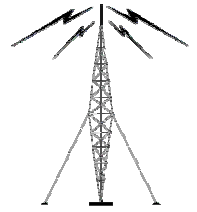




Western Public Service System Newsletter



Post-Picnic Edition

AUGUST 2010



Letter from the President, Ron, N3ETA

I hope everyone had a great summer. Fall is on the way, the kids will be back in school and its election time. We had a great turn out for the WPSS picnic this year. Our thanks go out to Jim, Terry, Sharon, Jason, Brian, Melissa, Grady, Tom, Dave, Scott and Sonja for all their hard work. I'm not sure how they do it, but they always make it run so smoothly and believe me that's no small feat. The amount of work that goes into that one day just amazes me.

If you didn't make the picnic, or if you're fortunate enough to be able to make both, the WPSS fall luncheon is just around the corner (September 23rd) and from the sounds of it we're going to have a real nice turn out. Get in touch with Toby (W6PXD) or Al (WA6EFT) and let one of them know you're planning to attend as well as the number in your party. All are welcome, members, spouses and friends.

The on-line newsletter is up and running thanks to our web master Michael (WB6NVT), our editor Genie (KM6D), our on-line editor Don (W3DRM) and our publisher Mickie (KT6U). If you do not have internet access and would like a hard copy mailed to your home please get in touch with Mickie (KT6U). Keep in mind the hard copy will not contain the color or the pictures. If you have the capability, please view or download the on-line version. We are hoping the money saved can go to better uses. You will still receive a hard copy newsletter for the elections edition.

Speaking of elections, we have a Nominating Committee chairman Dan KD7MEK. Dan will be putting together his four member team for the Nominating Committee. If you are interested in running for one of the open offices please contact Dan or one of his committee members. This year we will be voting for a new President, Vice President/Net Manager, Secretary and 4 Directors. The 2 Alternate Director positions will go to the 5th and 6th place Director candidates.

It has been my pleasure to serve as your President for the past 2 years. It is now time for someone to step up to the plate with new directions and ideas for the net. This is the only way for the net to continue to grow and keep abreast of the changing technology, times and interests of the next generation of amateur operators.

73,
Ron Genovesi N3ETA
President WPSS

**WESTERN PUBLIC SERVICE SYSTEM INC.
TREASURER'S REPORT FOR MONTH-END
[April 2010]**

/// Beginning Bank Balance (Mar 24, 2010): \$ 12750.32

\\ April Deposits & Interest: + \$ 180.00
+ 110.00 (dues) / Apr 07, 2010
+ 70.00 (dues) / Apr 23, 2010
+ .00 (interest)

\\ April Expenses & Debits: - \$ - 000.00
- 000.00

/// Ending Bank Balance (Apr 26, 2010): \$ 12930.32

Fred B. Silveira, K6RAU
WPSS Treasurer – 2010

**WESTERN PUBLIC SERVICE SYSTEM INC.
TREASURER'S REPORT FOR MONTH-END
[May 2010]**

/// Beginning Bank Balance (Apr 26, 2010): \$ 12930.32

\\ April Deposits & Interest: + \$ 000.00
+ 000.00 [no dues deposits]
+ .00 (interest)

\\ April Expenses & Debits: - \$ 3445.68
- 3445.68 (AES – picnic prizes – v 522)

/// Ending Bank Balance (May 28, 2010): \$ 9484.64

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WPSS Treasurer – 2010

**WESTERN PUBLIC SERVICE SYSTEM INC.
TREASURER'S REPORT FOR MONTH-END
[June 2010]**

/// Beginning Bank Balance (May 26, 2010): \$ 9484.64

\\ May Deposits & Interest: + \$ 398.00
+ 142.00 (dues) / May 27, 2010
+ 146.00 (dues) / June 18, 2010
+ 110.00 (picnic-rt) June 18, 2010
+ .00 (interest)

\\ May Expenses & Debits: - \$ 0000.00
- none

/// Ending Bank Balance (June 24, 2010): \$ 9882.64

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WESTERN PUBLIC SERVICE SYSTEM INC.
TREASURER'S REPORT FOR MONTH-END
[July 2010]

