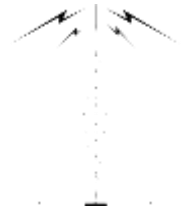




Western Public Service System Newsletter



AUGUST 1, 2011



Letter from the President, Genie, KM6D

Hi Everyone,

The WPSS Picnic on July 16th in Monterey was a great time, if you were there you know what I mean and if you missed it we hope to see next year. Harry KE6RJ was our Grand Prize winner. I think next year I'm going to have him buy my tickets for me.

I would also like to thank Sharon KI6FKX for hosting the picnic for us. Sharon is the XYL of Jim WB6YAM who became a SK just before the picnic and who was our Picnic and Prize Chairman. I would also like to thank her team of helpers for an excellent job, well done.

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| Jim WB6YAM.....Picnic and Prizes | Sharon KI6FKX....Picnic and Prizes |
| Terri.....Head Chef | Jason.....BBQ Chef |
| Dave KG6A.....Turkey Chef | Melissa.....Assistant Chef |
| Brian.....Assistant BBQ Chef | Steve.....Helper |
| Bill.....Helper | Rocky W6DNE.....Helper |
| Ryan.....Helper | Tom WB6VXY.....Talk In |
| Roy WB6ZIH.....Lunch Tickets | Marge KB6HAG...Opportunity Tickets |
| Bridget.....Kid Patrol | |

Thank you again you all did a fantastic job!

If you missed the Annual Picnic, the Fall Luncheon in Hemet is coming up on Thursday September 15th at the Steer-N-Stein from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. Contact Toby W6PXD or Al WA6EFT if you'd like to attend. Directions will be on the website. Always a great time.

It is getting close to election time and we need people to serve on the Nominating Committee as well as run for President, Vice-President/Net Manager, Secretary, Treasurer and four Director positions. If you would like to help out and/or be more involved with WPSS please contact Dan KD7MEK the Nominating Committee Chairman at kd7mek@frontier.com . We need to have the committee in place by October 1, 2011. So please consider helping out or running for an office, it is fun and rewarding, give it a try.

WPSS 2011 PICNIC PRIZE WINNERS

Yaesu FT 950	HF, 6M, 100W w/ Built-in Antenna Tuner	Harry KE6RJ
Yaesu FTM10R	2m/440 50W includes Palm Mic	Dinnie N6TLW
Yaesu VX8GR	2m/440 with GPS	Ralph NA6D
Yaesu FT60R	2m/440 Portable Radio	Genie KM6D
LDG AT200Pro	LDG 160m-6m 250w/100w 6m Auto Tuner	Bud K6HFD
Heil GM4 Mic	Heil Goldline 2-EL Mic w/HC4	Roy WB6ZIH
Diamond SX200	Diamond 1.8-200MHz 200W PEP Meter	Bud K6HFD
Power Werx SS30DV	2a Switching Power Supply	Dan K6DKH
Diamond X30A	2m/440 Vertical Antenna	Dan K6DKH
Arrow 2m/440 Beam	Portable VHF/UHF Sat Antenna	Rocky W6DNE
Hustler MX-270	2m/440 Mag Mount Antenna	Ed KI6ADQ
CometSBB-5NMO	2m/440 NMO Mobile Antenna	Leon KJ6DBS
Radio Wavz G5RV	HF Full Size Dipole Antenna	Iris KI6AXL
Radio Wavz G5RV	HF Full Size Dipole Antenna	Sherman WA6TVS
Radio Wavz G5RV	HF Full Size Dipole Antenna	Jesse NJOA
Arrow OSJ146/440	Dual Band Aluminum J-Pole Antenna	Al W6VZT
ARRL 0960 Handbook	2011 Hdcvr Amateur Radio Handbook w/CD	Anna KG6ZOA
Radio Wavz G5RV-JR	HF Half Size Dipole Antenna	George W6GF
ARRL 1431	VOIP/Amateur Radio Hdbk 2 nd Edition	Steve W6NFL
MFJ 392B	Headphone with Volume Control	George W6GF
ARRL 1034	HF Digital Hdbk 4 th	Lloyd W6LGS
ARRL 1769	ARRL Pocket Repeater Directory	Ed KJ6UDT
MFJ 281	Communications Speaker	Toby W6PXD
Visa Gift Card	\$100.00 Gift Card	Kelly K7DJV
Shell Gas Card	\$50.00 Gift Card	Ron N3ETA
Chevron Gas Card	\$50.00 Gift Card	Ed KI6ADQ
Visa Gift Card	\$50.00 Gift Card	Marty KI6SUR
Visa Gift Card	\$25.00 Gift Card	Ron N3ETA
Visa Gift Card	\$25.00 Gift Card	Tony W6CAZ
Visa Gift Card	\$25.00 Gift Card	Jesse NJOA
Outback Gift Card	\$25.00 Gift Card	Iris KI6AXL
Red Lobster Gift Card	\$25.00 Gift Card	Bob WB3CDB
Applebee's Gift Card	\$25.00 Gift Card	Dave WB6BK
Target Gift Card	\$25.00 Gift Card	Bob WB3CDB
Target Gift Card	\$25.00 Gift Card	Steve W6NFL
Olive Garden Gift Card	\$25.00 Gift Card	Phil KC6QJQ
Chevron Gas Card	\$25.00 Gift Card	Valerie KI6HTZ

