



THE Readout

STANISLAUS AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION

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Next General Meeting:
Face-to-face:
Tuesday, April
21st 7:00pm

A Message from Club President John Otte, K6JRO

Welcome to another edition of *The Readout*.

The legacy of amateur radio lies not just in its rich history of innovation and global connection, but in its ongoing ability to inspire future generations to explore communication, technology, and community service. From early Morse code transmissions to modern digital modes and satellite communication, amateur radio has continually adapted while maintaining its core values of experimentation and public service. By sharing knowledge, mentoring new operators, and participating in outreach activities like school demonstrations or emergency preparedness events, experienced "hams" play a vital role in passing down both technical skills and a sense of purpose. These efforts ensure that the hobby remains accessible, relevant, and exciting to younger generations who may first encounter radio through STEM education or curiosity about how the world stays connected.

In addition to technical learning, amateur radio fosters important life skills such as problem-solving, patience, and collaboration. Operators often build their own equipment, troubleshoot signal issues, and communicate across cultures and languages, creating a truly global learning environment. During times of crisis, amateur radio operators also provide critical communication support when traditional systems fail, reinforcing the importance of service and preparedness. This combination of innovation and responsibility helps shape individuals who are not only technically capable but also community-minded.

Inspiring the next generation is essential to preserving this legacy. Encouraging youth involvement through licensing programs, clubs, and hands-on experiences ensures that amateur radio continues to grow and evolve with new ideas and technologies. As Albert Einstein once said, "The important thing is not to stop questioning. Curiosity has its own reason for existing." By nurturing that curiosity and emphasizing the value of learning, mentorship, and service, amateur radio can remain a vibrant and meaningful pursuit for generations to come.

73 de K6JRO
John Otte
SARA Club President
Readout Editor

Minutes:

MAR face-to-face meeting

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 the March meeting

Stanislaus Amateur Radio Association
P.O. Box 4601 Modesto, CA 95352

www.saraclub.net

March 18, 2026

Club Meeting Minutes

(Meeting held at 3705 Oakdale Road Modesto, CA)

Attendance (via sign in sheet)

Scott, KN6OOV	Joel, KD6DTS	Patrick, KG6AZZ
Dick, W8AAL	Cheryl, KK6GJM	Scott, WB3KJX
Ed, KF6FIR	Robin, KG6ZYQ	Roy, KK6OQP
Scott, KN6RKY	John, K6JRO	Eva, KM6BIP
Lucian, KF6NPG	Randy, KF6RJS	Scott, N6CIC
Mark, N6ARP	Richard, W6DU	Jim, KE6FNS
Adam, K6ALR	Brian, KN6QFF	Robert, KD6BNY
Vicki KJ6RCV	John W6PY	Gene, W6QFU
Jason, KA6TIO	Mark KI6HOB	Alex, KO6HPZ
Greg KO6GJL	Linda, W6MUT	Walter, KI6PBL
Paul, W6UHF	Bambi, KI6YQL	James, KK6ILV
Brad, KO6KL	Ken, KF6IDK (Guest)	
Donovan, KO6MRE (Guest)	Brian, KO6LUG (Guest)	
Martin, KO6HGQ (Guest)	Robert (no call) (Guest)	

President John, K6JRO, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM, welcomed everyone and began the meeting by asking Robin, KG6ZYQ to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. There were thirty-three members and five guests present according to the sign-in sheet. John asked members and guests to introduce themselves.

Reading of Minutes: Secretary Scott, N6CIC, said the minutes from last month's meeting were presented in the READOUT sent out prior to the meeting. With no changes or corrections, Randy, KF6RJS made a motion to approve the minutes, with a second by James, KK6ILV. The club approved the minutes unanimously.

Treasurer Scott, KN6RKY, reported we have an ending bank balance of \$11,152.72. This month the Treasurer's report ends on the last day of the month, so it was available for review in the Readout. Dick, W8AAL made a motion to approve the report, and with a second by Eva, KM6BIP the club voted to approve the report.

