



THE Readout

STANISLAUS AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION

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Next General Meeting:
Face-to-face:
Tuesday,
February 17th
7:00pm

A Message from Club President John Otte, K6JRO

Welcome to another edition of The Readout.

What does legacy mean to you? Have you ever considered it? Surely you have through your children and grandchildren but, have you considered the idea of legacy with ham radio? To me legacy matters because it connects us to those who came before, shapes the world we inherit and molds the world we leave behind. It encompasses the ideas, values, and contributions that endure beyond a single life, guiding future choices, inspiring innovation, and teaching humility. By preserving memories, documenting progress, and passing on knowledge, we create a foundation for others to build upon, ensuring that personal, cultural, and communal narratives continue to evolve with meaning and purpose. With this in mind, Jason, KA6TIO has done me the honor of writing an article about the humble beginnings of the Stanislaus Amateur Radio Association (known at the time and the Stanislaus County Repeater Group) including the original documents. It is fascinating and I hope you not only enjoy it but use it as a reminder of our legacy and the legacy we, in 2026, are leaving for the next 50 years!

Ernest Hemingway wrote in his novel, *For Whom the Bell Tolls*, "I had an inheritance from my father, it was the moon and sun. And though I roam all over the world, the spending of it's never done."

Our legacy is never done!

73 de K6JRO
John Otte
SARA Club President
Readout Editor

Minutes:
JAN 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 January meeting

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

www.saraclub.net

January 20, 2026

Club Meeting Minutes

(Meeting held at 3705 Oakdale Road Modesto, CA)

Attendance (via sign in sheet)

Scott, KN6OOV	Joel, KD6DTS	James, KK6ILV
Dick, W8AAL	Cheryl, KK6GJM	Scott, WB3KJX
Ed, KF6FIR	Kathryn, KJ6HHA	Dave, KM6ZZY
Scott, KN6RKY	John, K6JRO	Mel, W7EOV
Lucian, KF6NPG	Randy, KF6RJS	Wally, KK6CPN
Mark, N6ARP	Richard, W6DU	Scott, WB3KJX
Adam, K6ALR	Brian, KN6QFF	Robert, KD6BNY
Vicki, KJ6RCV	Catherine, KO6LST	Jim, KE6FNS
Jason, KA6TIO	Greg, KO6GJL	Alex, KO6HPZ
Jesus (no call/Guest)	Bill, KO6LRH (Guest)	
Walter, KI6BPL (Guest)	Marcia, KI6YQL (Guest)	

President John, K6JRO, called the meeting to order at 7:09 pm, welcomed everyone and began the meeting by asking Brian, KN6QFF, to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 26 members and four guests present according to the sign-in sheet. John asked members and guests to introduce themselves.

Reading of Minutes: Secretary Scott, N6CIC, was unable to attend the meeting. In his absence, the minutes from last month's meeting were discussed by the membership as presented in the READOUT sent out prior to the meeting. There was a correction of Greg's call, KO6GJL, with apologies to Greg. Lucian, KF6NPG, made a motion to approve the minutes, with a second by Scott, KN6OOV. The club approved the minutes unanimously.

President John, K6JRO, John reminded all that 2026 is the ARRL Year of "The Club" as well as the SARA Club's 50th anniversary. He indicated the board has discussed and was in favor of a barbecue or "cookout" as it is correctly referenced in Tennessee, to commemorate these events. He also suggested the possibility of operating a "special event" station during the occasion.

Field Day is approaching fast. The club needs a field day coordinator(s). February is typically the month that organizing and planning takes place. Our past coordinators, Jason & Vicki, are believed to have "good notes" available for a new coordinator that should make the task fairly straight forward and not complicated. If you or someone you have in mind is interested, please let John know.

Vice-President Brian, KN6QFF, reviewed his list of scheduled and potential presentations for 2026. He has the list available during the meetings for members to review/sign-up for or suggest a presentation for the club. All club members are encouraged.

