



Stanislaus Amateur Radio Association

SEPTEMBER 2009

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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

W6MUT – Linda Ridenour

Since Pat, JXZ did not conform to my request to be the member of the month; I am forced to bore you with myself.

Raised on a cattle ranch in Brawley, CA with five brothers and an iron fisted father, the orneriness I have is well deserved. I do take after my mother who was a want-to-be ham that listened day and night to the local repeater to see what was going on in the lives around us.



The Original and New MUT

After graduating from high school – my father wanted me to stay in Brawley to attend the local junior college (because I was a girl) but I was too proud and went to work full time and put myself through college. Fortunately my hard work paid off and the corporation I worked for paid my UCLA education in Personnel Management. Unfortunately, the mayor of Modesto introduced me to his brother from Modesto in 1979 and just short of graduating – I married Doug and moved here. We have been married 27-1/2 years.

Thank you to Doug – I became long-time friends with KF6NPG, W6UHF, KI6KQM and KI6BJC and was exposed to HAM radio from Paul and Lew. I took Paul up on a challenge and became a technician and then took Lew up on a challenge and became a general shortly afterwards. I do admit I have made a lot of new friends in this venture and enjoy being part of a great group of people.

Paul introduced me to John Wallace who use to be the original W6MUT and I fell in love with him. He is 94 years old and the sweetest person I have met in years. I surprised him (maybe shocked him) and took his old call sign. I miss our breakfast club on Saturday's with him but keep in touch with him via his wife.

My thanks goes to my Elmer – KD6YWO who helped me though the do’s and don’t and to Ed Hanna (KF6FIR) and Jimmy Kataoka (KF6BPC) who lent me my first radio equipment and antennas. Especially the dog rope that held my original antenna up on the roof! HA! HA!

I have a Kenwood TH-F6, TM-D700A, TM-V71A and still have Ed’s Yaesu FT-757GXII. My goal, with the help of Al Dionizio (WG6M) is to learn code. I just need the time. I have worked full time 24-years at Modesto City Schools as a Planner. Four years to retirement!



EmComm West 2010, Reno, Nevada: April 30-May 2, 2010

The 2010 edition of EMCOMMWEST will be held the first weekend in May 2010, starting on Friday, April 30, and running through Sunday, May 2, in Reno, Nevada. EMCOMMWEST 2010 news can be found [here](#). If you are interested in presenting at this upcoming event, please go to the Web site and send a note to info@emcommwest.org.



<p style="text-align: center;"><u>ICS 300/400 Intro EOC Courses</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">There are two ICS 300/400/Intro to EOC 40 hour courses left for this year, one in October and one in November. Please contact Dave Funk, KJ6BGC. DFUNK@stanoes.com</p>
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MEMORY LANE..... From May 1982 SARA Newsletter:

N6EIG WINS FIRST MONEY RAFFLE!

Ed Watson, N6EIG, of Ceres won the first SARA money raffle at the April, 1982 meeting of the club. As a result, Ed went home with \$13.25 more than he had when he arrived at the meeting, and the club was \$13.25 richer than before. It’s all the result of a suggestion made by Bill, W6AFS, who suggested rather than buying the usual raffle prizes, that the money collected from ticket sales at each meeting be split down the middle. One half as the raffle prize, the other half to the club’s treasury.

The idea was well received, and \$26.50 in raffle tickets were sold. The idea was so well received that it will become a regular feature of each monthly club meeting. A big thank you to Bill for another one of his many contributions to the club.



The Stanislaus County Bicycle Club is having their **33rd Annual Riverbank Cheese & Wine Century, on October 11, 2009** starting at Riverbank High School in Riverbank, CA.

The bike club will have the radio-dispatched SAG support provided by Stanislaus **Amateur Radio Association.**

All of the routes will have multiple rest stops well supplied with fruit, snacks, and of course, our ever-popular homemade cookies. The 106 mile and 100 km rides will be treated to a full lunch stop midway through the day. We all will enjoy a BBQ chicken and pasta meal at Riverbank High School.

Route	Start Times
106 Mile	7:00 to 8:30 am
100 Kilometer	7:00 to 9:00 am
25 Mile	8:00 to 10:00 am

Registration begins at 6:15 am

All courses close at 4:30 pm



SET October 3-4: Participate!

The ARRL Simulated Emergency Test is a nationwide exercise in emergency communications, administered by ARRL Field Organization Leaders including Emergency Coordinators, District Emergency Coordinators, Section Emergency Coordinators and Net Managers. Many other Section Leaders like the Section Manager and the Section Traffic Manager may have a hand in planning the exercises and/or reviewing the results. ARES, National Traffic System (NTS), Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES) and other public-service oriented groups can be involved. The SET weekend gives communicators the opportunity to focus on the emergency-communications capability within your community while interacting with NTS nets. Although the main SET weekend this year is October 3-4, local and section-wide exercises may be held throughout the fall season.

To participate in this year's emergency test, contact your local ARRL emergency coordinator or net manager to find out the details. ARRL Sections, ARES teams and nets may conduct their exercises anytime during September through December. If you don't know who to call, please touch base with your ARRL Section Manager for assistance. See page 16 of QST for contact information or check the ARRL Web page. The URL to start with is <http://www.arrl.org/sections/>. From there, you'll find links to ARRL section home pages with names and contact information for your Section Leaders including the Section Emergency Coordinator and Section Traffic Manager. Whether you're a new licensee or an experienced radio amateur, the SET is a golden opportunity to learn or practice useful skills in traffic handling, net operation and emergency communications protocols and management.