President John, K6JRO, John reported that Adam, K6ALR passed his Extra Class exam tonight. Congratulations Adam! The committee for celebration of the SARA Club's 50th anniversary celebration has been formed. Committee members are Greg, KO6GJL, Cathy, KO6LST, Jason, KA6TIO, Vicki, KJ6RCV, and John, K6JRO.

Vice-President Brian, KN6QFF, reported that Alex, KO6HPZ will present "Meshtastic" tonight. In April Randy, KF6RJS, will discuss weather reporting. More suggestions for presentations are welcome.

Sergeant at Arms Robin, KG6ZYQ, said There will be a 50/50 raffle followed by an equipment raffle. The equipment was donated by Alex,

Joining SARA:

We are taking membership applications for 2026

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.

KO6HPZ, a Meshtastic WiFi LoRa 32V4. Ed, KF6FIR, brought a ground plane multiband antenna on a tripod that will be raffled next month.

Club Trustee: Lucian, KF6NPG, gave the following Repeater Committee report:

Committee members:

Lucian KF6NPG Trustee

Mark N6ARP Club Board member/committee member

Brian KN6QFF Vice President/committee member

Paul W6UHF Committee member

Patrick KG6AZZ Committee member

Scott KN6RKY Associate committee member

Scott KN6OOV Associate committee member

The Mt. Oso repeaters (145.390, 440.225 and 462.550) are working. One issue was reported on all three frequencies. Random APRS traffic will come across. It was discovered that the new TID radios will (for some unknown reason) transmit the APRS traffic. Other than that, all this equipment is working as it should.

The 6-meter repeater is down. The new 6-meter Alinco mobile radios have been rack mounted. Patrick, KG6AZZ will program the radios and build a cable for the controller. We will install the equipment once this work is completed.

The 220 repeater has been brought down for repair. I discovered that Bridgecom no longer supports this equipment. The radio equipment is made by Maxon, and I am working with this company to see if the TX radio can be repaired. The technician I need to speak to is out on vacation this week. I will follow up next week.

No problems reported with the downtown 145.110 repeater. Both The 144.910 and 145.070 digipeaters are working as they should.

I received an email from the Manteca GMRS club, and they have decided to no longer have their net on the Oso repeater and will return to the Manteca repeater for their net. No particular reason was given. They thanked the club for the use of the Oso repeater.

Scott KN6RKY has succeeded in obtaining information for the correct sim card (M1 Triple-punch) from Verizon. He has ordered the card, and it is on its way. This will allow us to remotely monitor the solar equipment.

We added a dish mesh antenna on Oso to enhance our signal to Ed KF6FIR with his new mesh dish equipment. The signal has improved and we are still testing. Ed's mesh is getting better. We are also preparing for mesh connection from the ARES room to Oso.

The club board approved a request to add another \$1,000 to our working budget so that we can purchase some additional solar equipment and other needed equipment for the repeater system. We have an issue where the PG&E power does not charge our batteries when there is no solar power. This additional equipment will solve that issue. As I have said before we are not experts and have been learning as we go and we have some additional work to do.

This month's electric bill was \$15.08. The base connection charge is \$8.58 and we used \$6.54 for power. We will continue to monitor and see if this will be our approximate bill each month.

ARES/Community Events: Ed, KF6FIR, reported that EOC Director Ruben gave a presentation on the role of EOC in supporting county emergency services. He swore in new ARES volunteers. The next community event is the Copperopolis Road Race on March 4th.

Board Members: Mark, N6ARP, Dick, W8AAL, Cheryl, KK6GJM, and Scott, KN6OOV, were present. Dick, W8AAL, said he passed his Worked All States about six years ago but didn't get his certificate until recently after they corrected his call sign.

Field Day Coordinator Paul, W6UHF, reported it was time to get in your reservations for C and F Loop campsites. Go to www.lakemcclure.com for reservations.

Weather Officer Randy, KF6RJS, reported the weather has warmed up. Today was calm with 88.0 high and tomorrow 89.0. Next week expect temperatures of 77 to 88 degrees.

Old Business: None

New Business: Scott, N6CIC, reported on his recent experience of renewing his amateur license on the FCC web sites. The ARRL has a helpful video in this regard.

