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FCC Shuts Down Bay area Repeater

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BAY AREA REPEATER SHUT DOWN AFTER FCC ORDER

The San Francisco area's K7IJ Grizzly Peak
repeater system is off the air in the wake of an FCC shut-down
order, and the FCC's amateur radio enforcer



Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH, says he's been in
touch by telephone with the
repeater's licensee and owner, Bruce Wachtell
of Carson City, Nevada. Citing
what it called "an alarming and unacceptable
lack of control over the
operations of these repeaters," the FCC had
notified Wachtell that it was

San Francisco Amateur Radio Association
1976

ordering his system shut down for 120
days as of midnight,
February 28. The K7IJ system includes

repeaters for the 146, 222, and 440 MHz bands.
Wachtell, 64, a shipboard operator on a container vessel, has
been at sea in the Pacific and did not receive
the FCC's notification. Subsequent efforts to reach him by satellite
telephone proved unsuccessful. On March 2, after <PAGE2>

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145.390

New ReadOut Editor

Hello There
NV7CQ Here letting everyone know That I will be the new Readout editor.
The ReadOut will have a new look an feel to it
If you have anything that you would like to have posted in the readout
please email it to me at nv7cq@wac.com

The ReadOut

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he had not heard from Wachtell and was unable to contact him, Hollingsworth got the repeater site owner to shut down the four K7IJ machines and lock out access. Hollingsworth said he considered the K7IJ system "a runaway repeater" since the licensee apparently was not in control and was unavailable to the FCC.

Hollingsworth said that while he and Wachtell had a generally fruitful conversation, the repeater will remain shut down, and the FCC still expects Wachtell to respond fully and in writing to FCC inquiries. In his letter to Wachtell, Hollingsworth requested a reply within 30 days as to "any detailed steps you may propose to take to correct the operational problems with your repeater system and in regard to the control operator."

In the meantime, the FCC continues to look into "actions and omissions" of the individual identified as the K7IJ control operator, Blake B. Jenkins, N6YSA, as well as the conduct of an alleged secondary control operator Steven R. Rossi, KE6LNH. Hollingsworth said the FCC has information indicating that Jenkins "invited unlicensed operators to use the repeater, encouraged jamming, and has otherwise taken no action to control the repeater systems to ensure compliance with our rules."

The K7IJ shutdown has put some repeater operators into a panic, Hollingsworth said. "There is no general cause for alarm," he advised. The only repeater owners who need to be worried are those who fail to maintain control over their repeaters, he said. In a related move, the FCC also set aside recent license grants or upgrades

of four operators while it continues its investigation. The FCC said three of the four—James C. Walker, KF6VAA; Michael J. Nichols, KF6UAS; and Eric B. Shuler, KF6BMG (ex-KF6UJU)—used the K7IJ system before obtaining their amateur licenses. The Commission said it had evidence that the fourth operator, Gordon B. Reese III, KF6QKA, was "engaging in rebroadcasts of cordless telephone calls and other broadcasting, along with profanity & obscenity." The FCC has permitted Reese, who had just upgraded to Tech Plus, to retain his Technician operating privileges for now. Hollingsworth said he's been in touch with all four individuals and will carefully consider their written explanations.

The FCC also issued warnings to Mervyn Ehambrave about alleged unlicensed operation on the K7IJ repeater, and to Timmy O Sheen Sr, N6MZA, about alleged jamming and rebroadcasts of cordless phones.

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KR4TZ, of
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March 1 by
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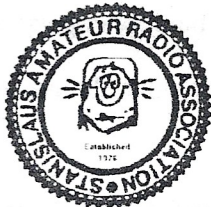
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Scott John-
ston, N4YYQ,
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Cleveland at
bill@taprov.
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Club News Flash

**SARA is having a drawing for a side of beef
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The drawing will held on Field Day weekend the cost of the tickets is \$1.00 each. Please make sure to pick up your tickets at the next club meeting held at the **Modesto North West Substation At 2005 EVERGREEN AVE MODESTO CA.** on every 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm **All Ticket stubs and money has to be in by June 5 1999**



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nv7cq@wac.com

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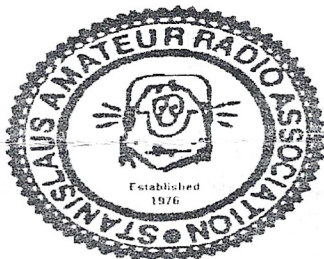
Vanity update:
The FCC
reports it has
processed
vanity call sign
applications
received
through
February 12
on March 7

the FCC-
granted 99
applications.
Another 115
applications
landed in the
work-in process
(WIPs)
stack.--FCC

CHARGES DISMISSED IN GODSEY CASE

It took more than two years, but all charges against a Kentucky ham for impersonating a public servant and disorderly conduct finally were dropped in December. Greg Godsey, KF4BDY, of Hopkinsville, was just shy of his seventeenth birthday when he was arrested by police in his hometown.

At the time of his arrest, Godsey was active in ARES as Christian County EC. He claims the impersonation charge stemmed from his ARES association. Police also had charged Godsey with carrying a scanner capable of receiving police frequencies and confiscated his Radio Shack HTX-202. The scanner charge reportedly was dismissed in court the following month, and his H-T was returned to him. The other charges had remained on the court docket, however. Godsey, now 19, said the charges were dropped in December after both sides agreed to not sue anybody over the matter. Godsey says he and his family spent more than \$3000 fighting the charges against him.