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.

Treasurer Scott Johnson, KN6RKY, the monthly treasurer's report was presented, showing an ending bank balance of \$10,294.99. As usual, the report was most exciting and well received by the membership. Randy, KF6RJS, made a motion to approve the report, and after a second by Wally, KK6CPN, the club approved the Treasurer's report.

Sergeant at Arms Robin, KG6ZYQ, was unable to attend the meeting. In her absence Mark, N6ARP, stepped forward and assumed her duties for the evening. He indicated there would be a 50/50 raffle at the break.

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

Committee members:

Lucian, KF6NPG Trustee

Mark, N6ARP Club Past-President/committee member

Brian, KN6QFF Vice President/committee member

Paul, W6UHF Committee member

Patrick, KG6AZZ Committee member

Scott, KN6RKY Associate committee member

The Mt. Oso repeaters (145.390 and 440.225) are working as they should. The 6-meter repeater is down. We have some equipment to install (2 mobiles) to try and get it back on the air as time permits. We checked the 220 repeater on Saturday (January 17) and found that it is only transmitting milliwatts. We believe that the finals are out. The repeater was brought down, and I will check with Bridgecom for a repair estimate.

No problems reported with the downtown 145.110 repeater. The GMRS repeater is on the air and programmed for RX is 462.550 and TX is 467.550 with PL (CTCSS) on both of 136.5. Remember this is co-channeled with some other repeaters in the area. GMRS frequencies are not coordinated. At this point we are only transmitting and receiving our traffic due to the PL on both RX and TX. The repeater is listed on MY GMRS as the Mt. Oso GMRS Repeater, call sign WRYI531.

We are still having an issue with the controller, and it was bought down to trouble shoot. The settings for the repeater are though the internal controller.

The 144.910 digi is working as it should. The 145.070 came back on. It has been working ok as of today. Not sure why it went off the air for a brief time. We plan to add battery back up to the digis and will check on the 145.070 equipment at that time. This work would be in the spring/summer 2026.

Additional work carried out on Saturday January 17, 2026, trip to Mt. Oso: Checked building and tower. All looked OK. Vacuumed build and filled mouse bait containers, checked solar system and batteries and all looked good. We also sprayed the weeds.

We set up a new MESH panel antenna. It is working and we received signals from Turlock area. We tried to establish a link with Ed KF6FIR. However, we were unsuccessful. He thinks it may be his older equipment and ordered

a new replacement. We will try again once his new equipment comes in. Thanks Ed

We tried to get the remote monitoring of the solar equipment up and running. The Global link would not connect. Mark N6ARP had tested it at his home, and it was working through T-Mobile. From what we can tell there is T-Mobile signal on Mt. Oso. We are looking at a higher gain directional antenna.

Thanks to Mark, Scott and Patrick for their work on Saturday. Last month's electric bill remained at \$55.00 dollars.

ARES/Community Events: Wally, KK6CPN, reported that ARES events for 2026 have been scheduled. The first community events are the Snelling Road Race on February 28th and the Copperopolis Road Race on March 4th. Staffing is well in place for the Snelling Road Race however, anyone is encouraged to volunteer and participate.

Wally also invited anyone interested in emergency communications to attend the monthly ARES meetings.

Board Members: Mark, N6ARP, Dick, W8AAL, Cheryl, KK6GJM, and Scott, KN6OOV, were present, Scott reported of some less than desirable activity has been observed on the club's 2-meter repeater involving some "kerchucking" and "playing around". It was suggested that the **BEST COURSE OF ACTION FOR ALL OPERATORS IS TO SIMPLY IGNORE THE ACTIVITY. DO NOT RESPOND TO IT**, as that only encourages the inappropriate behavior.

There were no other board member reports.

