



THE Readout

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

A Message from Club President John Otte, K6JRO

Welcome to another edition of *The Readout*.

Summer is now in full swing, and the temperature are starting to prove it! Please be cautious and take the necessary precautions. ARES members should remain mindful in the event the county needs us for cooling shelters. Make sure your equipment is ready and functional and your batteries topped off. Stay hydrated and don't forget about your pets. If you are not an ARES member but want to receive communications from Stanislaus County office of Emergency Services, you can sign up for StanAware on their website: <https://oes.stancounty.gov/stanemergency/register-for-alerts>. This website is a good resource for emergency planning and other related information.

Field Day was a wonderful success! Paul, W6UHF will provide a full debriefing at the SARA club meeting Tuesday night.

Speaking of Field Day, while this event is over, contest season is not! The North American QSO part will be the weekend of August 15th, and the California QSO party is October 3-4!

Our 50th Anniversary party is around the corner, and the committee is hard a work to pull this off.

73 de K6JRO
John Otte
SARA Club President
Readout Editor

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Minutes:

JUN 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@arri.net.

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

Minutes from the June meeting

Stanislaus Amateur Radio Association

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June 16, 2026

Club Meeting Minutes

(Meeting held at 3705 Oakdale Road Modesto, CA)

Attendance (via sign in sheet)

Scott, KN6OOV	Roy, KK6OQP	Gene, W6QFU
Paul, W6UHF	Cheryl, KK6GJM	William, KE6ZFY
Robin, KG6ZYQ	Eva, KM6BIP	Linda, W6MUT
Scott, KN6RKY	Greg, KO6MPH	Ed, KF6FIR
Cathy, KO6LST	Randy, KF6RJS	Scott, N6CIC
Mark, N6ARP	Richard, W6DU	Richard, WE6V
Adam, K6ALR	Brian, KN6QFF	Robert, KD6BNY
Vicki, KJ6RCV	Jason, KA6TIO	Joel, KD6DTS
Mark, KI6HOB	Greg, KO6GJL	James, KK6ILV
Judy, KI6EFF (guest)	Arturo KO6IYO (guest)	Tim KM6TV (guest)
Chuck KE4IVQ (guest)	John KD6WVL (guest)	Merle N6BCC (guest)
David KO6NVD (guest)		

Vice-President Brian, KN6QFF, opened the meeting at 7:00 PM in the absence of President, John, K6JRO. Brian welcomed everyone and asked Robin, KG6ZYQ, to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 27 members and seven guests present according to the sign-in sheet. Brian 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. There were no corrections or additions and Ed, KF6FIR, made a motion to approve the minutes, with a second by Mark, KI6HOB. The club approved the minutes unanimously.

Treasurer Scott, KN6RKY, reported we have an ending bank balance of \$11,517.42. The Treasurer's report ends on the last day of the month, so it was available for review in the Readout. Vicki, KJ6RCV, made a motion to approve the report, and with a second by Greg, KO6GJL, the club voted to approve the report. Scott noted that we added two new members tonight, Art, KO6IYO, and David, KD6NVD, to give the club a total of 82 members. Judy, KI6EFF, has a vertical antenna to sell.

President John, K6JRO, see Vice-President's report below.

Vice-President: Brian, KN6QFF, noted that some accessories for the Kenwood TH-F6 are here and are free for the taking. September is still open for a presentation, and anyone including guests is welcome to give a presentation on an item of interest to him or her.

Sergeant at Arms Robin, KG6ZYQ, said there will be a 50:50 raffle at the break. She brought snacks and water to enjoy during the break.

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.

Club Trustee: Mark, N6ARP, gave the following repeater committee report in the absence of Lucian, KF6NPG:

- The 440 and GMRS repeaters seem to be working well.
- The 220 transmission radio is at Maxon radio repair depot.
- New 6-meter repeater is ready for installation on next trip. The old repeater is working intermittently.
- Solar is working well and remote monitoring is back online.

