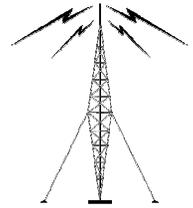




Western Public Service System Newsletter



MAY 30, 2011



Letter from the President, Genie, KM6D

Hi Everyone,

Well here it is almost time for the WPSS Annual Picnic, which is going to be held in Del Rey Oaks at the Laguna Seca Raceway campgrounds. I would like to thank Jim WB6YAM, his wife Sharon KI6FKX and their great crew for agreeing to once again do the picnic for us. Jim is also serving as Prize chairman, and something different this year we have combined the Members and the Spouses prizes. Thank you also to Marge KB6HAG for doing a great job taking care of the opportunity ticket sales. They will go on sale by mail from May 15 to July 13.

I would like everyone to join me in thanking our Net Controls and our Net Manager for their outstanding service to the net. Without them we could not have the net running as smoothly as it does. Thanks also to Fred K6RAU, Treasurer and to Michael W7HUT, Secretary for all their work each week in keeping up with all the updates and changes to the roll call and seeing that the net controls receive them. If you would like to help with the net as an early, late or roll caller let Toby W6PXD or any of the net controls know. We are now in need of a Friday roll caller beginning about July 1, 2011, contact Toby W6PXD if you would like to help out.

In a very short while it will be election time again. We will be in need of a President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary and four Directors so please consider running for an office as we need new people with fresh ideas to help WPSS be all it can be and more.

We have had a lot of new members join and I would like to say welcome to all of them and I hope to hear and talk with them on the net.

I'm looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the picnic Lloyd W6LGS and I will going up there from Indio. If you can't make the picnic maybe you can join us at the fall luncheon in Hemet another great time.

73

Genie Balentine-Segroves KM6D
President WPSS

Our thanks to all our Net Controls. Great job everyone!



Scott is late monitor on Mondays



Bill is early monitor on Tuesdays

Thanks guys for all you do for the net.

**WE ARE IN NEED OF A ROLL CALLER FOR FRIDAY NIGHTS.
PLEASE CONTACT TOBY W6PXD IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP.**



UPCOMING EVENTS 2011



Jun 25 – 26

ARRL Field Day - the largest on-the-air operating event in Amateur Radio.
www.arrl.org/field-day

Jul 16

Western Public Service System Annual BBQ Picnic - information in newsletter and on website :
www.3952kHz.net

Sep 22 – 24

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



This Years Picnic *by Jim WB6YAM*

Talk in Frequency-

The talk in frequency will be the KI6FKX repeater located atop of Mount Toro between Monterey & Salinas on 146.655 -600 tone/PL 94.8. Coverage from the north starts around Gilroy on Hwy 101, Santa Cruz on Hwy 1 and from the south around Gonzales on Hwy 101. This repeater will be monitored starting early Friday through Sunday for WPSS traffic, Just call for WPSS Control, Sharon KI6FKX or Jim WB6YAM.

When: Saturday, July 16th, 2011 (Note: *Many people arrive a day or two early and stay through Sunday.*)

Where: This year's picnic will again be held at...

The Laguna Seca Recreation Area, 1025 Monterey Highway 68, Salinas, CA

(aka "Mazda – Laguna Seca Raceway")

For you GPS Buffs: N36-34-46 W121-45-21

Our location within the recreational area is the Chaparral "B" Campgrounds located between Roads A and B, near the Community Meeting Room. Detailed directions to recreational area are on the web site.

Essentially, coming from US101, take exit 326B, towards the Monterey Peninsula, in Salinas. From the south-bound exit, make a right on South Sanborn Rd. From the northbound exit, make a left on Fairview Ave, then left on South Sanborn. South Sanborn Rd becomes E. BLANCO RD. Turn left on S. MAIN ST (Highway 68) and travel for about 8.8 miles until you reach the recreational area.

