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This document outlines the Communications Operations Plan of the Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) for the Condor Classic (CC) 2008. ARES will provide emergency, priority and health and welfare communications support for the participants of the bicycle cross-country event.

The 2008 CC event, on October 11<sup>th</sup>, comprises four courses starting at San Juan Oaks Golf Club.

- ❑ The Centennial Challenge – 100K course
- ❑ The Cienega Valley Wine Trail – 40 Mile course
- ❑ San Juan Valley Ride – 20 Mile course
- ❑ The Pinnacles Ride – 100 Mile course

The event communications will be coordinated with CC Command. ARES will use UHF/VHF bands to provide Emergency Medical Services Dispatchers for emergency, priority, welfare and logistical message traffic.

## **BACKGROUND**

2008 is the first Condor Classic. The Hollister Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) is providing communications for the remote portions of the course where cellular phone coverage is unreliable or non-existent.

## **EQUIPMENT**

Dual Band (440 and 2 Meters) transceivers, mobile and portable, as well as cross band repeaters(where needed).

## **FREQUENCIES**

2M: KA6BPT – 147.315(+) PL: 94.8 – In Town Primary  
2M: KD6XZG – 146.625(-) PL: 94.8 – South County  
440: WA6MOW – 441.900(+) PL: 110.9 – In Town Backup

## **EMERGENCY REPORTING PROCEDURES**

1. If you have cellular phone coverage, call 911.
  - a. After making the call to EMS, let Net Control know so the incident is not called in twice.
  - b. During QSO with Net Control, announce, “EMS has been notified.” Include any detail that may be helpful
  - c. When in doubt, report it.
2. If you don't have cel coverage, call either Net Control or Condor Command and report the incident. Net Control or Condor Command will call EMS.
  - a. During QSO, announce, “Notify EMS”.
  - b. When in doubt, report it.
3. State your emergency and EXACT location
  - a. Refer to the event map

- b. Provide the closest map landmark.
  - c. When EMS arrives, give them any updated information you have.
  - d. Stay at your assigned post. Don't go out looking for an injured rider. Our task is COMMUNICATIONS ONLY.
4. Helpful Phone Numbers:
- a. Event Chair – Kathy Schipper – Mobile: 831-915-2130
  - b. Emergency – 831-636-4102 - 911 if you are using the South County Rptr
  - c. Cal Fire/County Fire – 831-637-4475
  - d. Sheriff – 831-636-4080
  - e. Hollister PD – 831-636-4330
- (Note: For EMERGENCIES – Call 911. Use these numbers when 911 is not available or for non-emergencies)

**Always be alert for bicyclists. Be safe and when in doubt, REPORT IT.**

Once a report of a cyclist's injury or illness is received by EMS, the closest fire/medical unit will be dispatched. The fire personnel will determine whether a WESTMED, Cal Star or Stanford Life Flight helicopter (MEDEVAC) air ambulance is necessary. We, as communicators, are "**NOT** expected to make medical decisions." We just report our location, when we have a "rider down," and fire/medical units respond.

The event Sag wagons will be regularly making the course rounds to provide participant's non-emergency help and mechanical breakdown transportation back to San Juan Oaks.

**SAG reports:** So everyone is aware where the Sag wagons are located, notice when they pass your station.

**COMMUNICATIONS PRIORITIES:**

- 1. **Emergency communications**
- 2. **Priority traffic**
- 3. **Welfare inquires from riders**
- 4. **Logistical requests**

**AUTHORIZED TRAFFIC**

- 1. Give Emergency traffic pro-word "**BREAK... BREAK,**" wait for Net Control to acknowledge your transmission, state the exact location of the emergency and it's nature, e.g.: single vs. multiple bicycle crash, unconscious, not breathing, bleeding etc., and closest landmark on the map.
- 2. Call Net Control to check in, when you reach your assigned position. Be alert for "Roll Call" requests from Condor Control or Net Control.

**OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS**

**Top of the hour check-ins.**

To keep everyone in contact, we will have check ins at the top of the hour. When you notice it is the top of the hour, or hear others checking in, please check in with Net Control.

**POSITION LOCATIONS TACTICAL CALL SIGNS:**

**Net Control:** identify with your personal Amateur Radio call sign every **10 minutes** per FCC regulations. If you forget to I.D. at the end of an exchange, give it after your next transmission.

Simplex traffic may be passed between stations, but ***always monitor the primary net.***

**PERSONAL GEAR**

Be prepared for all kinds of weather, so dress in layers and bring a windbreaker, and rain gear. Wear your Condor Classic volunteer's t-shirt and ARES cap, if you have one.

Sun block and chapstick would also be good to have. Bring a folding chair, a small folding table to operate from, paper, and pencils to write messages, and take notes. Also, water and snacking food would be a good idea.

Some fun optional equipment to bring might include binoculars, and a camera.

**ADMINISTRATIVE**

The event communications leader, "Condor Control," is Tim Takeuchi / W6TST.

ASSIGNMENTS

<b>SAG Wagons</b>			
#	Route	Shift	HRO
1	100 N	7:00AM - 12:00PM	Kathy Hill / KB6INO
1	100 N	12:00PM - 4:30PM	Kathy Hill / KB6INO
2	100 S	7:00AM - 12:00PM	Bob Spencer / W6HMC
2	100 S	12:00PM - 4:30PM	Bob Spencer / W6HMC
3	CWT	7:00AM - 12:00PM	Harry Hill / WA6BWT
3	CWT	12:00PM - 4:30PM	Harry Hill / WA6BWT
4	SJB	9:00AM - 12:00PM	Jerry Inman / AE6I
4	SJB	12:00PM - 3:00PM	Jerry Inman / AE6I

<b>Stops</b>			
#	Name	Shift	HRO
1	San Juan Bautista	9:00AM - 12:00PM	
2	DeRose Winery	8:30AM - 11:30AM	Walt Johnson / WA6MUS Penny Johnson / KB6ZOZ
3	Cienega & Old Airline Rd	8:30AM - 1:00PM	Rob Campbell / KG6HUM Christina Campbell / KI7TEN
4	Pinnacle National Monument	9:30AM - 3:00PM	Ron Ross / KD6ZXG Mary Hubbell
5	Historical Park	10:30AM - 3:00PM	John Daudet / NV6D Michael Okubo / N6FTA
6	B&R Farms on Fairview	11:00AM - 3:00PM	
7	Foster Farms	9:00AM - 12:00PM	

<b>Base Stations</b>		
Name	Shift	HRO
HQ Condor Command	6:00AM - 4:30PM	Tim Takeuchi / W6TST Heatherly Takeuchi/KI6SMF
Net Control Net Relay	6:00AM - 4:30PM	Don Brice / W6ONO Lois Brice / WR6U

<b>Unassigned</b>