

Section Manager

East Bay Section Newsletter - October, 2021

ARRL East Bay Family,

I had a very pleasant time touring the Oakland Aviation Museum during its Open Cockpit Day on September 12th. There was quite a crowd. In fact, the museum's parking lot was full, so I had to park across the street. Had a good conversation with Peter Krarup, KK6YGH, and he showed me the radio that started ham radio's association with the museum. There's a lot of interesting history in that building. Thank you to Peter and the Oakland Amateur Radio Club for the outreach and announcing the event.

* Pacificon:

There is no getting around it. COVID has had an impact on Pacificon. It will be a smaller convention this year. But it is still a great one to see. Speakers, vendors, the Friday Antenna Seminar, the Digital Academy, the Banquet, a Wouff Hong ceremony, one-day technician class and more. It's still a show not to be missed. The ARRL wholeheartedly agrees. There will be no less than sixteen (16!) ARRL officials at Pacificon. See (<http://pacificon.org>) for details and to register. But hurry! The deadline for online registration is tomorrow, Sunday, Oct. 3. After that, it's at the door only.

Please remember that, in compliance with mandates from the Contra Costa County health officials, you must verify that you are either 1.) fully vaccinated at least two weeks prior to the event or 2.) have a negative result on a COVID test taken no more than 3 days prior to the event. Also, you will be required to wear a mask in all indoor public areas. The Pacificon Committee is committed to keeping everyone as safe as they can during the convention. See the Pacificon COVID statement for details:

(<https://sites.google.com/mdarc.org/pacificon2021-new/covid-19>).

* Remembering September 11:

Last month, the nation remembered the tragic events of September 11, 2001. That was a day that changed our nation and the world. As it happens, our own East Bay Section Local Government Liaison, Bart Lee, K6VK, was in New York on that day and participated in the response. Per Bart: "On September 12, 2001 I reported to the Red Cross HQ in New York, to the communication group. Being on California time, it was easy to work all night, so I became the night shift trick chief (technically Deputy Communication Lead). I left New York on Sept 21. I wrote up the amateur radio response to the disaster." His report is at (<https://californiahistoricalradio.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Lee-K6VK-9-11-NYC-Popular-Communications-IX-02-all.jpeg.pdf>)

Section & Division News:

* Congratulations to Carol Milazzo, KP4MD (Sacramento Valley) and Bill Hillendahl, KH6GJV (San Francisco) for winning new terms as Section Manager in their respective sections. They began their new terms on October 1. John Bigley, N7UR (Nevada) and John Litz, NZ6Q (San Joaquin Valley) also began new two year terms on July 1.

* The El Dorado County Amateur Radio Club (EDCARC) has been providing radio communication support for small and large animal rescue efforts during the Caldor Fire. The group set up a central control net, while others accompanied the animal rescue teams dispatched into impacted areas. Until residents were permitted to return, these teams provided food, water, and care to abandoned animals. See the entire article at (<http://www.arrl.org/arrlletter?issue=2021-09-09#toc07>).

ARRL News:

* The ARRL has established a program to cover the \$35 application fee for license candidates younger than 18 years old. The FCC is not expected to implement the \$35 application fee schedule until sometime in 2022. The program will cover a one-time \$35 application fee for each qualified candidate who passes one or more amateur radio exams taken on the same day at a single examination session. The VEC exam fee will also be reduced to \$5 for these candidates. See details at (<http://www.arrl.org/news/arrl-board-establishes-program-to-cover-initial-fcc-license-fee-for-young-applicants>).

Other News:

* Not radio related, but good to know: If your phone number has the 925 area code, you'll have to start dialing all 10 digits for other 925 phone numbers starting this month. The FCC has assigned 988, which is used as a prefix for 7-digit numbers in the 925 area code, as a 3-digit access code for the National Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Crisis Line, effective July 16, 2022. But we'll have to start using 10-digit dialing well before that to allow time for all auto-dialing systems, medical devices, telephone service providers, etc., to be reprogrammed. You also need to ensure your contact lists include the area code for 925 numbers. This change affects 9 area codes in California, and 35 other states and territories.