You should not be required to pay the \$6.00 day use fee if you mention that you are with the WPSS group in Chaparral "B"

Lunch: a scrumptious lunch will be served about noon on Saturday at a cost of \$10 per person.

There is a link to the recreational area's web site on the Picnic Page at our web site or go here> <http://www.co.monterey.ca.us/parks/lagunaseca.html>

RV (or Tent) Reservations: Our wagon master for this year's picnic is Jim Lacalamita, WB6YAM. Jim prefers to take reservations by e-mail: wb6yam@sbcglobal.net (If you are not of email age you can telephone)

In your e-mail please include all of the following that applies:

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- Your full name(s)
 - Call Sign(s)
 - Arrival and departure dates & times
 - Your RV license number
 - The license number of your support or tow vehicle (If there is one)

RV spaces are **\$33.00** per night and include water and electricity

Tent camping spaces are available for **\$30.00** per night. (No stakes through asphalt please)

Checks made payable to "WPSS" should be turned over to Jim or Sharon at the picnic.

If you have questions for Jim you can catch him on the WPSS Net or email (wb6yam@sbcglobal.net) or (831) 601-0994 Days / (831) 449-6000 Evenings.

WPSS 2011 PICNIC PRIZE LIST

Yaesu FT 950	HF, 6M, 100W w/ Built-in Antenna Tuner
Yaesu FTM10R	2m/440 50W includes Palm Mic
Yaesu VX8GR	2m/440 with GPS
Yaesu FT60R	2m/440 Portable Radio
LDG AT200Pro	LDG 160m-6m 250w/100w 6m Auto Tuner
Heil GM4 Mic	Heil Goldline 2-EL Mic w/HC4
Diamond SX200	Diamond 1.8-200mHz 200W PEP Meter
Power Werx SS30DV	2a Switching Power Supply
Diamond X30A	2m/440 Vertical Antenna
Arrow 2m/440 Beam	Portable VHF/UHF Sat Antenna
Hustler MX-270	2m/440 Mag Mount Antenna
CometSBB-5NMO	2m/440 NMO Mobile Antenna
Radio Wavz G5RV	HF Full Size Dipole Antenna
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Arrow OSJ146/440	Dual Band Aluminum J-Pole Antenna
ARRL 0960 Handbook	2011 Hdcvr Amateur Radio Handbook w/CD
Radio Wavz G5RV-JR	HF Half Size Dipole Antenna
ARRL 1431	VOIP/Amateur Radio Hdbk 2 nd Edition
MFJ 392B	Headphone with Volume Control
ARRL 1034	HF Digital Hdbk 4 th

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

OPPORTUNITY TICKETS

\$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00

Marge May KB6HAG has once again graciously volunteered to be the person responsible for this year's *WPSS Annual BBQ Picnic* opportunity tickets. Tickets go on sale by mail on **May 15th** through **July 13th**. The tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. You may buy your opportunity tickets from her at the picnic or by snail mail. Prizes won by members not present at the picnic will be shipped to them courtesy of WPSS.

- If you want your ticket stubs back before the picnic your request must be received by July 9th and include a *SASE* with your order.
- Make checks payable to *Western Public Service System*.
- **Write your call sign on your check.**
- Cutoff date to order by mail is July 13th.
- Need not be on roll call list to purchase tickets *BUT* must be a member in good standing as of July 16, 2011.
- Eligibility is limited to members of WPSS
- Any donation amount will be accepted in lieu of the requested ticket prices
- No purchase necessary to participate

To purchase tickets send your requests to:

Marge May KB6HAG
15120 Village 15
Camarillo, CA 93012

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.

The 2011 WPSS Picnic Opportunity Drawing Rules and Eligibility

The Opportunity Drawing is a benefit to members in good standing of WPSS as of **16 July 2011**.