/// Beginning Bank Balance (June 24, 2010): \$ 9882.64

\\ July Deposits & Interest: \$ 863.00
+ 298.00 (picnic-rt) July 07, 2010
+ 565.00 (picnic-rt) July 26, 2010
+ .00 (interest)

\\ July Expenses & Debits: - \$ 0000.00
- none

/// Ending Bank Balance (July 27, 2010): \$ 10745.64

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***** NO BOARD MEETINGS WERE HELD *****

- Just a reminder -

Dues are \$10.00 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. By failing to renew on time you also jeopardize your continuous service awards.

It is just about to renew your membership for 2011, dues are \$8.00 if your membership is current. You can renew or rejoin now by sending your dues to the Treasurer K6RAU Fred.
E-mail k6rau@arri.net

Send membership renewal dues to:

Fred Silveira – K6RAU
Treasurer
1611 Evette Court
Merced, CA 95340-1609

Make Checks payable to:
Western Public Service System

****Note: Printable renewal form on last page of newsletter**

A big **THANK YOU** to these volunteers who made the Picnic a Success! The food was outstanding and well worth the money and the prizes, RV site and picnic in general were all done exceptionally well, great job, thank you for all your hard work.



Photo Courtesy of WA6UHA Dave

Jim Lacalamita – WB6YAM - Picnic chairman and Prize Chairman

Terry Lacalamita – XYL of KI6OYV – Master Chef

Sharon Lacalamita – KI6FKX – Spouse Gifts

Jason Jones – KI6OYV – BBQ Cook

Brian Landacre – KG6LPI – BBQ Cook

Melissa Landacre – XYL of KG6LPI – BBQ helper

Grady Crawford – KG6VAZ – BBQ Helper

Marge May – KB6HAG - Raffle Tickets

Tom Tengdin – WB9VXY – Check in / Raffle scribe

Dave Berggren – KG6A – Turkey Chef

Scott Hoffman – KI6WPJ – BBQ Helper

Sanja Hoffman – XYL of KI6WPJ – BBQ Helper

2010 Grand Prize Winner



Photo Courtesy of WA6UHA Dave

Congratulations to **KE6QI Nancy** for winning the Grand Prize, a Kenwood TS2000, shown here with WPSS President N3ETA Ron. She says the best thing about winning the radio is she won't have to fight her OM Harry KE6RJ for the mic now.



2010 Prize Winners

Congratulations to all this years winners

Kenwood TS2000 - <i>HF/6m/2m 430 XCV/Tuner</i>	KE6QI	Nancy
Kenwood THF6A - <i>5w 2m/220/440 HT/LITH</i>	W6WEC	Bill
Yaesu FT7900 - <i>50w 2m/45w 440 FM XCVR</i> <i>w/ Remote Kit</i>	WB6NVT	Michael
Yaesu FT60 - <i>5w 2m/440 FM HT</i>	W6NFL	Steve
Heil PR781 - <i>DYN Cardioid Studio Mic</i>	AD6NX	Erwin
Samlex SEC1235M - <i>30A SW PS w/ Fan /Meters</i>	W6PXD	Toby
Yaesu FT 270 - <i>5w 2m FM HT</i>	KF6JG	John
Diamond SX100 - <i>1.6 – 60 30/300/3kw PEP</i>	W6MRM	Mike
Arrow 146/43710BP - <i>3L 2m/7L 440 HH Split Boom</i>	W6NFL	Steve
Maha MHC9000 - <i>4 AA/AAA Nimb CGR Analyzer</i>	KM6DA	Tony
Hustler MX270 - <i>2m/440 2.4/4db NMO Mag</i>	W6NFL	Steve
Comet SBB5NMO - <i>2m/440 38" Blk NMO Mob</i>	W6PXD	Toby
ARRL 1448 - <i>10 Soft-Cover Radio Handbook w/ CD</i>	W6BPA	Henry
ARRL 9876 - <i>Antenna Book 21st Edition w/ CD</i>	WB6ABW	John
Radiowavz G5RV – <i>102' G5RV Antenna 28' Tall</i>	KI6WPJ	Scott
Radiowavz G5RV – <i>102' G5RV Antenna 28' Tall</i>	KE6PPE	Larry
Arrow OSJ146/440 - <i>2m/440 57.5 J'-Pole Antenna</i>	KM6D	Genie
Radiowavz G5RVJR - <i>51' G5RV Antenna 14' Tall</i>	N6MIV	Lee
ARRL 1093 - <i>Operating Manual 9th Edition</i>	W6NFL	Steve
MFJ 392B - <i>DLX Communication Headphones</i>	AD6NX	Erwin
Maha MHRAA4 - <i>4pk 1.2v 2700MAH AA Nimb 24</i>	KM6DA	Tony
MFJ 281 - <i>Cleartone Communication Speaker</i>	W6EKR	Walt
BBQ Hook	W6ZPE	Dick
2 LED Night Lights	KM6DA	Tony
2 LED Night Lights	AD6NX	Erwin
2 LED Night Lights	KE6HGA	Russ
1 LED Night Light	K6AL	Al