Congrats to Harry KE6RJ Grand Prize Winner



UPCOMING EVENTS 2011

Sep 15

Western Public Service System Fall Luncheon in Hemet – Contact Toby W6PXD or Al WA6EFT to sign up. More information in newsletter and on website www.3952kHz.net

Sep 22 – 24

Western Amateur Friendship Association Fall 2011 Retreat
www.warfa.org

Thank You To Sharon and Her Crew



Left to right: Brian, Melissa, Rocky, Sharon, Dave, Terri and Jason.

Jim WB6YAM
Sharon KI6FKX
Terri
Jason
Dave KG6A
Melissa
Brian
Steve
Bill
Rocky W6DNE
Ryan
Tom WB6VXY
Roy WB6ZIH
Marge KB6HAG
Bridget

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WPSS 2011 ANNUAL PICNIC ON JULY 16th – more pictures on website



****Member News****

LEARN OR REFRESH MORSE CODE

Fred Silveira K6RAU

Do you or someone you know want to learn Morse code? If so the K6RAU Code Course is now available on the internet. This is **actual** code instruction, not code practice as one does not need to know a "dit" from a "dah" to learn. Simply with paper and pencil in hand follow the voice instruction. The narrator is Fred K6DUU (now a SK), father of K6RAU Fred our Treasurer. The course was first broadcast on 160 meters to local Merced/Modesto area boy scouts listening on converted music radios. In the 1970's through mid 90's it was transmitted on 75 meters by K6RAU. To download the course, three websites are available: www.kj6art.com and/or www.pdarrl.org/k6rau or <http://kd7mek.spruz.com/>

NET HISTORIAN ARCHIVES UPDATE

Bob McKusick W6ZAP, Net Historian

The conversion of the Archive binders to digital is coming along. I was pleased to see how much information had been retained by the various Net Historians and how well it was being maintained. It has been a very educational time for me as I go through each binder, trust me, "everything" is being copied. It is a good thing that we started the digital conversion when we did, some of the very early records were starting to deteriorate and yellow. I have found a lot of photos with no explanation or call signs this is something that we should keep in mind when submitting photos for the net in the future. When I get all the old records scanned I will start taking the new on a regular basis. Thanks to all who have strived to keep the history.

NOTE FROM OUR WEBMASTER

Michael Dobrzensky WB6NVT

You may have noticed a change in the WPSS web-site (3952khz.net). It is basically the same 'HF Transceiver' on the inside - with a new case, frequency readout, knobs, and switches on the exterior.

