

THE GRID LEAK

The Official Newsletter of the Tulare County Amateur Radio Club September 2003 Issue

TULARE COUNTY WA6BAI AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

P.O. Box 723
Visalia, CA 93279

TULARE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

146.880 (-) TCARC REPEATER

Stokes Mountain, North of Visalia

36.31.22N 119.12.80W

I.R.L.P. Node # **8120**

Web Page: <http://www.tcarc.net/>

Companion site at: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/wa6bai/>

Club Officers:

President: Ray Quinn KF6KMY
Vice President: Steve Lee Thomas W6SLT
Secretary: Jimmie Reeves KC6YRU
Treasurer: Joseph Simons WB6MUD
Repeater Coordinator: Hal Clover KC6LUB
Activity Coordinator: Not Yet Filled

Club News:

Operators Needed

Ham radio operators are needed for communications during a "disaster" drill on Saturday, September 27th from 7:00 am until about 12:00 noon (lunch and debriefing to follow event). For more information please contact Hal, KC5LUB either on the air or via e-mail at hal9000@sosinet.net. We will be using both 2 meter and 440 frequencies.

ARES Update

Well, it seems summer has come and gone. Fall is just around the corner.

I hope everyone had a restful and relaxing summer. In looking at ARES, or the Amateur Radio Emergency Service, I need to update the list of members. ARES is set up so members can respond to an incident when necessary. While I understand that the local philosophy is disasters just bypass us here in Tulare County, we need to be ready to respond if they do decide to pull off the road and take a break here.

Over the next month, I would like to update the roster of interested hams in the area. This would necessitate filling out a form and returning it to me either via e-mail or s-mail. My address is either hal9000@sosinet.net or PO Box 184 Strathmore CA 93267. There should be a form in this issue of the gridleak.

73 Hal Clover, KC5LUB

ARES Emergency Coordinator
Tulare County

Club Events:

No events to list at this time.

Notes from the President:

The Club's web site is www.tcarc.net. Club information is available on this site, including the Club's bylaws and vintage photographs.

A secondary site has been set up at wa6bai.tcarc.net. This site will have links to the mailing lists control program, IRLP links, and even links to APRS (Automatic Position Reporting System) related sites, or anything related to the Tulare County Amateur Radio Club as well as the Club's main site mentioned above.

Also available for members is a chance to have your own web site on the World Wide Web or to have their existing web site forwarded from this site. For example, kf6kmy.tcarc.net can be forwarded to www.qsl.net/kf6kmy (or any other web site of my choosing). It is quite simple to set up. If anyone would like to have their own World Wide Web Site, please email me at kf6kmy@tcarc.net.

Also any member can use their call sign for a tcarc.net email address. The email address above is forwarded to my REAL email address.

If you would like to send a message to any officer (as long as they have email), simply type in their office title as listed below:

president@tcarc.net

vice-president@tcarc.net

secretary@tcarc.net

treasurer@tcarc.net (no email)

repeater-coordinator@tcarc.net

past-president@tcarc.net (office presently vacant) editor@tcarc.net .

These email addresses are forwarded to the proper officers. Take note though that the Editor is not an Officer.

The mailing lists that are available at press time are:

gridleak@tcarc.net - Grid Leak distribution in Portable Document Format (PDF)

gridleak-text@tcarc.net - Grid Leak distribution in text format for those who prefer or require it.

tcarc-announce@tcarc.net - One-way announcements open to all

members@tcarc.net - Open to all active members

repeater@tcarc.net - New repeater committee list (committee members only)

officers@tcarc.net - For officers

If anyone wishes to start a new list related to amateur radio or the TCARC, You may do so by sending me an e-mail.
73 de Ray KF6KMY

**Last Meeting Minutes: August 2003
by Hal KC5LUB**

The meeting was called to order by President Ray KF6KMY at 1940 Hours. Introductions of members present: Ray KF6KMY, Joe WB6MUD, Dave WA6BEF, Pam KA2RQK, Dale KF6TOC, Dave N6YMM, Bill KG6AIR, John KB6DAV, Karen KF6PCV, Floyd KA6VEC, Hal KC5LUB and Steve W6SLT.

