



EC Report for December 2017

Hi All,

The schedule for the month of December: 3 Monday Night EmComm Nets , 1 EmComm Meeting and 1 EmComm & Coffee.

Donations to ARES

Fresno County EmComm has been blessed with two donation packages from KD6TRV (Ernie Hoge) and KD6WBA (David Hoge). The following is a letter defining the reason that Ernie wants to support Fresno County EmComm as well as the email defining the equipment that they donated this month.

Equipment for ARES/Calfire & other EmComm

My son David Hoge (WD6WBA) and myself Ernest Hoge (KD6TRV) would like to donate this duplicate and surplus equipment to EmComm.

I came to this section of Ham Radio when I moved to the hills around Fresno and due to two fires within 100 yards of our residence led me to Calfire. And the local club got me involved in ARES, Skywarn, Calfire and RACES. After some training I saw the need for equipment, training and practice.

In my advanced years I gave up HF and field work and my son and I combined equipment for his superstation. We then had excess equipment to donate in order to perpetuate new young hams

Thanks you for the help,

KD6TRV and KD6WBA

The items include:

- 1 MFJ voice conditioner
- 1 MFJ 300 W Antenna Tuner
- 1 older type MFJ digital interface (with power supply, Mike/Adaptor switch, numerous adaptors and cables)
- 1 MFJ antenna analyzer (Older type)
- 2 MFJ low wattage antenna grounding units
- 1 Older type Frequency counter (Used it in conjunction with the antenna analyzer)
- 1 UHF 5 in 40 out amplifier

Agenda for the December 28,2017 Meeting

Training Agenda:

- ICS format adoption for all events and training exercises
 - Review of ICS format
- Mutual Aid Communicator (MAC) program organization
 - Review and summary of all three (3) levels of the MAC program
- 2018 Training Events (if we have time).

Chris

EmComm Net Updates for 2018

Gary, KI6OYW, our Net Manager will be going over the details of the upcoming changes to our Monday night net. The changes are needed to streamline professionalize our weekly net.

Upcoming RACES Exercise

The March RACES Training Exercise will be discussed. We will determine what modes and locations that will be used for the event.

We will have a regular EmComm Business portion of the meeting as well. This should be a very interesting meeting and give you a chance to voice your feelings to which direction you would like to see our group proceed.

The meeting place is the Hinds Hospice Building at 2490 W. Shaw Ave. Fresno. The time is 19:00 hr. please arrive a little early for we have to be escorted in for this is a secured building.

Public Service Calendar

ANNOUNCEMENT, UPCOMING EMCOMM (CARP) **2018 EMCOMM EVENTS**

February 17, 2018 – Rotary Chocolate Run – Woodward Park

March 3, 2018 – Sanger Blossom Trail 10K – Sanger, CA

**April 7, 2018 – California Classic Bicycle Ride
& March of Dimes Walk**

April 21, 2018 – Hinds Hospice Angel Babies Walk

May 5, 2018 – Kirch Flat Bicycle Ride

June 30, 2018 – Climb to Kaiser Bicycle Ride

September 8, 2018 – Tour de Fresno Bicycle Ride

October 13, 2018 – Bass Lake Double Century Bicycle Ride

If you would like to volunteer to work one or more of these events please go to k6arp.org and signup. You can also email Rob Mavis at (AE6GE@ae6ge.com).

Remember that we use these public service events as training venues. **We recommend that you participate in at least three events a year.** Soon this will be mandatory for you to keep your ability to be deployed during a disaster. Remember that we want to have qualifications and operational levels for our operators. This will help when we are asked to perform mutual aid for other County ARES/RACES Groups. When they ask for help they want our people qualified.

Southern Cal. Fires

Southern California Firestorms -- As of December 14, the Thomas Fire in Southern California consumed more than 230,500 acres, forcing evacuations. Amateur Radio volunteers provided communication for American Red Cross shelters in Ventura and Santa Barbara counties, passing traffic between evacuation centers.

A Ventura County Auxiliary Communication Service (ACS)/ARES net was convened December 5 to support Red Cross shelters there, providing communications between shelters. Radio amateurs also deployed to the Ventura County Emergency Operations Center (EOC). According to ARRL Ventura County District Emergency Coordinator Rob Hanson, W6RH, the ACS/ARES volunteers staffed four evacuation centers, in addition to the EOC.

Santa Barbara Section Manager Jim Fortney, K6IYK, reported an Amateur Radio Digital Network (ARDN) MESH video system has live streamed images from several sites, as long as it remains up. "Loss of primary power has required using the solar power backup capabilities, but, unfortunately, the heavy smoke has made that backup less than fully reliable," he said. In addition, some sites were down because of power outages, and at least one hilltop site was overrun by fire.

"The Santa Barbara District ARES organization works closely with Santa Barbara County OEM and is prepared to support any requests as the Thomas Fire continues to burn into Santa Barbara County," Fortney said.

Rich Beisigl, N6NKJ, reported that the Fallbrook Amateur Radio Group and other groups in the North County (San Diego) provided communication at some evacuation centers, and the Red Cross activated its Amateur Radio group. He said a group in Carlsbad also was providing shelter communication support.

In addition to power loss to repeater sites, solar panels charging off-grid batteries have been affected by the huge plumes of smoke blocking the sun. -- *summary of report by Rick Lindquist, WW1ME, ARRL News*

EmComm Website

We are now posting events and meetings on the calendar as well as posting articles on the home page. Check us out at fcemcomm.org..

Net Control Staff Needed

We are looking for volunteers to take a turn as net control on Monday nights. This is not a difficult task. We will provide the preamble and net roster. This is a great way to enhance your skills running a net for emergency situations. If you are interested, please contact Gary (KI6OYW) at 559-269-1340 or email g_greenberg@att.net

Our Calendar

No EmComm Nets on Dec. 25 or Jan. 1 !

There will not be a net on either Christmas or New Years. If you wish you can gather on the frequency at the regular time and have a talk around. We wish you to have a great holiday with your loved ones.

Don't forget the **Monday Night EmComm Net** at 19:30 hr. on the 147.15 MHz P1 141.3. We have some good information and camaraderie. On the third Friday of the month there is the **EmComm & Coffee** at YFC on Cedar south of Ashlan in Granite Park at 07:00hr. And last but not least the EmComm Meetings are held on the Fourth Thursday of month. Our next meeting will be **December 28 , 2017 at 1900 hr.** at the **Hinds Hospice Building, 2490 W. Shaw Fresno.**

Best of 73's
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