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Event: Saturday October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009

This document outlines the Communications Operations Plan of the Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) for the Condor Classic (CC) 2009. ARES will provide emergency, priority, and health and welfare communications support for the participants of the bicycle cross-country event.

The 2009 CC event, on October 10<sup>th</sup>, comprises five courses starting at Windhaven Ranch in San Juan Bautista, California.

- ❑ Centennial Challenge – 100 Mile course
- ❑ Southside Flight – 100K course
- ❑ Aromas Trek – 40 Mile course
- ❑ San Juan Flatlander – 20 Mile course
- ❑ Family Friendly Ride – 10 Mile course

The event communications will be coordinated with event command. ARES will use UHF/VHF bands to provide information for emergency, priority, welfare, and logistical message traffic.

## **BACKGROUND**

2008 was the first Condor Classic and this year, 2009, is the second.

The second annual Condor Classic Bicycle Ride invites riders to pick a route and sample some of California's most scenic landscapes. San Benito County, located between the Diablo and Gabilan Mountain ranges near Monterey Bay, offers an all-too-rare mix of scenery, light traffic, ideal weather and history.

The San Benito County ARES (SBC 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**

	Call	Frequency	Off	PL	Description
2M/144	N6SBC	147.315 MHz	-	94.8 Hz	In Town Primary
2M/144	KD6ZDG	146.625 MHz	-	94.8 Hz	South County
2M/144	K6JE	145.470 MHz	-	94.8 Hz	2M Back Up - Fremont Pk
60cm/440	K6JE	441.450 MHz	+	123.0 Hz	440 Back Up - Fremont Pk

## EMERGENCY REPORTING PROCEDURES

1. If you have cellular phone coverage, call 911.
  - a. After making the call to EMS, let Event Command know so the incident is not called in twice.
  - b. During QSO with Event Command, announce, "EMS has been notified and the rider number is:" \_\_\_\_ (The rider number will be on their bicycle and on their wrist band). Include any details that may be helpful
  - c. When in doubt, report it.
2. If you don't have cellular phone coverage, call either Event Command and report the incident. Event 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:
 

**Note: For EMERGENCIES – Call 911. Use these numbers when 911 is not available or for non-emergencies.**

  - a. Event Chair – Kathy Schipper – Mobile: 831-915-2130
  - b. Emergency – 831-636-4101, 831-636-4102 or 831-636-4105
  - c. Cal Fire/County Fire – 831-637-4475
  - d. Sheriff – 831-636-4081 or 831-636-4082
  - e. Hollister PD – 831-636-4332

**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 AMR, or CalStar 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 regularly make the course rounds to provide participant's non-emergency help and mechanical breakdown transportation back to Windhaven Ranch.

**SAG reports:** So everyone is aware where the SAG wagons are located call in when they pass by your pit stop and ask how many more cyclists are on board, and how many they can take. Call this into Net Control so the next pit stop can let cyclist's know, how many the SAG can take. Suggest priority be given to injured riders not requiring an ambulance. Please relay this information when they pass your station if stationed at a pit stop.

## 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 Event Command (or Net Relay) 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 Event Command.

## 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:** (see Assignments on the next page – Tactical call signs are in bold)

**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 lip balm would also be good to have. For a pit stop, 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, “Event Command,” is Tim Takeuchi / W6TST.

ASSIGNMENTS

SAG Wagons				
#	ID	Route	Shift (est)	HRO
1	<b>Brown</b>	Anzar Hills	0700 - 1200	
2	<b>Purple</b>	San Juan Valley	0830 - 1130	Michael Okubo / N6FTA
3	<b>Orange</b>	Grillin' & Chilin' Best / Southside	0830 - 1500	
4	<b>Blue</b>	Best to Southside	0930 - 1500	Harry Hill / WA6BWT
5	<b>Green</b>	Tres Pinõs / Scheid / Cienega	1000 - 1400	Kathy Hill / KB6INO
6	<b>Red</b>	Scheid / Pinnacles	1000 - 1430	Brad Klemek / KJ6ATF
9	<b>Black</b>	Sheriff	0800 - 1200	

Stops				
#	Name	Shift (Ham / PitStop)	Rides	HRO
1	<b>San Juan</b> Bautista Park	0730 - 1600	100mi/100K/ 40mi/25mi/10mi	
2	<b>Anzar High</b> School	0900 - 1200	25mi/10mi	Roger Reinsch / KI6TYD Gene Stoffey / KI6CQX
3	Granite Rock <b>Forrest</b> Rod	0700 - 1100	100K/40mi	
4	<b>Grillin' &amp; Chillin'</b>	0630 - 1600	100mi/100K/ 40mi/25mi/Food	Donald Kerns / AE6RF Joey Kerns
5	<b>Best Road &amp; Hwy 25</b>	0700 - 1500 0700 - 1200	100mi/100K/ Food	Walt Johnson / WA6MUS Penny Johnson/ KB6ZOZ
6	<b>Southside</b> School	0900 - 1300 0900 - 1300	100K	Don Brice / W6ONO Lois Brice / WR6U
7	<b>Pinnacle</b> Nat Monument	0730 - 1400 0730 - 1400	100mi (Food)	Ron Ross / KD6ZXG Mary Hubbell
8	<b>Scheid</b> Vineyards	0700 - 1500 0700 - 1500	100mi	Jim Wilson / WA5CUY John Wrobel / N6RCO
9	<b>Hollister Hills</b>	0930 - 1530 0930 - 1530	100mi	Bob Spencer / W6HMC Virginia Spencer / W6VLS
10	<b>Windhaven</b> Ranch (HQ)	0530 - 1700 0530 - 1700	All	Tim Takeuchi / W6TST Heather Takeuchi/N6HKT
11	<b>Bear Valley</b> CDF Station	0800 - 1200 080 - 1200	100mi	ERV - ERV3047 Bob & Cathy Farnham

Base Stations		
Name	Shift	HRO
<b>Event Command</b> HQ: Windhaven Ranch	5:30AM - 5:00PM	Tim Takeuchi / W6TST Heatherly Takeuchi / N6HKT
<b>Net Relay</b> 6: Best Road & Hwy 25	7:00AM - 3:30PM	Walt Johnson / WA6MUS Penny Johnson/ KB6ZOZ

Unassigned