Weather Officer Randy, KF6RJS, reported there have been reasonable weather conditions for the past few weeks and that it is expected to continue. He provided his usual detailed weather synopsis including the current conditions in Madison, Wisconsin.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Break: There was a 15-minute break. The evening's split-the-pot raffle winner was Vicki, KJ6RCV. The raffle raised a total of \$130 with half going to the winner and half going to the club's general fund. Vicki, KJ6RCV, was the winner taking home the \$65 prize. Congratulations Vicki.

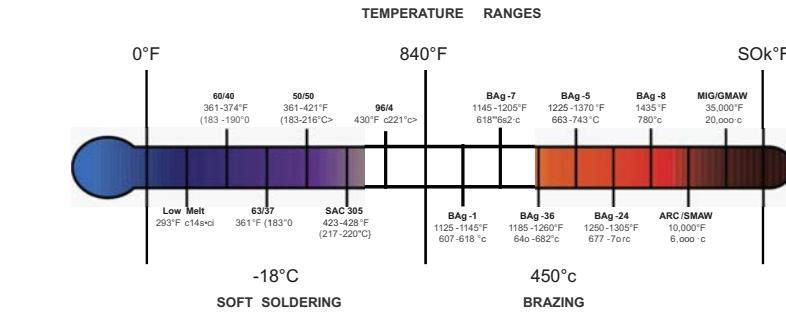
Thank you to all members and guests who donated and who continuously participate in our monthly fund-raising raffles. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Presentation: Brian, KN6QFF: gave an enlightening look at soldering techniques and the construction of Anderson Power Poles. His presentation included Power Point slides, extreme close up, real-time HD video and participant "hands on" experience. Following are just a few of the excellent slides. The full presentation will be posted on the SARA Club webpage. Thank you, Brian, for a most engaging presentation.

Soldering

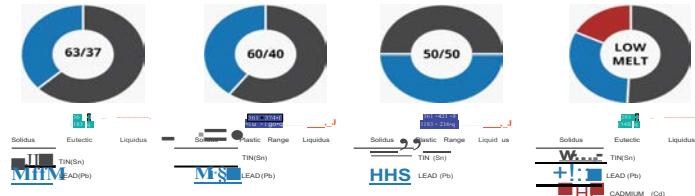
Temperature Range

Solder alloys with melting temperatures below 840°F (450°C) are considered to be "soft" while any soldering above that point is referred to as "hard soldering" or brazing; also called silver soldering when an alloy containing silver is used. Brazing is used in industrial applications such as plumbing, jewelry, and dentistry. Whereas all electronics work is considered soft soldering.

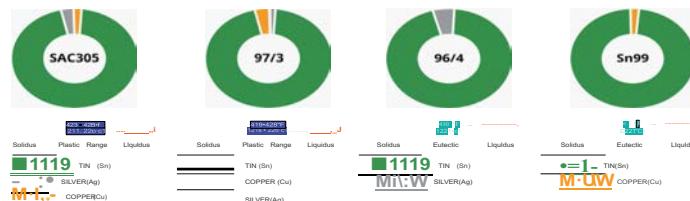


Solder Types

POPULAR LEADED SOLDER ALLOYS



POPULAR LEAD-FREE SOLDER ALLOYS



Soldering Irons

- Generally speaking, a basic AC voltage iron of around 40-60W is ideal for electronics. Anything higher wattage on a non-digital controlled iron will get too hot to solder accurately. When the temperature is regulated by a microprocessor with a closed feedback loop, higher wattage ratings become an asset. This is because it will maintain your set temperature no matter how big the surface area is. Where higher wattage simply means more heating power in reserve to use if needed. This opens up the possibility of using anything from 40 to even 100 Watts for electronics

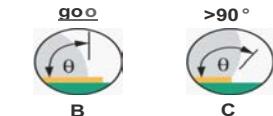
Basic 60 Watt Iron



Digitally -Controlled 60W Iron



Solder Joints

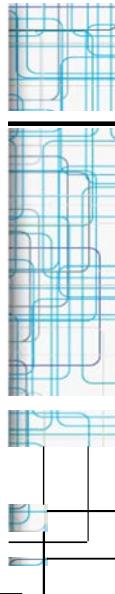


WHAT A GOO SOLDE JOINT?