Break: There was a 15-minute break. The evening's split-the-pot raffle winner was Ed, KF6FIR. The raffle raised a total of \$86 with \$43 going to the winner and Ed returned his half to the club. Thank you, Ed! The winner of the Meshtastic equipment was also Ed, KF6FIR. Congratulations Ed!

Thank you to all members and guests who donated and who continuously participate in our monthly fund-raising raffles. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Presentation: Alex, KO6HPZ, gave a very interesting slide presentation on Meshtastic, which is an open source, off-grid, decentralized mesh network built to run on affordable, low-power devices. No license is required although it can be used in ham mode. It has numerous uses including texting off-grid without reliance on cellular networks. It uses live GPS to monitor the locations of people (and pets) and it supports off-grid weather and sensor stations. Plus, it is a learning tool about RF transmissions.

Alex's entire presentation is available on the SARA Club website at www.saraclub.net.

Meeting Adjournment: John, K6JRO, adjourned the meeting at about 8:20 PM after a motion by Scott, KN6OOV, and a second by Eva, KM6BIP. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 21, 2026 (7:00 pm to 8:00 pm) and will be a face-to-face meeting. The location is the Stanislaus County Office of Emergency Services, 3705 Oakdale Road, Modesto, CA.

Minutes by Scott, N6CIC, Club Secretary.

Treasure's
Report,
Scott, KN6RKY

Treasure report from the March meeting



STANISLAUS AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION
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Treasury Report March 31, 2026
March 1, 2026 to March 31, 2026

BEGINNING BALANCE: \$11,152.72

INCOME:

Membership Dues - (cash/check)	\$0.00
Member Donations (cash/check)	\$65.00 <small>KD6BNY, KO6KL</small>
Split-The-Pot	\$86.00 <small>KF6FIR (donated his 1/2 back to club)</small>
Radio/Equipment Raffle	\$65.00 <small>KF6FIR</small>
Square - Auto Deposit - Dues	\$57.42 (net of Square fees)
Square - Auto Deposit - Donations	\$0.00 (net of Square fees)
ARRL Testing Fee	\$15.00

TOTAL INCOME:	\$288.42	Square - Auto Deposit	\$57.42
		Deposit Tri-Counties Bank	\$231.00

EXPENSES:

Moeller Mt. Oso Communications	\$80.00 (Ck # 1200) - Monthly Site Rent (3-1-2026)
PG&E	\$15.08 (EFT) - Mt Oso Utilities-30 days (3-10-2026)
Verizon	\$11.62 (EFT) - Mt Oso Solar Remote Monitoring (3-17-2026)
ARRL Testing Fee	\$15.00 (EFT) - (3-24-2026)
Amazon - Victron Smart Battery Protect	\$134.93 (EFT) - Mt. Osos solar equipment (3-16-2026)
Amazon - Victron Orion-XS Smart DC to DC charger	\$287.38 (EFT) - Mt. Osos solar equipment (3-16-2026)

TOTAL EXPENSES: \$544.01

**** Tri-Counties Bank**

Ending Bank Balance: **\$10,897.13** as of March 31, 2026

Field Day Fund:	\$1,459.03 (included in ending bank balance)
Equipment Fund:	\$3,291.91 (included in ending bank balance)
General Fund:	\$6,146.19 (included in ending bank balance)

Treasurer:  March 31, 2026

2026 Membership - 75 Members

Member Paid Donations (for goods / services):

Lucian	KF6NPG	mouse bait, weed Spray for Mt. Oso, 6-meter radio rack	\$176.98
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Weather
Report,
Randy, KF6RJS

Weather report from Randy, KF6RJS

The following report was filed by SARA club weather officer Randy, KF6RJS. Data was collected from his home QTH in North Modesto:

Hello to everybody. Here is a weather forecast for April 20th thru the 26th: On the weekend of 9th thru the 12th I had 0.05 to 0.31 inches of rain. For the 4 days of rain, I had a total of 0.98 inches of rain. And for lightning, I

had 15 to 650 total of lightning was 793. Just on Saturday I had 620. So, for monthly I am at 1.01". Yearly I am at 8.92". Seasonal I am at 8.92". I beat season of 12.17" by 5.67". I would have more rain but my station was down. Here is the forecast for Mon the 20th thru Sun 26th: Mon - rain likely with a 20% chance of rain. Tues and Wed thunderstorms likely with a 30% to 60% chances. Then Thurs thru Sun - Partly Cloudy. Mon thru Sun temperatures are going to be. For highs 61 to 82 and for the lows 46 to 55.

