

Section Manager

East Bay Section Newsletter - July, 2021

ARRL East Bay Family,

Field Day is behind us and the warm days of summer are ahead. Public Service events are beginning again; and so, unfortunately, is wildfire season. So all of us should stay in practice and be ready to help when the call comes.

Field Day:

My first Field Day as Section Manager was a busy one. I attempted to visit ten locations and successfully reached eight. I could not find the other two from the address information given on the ARRL Field Day locator map. Even so, the sites I visited were all fascinating and impressive; and operated by wonderful people. I wish I could have stayed much longer at each location. I look forward to visiting each of you again. I also want to thank you for the several radiograms I received.

Remember that all Field Day entries must be postmarked or submitted via web app to the ARRL no later than Tuesday, July 27, 2021. You can submit them online at "<http://field-day.arrl.org/fdentry.php>". Late entries will not be accepted. See the webpage for details.

Pacificon:

Registration for Pacificon is open and a lot of people have already registered. Bob Heil, K6EID, is returning and our Pacificon Division Director, Kristen McIntyre, K6WX, will be the keynote speaker. She will also be giving other presentations during the forums. Most of the vendor spaces have been sold. There will be an all-day Antenna Seminar, door prizes, a Wouff Hong ceremony, kit building, a Special Event Station, a swap meet and a delicious Banquet, among many other events. Registration fees are unchanged from 2019. Also consider reserving a room in the hotel, so you'll be close to all the action for the entire weekend. Go to "<http://www.pacificon.org>" to register and see what's happening.

Also, if you have a good topic of interest to hams, go to "<http://www.pacificon.org/registration/speakers>" to submit your proposal to speak at Pacificon.

ARRL Field Services Management Reorganization:

Those of you that receive the regular ARRL Letter in their email may have read in the June 11 edition about a reorganization of the ARRL Field Services organization. (See "<http://www.arrl.org/arrlletter?issue=2021-06-11#toc01>" for the item.) Field Services is where the Section Managers and other Section leadership fit into the ARRL organization. It's separate from the Divisions in terms of organizational administration.

On June 9th, the ARRL CEO, David Minster, NA2AA, and other ARRL managers held a marathon of videoconference meetings with all 71 Section managers in the U.S. to discuss changes to the Field Services organization. We have a new Field Services manager, Mike Walters, W8ZY. In addition, the Board has created a new standing committee to oversee Field Services' revitalization and growth. Other initiatives have begun to learn more about the amateur radio community, the ARRL membership and how to improve ARRL services to both. They are also working to improve services to affiliated clubs. I'm strongly encouraged by the moves and changes so far and look forward to seeing and helping them progress.

New Affiliated Club:

Please welcome our newest ARRL affiliated club, the Kensington & El Cerrito Ham Operators (KERO ECHO). You can

see their website at <https://www.karoecho.net/>.

New Section Appointment:

Please welcome to our East Bay Section leadership team John Trinterud, K9ONR. John is a Section Technical Specialist, focusing on Winlink. If you have questions or problems concerning Winlink that you can't find answers for, contact John at trint@att.net.

Winlink:

If you're not familiar with Winlink, think of it as email for radio systems. It has been used for a number of years in other radio services; in particular for ships at sea; and is becoming popular and useful in ham radio, especially for emergency response. This is in large part due to its multiple features and many built-in forms. It can be used on most any communications link, including HF, VHF, UHF, and yes, even over the internet. A project John is working on is to establish nodes (called RMS servers) to provide VHF/UHF coverage throughout the Section. If you might be interested in helping with that, contact John at the above email address.

Add me to your club newsletter mailing list:

If you haven't already, please add me to your mailing list to receive a copy of your club's monthly newsletter. That will help me stay up to date with what's going on in the Section; and it may give me an opportunity to give your events wider exposure by including some of them in this newsletter.

FCC News:

The minutes of the June meeting of the ARRL Executive Committee make it clear that the ARRL Board is closely following the actions (or rather, inaction) of the FCC on several proceedings of interest to hams. The ARRL will be contacting the FCC to urge them to move forward on the following long-pending proposals:

- * Delete the 300-baud symbol rate, replacing it with a bandwidth limitation.
- * Enhance Technician Class privileges by allowing some digital and voice communications on limited portions of the bands below 10 meters.
- * Rebalance the 80/75 meter sub-bands to relieve congestion that's particularly bad in some portions of the band.
- * Eliminate the 15 dB HF amplifier gain limit, originally adopted in 1978.
- * Clarification of the term encrypted communication as used in the Amateur rules.

Local Ordinances/Laws, HOA Rules, Etc.:

We have in our organization volunteers with expertise in working with local governing bodies. If you become aware of any proposals to enact local ordinances, laws, HOA rules or similar actions that may negatively impact ham radio operators, please let me know. We may be able to offer suggestions on how to respond to these proposals in the most effective way, so as to hopefully minimize any negative impact. Also, the earlier in the process you let us know, the more likely our suggestions will be helpful.

ARRL News:

* The ARRL and the American Red Cross have renewed their Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). The "agreement details how ... ARES volunteers will interface with Red Cross personnel within the scope of their respective roles and duties whenever the Red Cross asks ARES volunteers to assist in a disaster or emergency response". See <http://www.arrl.org/news/arrl-american-red-cross-renew-memorandum-of-understanding> for details.

* Congratulations to Pacific Division Section Managers John Bigley, N7UR and John Litz, NZ6Q. John Bigley was declared re-elected as Section Manager in Nevada; and John Litz was declared re-elected as Section Manager in San Joaquin Valley. Their new terms began July 1.

Upcoming ARRL Webinars:

Get details on and register for the following ARRL webinars at <http://www.arrl.org/arrl-learning-network>. You can also watch previously recorded webinars from the same link.

* Designing Coiled Coax "Ugly" Baluns
Thursday, July 8, 2021

* Learning with High-Altitude Balloons
Thursday, July 22, 2021

New Hams:

Please congratulate the following new hams in the East Bay Section. If you hear them on the air, be sure to say hello and welcome them to our craft.

KN6ORL	Kristopher Milazzo	KN6OUK	Russell McIntosh
KN6ORN	Arthur Patteson	KN6OUM	Kurtis Norwood
KN6OTZ	Michael Mckinley	KN6OUY	Elias Sandoval
KN6OUC	Samuel Johnson	KN6OVD	Richard Taxera
KN6OUD	Wes Whalon	KN6OWR	Lucas Moody
KN6OUG	David Murray	KN6OXC	Michael Bryant
KN6OUH	Gary Huckaby	KN6OZZ	Brian Greer
KN6OUJ	John Custer	KN6PBL	Ryan Terpstra

New Upgrades:

Please congratulate the following upgraded hams in the East Bay Section.

KK6WKE	Robert Chu (General)
KM6PQS	Calvin Masuda (General)
KN6JYZ	Kenneth Sedgwick (General)
KN6MPR	Gian Fagan (General)
KN6OXI	Neil Panchal (Extra)
KN6OZF	Shantanu Karande (General)

Until next time, remember that the East Bay Section team is here to serve you, the hams of the East Bay. If you have a question or a problem concerning ham radio, don't hesitate to contact us.

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