
River City ARCS

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River City Amateur Radio Communications Society

White Elephant Sale at October 1 Meeting

From the President:

It is time to begin thinking about elections for club officers for 2003. I have appointed an election committee composed of Ron Boothe (KE6PUG), Chuck Freas (W6FT), and Kay Hankins (KF6IZU). Please consider serving in one of the club offices for next year, and contact one of the committee members. The nominating committee will present its report at the October meeting and elections will be conducted at the November meeting.

Bring your White Elephants to the October 1 meeting for the annual auction to benefit the RCARCS treasury.

As you can see from the articles that follow, the month of September has been a very busy one for RCARCS. My thanks to the many members who volunteered their time and effort to make these events so successful.

Dale Hankins, AD6CT, President

Report: Sunrise Mall

Sunrise Mall opened its doors to various community services groups including Ham radio. We set up a booth complete with ARRL videos, various radios, and an oscilloscope. Many of the children stopped to watch the space flight segment complete with astronauts. Assisting during the day and into the evening were Patrick, N6PBM; Roy, KD6LLE; Bob, KD6WTY; Al, WH6BK; Chuck, W6FO; Anne, AD6UY; Dale, AD6CT; and Kay, KF6IZU. Glen Gleason and his XYL came during the dinner hour.

We showed ham related videos, handed out literature, answered questions, operated on 2M, and generally had a good time in the promotion of ham radio to the general public. Several hams stopped by to visit.

Our thanks to Ann (AD6UY) and Frank (N6SNO) who provided us with literature from the ARRL.

Prevention 2002, Oct. 5

We will be located in Old Sacramento between 10:00 am and 4:00 pm operating as W6P - special event station. We will be running HF, 2M & 70C simplex, packet radio, PSK 31, and staffing a public information table. The California QSO Party is this same weekend so we should have lots of HF contact opportunities. City RACES will also have a short, special drill in the morning. The Sacramento Fire Reserves, SHARPS, Red Cross, State OES and North Hills RC will also have a presence during the event. Plan on coming by and operating for a while. Contact Dale, AD6CT, at (916) 925-1062 for directions.

Report: RCARCS Swap Meet

Sponsored by River City ARCS, Saturday morning at o'dark fifteen, we arrived at the Sutter Middle School at 3150 "I" Street in Sacramento, to set up for the swap meet. By 7:00am, thirteen vendors were displaying their wares, and about 200 buyers were sipping hot coffee and deciding what they needed to take home to their shack. The coffee was depleted before 8:00am but no one seemed to mind.

Three drawings were held and prizes awarded. If you were not present to win, your prize was mailed. By 11:00am we were packed up and ready to close shop. We cleared about \$165.00.

We hope to hold the 2003 swap meet at the same location. It was very nice, and the staff was very accommodating.. Thanks to Lou Meyer, KB6FFT, for helping secure the facility.

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Membership applications can be either downloaded from the club web site or by contacting our membership chairperson, Anne (AD6UY).

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, 7:30 pm, at the Society for the Blind, 2750 24th Street, Sacramento. Board of Directors meetings are held the fourth Tuesday at 7:00 pm.

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My apology to club members celebrating birthdays in September and October. I'll include you next month when I hope to recover the rest of my newsletter formatting.

Editor

VE SESSION RESULTS:

Ken Hall reported that one candidate successfully passed the Technician exam September 21st. One took CSCE for Element #3, and one took the code test but failed.

Larry Hodge reported two candidates passed Technician, two candidates passed General, and one candidate passed Extra at his September 7 VE Session in Roseville.

Report: Joint Picnic

Saturday, September 28th was the date River City ARCS was invited to a picnic with Sierra Foothills Radio Club at Gibson Ranch. The weather was delightful and our picnic area was adjacent to a small lake and swimming with ducks and geese. There was plenty of food to share and a few yellow jackets joined the fun!

RCARCS members attending were, Bob, KD6WTY; Chuck, W6FO; Clarence, KF6YTQ; Anne, AD6UY, and her OM; Patrick, N6PBM, and Bonnie and Michael; and of course, Dale and Kay.

Report: Dudley Elementary School

Teacher Steve Tan, KG6CN, invited RCARCS to teach classes in ham radio to 4th, 5th and 6th grade students last week. President Dale outlined a program and assembled a 2 meter radio station, antennas, and other visual aides and set out to hopefully interest some young students in ham radio. The program was for three classes each of three days from 9:00am to noon. Each class ended with some of the students talking third party on the 147.195 repeater, watching a satellite tracking program on school computers, doing Morse Code on a keyboard, and examining the various gear on display.

Anne, AD6UY, Roy, KD6LLE, and Ron, KE6PUG, were on hand to assist with the instruction and relate their own personal interest in ham radio. Hear more at the October club meeting. Over 200 students were involved in the demonstrations.

White Elephant Sale Tuesday, October 1st