73
Randy Spindler, KF6RJS.
Weather Officer

ARES

Wally, KK6CPN
Emergency
Coordinator,
Stanislaus County

Stanislaus County ARES Report



Hello everyone.

On April 4th we participated in the Copperopolis Road Race. Our ARES meeting last Saturday April 11 we practiced Winlink point2point communication. Thank you, Lucian, for administrating this.

I would like to remind all SARA members you are welcome to attend our ARES meeting and training courses on the second Saturday of the month.

For now, that is all, 73 Jim (Wally) Walsh, KK6CPN, Emergency Coordinator, Stanislaus Co.



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 second 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.



Field Day

Field Day:

SARA Field Day 2026 is fast approaching, a little more than two months away. I would like to start developing a head count for the Field Day Barbecue and assign Band Captains at the May club meeting. I remind those that have not already reserved their camping spots that we will be at Lake McClure Point Campground and areas C and F. Please get your camp reservations in soon as those open camp spots started filling up now. Visit www.lakemcclure.com for reservations. Those coming up just for the day need not reserve camp spots. I will be available for your questions at the April club meeting or feel free to email me as well, W6UHF@aol.com.

Thank you,
Paul, W6UHF
Field Day Chairman

Swap Shop

Swap Shop: Ham Radio related equipment for sale

The image below was sent to me by Beth Murphy (formally KD6CRD) a friend of Jim Sheetz, K6KBA who passed away on January 2nd. He has a great deal of equipment his wife is selling and wanted to let the SARA club know about all of it. If you have any interest, please let her know at rncde928@yahoo.com



Cushcraft R5 vertical antenna good working condition. This antenna covers 20, 17, 15, 12, and 10 meters and does not require radials. It comes with an instruction manual. It is missing one mounting bracket, but that does not affect operation. Asking \$150. If interested, call or text Scott, N6CIC, at 661-753-7144 or email at scottandalene@msn.com.

Butternut HF-6V antenna with radials. This antenna covers 80, 40, 30, 20, 15, and 10m. I also have the components to add 17 and 12m. \$250.00. If interested please contact Mark Carter, KI6HOB at carter1956@att.net

Comet M-24B mag mount antenna with BNC connector - \$40. If interested please contact Mark Carter, KI6HOB at carter1956@att.net

Below is equipment for sale from Chip, W7AIT:

REVISED EQUIPMENT FOR SALE, 3/28/2026

TERMS:

1. CASH IN \$20 BILLS, no warranty, you pick up. Demo operation if desired.
2. *****CALL ME AT 209-857-2755*****

73, CHIP W7AIT

FOR SALE:

1. **TRANSCEIVER - KEN-WOOD TM-981, FM, 15 WATT 902 MHZ HAM BAND TRANSCEIVER.** WITH PTT MIC, DC POWER CABLE. ADD POWER AND ANTENNA. RADIO SOFTWARE MODIFIED FOR 902 REPEATER FREQUENCIES. **PRICE \$40.**
2. **COMPUTER** - 2 EACH DELL DESKTOP TOWER PC QUAD I7 PROCESSOR WITH DISC DRIVE 1 TERABYTE, WINDOWS 7, O.S., KEYBOARD, MOUSE *****PRICE \$10 EACH ***.**
3. **TVI FILTERS - BENCHER YA-1,** 500 WATT, 1.8 TO 30 MHZ PASS BAND, 70 DB REJECTION ABOVE 35 MHZ. 5 EACH. WILL SELL INDIVIDUALLY. **PRICE \$10 EACH.**
4. **POWER LINE PROTECTOR** RACK MOUNT GROUND FAULT STATUS DETECTOR, PROTECTION UNIT 1RU. 2 EACH. **\$20 EACH.**
5. **RACK - MIDDLE ATLANTIC RACK ON WHEELS** APPROX 57 INCH HIGH, 20 BY 18 INCHES, STANDARD RU SPACING, ON HARD RUBBER WHEELS. RATED 400 POUND LOAD. **YOU REMOVE REMAINING EQUIPMENT, SHELVES BEFORE SALE. \$80.**
6. **PROTOTYPE - 3 RU PROTOTYPE RACK PANELS.** CURRENT CONFIGURATION: LEFT SIDE- 3 BNC FEMALE CONNECTORS, CENTER PANEL BLANK, RIGHT SIDE 3 BNC FEMALE CONNECTORS. **\$40.**
7. **PROTOTYPE** - 1 RU PROTOTYPING PANEL WITH VARIOUS SWITCHES, INDICATORS. **\$20.**
8. **RECORDER** - DENON DN-650R SOLID STATE ANALOG / DIGITAL STEREO RECORDER. LOADS OF FEATURES. TR S AND XLR INPUT CONNECTORS. **\$120.**
9. **HP 8494A STEP ATTENUATOR** - PRECISION HP ATTENUATOR 8494A 0-11 DB. **\$100.**
10. **HP 8496A STEP ATTENUATOR** - PRECISION HP ATTENUATOR 8496A 0-110 DB. **\$100.**
11. **SWEEP SIGNAL GENERATOR** - ELENCO GF8056 FIXED OR SWEEP GENERATOR. **\$60.**
12. **POWER SUPPLY - PYRAMID MODEL PS-12KX,** OUTPUT 13.8 VOLTS AT 10 AMPS. **\$40.**
13. **HOMEBREW DIGITAL ARDUINO VOLTMETER/AMMETER** **\$10.**
14. **RACK 7 RU,** 44 INCH HIGH, 20 INCH WIDE, 19 INCH DEEP. **\$60.**
15. **SANYO ANALOG COLOR TV SET,** 13-INCH WITH REMOTE **-\$20.**

Featured Article: *The Legacy of Amateur Radio: Inspiring Future Generations.*

Amateur radio, also known as ham radio, has a rich history that has inspired generations of individuals around the world. From its humble beginnings to its continued relevance in modern society, amateur radio enthusiasts have made significant contributions to technology, communication, and community service. Through a shared passion for radio communication, amateur radio operators have formed a supportive and vibrant global community that continues to grow and evolve. In this article, we will explore the legacy of amateur radio and how it continues to inspire future generations to discover the magic of radio communication.

The Origins of Amateur Radio

The roots of amateur radio can be traced back to the late 19th century when inventors and experimenters began to explore the possibilities of wireless communication. Among these early pioneers were figures such as Guglielmo Marconi, who made groundbreaking discoveries in the field of radio transmission. Amateur radio operators soon followed, setting up their own stations and communicating with each other over increasingly longer distances. The passion for experimentation and innovation drove these early ham radio enthusiasts to push the boundaries of what was thought possible, laying the foundation for the amateur radio hobby we know today.

Amateur radio quickly became a diverse and dynamic community, with individuals from all walks of life coming together to share their love of radio communication. Enthusiasts established clubs and organizations to connect with one another, share knowledge and experiences, and promote the hobby to a wider audience. The camaraderie and support found within the amateur radio community have been a key factor in its enduring popularity and appeal, fostering a sense of belonging and shared purpose among its members.

Technological Advances and Innovation

Over the years, amateur radio has been at the forefront of technological innovation, driving advancements in radio communication and related fields. Amateurs have contributed to the development of new technologies, such as software-defined radio (SDR) and digital modes of communication, that have revolutionized the way radio operators interact with one another. The spirit of experimentation and creativity within the amateur radio community continues to inspire individuals to push the boundaries of what is possible, leading to new discoveries and breakthroughs in the field of radio communication.