Solder joints can fail when you least want them to! Here are some things that make a "good" solder joint.

1. For through -hole and SMD components, the solder "wetting angle" (pictured) should never be more than 90°.

2. For through -hole pins, the solder needs to cover at least 270° of the circular pad. In other words, 3/4 of the pin should have solder connecting it to the circuit board pad.



Meeting Adjournment: John, K6JRO, adjourned the meeting at about 8:30 4M after a motion by Randy, KF6RJS, and a second by James, KK6ILV. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 17, 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, with thanks to Scott, KN6RKY, for taking excellent notes at the above meeting.

Treasure report from the December meeting



STANISLAUS AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION

P.O.BOX 4601, MODESTO, CA 95352-4601

www.saracclub.net

Treasury Report January 20, 2026

December 17, 2025 to January 20, 2026

BEGINNING BALANCE: **\$9,631.98**

INCOME:

Membership Dues - (cash/check)	\$465.00
Member Donations (cash/check)	\$110.00 KD6BNY, anonymous
Split-The-Pot	\$155.00 Scott KN6OOV donated his winnings back to club; Lucian KF6NPG Yeti
Radio/Equipment Raffle	\$0.00
Square - Auto Deposit - Dues	\$115.20 (net of Square fees)
Square - Auto Deposit - Donations	\$144.95 (net of Square fees) KN6YHY, KGJRO

TOTAL INCOME:	\$990.15	Square - Auto Deposit	\$260.15
		Deposit Tri-Counties Bank	\$730.00

EXPENSES:

Moeller Mt. Oso	\$80.00 (Ck #1197) - January Site Rent (12-29-2025)
PG&E	\$55.14 (EFT) - Mt Oso Utilities- 30 days (1-6-2026)
US Postal Service	\$192.00 (EFT) Annual P.O. Box Fee (1-2-2026)

TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$327.14
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**** Tri-Counties Bank**

Ending Bank Balance: **\$10,294.99** as of **January 20, 2026**

Field Day Fund:	\$1,459.03 (included in ending bank balance)
Equipment Fund:	\$3,421.02 (included in ending bank balance)

General Fund:	\$5,414.94 (included in ending bank balance)
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Treasurer:

January 20, 2026

2026 Membership - 1 Honorary / 39 Paid Members

Member Paid Donations (for goods / services):

Lucian KF6NPG	NARCC Dues	\$20.00
	Northern Amateur Relay Council of CA (Northern CA repeater coordinating body)	

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 everyone. Here is the weather for this coming week: Monday thru Sunday highs will be 56 to 64 and lows 39 to 59. Monday thru Wednesday Thunderstorm Likely 60 to 90%. Thursday rain possible 40%. Friday partly Cloudy. Saturday and Sunday rain possible 30 to 40%. On Tuesday the 10th I had 0.25" and on Wednesday 11th I had 0.19". Storm total was 0.44". For the month we are at 1.75". Year total is at 7.75". Seasonal total is at 12.17". So, we need 4.42" to make total. Everyone stay safe and dry.

Everybody have a great week. 73's. God Bless.

73 Randy Spindler, KF6RJS.
Weather Officer

ARES

Wally, KK6CPN
Emergency
Coordinator,
Stanislaus County

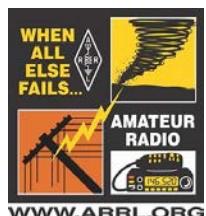
Stanislaus County ARES Report



Hello everyone and welcome to 2026! The Snelling Road Race staffing has been filled, and I will be working on the Copperopolis Road Race in March. At our next ARES meeting we will have a presentation on the ICS system on March 14 at 1000 hours by Ruben Wagner the OED Emergency Manager. You are welcome to attend.

