

# ARRL Santa Barbara Section Manager Election

Please Remember to Vote

**James T. Fortney – K6IYK**

**ARRL Section Manager**

**Santa Barbara Section**

**Success through Teamwork**

ARRL will mail ballots to Section Members  
in early October. Must be returned by Nov 20<sup>th</sup>.

- Learn more about Jim -

<http://SM.K6IYK.net>

<http://qrz.com/db/K6IYK>



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Jim Fortney has two goals in running for the seat of Section Manager of the Santa Barbara Section. Bringing ...

***Success through Teamwork***

and making this happen using

***Revitalization not Revolution***

The strength of Amateur Radio lies in the teamwork of many individuals working together to achieve common goals. This is demonstrated over and over in formation of clubs, organization of emergency service response groups, achievements demonstrated during Field Day, and accomplishments of contest operators. **The Santa Barbara Section has an exemplary set of Amateur Radio Operators and Jim Fortney believes that these individuals and teams can be made even stronger and more effective if they work together within the Section. His goal is to facilitate that strength through enhanced communications and development of leadership skills.**

Jim has been an Amateur Radio Operator for over 55 years. He was a control operator for one of the first Amateur Radio AM Repeaters in Southern California, and was involved in introducing FM to Los Angeles. During his professional career he worked for a major aerospace corporation designing management systems and eventually became responsible for identifying and implementing the latest in new business technology. Although military service during the Vietnam War and obtaining his college degree interrupted his radio activities, he returned to putting up repeaters and organizing emergency service activities. He has played a leadership role in Amateur Radio since 1978 holding the positions of EC, DEC, and Assistant SEC, in the Los Angeles Section. The basic ARES organizational plan for that Section used today is based upon a proposal he developed in the early 1980s. **Jim has lived in the Santa Barbara Section for 25 years and is active today with Ventura County ACS/ARES.** He is currently AEC for the rural area outside of Camarillo where he lives.

K6IYK helped rewrite the Constitution and Bylaws of the 220 MHz Spectrum Management Association (220SMA) and then accepted the position of President where he served for 12 years before **stepping down to allow others to lead the organization.** He has continued to serve as Treasurer of the 220SMA for more than 17 additional years and has also been the Secretary of the Coordination Board for almost 13 years. In 2000 he joined forces with AA6JR to help resurrect a failing Two-Meter Area Spectrum Management Association (TASMA) and was instrumental in establishing a nationally dedicated APRS frequency.

Jim was selected to serve on the National ARRL 219 MHz Committee when Amateur Radio was granted operating privileges in that Band, and **in 1999 was awarded the ARRL Southwestern Division Meritorious Service Award** for his extensive service to Amateur Radio.

He has been **active in Army MARS for over 30 years** and currently is part of Region 9 Staff as the IT & Signal Officer (AAA9R6). He operated one of the original Amateur Radio telephone BBS servers in Southern California and moved that operation to Packet Radio when it became available. He was a member of the Southern California Digital Communications Council (SCDCC) from the beginning and served as Administrative Director for several years. He also formed the Southern California Association of Packet SYSOPs (SCAPS) and served as its initial Chairman. He operated the longest running packet BBS in Southern California.

**Jim is a leader and knows how to work with others to get things accomplished. He would like to work with you as Section Manager of the Santa Barbara Section.**

A summary of K6IYK's leadership roles can also be found at <http://qrz.com/db/k6iyk> . Ballot should arrive in your early October mail.

Thank you for your consideration – Jim K6IYK