Member News

LEARN OR REFRESH MORSE CODE

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.pdarrrl.org/k6rau or <http://kd7mek.spruz.com/>

TAKE A TRIP IN A 1940 CHEVY

On **Sept 11th** you can start following KM6GF Bob as he crosses the country from Provincetown, MA back to his QTH in Lancaster CA. According to KM6GF he is going to fly to Provincetown where he will join his friend KB3MEJ and begin their journey back to CA in a restored 1940 Chevy. He is going to be posting a couple of photos a day from their route to his website and you can track him on APRS. When they reach KM6GF’s QTH the car will be stored until next year when they will do the same thing in reverse. Sounds like a good time especially in a restored 1940 Chevy. I can hardly wait to check it out, how about you? <http://fp1.antelecom.net/1940chevy> and <http://aprs.fi> and search for **km6gf-2**

ELECTIONS AND NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Don’t forget that elections will be here sooner than you think so please consider running for an office. The positions open are **President, Vice-President/Net Manager, Secretary**, and **four Directors**. All of the people in these offices have served as long as allowed according to the bylaws and we need new people to fill these positions. If you have someone you would like to nominate for an office contact the Chairman of the Nominating Committee Dan KD7MEK, cutoff for nominating is October 1, 2010. We have two people on the committee already Curtis KG6UCW and Genie KM6D but are in need of two more to be on the **Nominating Committee**, if you are interested or need more information contact Dan KD7MEK by e-mail as it must be in writing, the committee must be set by September 1, 2010. You are the WPSS and it’s your net so consider it, it isn’t hard it’s gratifying and fun so let’s all get involved. E-mail him at kd7mek@npgcable.com

FALL WPSS LUNCHEON IN HEMET

The semi-annual WPSS luncheon in Hemet is coming up on **September 23** it will be at the Steer n Stein and will be from 11:00 am till about 1:00 pm. It is a very easy to find location and the food and service are terrific. This is always a good time and a successful turn out every time as you can see from the photos posted on the website. There is one in the spring and one in the fall hosted by Toby W6PXD and Al WA6EFT both from Hemet. If you would like to attend just let either of them know you are going to attend and how many are in your party so they can make the arrangements at the restaurant. By the way the guys from WARFA are planning to attend this year as their Fall Retreat coincides with the luncheon. Hope to see you there.

PSK31 SCHOOL DEMONSTRATION

Kingman Middle School is having a demonstration of PSK31 put on by Dan KD7MEK on **Friday September 17** and this is his 3rd year doing it. The presentation will be from 8:00 am till 3:00 pm on 14.070 **kd7mek/kms**. If you do PSK31 be sure and go there and say 'Hi' to the kids, we need more young people to get involved in a great hobby. The more contacts they make the better it is for everyone. If you need more information you can contact Dan KD7MEK by e-mail kd7mek@npgcable.com do it for the kids.

