The Heterodyne

Newsletter of the West Valley Amateur Radio Association

NEXT MONTHLY MEETING
Wednesday October 12

Meetings Begin at 7pm at Silicon Valley Chapter of the American Red Cross
2731 N First St, San Jose (SW corner at Plumeria Dr)

October 12 Meeting at 7pm

"DXing for Beginners"
by Kristen McIntyre, K6WX

Meeting Location:
American Red Cross
Silicon Valley Chapter
2731 N. First Street at Plumeria Drive
(southwest corner) in San Jose.

3D2R DXpedition in Rotuma

Whether you have monoband yagis or a wire antenna, DXing is a lot of fun. Says Kristen: "Of all of the areas that I find fun in Amateur Radio, DXing is my favorite. If you've grown up in amateur radio operating only on local VHF/UHF and on local re-peaters, you'll find DXing to be a different world with its own procedures, language, tricks, and style. There is the thrill of the hunt and the magic of making ionospheric propagation work for you. This talk will take you on a tour of this world and show you a few ways to get started on your journey toward the enjoyment of working a 'new one'. Even if you're an old timer, come join us to encourage and elmer your friends as we take a fresh look at this area of our diverse hobby."

Kristen McIntyre, K6WX, has been interested in radio since she was about 5 years old. She started in Amateur Radio in 1979 getting her ticket while at MIT. Kristen has worked in many diverse areas from analog circuit design to image processing to starting and running an ISP. She is currently working at Apple on Time Machine, and spent many years at Sun Microsystems Laboratories where she was researching robustness and emergent properties of large distributed computer systems. She is a long time denizen of Silicon Valley and has worked at or consulted for many of the usual suspects. Kristen is an active ham and loves to chase DX on HF with her Elecraft K2 which she built while visiting her mother in Florida. She is an ARRL

Technical Coordinator for the East Bay Section, president of the Palo Alto Amateur Radio Assoc., and is active in many local clubs.
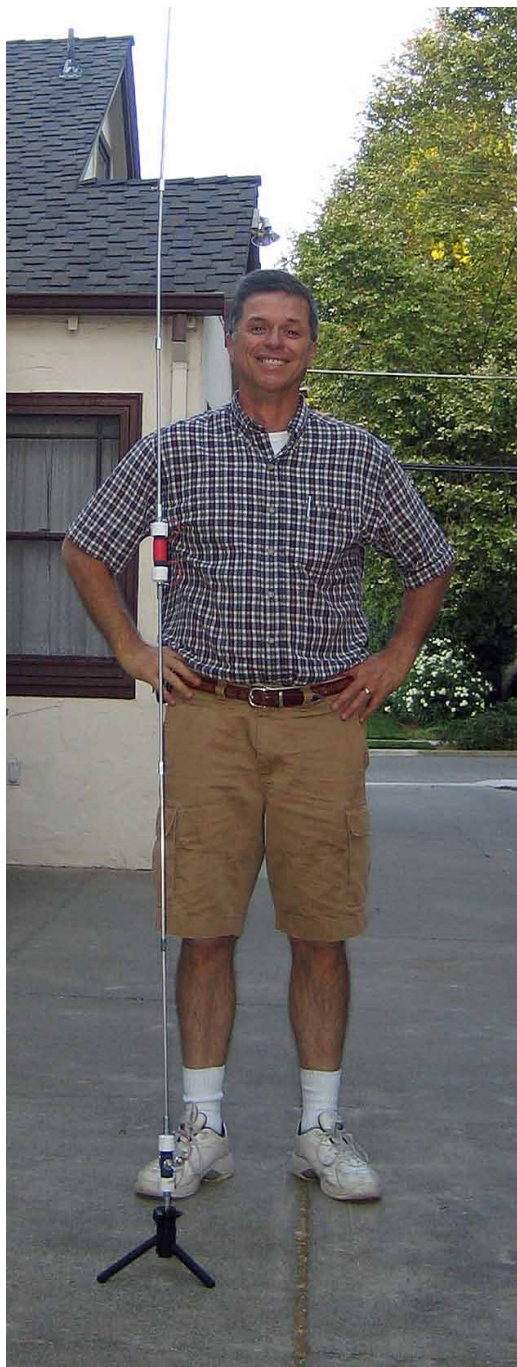
Pacificon October 14-16, 2011

Marriott Santa Clara
2700 Mission College Boulevard
Santa Clara, CA 95054
www.pacificon.org

Little Pistols Guide to HF Propagation

"Little Pistol's Guide to HF Propagation" by NM7M is an excellent propagation book that is well worth reading. It is no longer in print, but a free copy is available at:

http://myplace.frontier.com/~k9la/

Under the Welcome statement you will see a reference to the book. Select the General link and download from there.

Rick WE6AAI's Homebrew Vertical Antenna and Carrying Case
Rick used this antenna in the Flight Of The Bumblees event during the summer

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Club Net

WVARA's club net is on the W6PIY repeaters each Tuesday at 8:30 pm. All repeaters are linked together during the net. The net script can be found at http://www.wvara.org/net.html .

WVARA Repeaters (W6PIY)			
Band	**Frequency**	**PL**	**Status**
6 Meters	52.580- MHz	151.4 Hz	Operating
2 Meters	147.39+ MHz	151.4 Hz	Operating
1.25 Meters	223.96- MHz	156.7 Hz	Operating
0.70 Meter	441.35+ MHz	88.5 Hz	Operating
0.23 Meter	1286.2- MHz	100 Hz	Operating

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See You At The Meeting!