Steve tabled his issues.

Hal didn't have any further on the repeater.

Discussion of repeater issues...outcome of discussion that several things need to be pursued.

- 1. A volunteer will voice feelings to officials.**
 - 2. A committee will gather information on establishing a club owned and operated repeater. – BEF, YMM and LUB**
 - 3. LUB will look into the “agreement” with the county.**
 - 4. Steve will continue to pursue issues.**
- Meeting was adjourned at 8:48.

Notes from the Editor:

I would like to start by introducing myself, I am Karen Stevens, KF6PCV of Visalia, I am the wife of John Stevens KB6DAV. I am the new editor for the Tulare County Amateur Radio Club Newsletter. I am new at this so the format of the newsletter may change a little over the next few months. If there is anything that anyone would like to add to the newsletter you may contact me by e-mail at kf6pcv@tcarc.net. The deadline to have anything included in the newsletter will be the 10th of each month; submissions after the 10th will go in the next newsletter issue unless you notify me to do otherwise. Thank you.

All Ham News:

ARRL SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY SECTION.

Report for the month of August 2003:

SM Charles McConnell, W6DPD- ASM K6YK, ACC W6DPD, SEC K6IN, OOC N1VM, STM K6RAU, PIC Vacant, TC W6TE. Greeting from the San Joaquin Valley Section.

If your club would like news of their activities and events listed here, please send the information to your SM, w6dpd@arrrl.org. Emergency Coordinators are needed in Mono and Calaveras Counties. Contact K6IN (k6sec@mercednet.com) or W6DPD (w6dpd@arrrl.org) if you can help. The Turlock ARC's 75th Anniversary celebration is Sept. 20, 2003 with a special event station, W6BXN, from 8 AM to 8PM at the Turlock War Memorial on Canal Drive in Turlock. Talk-in will be on W6BXN/R, 147.03+, pl 100 HZ. Check www.w6bxn.org for information. The California QSO Party is October 4-5, 2003. Get on the air and you can be the center of a pileup. Stations will be looking for you. Check www.cqp.org for information. EmComm South is being planned for Oct. 11 at CART, 2555 Clovis Ave. in Clovis. The annual Turlock Auction will be October 11 at the Turlock Youth Center. Doors open at 8 AM, and the auction starts at 10 AM. Talk-in will be on W6BXN/R, 147.03+, pl 100 HZ. Check www.w6bxn.org for information. Pacificon 2003 will be October 17-19, 2003, at the Marriott in San Ramon CA. Check www.pacificon.org for program information and registration forms. If you have not participated in the Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Courses offered through the certification and continuing education part of the ARRL web page, please consider taking the courses. ARRL has received grant money to cover the cost of the courses. Upon successful completion of the course, your fee money will be refunded. If you have completed Level 1, then you should take Level 2, then Level 3. It is my sad duty to report the following Silent Keys for KF6RO, W6BUA, W6IYY, and WA6HHR. KG6PQY, AA6R, KJ6OH, and KD6UQZ completed the ARECC Level 1 class. W6HYY completed Level 2. NN6E attended the Tripod Rocketry Assn's National

Launch. AD6X qualified for VUCC
on 6 meters.
Traffic for August was zero. PSHR K6RAU 49.

San Joaquin Valley Section

Section Manager: Charles P. McConnell, W6DPD
w6dpd@ar1.org

Happy Birthday To:

JIM REEVES KC6YRU SEPTEMBER
ALAN VICENTI W6MTR OCTOBER

Happy Anniversary To:

ALAN VICENTI W6MTR SEPTEMBER
GLORIA VICENTI W6NRS SEPTEMBER

Equipment; Sale/Trade/Seeking:

Alan Vincenti has the following items for sale-
contact him by e-mail at
avicenti@sbcglobal.net