- Opportunity tickets may be purchased beginning **May 15, 2011**, by mail from **Marge May** (KB6HAG) 15120 Village 15, Camarillo, CA. 93012. Marge's Email is available on QRZ.com.
- **Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00.**
- Checks must be received by Marge on or before **July 15th, 2011**
(or no later than July 13th if you want ticket stubs sent back to you.)
- Tickets may be purchased at the Picnic site.
- Checks should be made out to *Western Public Service System*.
You must put **your call sign on the check**.
- If you want your ticket stubs, include a self-addressed stamped envelope with your check
- Eligibility is limited to members of WPSS
- Any donation amount will be accepted in lieu of the requested ticket prices
- No purchase necessary to participate

Eligibility

- Eligibility is limited to members of WPSS
- You must be a member in good standing of Western Public Service System. A member in good standing means you must have your dues paid (with the exception of life members) on or by July 16, 2011 prior to the drawing. Our President Genie, KM6D, will have Fred's latest membership data at the picnic (current as of **July 15, 2011** (mailed dues must be received by our Treasurer by **July 15, 2011**)).
- Dues payments, renewals and new memberships will be accepted prior the drawing at the picnic by our President, Genie, KM6D or our Treasurer, K6RAU, if in attendance.
- Any donation amount will be accepted in lieu of the requested ticket prices
- You do **NOT** have to be on roll call. If you have any doubt about your status please contact our Treasurer- Fred, K6RAU, or our President Genie, KM6D who will be at the picnic, before you purchase tickets.
- No single ticket may win more than one prize.
- No purchase necessary to participate
- Prizes won by members not present will have their prize shipped to them courtesy of WPSS.

The Drawing

- The **First, Second** and **Third** prizes will be drawn as follows; prior to any other tickets having been drawn, the **First** prize ticket will be drawn and placed in an envelope marked **FIRST PRIZE**. This process will be repeated for the **Second** prize in which the ticket will then be placed in an envelope marked **SECOND PRIZE** and then again for **Third** prize in which the ticket will be placed in an envelope marked **THIRD PRIZE**.
- At this point tickets will be drawn and winners' names announced for prizes starting with the lesser value and working up to the highest value. Names will be announced as tickets are drawn.
- Upon completion of drawing for all other prizes:
 - The **Third Prize** envelope will be opened and the winner's name announced, then
 - The **Second Prize** envelope will be opened and the winner's name announced and finally
 - The **First Prize** envelope will be opened and the winners name announced.
 - This will conclude the opportunity drawing.

WPSS Net Monitors

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SUNDAY			
EARLY	KM6GF	BOB	LANCASTER
ROLL CALL	KM6D	GENIE	INDIO
LATE MONITOR	KT6U	MICKIE	UPLAND
MONDAY			
EARLY	K7TFJ	SPEED	PAHRUMP, NV
ROLL CALL	W7HUT	MICHAEL	SANTA BARBARA
LATE MONITOR	KI6YVT	SCOTT	ANDERSON
TUESDAY			
EARLY	K6ERQ	BILL	FERNDALE
ROLL CALL	W6PXD	TOBY	HEMET
LATE MONITOR	KG6UGF	KEVIN	SUSANVILLE
WEDNESDAY			
EARLY	KE5JTS	JASON	WOODBIDGE
ROLL CALL	KG6UCW	CURTIS	MERCED
LATE MONITOR	K6AMU	RICK	EAGLE LAKE
THURSDAY			
EARLY	KE6RJ	HARRY	SUGAR LOAF
ROLL CALL	W6NFL	STEVE	SALINAS
LATE MONITOR	AL7DM	KELLY	SIMI VALLEY
FRIDAY			
EARLY	KI6COP	STAN	LAKE MATTHEWS
ROLL CALL	KD7MEK	DAN	KINGMAN AZ
LATE MONITOR	WA6ZVR	BOB	WEAVERVILLE
SATURDAY			
EARLY	WA6FFJ	JOE	FRESNO
ROLL CALL	KT6U	MICKIE	UPLAND
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