MILITARY RADIOS AND RADIO WIRE INTEGRATION

Contributed by Michael KA6PGN and XYL Laura KA6VKF

Military radios are a mystery to many. They are green or gray and extremely heavy. How did men carry those large and very heavy radios, batteries, receivers, transmitters on their backs in the war zones? This was in addition to their guns, ammo, water and other necessities. I as a woman must give the soldiers great respect for the jobs they have done through the years. As I talked with many of those men this past weekend I was impressed by the stories I heard, learning even more about how much they relied on the ability to transmit over the air waves.

The Santa Barbara Amateur Radio Convention was held August 14, 2010. Michael W7HUT invited Michael to do a static display of his military radios. So he gathered together a small portion of his military gear and together we headed for the California coast. In the balmy 60's we set up three tables out on the lawn. Before he had 10 pieces out of the car men were gathering and asking questions. Michael actually conducted a 6 hour class on military radio operation.

So what is Radio Wire Integration?

RWI is connecting a receiver-transmitter to a [field telephone](#) or switchboard by wire. The radio and Radio Set Control AN/GSA-7 can be located up to 10 miles from the switchboard, by 2 wires. The Radio Set Control Group AN/GRA-39 has up to approximately 2 miles range. With two RWI radio set up's on mountain tops you could have communication over water or land for a long range. It's fun to take a [WWII](#) or [Korean War](#) radio and connect it to a [Desert Storm](#) radio by way of 6 meters FM.

Then there was the Angry 9... What?

That is the AN/GRC-9 with the [hand crank generator](#). This was the most fun for folks to operate. One must sit and crank (60 RPM) the generator or as I told the kids, they became the battery for the radio. Jay NY6L belongs to the [Antique Radio Society](#) and was able to find the time frequency, WWV. And several folks put on the earphones to listen to signals as they cranked away on the generator. Jason W6IEE tries his hand and Jay NY6L with his daughter Natasha enjoyed taking pictures of each other as they operated the Angry 9. Acting out the experience of using the field equipment was informative and fun.

Michael's collection includes radios from WWII, Korea, [Viet Nam](#) and [Desert Storm](#). In his display Saturday there were: SB 611, PRC-6, PRC-9, PRC 25/77 PRC-47 GRC-8, GRC-9 and PRC-86/126 to name a few.

We learned that having the radios in operation was the magnet so there is more work to be done. Antennas, connectors and microphones will be added for hands on demonstration. Bob KI6DUJ told of his experiences with Apollo space program. His story was only one of many we heard.

Will we do it again? Sure thing!

Note from the Editor – Genie KM6D, email: km6d@ymail.com

Hi Everyone

If you have any feedback, comments, news, announcements, photos or events you would like to have in the newsletter contact me by email or on the net. So drop me a note and let me know what's going on, this is your newsletter for and about all of you.

Thank you to Fred K6RAU, Bob KM6GF, Dan KD7MEK, Michael KA6PGN and Dave WA6UHA for their help and contributions to the newsletter, I really appreciate it.

73

Genie KM6D



UPCOMING EVENTS 2010



- Sep 11 Track Bob KM6GF on APRS as he travels across the country in a 1940 Chevy <http://fp1.antelecom.net/1940chevy> and <http://aprs.fi> and search for **km6gf-2**, read the article in Member News
- Sep 11 – 19 **Route 66 on the Air** – hosted by Citrus Belt Amateur Radio Club. This is their 11th year hosting this event celebrating the 84th year of Route 66. There are 17 clubs plus 3 mobile rovers all along Route 66. For more information www.w6jbt.org
- Sep 17 Talk to the Kingman Middle School on PSK31 from 8am – 3pm at 14.070 **kd7mek/kms**, read the article in Member News
- Sep 23 Western Public Service System Semi-Annual Luncheon** – Steer N Stein in Hemet 11:00 am to 1:00 pm always a good time and good food for all, for information check the website or contact Al WA6EFT or Toby W6PXD or www.3952kHz.net
- Sep 23 - 26 **Western Amateur Radio Friendship Association 2010 Retreat** at Valencia Travel Village, 4 days of food, fun & fellowship. For more information www.warfa.org