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 every 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



Swap Shop

3705 Oakdale Road Modesto, CA. Meeting dates and times can change due to operational needs. Please check the web site for updates.

Swap Shop: Ham Radio related equipment for sale

Yaesu FT-1802M mobile 2-meter transceiver, 5-10-25 and 50 watts. Comes with mic, power cord with Anderson Power Poles, and manual. The radio has a few scratches on the case but otherwise works perfectly. I have programmed in our two local repeaters. It is very easy to program manually. Selling this for the widow of a ham friend who is a SK. Asking \$100. If interested, please call or text Scott, N6CIC Call at 661-753-7144 or email 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:

HUGE PRICE CUT -
REVISED EQUIPMENT FOR SALE, 1/25/2026

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

Huge Price cut:

FOR SALE:

1. TM-281 65-WATT, 2 METER SINGLE BAND, FM TRANSCEIVER WITH 136-174 MHZ FM RECEIVER, 200 CHANNEL MEMORIES, PL259 ANTENNA CONNECTOR. COMES MOUNTED IN STEEL HAMMOND CUBE CHASSIS WITH A SAMLEX 13.8 V DC METERED POWER SUPPLY. **PRICE \$80.**
2. JET-STREAM JT220M, 220 MHZ, 50-WATT, FM TRANSCEIVER WITH EXTRA FEATURES. COMES WITH KEYPAD MICROPHONE, DC POWER CORD/CABLE. YOU ADD 13.8 DC VOLT POWER AND 220 MHZ ANTENNA. **PRICE \$40.**
3. KENWOOD TM-981, FM, 15-WATT 902 MHZ HAM BAND TRANSCEIVER. COMES WITH PTT MICROPHONE AND DC POWER CORD/CABLE, PL259 ANTENNA CONNECTOR. YOU ADD 13.8 DC VOLT POWER AND 902 MHZ ANTENNA. RADIO SOFTWARE HAS ALREADY BEEN MODIFIED FOR 902 HAM FREQUENCIES. **PRICE \$40.**

4. ROLLS AM / FM MONITOR TUNER, RACK MOUNT, WITH RDS DISPLAY. BUILT IN POWER SUPPLY. NEEDS ANTENNA WITH F MALE CONNECTOR AND EXTERNAL AUDIO AMPLIFIER WITH SPEAKER SIMILAR TO FOSTEX RM-3 STEREO AMPLIFIER WITH SPEAKERS. **PRICE \$20.**
5. ELECRAFT XG-3 RF SIGNAL SOURCE, HAM BANDS, 160 TO 2 METERS, 0 DBM MAXIMUM OUTPUT. BATTERY POWERED, 9 VOLT BATTERY. WITH RUBBER DUCK ANTENNA. **PRICE \$20.**
6. DELL DESKTOP TOWER PC QUAD I7 PROCESSOR WITH MECHANICAL DISC DRIVE 1 T BYTE. **PRICE \$20. 2 EACH.** **WILL SELL ONE EACH \$20 OR 2 EACH \$40.**
7. SOLID STATE AUDIO RECORDER, W / EXTRAS, PONOVO M/N V75, 32 GB STORAGE. **PRICE \$20.**
8. TVI FILTERS, BENCHER YA-1, 1,500 WATT, 1.8 TO 30 MHZ PASSBAND, 70 DB REJECTION ABOVE 35 MHZ. 4 EACH. WILL SELL INDIVIDUALLY. **PRICE \$10 EACH.**
9. SAMLEX SEC 1235MR2, 13.8 VDC 30 AMP POWER SUPPLIES, 2 EACH MOUNTED IN RACK MOUNT PANEL. **PRICE \$40.**

Featured Article

Featured Article: 50 Years of The Stanislaus Amateur Radio Association

By Jason Peitz, KA6TIO

January 23rd, 1976, the first official notice was mailed out inviting Hams to the first meeting of the Stanislaus County Repeater Group (figure 1). This was the precursor to SARA. The meeting was to be held at the offices of KBEE Radio at the corner of 13th & I St. in Modesto.

