



River City ARCS

River City ARCS Newsletter - July 2002

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Field Day 2002 - Great Fun!

From the President:

This is the first month that we will begin distributing the monthly newsletter via e-mail to those who have requested to receive it electronically - I currently have 22 names on that e-mail list. If you wish to begin receiving the newsletter via e-mail just send an e-mail to me at ad6ct@arrl.net. On the subject line of the e-mail to me put **Subscribe**. The body of the e-mail can be empty.

This month we will also send every member the newsletter via U.S. Mail - to make sure that no one misses their issue. You can also download and print the newsletter from the club website www.n6na.org.

Twenty five people joined in the Field Day Barbeque. I want to thank the following people who came out to help with setup and takedown: Clarence, kf6ytq; Don, ki6hw; Mike, kb0mj; Ann, ad6uy; Richard, ke6kuf; Chuck, w6ft; Bob, kd6wty; Al, wh6bk; and, Patrick, n6pbm, who brought out his trailer and stayed overnight Friday and Saturday to safeguard our equipment.

Dale Hankins, ad6ct, President

New Format!

An upgrade in this Editor's software has created a new format for our newsletter. This is much easier to generate. Hope you like it.

Monthly Meeting Notes:

The June meeting featured Wayne T. Watson, Astronomer and Scientist at play. Mr. Watson resides in Nevada City, California, and maintains the Nevada City Observatory. Among his topics were celestial communication. Remember the movie *Contact*? Well, we got to hear the real stuff!

We hope you'll join us at monthly Club meetings. They're fun, informative, and friendly. If you would like to provide refreshments for Club meeting, contact President Dale at (916) 925-1062. Dale provides the coffee and there is a soda machine at the Society.

Support your club; attend meetings! You're always welcome!

VE Session Results

Ken Hall, WO6J, our VE Liaison, reports that the test session held June 15, 2002, produced one Technician and two General class operators. One took code test and passed. New Extra exams will be implemented on July 1st.

All candidates, adults or minors, must show identification (one photo I.D. or two non-photo I.D.'s). If you plan to upgrade, always bring your license. You may take the test, but you will not get an upgrade without producing your current or expired license.

The next session will be Saturday, July 20, 2002, at 8:45am at the Carmichael Elks Lodge, corner of Cypress and Hackberry in Carmichael.

Repeater Information

145.250 MHZ (-) PL 162.2 Hz

224.720 MHZ (-) PL 162.2 Hz

442.600 MHZ (+) PL 100.0 Hz

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Field Day 2002 Report

Chuck Freas, W6FT, Chairman of Field Day 2002, was ready for this event. So many of our faithful members have suffered severe health problems, Chairman Chuck planned an event that would use "what we have" to contact other Hams in North and Central America. He'll tell you the details and the successes of this event. RCARCS set up equipment at Madera Park 8046 Wonder Street in Citrus Heights.

Saturday, the Club hosted a pot luck Luncheon for those attending. Chef Dale, AD6CT, barbecued tri-tip steaks and chicken breasts, and the members brought their favorite dishes to share. There was plenty of delicious food and everyone had a great time.

Reserve the fourth weekend in June 2003 for the next Field Day, and plan to attend.

RCARCS Swap Meet!

September 21, 2002

Save this date!

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Following is a listing of the greater-Sacramento Valley area Amateur Radio Clubs meeting dates and locations:

- El Dorado County ARC Fourth Tuesday at 7:15pm
 The Federated Church
 WEB SITE:
<http://edcarc.tripod.com>
- Lodi ARC Third Thursday at 7:00pm
 Leroy Nichols School Cafeteria
 1301 S. Crescent Ave, Lodi
 No meeting in July
- Nevada County ARC Second Monday at 7:00pm
 Salvation Army Bldg, 10725
 Alta Street, Grass Valley
- North Hills RC Third Tuesday
 Arcade Library, 2443 Marconi
 Avenue, Sacramento
 WEB SITE:
www.k6is.org
- River City ARCS First Tuesday at 7:30pm
 Society for the Blind, 2750 -
 24th Street, Sacramento
 WEB SITE:
www.n6na.org
- Santa Clara County ARA Second Monday (check their
 Web page:
<http://www.qsl.net/sccara>)
- Sierra Foothills ARC Second Friday at 7:30pm
 Auburn Library, 350 Nevada
 Street, Auburn
- VacaValley RC Second Wednesday
 (Contact Ruff, K6DME, at
 (707) 678-5192

CLUB INFORMATION:

DUES: \$20.00 Annually beginning January 1st

CLASSES: Class schedules, tests to license or upgrade, and general information are available by calling the RCARCS Hot Line at (916) 492-6115
MEETINGS: Club meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month, 7:30pm, at The Society for the Blind, 2750 - 24th Street, Sacramento.