The "Beep-Beep" sound on the 145.390 repeater indicates a power amplifier issue, most likely caused by the excessive heat. High temperatures in the building consistently reach over 100 degrees with a high of 108 degrees. We are looking into installing an A/C. Checking on some possible units and will have an option soon. Our Solar inverter will manage the load with no increase to our PGE use.

The downtown Kenwood 145.110 went off the air, and the Motorola repeater turned on. It may be heat related as the A/C failed in the downtown location but has been repaired. Will do more trouble shooting as time allows.

There was an unplanned PGE power outage on 5-23-2026 for about 4 hours. There was an unplanned PGE power outage on 5-29-2026 for about 3 hours. These power outages did not affect our operations.

A trip was made to Mt. Oso on Friday May 12, 2026, and the following was done:

- Checked the tower and all looked good.
- Checked the 145.390 antenna and it had a 1.5 SWR.
- Checked the 145.390 repeater error log with a computer and found the PA issue (probably heat related).
- Discovered that a rodent had chewed through the cable connecting the remote solar monitoring. The cable was replaced and remote monitoring is working.
- Cleaned building and refilled the rodent bait.

The HT's (two are GMRS for events for non-hams) and some for C4FM Fusion have been delivered along with a Yaesu mobile fusion radio. The battery for Mt. Oso is on back order.

Note: thanks to the Repeater Committee members for their dedicated work keeping the club's repeaters in excellent condition.

ARES/Community Events: Ed, KF6FIR, reported 40-meter dipoles for NVIS operation were assembled and tested at the ARES meeting on June 13. All agreed it was a successful learning exercise. The next ARES meeting (July 11) will cover cross-band repeater training.

Board Members: Mark, N6ARP, Cheryl, KK6GJM, and Scott, KN6OOV, were present. There were no reports.

Field Day Coordinator Paul, W6UHF, reported we will assign band captains for each Field Day band after arriving on site. Gene, W6QFU, will

operate CW and Ed, KF6FIR, will operate digital. Adam, K6ALR, indicated he could operate on 10, 20 and 40-meters. We have numerous raffle prizes for the barbecue and everyone who shows up will get a free ticket. So far 25 people have said they plan to attend.

The site is the C-Loop at McClure point, Lake McClure. Scott, KN6OOV, is the safety officer. He said to expect it to be hot and to bring plenty of water and sodas.

Weather Officer Randy, KF6RJS, reported the current temperature is 88.5 degrees and temperatures of 87-92 degrees are expected later in the week. Randy noted that he has been suffering chest pains and that he may need heart procedures. He will know more later in the month. This was worrisome news and the entire club wished him well.

Old Business: 50th Anniversary Celebration: Greg, KO6GJL, reported that the 50th Anniversary Committee is looking for appropriate sites for the celebration. Jason, KA6TIO, and Vicki, KJ6RCV, said they will be requesting some funding from the club for the celebration. The original date of September 19 conflicts with the Walk to End Alzheimer's, so the date has been moved to September 26. A park in Riverbank is a possibility.

Cathy, KO6LST, showed a slide of possible logo designs she has produced (see below). She is open to all suggestions for changes. The proposed designs met with enthusiastic approval from the club members.



New Business: Greg, KO6GJL, asked if there are members who might be interested in getting together to do POTA operations. Please contact Greg if you would like to join him for POTA.

Break: There was a 15-minute break. The evening's split-the-pot raffle winner was Ed, KF6FIR. The raffle raised a total of \$160 with \$80 going to the winner. Ed graciously donated it back to the SARA Equipment Fund. Thank you Ed!

