



RADIO-ACTIVE!

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Summer is here and lots of activity!

We are starting the summer off right by celebrating and getting reacquainted with each other. On June 21st we had a social and BBQ in lieu of the usual membership meeting. We had over 35 attendees and had a fantastic time sharing stories. Many thanks goes to the primary organizers Roberta, AJ6KN, Mark, KN6DBW and Jim, KN6NCG. But also thank you to all the contributors of the scrummy dishes. Here are some pictures of the activity. Because of the great turn out and interaction, we will be repeating the social again in July and August in lieu the membership meetings. Our nonprofit, *Santa Cruz Communications Support* have donated money for rental fees at Scotts Valley's Skypark location.

- ▶ **July's social will be on Wednesday, July 19th, 5:30—8:30 pm at Skypark. It will be again a potluck—bring a favorite filling for burritos.** We will have flour tortillas, drinks, plates and utensils.
- ▶ **August's social will be on August 16th, 5:30—8:30 pm at Skypark. Menu to be determined.**



John, N6QX; Alex, AJ6QY and Debra, KM6HGI



Roberta, AJ6KN and Mark, KN6DBW



Jim, KN6NCG; Mike, W6MLB and Bruce, KN6DBR

Equipment available to loan

Santa Cruz Communications Support have two kits available for loaning to allow ham operators participate in a deployment when they have limited equipment. One kit is for a vehicle deployment and includes Mobile dual-band radio Icom IC-2730, mag mount antenna, battery and kneeboard. The other kit is for stationary outdoor deployments and includes the vehicle kit with additional supplies of a tripod antenna, lighting, and pop-up.

New Technician class?

Do you have family, neighbors or friends interested in getting their ham radio license and want a class? We are taking sign-ups from people interested to assist in planning. Please share this link to those interested: <https://rebrand.ly/hamclass>

Volunteer / Training Opportunities

Here are some volunteer opportunities for the next three months.

- ▶ July 10-15: Perimeter Monitoring for Active Shooter First Responder Training, <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/ashooter>
- ▶ July 29: Santa Cruz Mountain Challenge Bike Ride <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4DA9A822A4F4CE9-mountain>
- ▶ August 20: Race Through the Redwoods foot race in Felton
- ▶ September 13—17: Santa Cruz County Fair
- ▶ September 24: Santa Cruz Triathlon



Look for emails for sign-ups and additional details for each of these events.



NETS on the move!

A recent membership survey about the ARES nets identified 'not having enough available time' as the largest barrier to participating in the various NETS of the week.

So the following schedule will be adapted, effective June 29th:

- ▶ SLV Net - 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month
- ▶ Coastal Net- 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month
- ▶ NO NETS ON THE 5th Wednesday or Thursday of a month

The Net Calendar can be found here: <https://xczcomm.com/index.php/calendar-of-nets/>. Email reminders are also sent on the day of the net.

Want to be Net Control? All operators are welcome. Contact Roberta, AJ6KN, Santa Cruz County ARES Net Coordinator at AJ6KN@slvares.org



Ken's wife, Ken, KN6PAC and Margaret, W6PGL

Resources

- Website: <https://xczcomm.com/>
- Reporting volunteer hours: <https://xczcomm.com/index.php/hours-reporting/>
- Upcoming events: <https://xczcomm.com/index.php/calendar-of-events/>
- Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/ARES-of-Santa-Cruz-County-Ca-296232310799866>
- Facebook group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/431308973875528>
- PIO Articles: <https://arrlsantaclaravalley.org/news/> or <https://xczcomm.com/index.php/news/>
- XCZ Comm You Tube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCHZH8TUSgh4SqHTPXSWolPA>
- Submitting deployment documents: send in PDF form to EOC.ARES@santacruzcounty.us and your appropriate EC (Bob: KO6XX@slvares.org)
- Submitting personal information such as DSW application, personal data update, education certificates: email K6PDL@ARRL.net, KM6SV@SLVARES.org, and EOC.ARES@santacruzcounty.us,

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June 19 Social and BBQ—See what you missed!



Alex, AJ6QY and Bonnie, KM6RMB



Cap, KE6AFE;
Susan, Rob's gal,
Bruce, KN6DBR
and Rob, KM6YHC



Pam, KD6KDF and Penny, KM6JUO



A crowd of many

Santa Cruz County ARES Purpose

- The Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) consists of licensed amateurs who have voluntarily registered their qualifications and equipment with their local ARES leadership for communications duty in the public service when disaster strikes
- We are not fire fighters or police or sheriff's officers. We are volunteers who care about our communities by using our emergency communication skills.
- Before volunteering in an emergency we first take care of ourselves, our family, and our home.
- We value the every member's contributions, irrespective of license class, years of experience, or the price tag of equipment.

Ham Radio's Motto

"When all else fails – ham radio works". That is because, when all the normal communication systems stop working, Ham Radio is still in operation, helping people, conveying messages, and sometimes, even saving lives.



A table of many



Casey, KN6AKO



Thumbs up from Casey, KN6MRU and others