Board of Directors meetings are held the fourth Tuesday at 7:00pm, location to be announced. Call a member of the Board listed above. Visitors are always welcome.

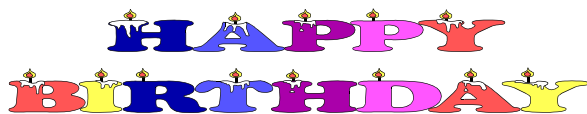
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Happy Birthday to the following club members celebrating in July: July 7: Bill, WD6HAL; July 12: John, WY6O; July 13: Donald, KD6BMT; July 14: Robyn, NX6Z; July 24: Roy, KD6LLE; and, July 29: Joe, K5CXA.



SUNSHINE REPORT

Roy Rudebaugh, KD6LLE, is recuperating from recent pancreatic surgery and additional abdominal surgery.

He will be at home for a while, so your calls (see above) and cards will be appreciated. Roy will be celebrating his birthday on July 24th.

Al Auringer, WH6BK, has recently spent some time in the hospital, but he is doing fine and was at Field Day. Stay well, Al!

Cards may be sent in care of the Club address.

If you need a membership application, go to www.ad6uy.com> Join River City ARCS now.



Radio Club Meetings 2002

FOR SALE

Heath Kit SB 200.

Contact Chuck, W6FT, (916) 332-0927

D-104 desk microphone (amplified) Works perfect \$50

Compaq laptop computer, 486dx, color, Win 98, modem, no battery (battery is available), plugs into wall, inverter built in. Works perfectly. \$100

Contact Patrick, N6PBM n6pbm@arrl.net

Here We Go!

From the Editor: This is the continuation from last month:

HOW MANY DOGS DOES IT TAKE TO CHANGE A LIGHT BULB?

MALAMUTE: Let the Border Collie do it. You can feed me while he's busy.

JACK RUSSELL TERRIER: I'll just pop it in while I'm bouncing off the walls and the furniture.

POODLE: I'll just blow in the Border Collie's ear and he'll do it. By the time he finishes rewiring the house, my nails will be dry.

DOBERMAN PINSCHER: While it's dark, I'm going to sleep on the couch.

BOXER: Who cares? I can still play with my squeaky toys in the dark.

MASTIFF: Mastiffs are not afraid of the dark.

CHIHUAHUA: Yo quiero Taco Bell.

IRISH WOLFHOUND: Can somebody else do it? I've got this hangover.

POINTER: I see it, there it is, there it is, right there.

GREYHOUND: It isn't moving. Who cares?

AUSTRALIAN SHEPHERD: First, I'll put all the light bulbs in a little circle. . .

OLD ENGLISH SHEEP DOG: Light bulb? I'm sorry, but I don't see a light bulb.

GERMAN SHEPHERD: Alright, everyone stop where you are! Who busted the light? I SAID, "STOP WHERE YOU ARE!!!"

HOUND DOG: ZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZ!

And of course, the Cat's perspective: Dogs do not change light bulbs. People change light bulbs. So the question is: How long will it be before I can expect light? People can't find the correct can, let alone the can opener, in the dark!

July 2002 Dilemma

by Kay, KF6IZU, Editor

July 1, 2002, First Class Postage rates are increasing to \$.37. So, it will cost the Club considerably more to continue to mail the monthly newsletter to all the members.

Here's the dilemma, when we ask for your E-mail address, sometimes we cannot decipher your handwriting! This creates "bounced" E-mails, even with several guesses.

The solution: Please send me or Dale an E-mail from your computer, or wherever you'd like the newsletter to be electronically mailed. That way an accurate list can be compiled using the address you send from. Some of you are already enjoying this mode of communication.

DALE: ad6ct@arrl.net

KAY: mkhankins@sbcglobal.net

Using this state-of-the-art method also cuts down on the use of forests – and ink cartridges. This will allow our Club treasury to grow, which will make Bob, KD6WTY, happy. Me, too!