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

Treasure's
Report,
Scott, KN6RKY

Meeting Adjournment: Brian, KN6QFF, adjourned the meeting at about 8:00 PM after a motion by Eva, KM6BIP, and a second by James, KK6ILV. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, July 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 report from the June meeting



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Treasury Report June 30, 2026

June 1, 2026

to

June 30, 2026

BEGINNING BALANCE: \$11,517.42

INCOME:

Membership Dues - (cash/check)	\$30.00
Member Donations (cash/check)	\$0.00
Split-The-Pot	\$160.00 Ed-KF6FIR donated his 1/2 to equipment fund
Radio/Equipment Raffle	\$0.00
Square - Auto Deposit - Dues	\$143.55 (net of Square fees)
Square - Auto Deposit - Donations	\$19.34 (net of Square fees)

TOTAL INCOME:	\$352.89	Square - Auto Deposit	\$162.89
		Deposit Tri-Counties Bank	\$190.00

EXPENSES:

Moeller Mt. Oso Communications	\$80.00 (Ck # 1203) - Monthly Site Rent (6-1-2026)
PG&E \$9.86 - \$15.34 CA Climate Credit	\$0.00 (EFT) - Mt Oso Utilities-June 2026 28 days
Verizon	\$11.62 (EFT) - Mt Oso Solar Remote Monitoring (6-10-2026)
Exact Hosting	\$49.95 (EFT) - SARA Club Domain Renewal (6-25-2026)

TOTAL EXPENSES: \$141.57

** Tri-Counties Bank

Ending Bank Balance: **\$11,728.74** as of June 30, 2026

Field Day Fund: \$1,478.37 (included in ending bank balance)

Equipment Fund: \$3,689.91 (included in ending bank balance)

General Fund: **\$6,560.46** (included in ending bank balance)

Treasurer:

June 30, 2026

2026 Membership - 85 Members

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:

The weather for Monday, July 20th to Friday, July 24th: the high's will be 89 to 93, lows in the 64 to 65, clear to partly cloudy. So, for this year I have had three days over 100+. The 1st on was Friday, June 12th at 100.2, Tuesday July 14th & Wednesday July 15th. I had 102.2 both days.

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Randy Spindler, KF6RJS.
Weather Officer

ARES

Wally, KK6CPN
Emergency
Coordinator,
Stanislaus County

Stanislaus County ARES Report



There is no ARES report for July. Wally is currently traveling to Wyoming.



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:

I will have a short recap of Field Day, 2026 at club meeting including points count.

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Paul W6UHF

SARA 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.

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

TERMS - FREE TO CLUB.

7/16/2026 REMAINING ITEMS. YOU PICK UP:

1. **TVI FILTERS - BENCHER YA-1 4 EACH LEFT.**
2. **HP 8494A STEP ATTENUATOR -** PRECISION HP ATTENUATION 8494A 0-11 DB, DC TO 18 GHZ.
3. **HP 8496A STEP ATTENUATOR -** PRECISION HP ATTENUATOR 8496A 0-110 DB, DC TO 18 GHZ.
4. **SWEEP SIGNAL GENERATOR - ELENCO GF8056 FIXED OR SWEEP GENERATOR.**

Featured Article

5. **3 MONITORS, COLOR TFT LCD, VARIOUS SIZES, HD, CONNECTORS HDMI, VGA, TABLE TOP OR WALL MOUNT.**
6. **HP-774D, 4 port coupler, 215- 440 MHz, 40 db directivity.**
7. **NARDA, 3 port coupler, 920- 2200 MHz, 20 db directivity.**
8. **YAGI Antenna, 16 element, 1240 MHz to 1300 MHz, 16 dbi gain, 100 watts, N connector.**

TERMS - FREE DONATE TO CLUB.

*****CALL ME AT 209-857-2755*****

73, CHIP W7AIT

Featured Article: *Behind Enemy Lines: An Amateur Radio Operator's Amazing Tale of Bravery.*

By Reg Hardman, VK4XH and Carmody Sagers, KD5ZON

Sixty-six years ago on February 9, 1943, the United States announced the ultimate defeat of Japanese forces in the hard fought battle of Guadalcanal in the South Pacific.¹ The news spread rapidly and soon had everybody talking. What is not so well-known is the major contribution of ham radio operators within the Coastwatchers organization that helped make that victory possible. In this article, we will follow the life of one such ham radio operator, Paul Mason, STO, who was very much involved with this action.