The purpose of SET is to find out the strengths and weaknesses of ARES, NTS, RACES and other groups in providing emergency communications, and to provide a public demonstration--to served agencies such as the American Red Cross, the emergency management agency and through the news media--of the value to the public that Amateur Radio provides, particularly in time of need. Finally, SET will help radio amateurs gain experience in communications using standard procedures and a variety of modes under simulated-emergency conditions.

One of the first steps on the way to a successful SET is to try to get as many people involved as possible and especially new hams. In a real emergency, we find amateurs with all sorts of varied interests coming out of the woodwork. Let's get them involved in SET so they will know more about how emergency communications should be handled. Promote SET on nets and repeaters, and sign up new, enthusiastic radio amateurs. Many of those offering to help will be inexperienced in public-service activities. It's up to you to explain what's going on to them, and provide them with useful roles. They may like it so much that they become a permanent fixture in your ARES or NTS group. For a review of last year's nationwide Simulated Emergency Test, read the article in July, 2009, QST.

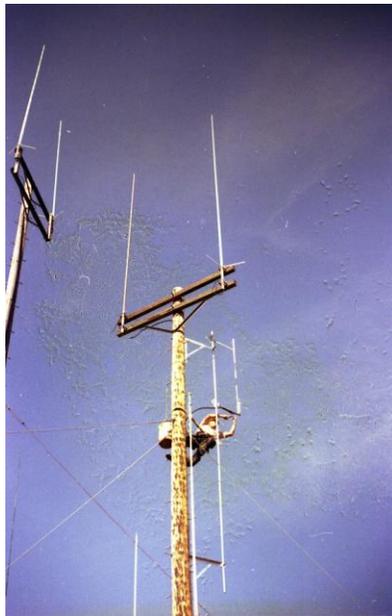
More information on the ARRL SET [here](#).

From Jason, KA6TIO and Bill, W6AFS.....

- May 1983, Mount Oso at the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation Radio Vault. From left to right: Bob Pinherio, WA6ZLO; Les Lester, W6LHQ (he was an engineer for KTRB / KHOP in the early 80's.); Bill Peitz, W6AFS. They were installing the 220mhz repeater in the Federal Radio Vault.



May 1983, same location, unknown person installing antenna for 220mhz.



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- July 4th 1982, Modesto, 1925 Dodge Roadster, SARA entry for the Independence Day Parade. Car provided by Herb Latimer, Bill's Father-in-Law. Sign provided by Signcraft, Herb's sign business. The little guy on the running board is Jacob, Bill's Grandson, and Jason's (KA6TIO) son.



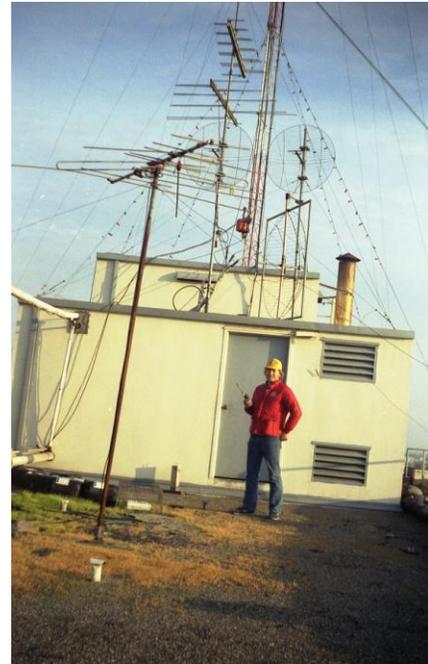
- Summer 1982(?), Black Butte, off Corral hollow Rd., west of Modesto, old FM 104, KHOP (now KHKK 104.1 THE HAWK) site. From left to right, Bob Pinherio WA6ZLO, and I believe, Leroy Campbell, NV6S. This was the site of the 2m. repeater for a long time.





Winter 1983, Seely Tower, Modesto. SARA had a low level Voting repeater downtown to cover handheld traffic that couldn't reach the Black Butte site. Jason Peitz, KA6TIO in the red jacket.

Bill Peitz, W6AFS in the black jacket. Bill Peitz, W6AFS in the black jacket.



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Winter 1983, Seely Tower, Modesto. Looking northeast from the top of Seely Tower, 12th street in the foreground, then from left to right in background, Ralston Tower Senior Housing, Stan. County Library, water tower in the park at 16th & G Street.

HAMCRAM

One day license class and exam!

October 17, 2009

8 AM to 5 PM

**County Emergency Communications Center
Logistics Room
3705 Oakdale Rd. - Modesto, CA 95357**



SARA CLUB MEETING

October 20, 2009

7:30 p.m.

**County Emergency Communications Center
Logistics Room
3705 Oakdale Rd. - Modesto, CA 95357**

**FRESNO AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
PRESENTS**

66TH ANNUAL HAMFEST

October 17th 2009

8 am—2 pm

Salvation Army Event Center

1854 Fulton Street Fresno CA 93721

Talk-In: 146.94 -dup 141.3 pl (starting at 7 AM)

For More Information, contact

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66TH ANNUAL HAMFEST

Lunch

Swap Meet

Tickets

HAMFEST REGISTRATION

Order total:

Description Qty. Price Subtotal

Name/Call

Address

Phone

\$5.00

\$5.00

Yaesu FT-450 HF/50 MHZ Transceiver!

Additional tickets \$5 each

Drawing at 2 PM — Need not be present to win!

Tickets: \$5

**(includes entrance and a
chance to win radio!**

Swap Vendors: \$5 per space

(in addition to Hamfest ticket)

Each area one standard parking space—

Lunch: \$5 reserve your spot now!

(Hamburger Meal) JOTA Special

Event Station

\$5.00

Special Requests