

THE GRID LEAK

The Official Newsletter of the Tulare County Amateur Radio Club March 2004 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**

Echolink Node # **152747 (WA6BAI-R)**

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

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

Club Officers:

President: Steve Thomas W6SLT
Vice President: Dave Millhouse N6YMM
Secretary: Karen Stevens KF6PCV
Treasurer: Joseph Simons WB6MUD
Past President: Ray Quinn KF6KMY
Repeater Coordinator: Mike Irving N6BYH
Activities Director: Tom Thompson KD6DXX

Next Meeting:

Will be March 25, 2004 at the Supervisors
Chambers, 2800 W. Burrel in Visalia, CA 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 **Temporarily
the net will be on 146.730- PL141.3** . All
amateurs are welcome to check in.

Happy St. Patrick's Day
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Last Meeting Minutes:

Meeting called to order on February 26, 2004 at 19:38 by Steve Lee-Thomas W6SLT.

In attendance:

WA6BEF Dave, K2RQK Pam, KC5LUB Hal, KG6PBE Leonard, KF6PCV Karen, KB6DAV John, KF6KMY Ray, WB6MUD Joe, W6SLT Steve, KD6NED Jim, WA6SAA Charles, N6YMM Dave, KF6JBG Larry, N6IJF Andy, KGAIR Bill, KC6YRU Jim, KF6KMX Scott, KD6DXX Tom, N6QBK Chuck.

New Business: Board of Directors Meeting took place on February 26, 2004 from 19:10 hours to 19:23 hours.

Topics of the Meeting were:

1. To waive dues for Mike Irving N6BYH to enable the club to proceed with necessary actions.
2. Actions to remove Bryon Smith WA6LYB from position as WA6BAI Repeater Trustee.
3. Acceptance of Resignation from Hal Clover KC5LUB as Director of Repeater Operations.
4. To install Dave Millhouse N6YMM as Repeater Trustee until Mike Irving N6BYH becomes and Extra Class.
5. Mike Irving N6BYH appointed as Director of Repeater Operations.

From the Treasurer Joe WB6MUD: We have 34 Paid Members in the Tulare County Amateur Radio Club. The club has a Balance of \$1,550.00 on the books.

Election of Activities Director went to Tom Thompson KD6DXX.

Because of some technical issues, Tulare County will be conducting its emergency traffic on the 146.730 MHz repeater. There is a negative offset and the PL is 141.3. The repeater call sign is KM6OR/R. The Tuesday night net meeting will also be held on the 146.730 repeater. When the issues with the 146.880 MHz repeater are resolved we will return to using the 146.880 repeater.

Meeting adjourned at 20:42 hours

All Ham News:

Emergency Coordinators for Tulare County:

RACES is Jim Reeves KC6YRU

ARES is Hal Clover KC6LUB

The Emergency Coordinators encourage all to sign up with RACES.

You may contact Jim Reeves KC6YRU at

kc6yru@tcarc.net with your name, address, and call sign and he'll have a sign-up package mailed to you.

ARES Events by Hal KC5LUB:

Upcoming Events: ARES in Tulare County has been asked to provide communications on Saturday April 24th from approximately 0700-1330 Hrs for the March of Dimes WalkAmerica event in Visalia. The 146.73 MHz machine will be used for that event. A 2m simplex frequency of 146.43 and 70 cm repeater frequency of 440.45 MHz are also in the current plan.

The Tulare County Sheriff's Department Baker to Vegas team also has asked for communications assistance on April 24-25. APRS and voice communications will be utilized for that event. Frequencies are at the discretion of the ham coordination committee, OCRACES. More on that next month or May.

Respectfully Submitted,

Hal Clover, KC5LUB
EC Tulare County CA

FCC Proposes Rules for BPL (Broadband over Power Line) Systems to find out more if you have internet access you can go to the web page listed below.

<http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2004/02/23/1/?nc=1>

ARRL to Propose New Entry-Level License, Code-Free HF Access for more information if you have internet access you can go to the web page listed below.

<http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2004/01/19/1/?nc=1>

All Ham News: Continued

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY SECTION Report for the month of February 2004:

SM Charles McConnell, W6DPD- ASM K6YK, ACC W6DPD, SEC K6IN, OOC N1VM, STM K6RAU, PIC KE6IGJ, TC W6TE. Greetings from the ARRL San Joaquin Valley Section. Emergency Coordinators are needed in Mono and Calaveras Counties. Contact K6IN (k6in@mercednet.com) or W6DPD (w6dpd@arrl.org) if you can help. Please write your congressional representative and urge support and co-sponsorship of HR 713, the Amateur Radio Spectrum Protection Act and HR 1478, which would apply PRB-1 to CC&Rs. Also contact your Senators and urge support and co-sponsorship of S 537, the Amateur Radio Spectrum Protection Act. The 2004 Fresno Hamfest will also be the San Joaquin Valley Section Convention. The dates are April 30 to May 2. **ARRL to sponsor ARES/RACES/ARECC seminar in Fresno** -- The ARRL will offer a free Amateur Radio Emergency Communications seminar on Friday, April 30, in conjunction with the San Joaquin Valley Section Convention in CA. ***The seminar will not include the Level I course itself.*** This program is designed to explain in greater detail the duties of all Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Course participants and how their volunteer efforts are essential to the ARES Field Organization. This seminar will explain the importance of every team player with emphasis on using lessons learned to effectively move Amateur Radio emergency communications to the next level," said ARRL Emergency Communications Course Manager Dan Miller, K3UFG. All ARES/RACES volunteers, ARECC course participants, and Field Organization leadership are invited. Course participants at every ARECC level -- Mentors, Certification Instructors, Certification Examiners and current students -- will be encouraged to come and share with everyone their experiences with the ARECC Program. Field Organization Leadership -- SMs, SECs, DECs and ECs -- are also invited to join in the brainstorming with ideas for motivating volunteers and coordinating activities. We will focus on coordination between ARECC volunteers and students, and their integration into the Field Organization, helping us to provide the community impact stressed by CNCS for year 2. Attendees will receive handouts and be eligible for a prize drawing at the end of the seminar. The seminar will be held at the Ramada Inn University, (Shaw/Fwy 41), Fresno, CA from 1:00 to 5:00 PM on Friday, April 30 and *is open to all interested hams*. **Seating may be limited. Contact Dan Miller, K3UFG, k3ufg@arrl.org <<mailto:k3ufg@arrl.org>>, (860-594-0340; FAX 860-594-0259) at ARRL HQ if you plan to attend.** For more information on the SJV Section Convention, visit the sponsoring organization web site at <http://www.qsl.net/w6to/ota.html>. You can download the registration form from the web page. There will be a technical program on Saturday, and the Hamfest luncheon is at 11:45 AM. The Hamfest/Convention will be held at the Ramada Inn University as Shaw and 41 in Fresno. QSL cards for DXCC, WAS, VUCC, and WAZ may be checked on Saturday. Have all forms completed and bring the award fees, check or credit card. Amateur Exams will be given on Sunday May 2 at 1:00 P.M. Check at the ARRL Booth for information on the exams. The International DX Convention will be April 23-25, 2004 at the Holiday Inn at Visalia. Check [scdxc.org/visalia2004](http://www.scdxc.org/visalia2004) for information. EMCOMM West 2004 will be May 22-23, 2004 in Reno NV. Check www.emcomwest.org <<http://www.emcomwest.org>> for schedules and information. If you have a technical problem and need help, please contact the SJV Technical Coordinator, Dave Smith, W6TE, for assistance. He can help or refer you to a Technical Specialist in your area. Contact Dave at w6te@pacbell.net. If your club would like news of their activities and events listed here, please send the information to your SM, w6dpd@arrl.org. Clubs can order their field day information from ARRL. Check arrl.org and go to operating events/contests/rules to download the 2004 Field Day package. There are no changes in the rules for 2004. K6IXA returned to the U.S. after a 2+ year adventure on the high seas. Congrats to K6VZT on completing ARECC Level One course and to KC5LUB on completing ARECC Level Three course. The following Radio Amateurs became Silent Keys in February: N6GPA, KD6HPS (former call was WB6TDW), and KD6TY (former call was WB6KHR). Tulare County ARC officers for 2004 are pres W6SLT, VP N6YMM, sec KF6PCV, and treas WB6MUD. The club meets the fourth Thursday in Visalia. Stanislaus ARA 2004 officers are pres W6UHF, vp KF6NPG, sec KD6YUO, and treas KC6TVE. The club meets the third Tuesday in Modesto. The Fresno Chapter 213 of the CWA has now formed in Fresno. The meetings are the fourth Tuesday as Noon at Carrow's Restaurant on Blackstone Ave in Fresno. All QCWA members are welcome to attend the meetings. Officers are pres W6PSQ, vp W6YDE, s/t W6DPD, and directors W6RUJ and K6XJ. The Sierra ARC provided communications for the 20 mule team horse ride in the desert around Ridgecrest. W6VPS has a FT 8800. Traffic for February was Zero. PSHR K6RAU 62.

Some of you may be aware of the difficulties we've all been having with the '88 machine. Recently your new TCARC officers appointed a repeater committee to see what positive changes we could make. As committee chair, I'm happy to say that good things are in the making. Want to know more? Then come to the next regularly scheduled meeting of TCARC March 25, 7:30 PM at the Supervisors Chambers. You won't be disappointed.

Submitted by David McElroy WA6BEF

Happy Birthday To:

Ray	Quinn	KF6KMY	MARCH
David	Millhouse	N6YMM	APRIL
William	Shearer, SR.	KA6HGA	APRIL

Happy Anniversary To:
None to report

Equipment; Sale/Trade/Seeking:

Pyramid Phase III 12 volt Regulated DC Power Supply - \$50
Mirage B34 – 2 meter VHF Amplifier - \$40
ICOM – IC-T2H 2 meter handheld w/book and charger - \$50
Contact John Stevens at 733-8958

Notes from the Editor:

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 not include it or it is date sensitive.

Thank you
KF6PCV
de Karen



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Self Family Member
ADDRESS _____

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INTERESTS - Please Check

EMERGENCY SERVICE ___ RAG CHEWING ___ BUILDING ___
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DESCRIBE _____

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

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