Paul was born in Sydney, Australia, attended school there and became interested in radio, where he was largely self-taught. We know that as a young man he was proficient in Morse code, repaired his own equipment and wound his own coils. In fact, his diary tells us that he made his first transmitter in 1936. Before the commencement of World War II in Europe, he spent 20 years in the Solomon Islands as manager of the Inus plantation, which gave him a great understanding of the layout of these islands and the culture of its people.

Preparing for War

With WWII commencing in Europe in 1939, it would be probable that German raiders would again (as in WWI) be frequenting the Pacific and Indian oceans. Australia, with a huge landmass and small population, recognized that it would be most important to monitor ship and aircraft activities in the northern islands to warn of such approaching dangers. Consequently, in 1940, the Coastwatcher concept was born and was supervised by Lt Commander Eric Feldt (Naval Intelligence Australian Navy) covering a huge area, much of which makes up Indonesia and Melanesia today.

The arrival of WWII in the South Pacific found Paul Mason as a short, unassuming man with glasses in his early 40s, whose looks suggested he would be more at home in a bank or insurance office. With the unfolding of future events it was soon discovered nothing could be further from the truth

Consequently Mason, with his ham radio experience and radio knowledge, was recruited as an unpaid civilian by Lt Feldt and assigned to the Kieta area

(near his plantation) where he positioned himself on a high ridge in order to observe movements from many directions.

The Japanese Occupation Begins

Flushed with success after the bombing of Pearl Harbor and the capture of Singapore and Indonesia, it wasn't long before the Japanese armed forces spread out to the Solomon Islands and Guadalcanal. Mason was then given the call sign STO (the first three letters of his sister's married name of Stokie). He then moved to a better lookout at Malabita Hill where he could observe the Shortland Islands, Fauro Island and the Bougainville area, which was used by the Japanese navy to assemble naval groups. Sometime later his call sign was changed to LQK for security reasons.

Mason successfully reported Japanese naval activity by radio to the base in Port Moresby, which resulted in the bombing of enemy ships. The Japanese intelligence, feeling the effects of these bombings, became aware that there was a coastwatcher in the area and sent out a party to find him at Malabita Hill.

The enemy search party was kept under observation by Mason's loyal Solomon Islanders as he retreated further in the bush. Being unsuccessful in finding Mason, the Japanese search party finally left Malabita Hill whereupon Mason again took up residence. You have to understand that moving radio equipment around in those days was extremely difficult (Paul's diary said it took six men) with a heavy chassis, breakable valves (tubes), heavy lead-acid batteries with even heavier generators and benzene to keep the batteries charged. Compounding those problems in the operation of this radio equipment were noisy generators, high temperatures and humidity (never a good combination) and an environment of tropical diseases like malaria and beri beri, all of which made life very difficult.

With Mason being at the south end of the island and another coastwatcher called Read (call sign JER) at the northern end of the Island, they had most of the bases covered for visuals of shipping/aircraft activity in that area.

Morse Messages Turn the Tide

Eventually Paul got his big break when he saw a formation of Japanese aircraft heading towards Tulagi and Guadalcanal and radioed the following famous message — which could be the most important message ever sent by a radio ham:

FROM STO, TWENTY-FOUR TORPEDO BOMBERS HEADED YOURS

A few hours earlier, US forces had landed at Tulagi and Guadalcanal and were in the midst of unloading their human and equipment cargo. If the landing marines were caught unprepared in the middle of this process the carnage and destruction would have been terrible. Now with time up their sleeve (2 hours), the US naval forces went into battle station mode while fighter aircraft from the aircraft carriers climbed to 27,000 feet, ready to pounce on the oncoming enemy. With the surprise element now reversed, the ensuing dogfight became very much one sided with all but one Japanese bomber being destroyed. More importantly, no US ships were damaged or lost. It was truly a great victory for Allied radio intelligence.