NET CONTROLS

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SUNDAY

EARLY	KM6GF	BOB	LANCASTER
ROLL CALL	KM6D	GENIE	INDIO
LATE MONITOR	WA6QLQ	RON	VENTURA

MONDAY

EARLY	K7TFJ	SPEED	PAHRUMP, NV
ROLL CALL	W7HUT	MICHAEL	SANTA BARBARA
LATE MONITOR	W0QNI	BILL	NOVATO

TUESDAY

EARLY	K6ERQ	BILL	FERNDAL
ROLL CALL	W6PXD	TOBY	HEMET
LATE MONITOR	KG6UGF	KEVIN	SUSANVILLE

WEDNESDAY

EARLY	KE6RJ	HARRY	SUGAR LOAF
ROLL CALL	N3ETA	RON	HALF MOON BAY
LATE MONITOR	K6AMU	RICK	EAGLE LAKE

THURSDAY

EARLY	KE5JTS	JASON	WOODBIDGE
ROLL CALL	WA6TVS	SHERMAN	PACOIMA
LATE MONITOR	AL7DM	KELLY	SIMI VALLEY

FRIDAY

EARLY	KI6COP	STAN	LAKE MATTHEWS
ROLL CALL	KD7MEK	DAN	KINGMAN AZ
LATE MONITOR	KA6ZVR	BOB	WEAVERVILLE

SATURDAY

EARLY	KG6UCW	CURTIS	ATWATER
ROLL CALL	KT6U	MICKIE	UPLAND
LATE MONITOR	KI6YVT	SCOTT	ANDERSON

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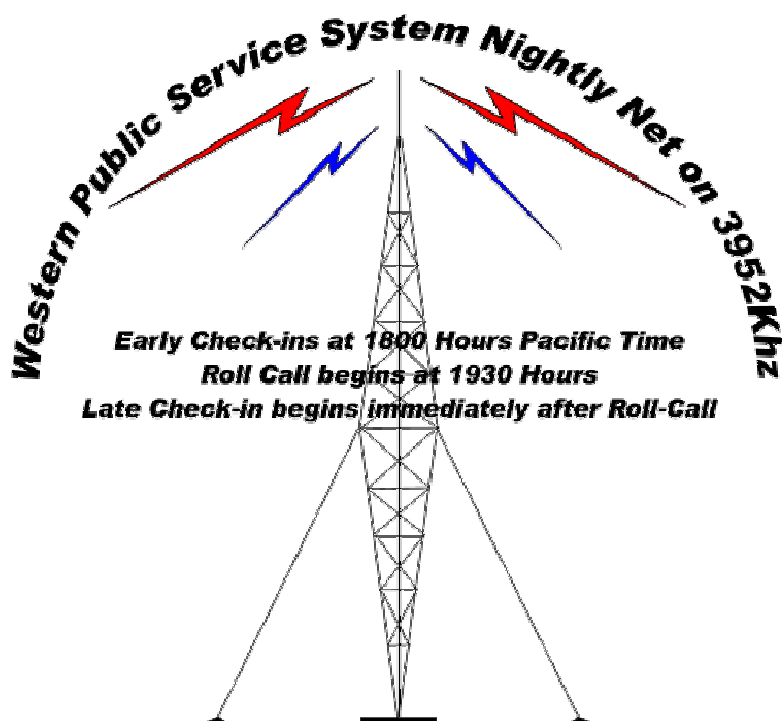
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WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

*Please note that the listings are no particular order and if your name is not here I apologize, my computer crashed a few weeks ago. The computer tech says the files are still there but I can't find them, guess their playing hide and seek with me. – Ed.

NT6S	Tom	San Jose, CA	N7OAK	Jeff	Pasadena, CA
KX6Y	Dave	Pahrump, NV	KI6WPJ	Scott	Monterey, CA
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WS6L	Eric	Roseville, CA	KA6MZE	Phil	Mountain View, CA

WPSS Luncheon at the Steer 'n Stein

Thursday, September 23, 1100 - 1300 Hours

All are welcome including spouses and friends

[Click for Directions](#)