Amateur radio operators also play a crucial role in emergency communication and disaster response, providing vital communication links during times of crisis when traditional infrastructure may be compromised. The skills and expertise developed through the hobby enable amateurs to establish reliable communication networks and coordinate emergency efforts, making a tangible difference in their communities and beyond. The dedication and service-oriented mindset of amateur radio operators highlight the positive impact that the hobby can have on society as a whole, inspiring

future generations to follow in their footsteps and make a difference through amateur radio.

Education and Outreach Initiatives

One of the key pillars of the amateur radio community is education and outreach, with enthusiasts passionately sharing their knowledge and expertise with others to inspire a new generation of radio operators. Amateur radio clubs and organizations offer a wide range of educational programs and resources designed to help individuals learn about radio communication, acquire the necessary skills and certifications, and become licensed operators. These initiatives aim to bridge the digital divide, promote STEM education, and foster a love of technology and innovation among young people, ensuring that the legacy of amateur radio continues to thrive for years to come.

Amateur radio also plays a vital role in inspiring future generations to pursue careers in STEM fields, as the hobby provides a hands-on learning experience that enables individuals to explore electronics, programming, and telecommunications in a practical and engaging way. By participating in radio contests, field days, and other events, amateur radio enthusiasts have the opportunity to develop valuable technical skills, build relationships with like-minded individuals, and gain a deeper appreciation for the wonders of radio communication. The mentorship and support provided by seasoned operators further enhance the learning experience, encouraging newcomers to embrace the challenges and rewards of the hobby.

Community Building and Social Impact

Beyond its technological and educational aspects, amateur radio also plays a crucial role in building strong and vibrant communities that are united by a shared passion for radio communication. Whether through local clubs, online forums, or international competitions, amateurs have the opportunity to connect with fellow operators from around the world, exchange ideas and experiences, and form lasting friendships that transcend geographical boundaries. The sense of camaraderie and support found within the amateur radio community has a profound impact on individuals, providing a sense of belonging and purpose that enriches their lives in meaningful ways.

Amateur radio operators also engage in a wide range of community service activities, using their skills and resources to benefit others and make a positive impact on society. From providing communication support for public events and charity fundraisers to participating in disaster relief efforts and public safety initiatives, amateurs demonstrate the power of radio communication to connect people, build relationships, and make a difference in the world. The spirit of service and volunteerism that pervades the amateur radio community reflects the values of cooperation, mutual aid, and social responsibility that are at the core of the hobby, inspiring others to join in and contribute to the greater good.

The Future of Amateur Radio

As we look to the future, the legacy of amateur radio continues to inspire individuals of all ages to explore the world of radio communication and discover the endless possibilities it offers. Through technological innovation, education and outreach initiatives, community building, and social impact activities, the amateur radio community is poised to attract new members, engage with diverse audiences, and make a lasting impact on society. By embracing the spirit of curiosity, collaboration, and service that defines the

hobby, amateurs can continue to inspire future generations to become radio operators and carry on the traditions and values of amateur radio for years to come.

In conclusion, the legacy of amateur radio is one of innovation, community, and service, inspiring individuals to explore the world of radio communication and make a positive impact on society. From its origins in the early days of wireless communication to its continued relevance in the digital age, amateur radio has brought together people from all walks of life to share their love of technology, learning, and discovery. Through a shared passion for radio communication, amateur radio enthusiasts have built a supportive and vibrant global community that continues to grow and evolve, inspiring future generations to become radio operators and carry on the traditions of the hobby. As we look ahead to the future, the legacy of amateur radio serves as a beacon of inspiration for individuals of all ages to embrace the wonders of radio communication and make a difference in the world. Whether through technological innovation, education and outreach initiatives, community building, or social impact activities, the amateur radio community is poised to shape the future of radio communication and empower individuals to connect, learn, and grow through the magic of ham radio.