The next day, Read, in the north of the Island, sighted 45 dive bombers heading southeast and radioed the following message:

FROM JER, FORTY FIVE DIVE BOMBERS GOING SOUTH EAST

Two hours later, Mason and Read tuned into the frequency of the US aircraft carrier and heard a commentary of the battle by the carrier's radio operator:

WOW WHAT A SIGHT ENEMY AIRCRAFT ARE BEING SHOT DOWN LIKE FLIES

Can you imagine the morale booster for Read and Mason in getting immediate feedback for their efforts? Again, the same afternoon and the next day, Mason reported over his radio more enemy planes, which were dealt with in a similar way — complete with commentary. It was clear that the Japanese strategy had been to allow the US forces to land, then surprise and catch them while doing so, thus inflicting a major American defeat. Radio messages from Mason and Read reversed this strategy.

In August 1942, Mason radioed to base evidence of an airfield being built at Buin. He had some of his Solomon Islanders mix with the workers on the up-and-coming airfield and sent the following message to Townsville, Australia:

Our scouts being employed at Kahilli state aerodrome is expected to be completed in a week's time. Many hundreds of natives being forced to work. – 27 lorries, 6 motor cars, 10 horses, 6 motor cycles, 4 tractors, aerodrome working equipment. Stores and fuel under tarpaulins along foreshore from mouth of Ugumo River to mouth of Moliko River. Two anti-aircraft guns near mouth of Ugumo River and another such gun on N/W boundary of aerodrome. Wireless station on beach in front of aerodrome, also eight new iron buildings. Priests and nuns interned in iron buildings on beach. Enemy troops in green uniforms with anchor badge on arm and white hats. Scouts state 440 enemy troops. Weather too hazy to observe ships today.

What a complete report on enemy activity.

Mason and Read received regular supply drops by Catalina aircraft — usually on moonlit nights where they would light a signal fire upon hearing the engines.

Medals and Promotions

In early October 1942, General Douglas MacArthur awarded the Distinguished Service Cross to Lt Read and Petty Officer Mason and two other coastwatchers for their valuable contributions to the war effort. Around this time they were given a naval rank to provide supposedly some protection if captured (not likely) and some income for their services.

By the end of October 1942, the Japanese were preparing for an all-out attack on Guadalcanal and realized that they had to get rid of the coastwatchers once and for all if they were going to be successful. They consequently brought in a large number of tracker dogs in addition to 100 troops in Buin to track them down. Mason then arranged for a Catalina to bomb Buin and successfully killed off all the dogs in their cages — much to his relief.

Around this time Paul Mason demonstrated his superb knowledge of the culture of the Solomon Islanders. An important village had indicated some leaning towards the Japanese invaders. Wishing to keep the village on the Allied side, he made his point by marching into the village with a few loyal natives and singled out the tull tull (tell tell) man (the village interpreter, a type of second in charge to the chief).²

He explained to the villagers that he was symbolically humiliating the entire village by tanning the tull tull man's backside with a lump of wood for their indiscretions — then proceeded to do so. To reinforce his authority he also arranged for a Catalina to drop a bomb close by without causing any damage. He had no more trouble with that village staying on his side.

Coastwatcher Message Defeats the Japanese Armada

Then commenced a major escalation of enemy activity. A big naval buildup was in force, requiring Mason to radio in twice a day, indicating an imminent attack on Guadalcanal.

One report, with the aid of pages from *Jane's Fighting Ships*, was as follows:

At least 61 ships this area viz 2 Nati, 1 Aoba, 1 Mogami, 1 Kiso, 1 Tatuta, 2 sloops, 33 destroyers, 17 cargo, 2 tankers, 1 8000 ton passenger liner.

