



Stanislaus Amateur Radio Association

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ED STEVENS!
STOCKTON, CA



Greetings! Born in August of 1947 in the town of Peoria, IL., I spent most of my life in the San Leandro area of California. When I was in my last year of high school, I relocated to Stockton. It was there I completed some college classes that included broadcasting. In 1989 I got into hamming and got my novice license. That came about after a friend of mine gave me a general coverage radio and I heard some hams on that radio. Interesting enough, I knew one of those hams and that spurred my interest into getting my license! And that's how it all began. I took my extra back in March or April of 1991 and code test in Stockton. One of W6MUT's favorites, Al Dionizio (former N6SAE) now WG6M came to Stockton and picked me up and brought me back down to Modesto where my took my written and passed with flying colors – my extra!

I joined a couple of clubs in the Stockton area and became heavily involved in special events (bike rides, walk-a-thons, etc.) The one I was extremely involved in was CPR Saturday. I did become a VE for a while where I was handling code testing in Stockton. My made my way into HF and involved myself in a net both voice and CW. I was off the air for a while due to a move. I just got back on HF recently along with joining the SARA club. I met Mark many moons ago and have enjoyed the reconnection with him. I enjoy helping on the SARA Information and Traffic Nets in the morning!

73!

TimeChange!

7:00 p.m.

Stanislaus Amateur Radio Association Monthly Meeting
June 21, 2011 – 7:00 p.m.
Modesto Police Department Northeast Area Substation
3705 Oakdale Road – Modesto

Green Eggs and Ham



LA GRANGE SALOON & GRILL

Here is some history of La Grange and what took place in the Saloon. "William Gregory, a miner, stabbed his friend Robert Hall to death in July, 1855. They were arguing over whether Gregory would have paid a bet that had been called off the night before. Gregory, a young immigrant from New Hampshire, became the first person legally hanged in Stanislaus County after a La Grange trial."

"A property dispute ended in a saloon gunfight one day in March, 1856. Gallant D. Dickinson and George D. Summers had been arguing over a boundary line for years and the matter finally came to court in La Grange. While the court proceedings were in recess, the Dickinson and Summers boys decided to settle matters in a barroom battle. When the smoke cleared, Franklin Summers and a man named Martin Anderson were dead, a man named Kincaid and Deputy Sheriff John Clark were wounded, and there were six bullet holes in the saloon floor around young George Summers, who somehow survived unscathed."



73's de W6UHF, Paul O

When to Keep it Short & Sweet

Hams love to talk, but there are times when you should keep the conversation short. Listen before you call. You may occasionally hear hams operating special event stations for bike rides, walks, or just about any event or occasion you can think of. These are controlled nets and as we all accidentally stumble on them – there is a net controller. Hams can talk about anything, but there are some topics we try to avoid. Discussions of politics and religion tend to attract controversy and start arguments on the air. If it looks like your conversation is heading in those directions, use good judgment. Does the other operator agree with your views? If not, will you be offended? Will he (or others) be offended? If you have doubts, it is best to change the subject. Conduct yourself as though anyone in the world might be listening at any time. Whenever you transmit, you're representing all of Amateur Radio.

JUNE 25-26, 2011



Upcoming Events!

- ▶ **CANYON CLASSIC BIKE RIDE: June 11, 2011 Patterson -**
Creskide Middle School - 535 Peregrine Drive - Patterson, CA 95363
- ▶ **WARNERVILLE Time Trial: August 6, 2011- Knights Ferry**
- ▶ **HAM CRAM license class and testing: August 13, 2011**
- ▶ **CANCER AWARENESS RIDE: September 2011**

[Modesto Junior College West Campus](#)
2201 Blue Gum Avenue
Modesto, CA 95358

▶ **CHEESE AND WINE CENTURY: October 8, 2011 Riverbank**

▶ **PACIFICON EXPO2011: October 14-16, 2011**

Santa Clara Marriott Hotel - Santa Clara

▶ **HAM CRAM license class and testing: November 12, 2011**

***FCC Takes Strong Stance Against Radio Jamming,
Issues \$24,000 Fine to California Man***

06/06/2011

On June 6, the FCC issued a [Forfeiture Order](#) in the amount of \$24,000 against Kevin W. Bondy of Encino, California, for engaging in unlicensed radio operation and intentional interference to licensed radio operations and for refusing to allow an inspection of his radio equipment by FCC personnel. Bondy -- licensee of General Mobile Radio Service ([GMRS](#)) Station WQGX75 -- is accused of repeatedly and intentionally jamming four land mobile frequencies assigned to The Oaks Shopping Center in Thousand Oaks, California.

