 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)

e-mail _____

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

e-mail _____

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

e-mail _____

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

e-mail _____

TOTAL DUES PAID: _____ Date: _____

One-year membership dues are \$30.00 (if paid by cash, check, or money order). Family Dues are \$45 and is the same for all methods of payment.

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

April 3, 2021