Discussion topics were to be about the 145.13/.73 repeater on Mount Oso (we haven't always been there, and that's another story), group organization, and auto-patch (for those not familiar with that, it was a landline phone that could be brought up on the repeater to make phone calls semi-duplex), and anything else on local Hams minds.

The next notice was mailed out shortly after the January 29, 1976, meeting (figure 2). The meeting was a huge success collecting money for the repeater. It's callsign at the time was WR6AHQ/6. They said traffic on the repeater was picking up and to order crystals for your rigs to get on the air (there were still crystal controlled rigs for sale out there, but synthesized radios were becoming more popular)! The February meeting was to be held in the banquet room of the Sambo's Restaurant located at 926 McHenry Ave. in Modesto. That's where the Modesto Car Toys is now.

The March 6, 1976, notice was sent out announcing the next meeting to be held March 16, 1976 (figure 3), again at Sambo's. Things were really



coming together for the club. At that meeting, they were going to have a demonstration of the Auto-patch.

What a time that must have been!! Fortunately, we have quite a bit of documentation to give us a glimpse of what it was like in the early days of our organization. Most of this wouldn't have been possible without Bob Pinheiro, WA6ZLO (SK), who was a charter member and the newsletter editor for decades. Bob also wrote a great history of the beginnings of our club, the struggles we had with equipment, not only technical, but physical location and access, and personnel. This story can be found on the Modesto Radio Museum website at <https://modestoradiomuseum.org/stanislaus-amateur-radio-association-sara/> This is a really good article and I encourage everyone to take the time to read it!

As many of you know, almost all the charter members have passed and gone to the Big Hamfest in the sky. To my knowledge, those still around are Chet Jensen, W6XK, Dave Metts, K7UI (ex WA6MNM), and Don Butterfield, WA6QWY. This year, I'm hoping will bring a new interest in our club, increased membership, and more activities. I had the privilege of getting to know some of the charter members when I was first licensed in 1982 and joined the club. I would hope that some of our younger members will be around here in 50 years and be able to tell stories about the club from their perspective.

Attached are a few of the first correspondences for the club. There are other hams out there that were involved with the club beginning around the same time or a bit earlier than me. My stories are from my experiences, what I gathered out of the newsletters, and what I remember hearing from other folks. It would be interesting to hear from some of the other folks what they remember about the early days.

STANISLAUS COUNTY
REPEATER GROUP
Modesto, California

1-23-76

DEAR OM,

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE FIRST MEETING OF THE STANISLAUS COUNTY REPEATER GROUP ON THURSDAY, 1/29/76. THIS GROUP SUPPORTS THE NEW 2 METER REPEATER ON MT. OSO, AT 146.13 - .73. TOPICS OF DISCUSSION WILL BE GROUP ORGANIZATION, AUTO-PATCH OPERATION AND OTHER SUBJECTS THAT MAY BE BROUGHT UP BY OTHER STANISLAUS COUNTY HAMS. WE WELCOME YOUR PARTICIPATION. WE'LL BE STARTING AT 7:30 P.M. IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM AT RADIO STATION KBEA AT 13TH AND "I" STREETS, MODESTO.

SEE YOU THERE



STANISLAUS COUNTY
REPEATER GROUP
P. O. BOX 4601
MODESTO, CA. 95352

Figure 1: First official notice of the Stanislaus County Repeater Group

STANISLAUS COUNTY

REPEATER GROUP

Modesto, California

1-23-76

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Figure 2: Notice for the January 29, 1976 meeting