Per the FCC website: Beginning October 24, 2021, consumers must dial 10-digits (area code + telephone number) for all local calls. On and after this date, local calls dialed with only 7 digits may not be completed, and a recording will inform you that your call cannot be completed as dialed. Consumers must hang up and dial again using the area code and the 7-digit number. For more details, see the FCC web page at (<https://www.fcc.gov/suicide-prevention-hotline>); or the FCC suicide crisis fact sheet at (<https://www.fcc.gov/sites/default/files/988-fact-sheet.pdf>); or the Patch.com news article at (<https://patch.com/california/walnutcreek/s/hrsaw/10-digit-calling-changes-in-california-new-way-to-dial-local>).

* I've been made aware of an interesting website that has many, many PDF files teaching a Radio Frequency Communication-Electronics Course (RFCEC). It's at (<http://www.rfcec.com/>). It has a multitude of files on various topics in the fundamentals of electricity, electronics and radio. But what really caught my eye is the history section. It has 17 files on various aspects of radio history, including histories of the ARRL, radio licensing in the U.S. and advancement of radio technology. Call sign maps from 1912 to the present are also provided. I can't personally vouch for the accuracy of the information on this site, but have no reason to doubt it. The History section is in Section 3, sub-section 13 at (<http://www.rfcec.com/RFCEC/>). (A direct link to the sub-section is very long.) Thankx to Marv Hoffman, WA4NC, North Carolina Section Manager; for letting me know about this website.

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.

* Working the Pileup

Tuesday, October 5, 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.

KN6PXH	William Schramer	Walnut Creek
KN6PXI	Bradley Haupt	Pleasanton
KN6PXJ	John Quereto	Danville
KN6P XK	Paul Clark	Alamo
KN6PXL	Jonathan Snow	San Ramon
KN6PXM	Christopher Vogelpohl	Fairfield
KN6PZM	Harilaos Boukis	Walnut Creek
KN6PZN	Jasper Yip	Fremont

KN6QBB	Gonen Shoham	Alameda
KN6QBH	Rofert Chu	Pittsburg
KN6QBJ	Stephen Williams	Oakland
KN6QBK	Timothy Fogarty	Oakland
KN6QBL	Daniel Newman	Berkeley (General)
KN6QCC	Kyla Kaplan	Concord
KN6QCP	Peter Tjeerdsma	Emeryville
KN6QDD	Denise Haye	Angwin
KN6QDL	Khushi Shah	Fremont
KN6QEI	Xia Horowitz	El Sobrante
KN6QEJ	David Stitt	Danville
KN6QEK	Frank Hale	Moraga
KN6QEL	Charles Vincent	Oakland
KN6QEQ	Axel Meier	Oakland
KN6QFH	William Sullivan	Oakland
KN6QGG	Elizabeth Joseph	Castro Valley
KN6QGI	Allen Myers	Berkeley
KN6QGM	Thomas Winovich	Sonoma
KN6QGN	Michael Yeager	Angwin
KN6QGX	Peet Cocke	Oakland
KN6QGZ	Maxim Lvov	Brentwood (General)

New Upgrades:

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

KK6JNR	Ray Engstrom	Alamo (General)
KM6LEC	Brent Henderson	Walnut Creek (General)
KM6TMZ	David Belanger	Walnut Creek (Extra)
KN6BUY	Thomas Fattaruso	El Cerrito (General)
KN6PQM	Zameer Zalmayyar	Pittsburg (Extra)
KN6PRQ	Joseph Troiano	Sonoma (General)
KN6PRR	Daniel Plumley	Napa (General)
KN6QAH	Santosa Ruslie	Dublin (Extra)

 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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