



# "THE READOUT"

## Stanislaus Amateur Radio Association

February 2009

### MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

George was first licensed in 1956. Interesting, he held the call K1LVW during his tenure at ARRL headquarters from 1959 to 1962. According to George, "KN6SNA, that was my Novice call sign which in those days you could only hold for only one year and you had to upgrade to General or Conditional Class, or the license expired so I upgraded. My

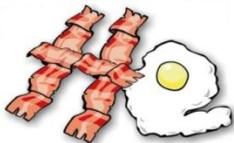


upgraded ticket arrived about an hour before I was to leave for Field Day in 1957. The 'N' in the prefix in those days indicated Novice Class license so the new ticket came minus the N designator.

Eventually, the FCC

eliminated the 'N' designator. The K1LVW callsign was an "Additional Station" call sign which I held for 10 years and they are no longer permitted."

George currently operates with an Icom IC-761 feeding an 80 meter inverted V which gets all band coverage when run through tuner. George is active in the MARS group and the local ARES group. He is on the Board of Directors for the Modesto radio museum which is devoted to preservation of Modesto's place in broadcast history.



Ham & Eggs

by Paul W6UHF

### **You Might be Addicted to Ham Radio if.....**

- When you look at a full moon and wonder how much antenna gain you would need.
- When a friend gets a ride from you and remarks that you have a lot of CBs in your vehicle, it turns in to an hour long rant on how ham radio is not CB radio.

- When you can look at a globe and be able to point to your antipode (and you know what an antipode is).
- Your cell phone ring tone is a Morse code message of some kind.
- You have accidentally said your Amateur Radio call sign at the end of a telephone conversation.
- You notice more antennas than road signs while driving your car.
- Porcupines appear to be fascinated with your car.
- When you look around your bedroom of wall to wall ham gear and ask: Why am I still single?
- You think towers look pretty.
- Your family doesn't have a clue what to get you for Christmas, even after you tell them.
- You actually believe you got a good deal on eBay.
- You buy a brand new car based on the radio mounting locations and antenna mounting possibilities.
- A lightning storm takes out a new Laptop, Plasma TV, and DVD Recorder, but all you care about is if your radios are okay. Unfortunately--the lightning got the transceiver.
- Your wife was excited when you were talking about achieving that critical angle, but very disappointed when you finally did.
- During a love making session with your wife/husband, you stop to answer a call on the radio.
- Your wife/husband threatens you with divorce when you tell her that you are going on a "fox" hunt.
- When house hunting, you give your realtor topographical maps showing local elevations.
- You have Ham radio magazines in the bathroom.
- Instead of just saying no, you have said "negative". Or you say, "Roger" for yes!
- You become impatient waiting for the latest AES catalog to arrive.
- You have found yourself whistling "CQ" using Morse code.
- You always schedule the third weekend in May for vacation.
- You have deep anxiety or panic attacks during high winds or heavy ice.

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**Next Month Ham & Eggs will give a report on a local restaurant. 73's Paul W6UHF**



# DATES AND EVENTS

All amateurs are invited to attend EMCOMM U, a one-day emergency communications workshop sponsored by San Joaquin County ARES.

It will be held on Saturday, March 14th in Stockton, CA at a brand new county-owned meeting facility.

The three-track program features sessions on emerging technology for emergency communication, how to organize and manage volunteer groups, and improving emergency response and operations.

The Emcomm Show-and-Tell invites amateurs to bring emergency vehicles, response kits, and other items to show and demonstrate for attendees.

Registration is limited to 100 people. The \$25 workshop fee includes lunch and a \$5 donation to the San Joaquin County Chapter of the American Red Cross. For more information, visit [www.emcommu.com](http://www.emcommu.com) or send email to the organizer, [n5fdl@arrl.net](mailto:n5fdl@arrl.net).



On 01/17/2009 the Nevada County Sanitation had five radios and chargers stolen from the McCourtney Road Transfer Station.

The Hand-Held portable radios are Motorola PR400 UHF radios. They do not have a front display window. The individual charger stands were also taken, along with one Motorola Speaker Microphone.

The stolen radio serial numbers are as follows: 442TFE3976; 442TFE8097; 42TGED394; 442TGED517; 442TGED504. Anyone having information about the radios and/or microphone, or persons responsible for the theft, please call Nevada County Sheriff's Department at 530-265-7880 or Bill Lewis, KG6BAJ at 530-263-1595. An image of this radio can be found at:

<http://www.ncares.us/images/pr400.bmp>

## S.A.R.A.

### Stanislaus Amateur Radio Association 2009 Membership Form

Check one: New member\_\_ Renewing Member\_\_ Family Member\_\_ Returning \_\_

Mr. Mrs. Ms. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Call sign \_\_\_\_\_ ARRL\_\_ RACES\_\_ ARES\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ St \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone-(\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Unlisted—Yes\_\_ No\_\_

Pager or Cell Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Unlisted—Yes\_\_ No\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Webpage address \_\_\_\_\_

\*Additional Family Members (At same mailing address)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Call \_\_\_\_\_ ARRL\_\_ RACES\_\_ ARES\_\_

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S.A.R.A annual dues are \$20.00 per year (Jan.1, 2009 to Dec. 31.2009)

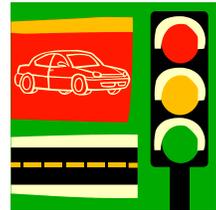
\*Additional family members \$5.00 each (max \$10.00) 3<sup>rd</sup> Etc free

**Total dues paid \$ \_\_\_\_\_**



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### LET'S WELCOME TOM!

*"I am Tom (K6THM) and many of you may know me from the morning Traffic and Information Net. In supporting Mark (WB6BJN) I do Friday's net. As a new ham I have learned many new and fun things by just getting on the radio.*

*When Mark asked me to do the net I was excited and felt a sense of pride that he felt I could do the net. My first day was shaky but I had fun, one of the difficulties I learned is that you had to pull calls out of a pile up, so I soon learned to listen and ask that the calls be given in clear and phonetically. Also I had to know the names of people and I had to learn to write them down so I could call people by name as well as call. Well, I really enjoy the net and hope you find my reports helpful. Should you have any ideas let Mark, Norma (KI6LVA) or me know your suggestions. Thank you and have wonderful day and be safe. 73's Tomas H. Mesta (K6THM)"*



**KI6KQR's Antenna Party**

## EMCOMMWEST® '09

***"The Biggest Little Ham Convention in the World"***

**May 1-3, 2009**

**in  
Reno, Nevada**



**KF6NPG, W6MUT, KI6KQM, W6UHF - 2008 EMCOMMWEST**

## Radiofest Monterey Bay 2009

**March, 7 & 8 2009**

**Saturday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm**

**Sunday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm**

Since 1988 with the first ever Radiofest Ham Convention, it has grown into one of the largest Amateur Radio conventions on the Central Coast. Radiofest now supports two day workshops and several seminars.

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