Reprinted from AnyTone News blog 8/27/2025. <https://www.anytone.net/a-news-the-legacy-of-amateur-radio-inspiring-future-generations.html>

Community Events:

April

Saturday 4th Copperopolis Road Race 7a-3p
Saturday 11th ARES Meeting 10a-12pm.
Tuesday 21st SARA Meeting 7p-8p

May

Saturday 9th ARES Meeting 10a-12p
Friday 15th- Sunday 17th Dayton Hamvention
Tuesday 19th SARA Meeting 7p-8p

June

Saturday 13th ARES Meeting 10a-12p
Tuesday 16th SARA Meeting 7p-8p
Friday through Sunday (26th-28th) Field Day
www.arrl.org/field-day

July

Saturday 11th ARES Meeting 10a-12p
Tuesday 21th SARA Meeting 7p-8p

August

Saturday 8th ARES Meeting 10a-12p
Tuesday 18th SARA Meeting 7p-8p

September

Saturday 12th ARES Meeting 10a-12p
Tuesday 15th SARA Meeting 7p-8p

October

Saturday 10th ARES Meeting 10-12p
Friday-Sunday (16-18) Pacificon San Ramon
Marriot
Tuesday 20th SARA Meeting 7p-8p

November

Saturday 14th ARES Meeting 10a-12p
Tuesday 17th SARA Meeting 7p-8p

December

Saturday 12th ARES meeting 10a-12p
Tuesday 15th SARA meeting 7p-8p



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
224.140 – 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 Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings 9:00am to 9:30am.

The Ladies Chit Chat net has moved to every Thursday at 8:00pm for YL's.

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 the 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 second 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.

Officers and Board Member

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.

Merced ARES has a weekly net on Mondays at 7:00pm 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.

San Joaquin Valley Section ARES Net every Sunday at 7:00 pm on the TARC repeaters.

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

2026 SARA Club Officers and Board Members

Officers:

President John Otte, K6JRO	jrottejr@yahoo.com
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Sergeant at Arms Robin Axton, KG6ZYQ	axtonrbn@hotmail.com

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Local Area Frequencies

Name	Frequency	Off set	Tx Tone	Description
VHF Call	146.520	none	none	VHF Simplex
VHF Local	147.540	none	none	Local VHF Simplex
SARA Hi	145.390	- (negative)	136.5	SARA VHF Mt. Oso
SARA Lo	145.110	- (negative)	136.5	SARA VHF Downtown Modesto
MMC	146.355	+ (positive)	156.7	Memorial Hospital Modesto
TARC	147.030	+ (positive)	100.0	Turlock Amateur Radio Club Mt. Bullion
TARC	147.000	+ (positive)	100.0	Turlock Amateur Radio Club Turtle Dome Yosemite National Park
CARS	145.170	- (negative)	100.0	Calaveras Amateur Radio Society Fowler Peak
Stockton	147.165	+ (positive)	107.2	Stockton Delta ARC Sierra Nevada Mountains
Lodi	147.090	+ (positive)	114.8	Lodi Amateur Radio Club
Manteca	146.985	- (negative)	100.0	Manteca Amateur Radio Club Manteca Water Tower
TCARES	145.290	- (negative)	100.0	Tuolumne County Amateur Radio and Electronics Society Moccasin
UHF Call	446.000	No offset	No tone	UHF simplex
SARA	440.225	+ (positive)	136.5	SARA UHF Mt. Oso
TARC	444.700	+ (positive)	94.8	Turlock Amateur Radio Club Mt. Bullion
TARC	440.300	+ (positive)	94.8	Turlock Amateur Radio Club Kings Canyon Sequoia
CARS	441.0375	+ (positive)	151.4	Calaveras Amateur Radio Society Bear Valley (Mt. Reba)
CARS	441.875	+ (positive)	100.0	CARS Summit level Arnold linked to 145.170
Stockton	442.250	+ (positive)	107.2	Stockton Delta ARC Sierra Nevada Mountains
SARA	224.140	- (negative)	136.5	SARA 220 Mt. Oso
TARC	224.960	- (negative)	156.7	Turlock Amateur Radio Club 220 Mt. Bullion

As of January 27, 2023

CARS vhf frequency corrected, and Lodi added January 27, 2023

For further information please refer to each radio club's web site:

SARA www.saraclub.net

TARC www.w6bxn.org

CARS www.calaverasars.org

Stockton www.w6sf.org

Manteca www.facebook.com/groups/k6man

TCARES www.tcares.net

Lodi www.lodiarc.net

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)

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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