In assessing the \$24,000 fine, the FCC noted that it was responsible for making and enforcing regulations to prevent interference and to maintain control over the use of the radio spectrum in a manner that promotes the public interest and convenience. "Bondy's acts cut at the heart of the Commission's responsibilities to protect the nation's airwaves and regulate use of the spectrum," the Order said. "Bondy operated a radio without a license on the specific frequencies assigned and licensed by the Commission to The Oaks, for the explicit and expressed purpose of prohibiting The Oaks's use of its licensed frequencies. This type of conduct inhibits the Commission's ability to effectively regulate and maintain control over the use of the spectrum and will not be tolerated." Bondy has until July 6 to pay the fine.

CONFLICTS

How can we avoid conflicts as club members? As we are seeing new hams come up alongside of us, we need to stop and refresh our knowledge as we perhaps don't know the rules well enough or over time forgotten some of them. So what is our code of conduct? Does our behavior show we follow rules based on principles of ethics as well as operational considerations? What is our attitude, our general behavior as radio amateurs? We encourage and welcome new comers yet are we mentoring them by not only our words but actions over the radio? We all know it is not necessary to correct situations on the air and normally just leaves a bad taste in everyone's mouth!

The radio amateur community is said to be largely self-policing, this means self-discipline has to be the basis of our conduct.

If you want to talk via the repeater while it is already in use, wait for a pause between transmissions to announce your call. Do not monopolize the repeater. Use simplex if possible. Don't break into a contact unless you have something significant to add. Interrupting is no more polite on the air than it is in person. Interrupting a conversation without identification is not correct and in principle constitutes illegal interference.

Some subjects which should be avoided in amateur radio conversations are religion, politics, advertising your business, derogatory remarks, and inappropriate humor. Our behavior on the bands should be based on common sense, good manners and mutual respect.

The problem sometimes is radio transmissions can be made anonymously. A person making unidentified transmissions with malicious intentions is not good practice and no one should ever contemplate jamming. As jamming can be done anonymously, it is disturbing to all involved. There is simply no excuse for such behavior, even if you think the other station deserves to be jammed. Sure, a situation in your opinion needs to be corrected and perhaps rightfully so, but think twice... what will be the added value to HAM radio as a whole before doing or saying anything? Keep personal conflicts off the air. Settle your arguments on the telephone, the internet or in person.

Finally, to err is human! Even so called experts make mistakes and we all know no human is perfect. We all on occasion transmitted something or somewhere we shouldn't have. When one gets called to order by another station scolding them - it is and will always be counterproductive. I was given some good advice - never react when you witness such an act. If nobody reacts, these characters will go away by lack of an audience. Let's all be tolerant and forgiving.

Linda Ridenour, W6MUT

A LITTLE TIDBIT!

Is ham radio growing? *Look at the numbers!*

At the end of 2010 there were 696,041 Amateur Radio licensees in the USA.

Here are the past totals for the USA:

2010 - 696,041

2009 - 682,497

2008 - 663,564

2007 - 655,842

2006 - 656,068

2005 - 662,600

Also important... Higher percentages of Amateur Radio licensees are going far beyond the initial Technician Class license and earning General or even Amateur Extra Class licenses.

There are approximately 2.5 million Amateur Radio operators in the world. The numbers, while believed accurate, can vary somewhat because different countries use different systems to count licensees.

Mark – WB6BJN – Antenna Raising Party!







COVERED BRIDGE PICTURES



BUYING YOUR FIRST RADIO

Which radio will you purchase for your first Amateur Radio station? The answer isn't as easy as it seems. Do you want a large, full-featured transceiver for the HF bands? Perhaps a mobile radio for operating on VHF+ or even a tiny handheld transceiver?

Obviously, price is a big concern, so you'll want to make sure that your radio will give you the best value possible for your money. Before you decide on your purchase, review the advice offered to help you focus on the features and functions you will need for the operating activities you plan.

Remember that your first radio doesn't have to be brand-spanking new. There are many older transceivers that have years of useful service left in them. These transceivers ("rigs," as hams call them) are often available for sale at online auction sites such as eBay. Whether you decide to purchase new or used, check the *QST* magazine [Product Review Archive](#). In every issue of *QST* the ARRL Laboratory carefully evaluates the key characteristics of transceivers and many other types of equipment. They've been doing this for decades, so chances are the radio you're interested in has been reviewed.