RADIO EQUIPMENT FOR SALE

- 1) ADI AR-147 2 Meter Mobile Radio.
Includes Mic, Bracket, Manual and Original Box
Excellent Condition Cosmetically and
Electronically \$100.00
- 2) ADI AR-447 70 Centimeter (440) Mobile Radio.
Includes Mic, Bracket, Manual and Original Box
Excellent Condition Cosmetically and
Electronically \$100.00
- 3) MagicWriter External USB CD-RW Drive
(4X4X6)- Includes Software \$30.00
- 4) MFJ 401-B Econo Keyer Practice Ocillator
\$10.00
- 5) MFJ 1224 RTTY/CW Computer Interface with
Manual \$10.00
- 6) MFJ 1270-C Packet TNC with Manual \$40.00
- 7) Kantronics KPC-3 Packet TNC with Manual
No Original Box \$50.00

8) Small Desk with two drawers
FREE - You Haul

John Stevens has the following for sale:

Contact him at 738-9874

Icom IC-T2H 2 meter handheld w/manual and wall
charger \$50.

35 watt amplifier 5 watts in - 35 watts out
\$40.

Next Meeting:

Will be September 25, 2003 Supervisors
Chambers, 2800 W. Burrell in Visalia at
7:30 P.M. All are welcome to attend.
Please join us every Tuesday evening at
7:30 P.M. on 146.880 MHz for our weekly
net. All amateurs are welcome to check in.

73 KF6PCV
de KAREN
Your Editor

**TULARE COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC.
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

NAME _____

CALLSIGN _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

EMAIL _____

LICENSE CLASS _____ RES PHONE _____ BUS PHONE _____

EQUIPMENT _____

BANDS _____

INTERESTS - Please Check

EMERGENCY SERVICE ___ RAG CHEWING ___ BUILDING ___

TRAFFIC HANDLING ___ Dxing ___ ANTENNAS ___

CINTESTS ___ QRP ___ OTHER ___

DESCRIBE _____

SIGNATURE _____

Membership Dues: (\$20.00 - Individual - \$25.00 - Family)

Mail To:
Tulare County Amateur Radio Club
P.O. Box 723
Visalia, CA 93279



AMATEUR RADIO EMERGENCY SERVICE

REGISTRATION FORM



Name: _____

Call _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State/Prov.: _____ Zip/PC: _____

Bus. Phone: _____ Home phone: _____ County: _____

License Class: _____ Primary radio interest: _____

Check (v) bands/modes you can operate:

| | 160 | 80 | 40 | 20 | 15 | 10 | 6 | 2 | 220 | OTHER |
|--|-----|----|----|----|----|----|---|---|-----|-------|
| CW | | | | | | | | | | |
| FM | | | | | | | | | | |
| RTTY | | | | | | | | | | |
| SSB | | | | | | | | | | |
| MOBILE | | | | | | | | | | |
| PACKET | | | | | | | | | | |
| IF OPERATEING PACKET, THE CALLSIGH OF YOUR PBBS IS: _____ | | | | | | | | | | |

Can your home station operate without commercial power Yes No

If yes what bands? _____

Signed: _____

-----Detach and send to your EC (if known) or the ARRL, 225 Main St., Newington, CT 06111.

To All Radio Amateurs:

The Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) is a voluntary organization of licensed radio amateurs who have registered their capabilities and equipment for providing emergency communications as a public service to the community. The purpose of the ARES is to furnish communications in the event of natural disaster, when regular communications fail or are inadequate. Sponsored by AARL, the ARES functions at the local level to meet local communications needs.

The ARES has a long history of public service going back to its formal inception on 1935. Since that time the ARES has responded countless times to communications emergencies.

Experience has proven that radio amateurs respond more capably in time of emergency when practice has been conducted in an organized group. There is no substitute for experience gained before the need arises.

The ARES in each locality operates under the direction of the Emergency Coordinator (EC), whose function is to direct the activities of the ARES to maintain a state of readiness.

To register in the ARES, send the detachable Registration Form above directly to your EC, or to ARRL Headquarters for forwarding to your EC. League membership is not required for registration. Registration does not require possession of any specially designed equipment. All amateurs can be of assistance to the ARES. There is provision in the ARES for every amateur regardless of class of license, equipment owned or personal circumstances. Won't you join us in providing this essential Amateur Radio Service?