Fixed Wireless Access

There is increasing use of radio (wireless) to connect user (telephone or data) equipment to the public network at a fixed interface point. Users themselves could be at fixed locations, such as at home or at the office, or they could be mobile. The mobile user equipment is likely to use frequencies no higher than 3 GHz because of propagation considerations (e.g., line-of-sight requirements and Doppler). Fixed terminals could use frequencies much higher, even into the millimetric wave bands (30 - 300 GHz). FWA systems appear to have a voracious appetite for frequencies and are studying some of our bands, particularly 13 cm.

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TUESDAY NIGHTS

7:30 PM

HAVE ANY HAM

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THAT YOU WOULD

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Club Meetings

Every 3rd

Tuesday of the

MONTH

S.A.R.A. MINUTES

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FEBRUARY 16, 1999

The meeting was called to order at 7:37 p.m.
Introductions were made, there were 21 in attendance.

OFFICER REPORTS

Presidents Report, Ed KF6FIR

Classes are going great, the last class is Thursday. Anyone interested in taking a ham test We will all be meeting at the American Red Cross, at 6th and M st. Saturday, Feb. 20th at 9:00 am to caravan the test sight in Stockton.

Saturday there is a get together at the Royal China at 1:00 pm. The address is 1400 Standiford Ave. Modesto.

There will be code classes in the future.

If anyone has ideas for work shops. you can let Ed know by reaching him at 537-9244 or you can email him at kf6fir@jps.net

Vice President Report, Paul W6UHF

There is a Ham Radio swap March 13, 1999, in Linda Ca. Hours are 8:00 am to 1:00 pm
The address is 5477 Feather River Blvd. The talk-in frequency is 146.085
For more details you can reach W6HBU, Herb at (530) 674-3648 or KC6JPP, Clara at (530) 742-2674.

Secretary Report, Nan KF6BOZ

January Minutes read.

Treasure report, Bob KC6TVE

Income - \$1078.50 Expense - \$75.95 Checkbook balance - \$3878.65

Equipment fund - \$728.20 Drawing Fund - \$99.00

Sorry I didn't check with the bank for the club investment.

58 members so far.

Technician Leroy NV6S

Wasn't present

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Volunteer Coordinator Lou KF6NPG

Saturday April 24th, there is the March of Dimes walk-a-thon and we need 10 to 12 volunteers for this event.

Saturday June, 5th, there is the Rotary bike-a-thon, which will take place at Del Porto Canyon. Need to find out information on putting on a special event station at Stanislaus Co. Fair or other locations. We need brochures, radio information, etc. Also if we know 4 to 5 months in advance we can let QST know and they will publish an article on the special event station. Contact ARRL to receive information, flyers on a special event station.

Break at 8:05 p.m.

The split the pot was worth \$20.50 congratulations to **Barbara KE6SUM** She won the split the pot drawing.

Meeting resumed at 8:30 p.m.

Field Day discussion

This year the radios will be more spread out in a 1000ft radius. Make a map of possible camp sights, pot lucks, and a sign up sheet for 2 hour shifts on frequencies that are not assigned. Sign up sheets will become available in May. Field day so far will be held at the same location. If you show up during the week, you are encouraged to stop at the ranger station and get a fire permit. If you have a lap top, you are encouraged to bring them, we would like to use them for Log EQF.

Nan KF6BOZ, made mention of another T-Hunt. The last T-Hunt took about 30 to 45 minutes.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm

Presented by the
Secretary
Nanette Hartman KF6BOZ

Letter from the Community Event Coordinator

QST.....QST.....QST.....QST

Upcoming Events

Calling all SARA Club Members. It is that time of year again. We are being asked to assist with various charity and club events. An important part of the Amateur Radio Operators Creed is community service and working at these events is a worthwhile way we can perform this service. The charity events are very important fund raisers (for the respective charities) and without our invaluable communication assistance they would not go smoothly. We not only keep radio contact with the event staff and check points, but are there for emergencies so help can be summoned. The club events that we assist with are equally important recreational activities for the community.

This is also an excellent opportunity to expose the community to Amateur Radio (And the SARA Club in particular). They can see how it works and the important communication service that we can provide. Those involved in emergency communications get the chance to test their equipment, practice using HT's, cross-banding through mobiles and tactical communications.

I have been charged with the task of being the community event co-ordinator for the club. If any of you are interested (and I know that you are) in Participating in this type of noble venture please let me know. e-mail me (kf6npg@aol.com), contact me during one of the weekly nets, or a club meeting and if all else fails land line me 667-7425.

The following events are scheduled and your assistance is needed:

**March of Dimes Walk A Thon, Saturday April 24, 1999,,,,meet 0800 hours
Graceada Park**

Tour De Cure (American Diabetes Assoc.) Saturday May 8, 1999*

Canyon Classic Bike Ride (Modesto North Rotary) Saturday June 5, 1999*

**Stanislaus County Bike Club Race October 1999* (Held during Riverbank Wine
and
Cheese Festival)**

***=More information to follow**

I hope to see you all at one of these fun events.

73's

Lou, KF6NPG

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AT&T/TCI Erratum
to Memorandum
Opinion and Order
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(released February
18, 1999), is cor-
rected to change
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from "February 17,
1999" to "February
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Erratum. CSB

SARA Membership Application

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Zip Code: _____ ARRL Member?: (yes) (no)
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