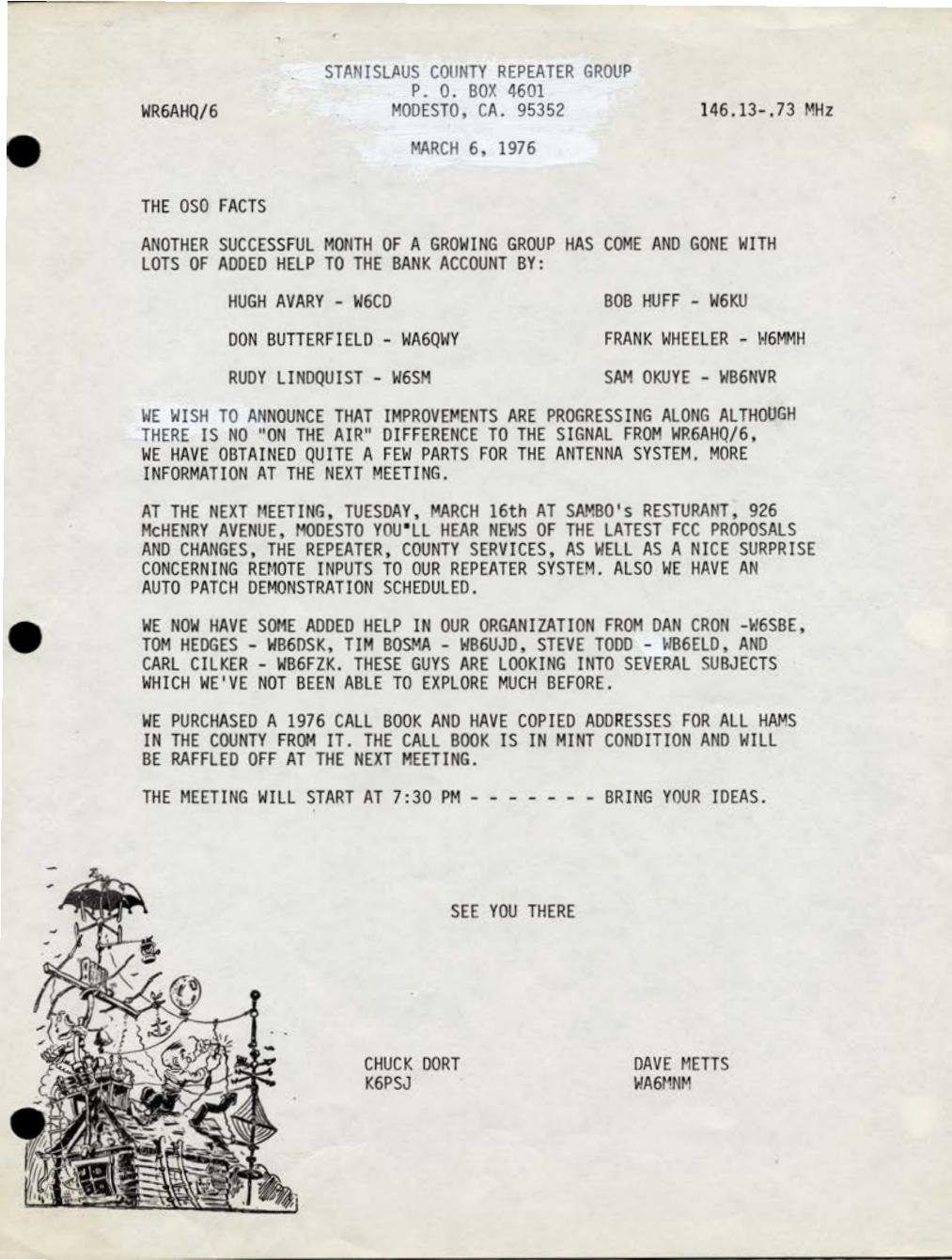


Figure 3: March 6, 1976 meeting notice at Sambo's

Community Events

Community Events:

February

Saturday 14th ARES Meeting 10a-12p
 Tuesday 17th Sara Meeting 7p-8p
 Saturday, 28th Snelling Road Race 7a-3p

March

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

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:



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 .

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

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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)

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