Read had also radioed in a similar buildup in his area in the north.

On November 10, 1942 the Japanese armada launched itself toward Guadalcanal but was surprised by four US cruisers under the command of Admiral Callaghan. In the ensuing battle Admiral Callaghan was killed and one American cruiser was lost but the Japanese fleet suffered a major defeat. Dive bombers from Henderson field on Guadalcanal, together with Admiral Lee's battleships, finished off the Japanese Armada, thus ending Japanese hopes of resupplying their troops and taking Guadalcanal.

On February 25, 1943 the following signal was sent to the coastwatchers:

FROM ADMIRAL TURNER COMMANDING AMPHIBIOUS FORCES

LARGE SHARE CREDIT OUR SUCCESSES AGAINST ENEMY DUE SPLENDID MEN IN COASTWATCHING SERVICE

FROM GENERAL PATCH, COMMANDING GENERAL OF GUADALCANAL

YOUR MAGNIFICENT AND COURAGEOUS WORK HAS CONTRIBUTED IN GREAT MEASURE TO SUCCESS OF OPERATIONS ON GUADALCANAL.

A Desperate Escape

Japanese activity increased greatly now with the sole intent of finding Paul Mason. He was instructed from base to dodge the numerous patrols looking for him, avoid the enemy-friendly natives and join Read in the north of the island, over 100 miles away through thick mountainous jungle, for pickup by submarine — a very difficult job indeed. With the tell-tale footprints of Japanese patrols everywhere (the big toe and other toes are separated) Mason ditched all his heavy radio equipment and headed west to climb the 5000 foot mountain range with his loyal group of police boys. Because of the

mountainous region, getting supplies by air was now out of the question and continuously dodging enemy patrols was a real problem.

After many days of walking, Mason developed a festering sore on his foot. He removed his boot and as he removed his sock, to his horror, skin and flesh came away with it. Mason rested up for 2 days to gather his strength. Moving on with several more days of walking, Mason met up with Read for the first time in person and rested up at his camp for 2 weeks. The relentless Japanese pursuit made life very difficult where they were engaged in regular exchanges (almost daily) where some Japanese and some police boys were killed. Enemy patrols would allow themselves to be seen with few or no weapons with the view to draw fire from Mason and his men and expose their position. They always tried to avoid such situations.

While at Read's they were then instructed to go to a coastwatcher called Keenan for disembarkation, which required them to climb a 5000 foot limestone range. The temperature was freezing at night and they had to light fires to keep warm. Travelling by night required Mason to use his luminous compass and he and his companions attached luminous fungus to their backs so they could follow the person in front of them.

Four nights later after arriving at Keenan's camp (no food for the last 33 hours), the American submarine USS *Guardfish* (SS-217) picked up a ragtag bunch of coastwatchers, police boys, Chinese, shot down pilots — totaling 59 (originally going to be 14). Finally, USS *Guardfish* was able to transfer their human cargo to USS *Subchaser* SC-761 and then Guadalcanal — to fight another day.

The Kennedy Connection

As a final note, it was a coastwatcher called Reg Evans who rescued Jack Kennedy (ultimately to become President of the United States) and his crew after their PT boat was destroyed. Coastwatchers were truly a unique breed with ham radio operator Paul Mason being the best known, because of his bravery, reliability and ability in keeping his radio operating under most difficult conditions.

Originally published on 06/04/2009 <https://www.arrl.org/news/behind-enemy-lines-an-amateur-radio-operator-rsquo-s-amazing-tale-of-bravery>

Community Events

Community Events:

/July

Saturday 11th ARES Meeting 10a-12p
Tuesday 21st 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
Saturday 19th The Walk to End Alzheimer's

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 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.

Officers and Board Member

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 Merced County Office of Emergency Services at the Old Castle Air Force Base 3500 Apron Ave. Atwater, CA.

San Joaquin Valley Section ARES Net every Sunday at 7:30 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

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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.tcaries.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