ARES Meeting on Saturday, June 4, 2011

**Turlock Amateur Ration Club's Ice Cream Social and
Swap Meet will be here before June 14th at the
home of:**

**Bobby and Maxine Mooneyham
8131 North Winton Way
Winton, CA 95388**

**It will start at 4:00 pm and wrap it up about
8:30 pm.**

Nets and More Nets.....

Traffic and Information Net

Monday through Friday starting at 7:00 AM on the S.A.R.A. two-meter repeater 145.390 MHz. Traffic updates along with the weather conditions, Hosted by Mark WB6BJN.

S.A.R.A Weekly Net

Every first, second and fourth Tuesday at 7:30 PM on our club two-meter repeater 145.390 MHz. Covers the latest information on club activities.

Stanislaus County ARES® Weekly Net

Every Wednesday at 8:00 PM on our club two-meter repeater 145.390 MHz. Training and information for those interested in amateur radio emergency communications. The only requirements are being a licensed amateur radio operator and have an interest in emergency operations. Visitors to the net are always welcome to check in, after the membership roll-call. On the air training is provided and people of all license classes are welcome to join.

Tech Net

Thursday nights at 7:00 PM on our club two-meter repeater 145.390 MHz. Dedicated to helping all hams increase their skills, an ideal forum for all hams to share their knowledge. Topics may include simple construction projects, answering your questions, training for license upgrades, and general skills needed by any ham.

SpaceNet

Friday nights at 8:00 PM on our club two-meter repeater 145.390 MHz. Those interested in the very latest news and information related to air and space are invited to join us on SARA SpaceNet. This is an open net held on SARA's 145.390 repeater and can be reached throughout the Central Valley of California. Topics include the latest news in the worlds manned and unmanned space programs, aeronautics, astronomy events and new discoveries. We also cover Amateur Astronomy, Model, Mid and High Powered Rocketry, as well as Amateur Radio activities related to space such as monitoring meteor activity, contacting the International Space Station, using Amateur Radio Satellites, EME (Moonbounce) and how to use Orbital Plotting software.



BASIC INCIDENT COMMAND SYSTEM (ICS) 200

Presented by Stanislaus County Office of Emergency Services and the Stanislaus County Office of the Fire Warden

When: July 12, 2011
0800 – 1700 hours

Where: Stanislaus County Office of Emergency Services
3705 Oakdale Rd.
Modesto, CA 95357

Fees: No charge
(Funded through FY10 Homeland Security Grant)

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Registration Online: <http://www.stanoes.com>

An eight hour course that meets the requirements of the National Incident Management System for the Basic Incident Command Course. This course is designed to go beyond the basics of NIMS/SEMS/ICS introduction courses and cover such topics as Leadership and Management, Delegation of Authority, Management by Objectives, Functional Areas and Positions, Briefings, Organizational Flexibility, and Transfer of Command.

Target Audience: First line supervisors, single resource leaders, or other emergency response/management personnel who require a higher level of NIMS/SEMS/ICS training.

Pre-requisite: Completion of: IS - 700: Introduction to NIMS
ICS-100: Introduction to ICS

Space is limited, so early registration is recommended.



NATIONAL RESPONSE FRAMEWORK , AN INTRODUCTION (IS) 800B

*Presented by Stanislaus County Office of Emergency Services and the
Stanislaus County Office of the Fire Warden*

When: July 19, 2011
0800 – 1200 hours

Where: Stanislaus County Ag Center
3800 Cornucopia Way
Harvest Hall Rooms D & E
Modesto, CA 95358

Fees: No charge
(Funded through FY10 Homeland
Security Grant)

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A four-hour course (classroom version) that introduces participants to the concepts and principles of the National Response Framework (NRF). Course objectives include: purpose; response doctrine; roles and responsibilities of entities; actions that support national response; response organizations used for multi-agency coordination; and how planning relates to national preparedness.

Target Audience: Mid-level management, Command and General Staff, Emergency Operations Center staff (basically, anyone who may respond to and fill an Incident Command System position in the field or Emergency Operations Center. Note: These position descriptions are not defined from day to day operations, but for emergency, disaster, or major pre-planned activities).

Pre-requisite: None