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2M antenna used at field day

Clothing

Mary Ann KE6EST is looking for some one to replace her in clothing sales. Contact either Mary Ann or Carol.



From the President:

At our July 2nd meeting, we discussed our Field Day activity at Dry Creek Ranch. Our unofficial results are 30 CW contacts, 324 phone contacts, and 34 digital contacts in 67 out of 83 possible sections.

Here is some feedback:

1. Positioning our antennas around the operating positions in the center appeared to work well.
2. The meals and potluck were outstanding!
3. A unique laminated card for each band to be displayed at each corresponding position can aid operators to avoid interfering with other positions.
4. Some of our receivers were susceptible to overload from positions operating on other bands. A bandpass filter and ferrite beads snapped onto the feed line eliminated this problem at our 20 meter phone position. A club project is being planned to build bandpass filters for the other bands as well.
5. Due to the increasing complexity of our radios, a quick reference card and caution at each position can help assure safe operation of unfamiliar equipment.
6. This year's N3FJP rewritten Field Day software worked well except for some unexpected behavior on computers running Windows 8.

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CLUB INFORMATION

DUES: \$20.00 Per year

ADDRESS: P.O. Box 417718,
Sacramento CA 95841

MEETINGS: Membership meetings are generally held on the first Tuesday of each month, 7:30 P.M., at the Sacramento County Corporation Yard, corner of Don Julio and Elkhorn Blvd.'s.

Board of Directors meetings are held the fourth Tuesday at 7:00 pm. All members are welcome.

Contact a board member for location.

Web Site: www.n6na.orgE-mail: n6na@arrl.netContact club through the web page at:
<http://www.n6na.org/about>**N6NA Repeaters****145.250 MHz (-162.2)****442.600 MHz (+100)****Low Level (Orangevale)****2M Club Net - Members and Guests****Check In on 145.250 MHz****Wednesday at 8 PM****10M Club Net - Members and Guests****Check in on 28.420 MHz****following 2M net****SSTV Club net - Members and Guests****Check in on 145.51 MHz FM Simplex****Following 10M net.**<http://www.n6na.org/nets>**OTHER NETS**Noon Time Net is on the W6AK/R at
146.910 (-) 100 PL.**2013 OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES****Board of Directors**

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2 year Term Bob Woodward N6PGQ

2 year Term Ralph Stocki KJ6PIK

Appointments:

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Editor Ken Martin, KE6RMN

Sales Mary Ann, KE6EST

Field Day Need volunteer

Picnic Chair Need volunteer

2013 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

For 2013 all membership meetings will be held on the 1st Tuesday of each month. Board meetings are on the fourth Tuesday of each month.

Membership meeting	Aug 6
Board Meeting	Aug 27
Labor day	Sep 2
Membership meeting	Sep 3
Board Meeting	Sep 24



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Overall, our Field Day exercise provided a valuable learning experience and improved our readiness for emergencies.

In July, my husband Roger and I enjoyed a trip to the Caribbean island of Puerto Rico (KP4 Land) and a repeat visit to the Arecibo Observatory. Head of Telescope Operations, Angel Vazquez WP3R treated us to a VIP tour of recent upgrades to the facility. We will have a slideshow of new photos for an upcoming meeting.

Doug Emerson, N6NFF, president of the North Hills RC has invited us to attend their "What is Amateur Radio Night" on August 20. Details are on k6is.org/WIAR2013.pdf and in the calendar on our www.n6na.org home page.

Our August 6 meeting will focus on our Field Day antennas and how they performed, and a brief step-by-step instructional video on planning and building a filter in an Altoids tin.

Join us this coming Tuesday, August 6, 7:30 pm at the Sacramento County Corp. Yard at 5026 Don Julio Blvd. See you there!

73, Dr. Carol Milazzo, KP4MD/6
President, River City ARCS
<http://www.n6na.org>

Received via email.

There are two large, yagi antennas that are now being offered at no cost. This is because they were offered on an Ebay auction and didn't receive any bids. The accompanying towers are also free if needed.

The school in Carmichael, California will be building on the site of the two antennas and will have to destroy the antennas and tower/pole on or about August 15 if there are no "takers." The school would like to save the antennas and have them used elsewhere. Both antennas appear to be in good shape. The original ham owner is now deceased.

The largest five-element yagi has an estimated boom length of 46 feet and the driven element is approximately 35 feet long. The tower with the antenna is approximately 75 feet high and is secured with 16 guy wires. Unfortunately, the tower is not the crank-down or tilt-over type. There is also a discone-type antenna above the yagi.

The smaller five-element yagi has an estimated boom length of 24 feet and the center element is approximately 22 feet long. Because of coils on three of the elements, this yagi must be a multi-bander. This antenna is supported by a wooden electrical-type pole with climbing inserts on the sides of the pole.

The antennas would best be reached by a "cherry-picker"-type vehicle (or a long fire-truck-type ladder), although the antennas could be reached by experienced climbers. Whatever method might be used, the school will have the person or persons taking the antennas sign a waiver removing the school from any liability in case of an accident.

I am helping the school with this offer. Please contact me initially.

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