I had the opportunity to become the 'webmaster' for the WPSS a little over two years ago. At that time some questioned my 'sanity' in pursuing this endeavor. During this time, the website slowly evolved into a functional website - but not with the benefit of an overall plan on how it would end up.

Well, after going through this 'evolutionary' process (a fancy way of saying 'stumbling along') I decided it was time to make the website look like it was thought-out. Additionally, I have been studying up on XHTML and CSS in an effort to apply this to the website.

So, what changed? Most obvious is the page layout, including the use of a larger font (bigger letters) and maintaining a consistent menu bar on each page for ease of navigation. '*Net Control's Files*' was changed to '*Documents*' to encompass a broader spectrum including net control files and WPSS files (Bylaws). '*Board Minutes*' was eliminated since they are now part of the newsletter, which is on the website. A new (overdue) item added was the '*Officers*' page - a listing of the WPSS 'honchos'.

The website belongs to you, the membership - not just the webmaster. Accordingly, please let me know if there are any changes/comments to make the website more useful to you. My email is webmaster@3952khz.net (how convenient - eh?)

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Membership Dues Renewal Application

Dues are \$10.00 for first year joining and then \$8.00 for any consecutive years you want to pay for, so for 2 years it would be \$18.00. It only becomes \$10.00 when you fail to renew your membership by the due date or are a first time member. By failing to renew on time you also jeopardize your continuous service awards. Associate membership is for spouses, children or military personnel living at the same address as member and is an additional \$4.00 per year.

You can check the By Laws on the website, Article III Membership Sections 1 & 2 and Article IV Dues Sections 1 – 5; if unsure you can check with Toby W6PXD, WPSS Membership Chairman.

Dues are \$8.00 if your membership is current. You can renew or rejoin now by sending your dues to the Treasurer, Fred - K6RAU. If unsure as to your member status you can check the website member listing or you can e-mail **Fred** k6rau@arrl.net

Make Check payable to: **Western Public Service System**

Send membership renewal/dues to:

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Treasurer
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 Merced, CA 95340-1609



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Membership Dues Renewal Application

New _____ Renewal _____ Membership Type: Regular _____ Associate _____

Name _____ Call Sign _____ License _____
Please Print

Name _____ Call Sign _____ License _____
Associate Member

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____

Contact Phone (is not published) _____

NET CONTROLS

EARLY



Bob KM6GF
Lancaster, CA

SUNDAY
ROLL CALL



Genie KM6D
Indio, CA

LATE



Mickie KT6U
Upland, CA

EARLY



Speed K7TFJ
Pahrump, NV

MONDAY
ROLL CALL



Michael W7HUT
Santa Barbara, CA

LATE



Scott KI6YVT
Anderson, CA

EARLY



Bill K6ERQ
Ferndale, CA

TUESDAY
ROLL CALL



Toby W6PXD
Hemet, CA

LATE

Kevin KG6UGF
Susanville, CA

EARLY



Harry KE6RJ
Sugarloaf, CA

WEDNESDAY
ROLL CALL



Curtis KG6UCW
Merced, CA

LATE

Rick K6AMU
Eagle Lake, CA

NET CONTROLS

EARLY



Nancy KE6QI
Sugarloaf, CA

THURSDAY
ROLL CALL



Steve W6NFL
Salinas, CA

LATE



Kelly AL7DM
Simi Valley, CA

EARLY



Stan KI6COP
Lake Mathews, CA

FRIDAY
ROLL CALL



Sherman WA6TVS
Pacoima, CA

LATE



Bob KA6ZVR
Weaverville, CA

EARLY



Joe WA6FFJ
Fresno, CA

SATURDAY
ROLL CALL



Mickie KT6U
Upland, CA

LATE



Steve W6SMD
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