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River City Amateur Radio Communications Society

November 5th Meeting: Election of Officers

From the President:

The speaker for the November 5 meeting will be Gregory Dolkas (KO6TH) from Auburn. His presentation will be on ham radio satellite communications.

Nearly one-half of our members are receiving their newsletter via e-mail now. They receive it 2-3 days sooner than the mailed copies. If you would like to be added to the e-mail list of subscribers, send me an e-mail at ad6ct@arrl.net.

I am planning on teaching a class for hams interested in upgrading to General Class (theory and code). If there is enough interest shown, I will conduct the class on Friday evenings from 7:30 to 9:00 pm. Contact me by telephone or e-mail if you are interested.

Dale Hankins, AD6CT, President

Report: Prevention 2002

On Saturday, October 5th we were located in Old Sacramento between 10:00 am and 4:00 pm operating as W6P - special event station. We ran HF, 2M & 70C simplex, packet radio, PSK 31, and staffed a public information table. It was a great showing for amateur radio and we had lots of visitors.

The event was coordinated with RACES and the Fire Reserves responsible for the amateur radio communications display. And display we did! The "com trailer" from the fire department was set up, along with two especially outfitted cars, and the Red Cross antenna trailer. **The Sacramento Fire Reserves, SHARPS, Red Cross, State OES and North Hills RC also had a presence during the event.**

The California QSO Party was this same weekend so we had lots of HF contact opportunities – hundreds, in fact, over 200 contacts were made.

RACES members were plentiful and many hams and the general public stopped to visit and learn about ham radio and emergency communication.

Slate of Officers for 2003:

The Nominations Committee recommends the following members for election to office:

President:	Chuck Freas, W6FT
Vice Pres:	Dale Hankins, AD6CT
Secretary:	Glenn Gleason, KG6LRX
Treasurer:	Bob Balthrope, KD6WTY
Membership:	Anne Bowman, AD6UY
1 st Director:	Ruff Gunn, K6DME
2 nd Director:	Ron Booth, KE6PUG

Nominations may also be made from the floor during the election process. Directors Al Auringer, and Ken Hall will serve their second term. Support RCARCS and attend this very important meeting.

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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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VE SESSION RESULTS:

None for October due to Pacificon. The next test session will be held November 16, 2002.

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, brought a stack of thank you letters from his 4th, 5th and 6th grade students to the October club meeting. The students conveyed their appreciation for Anne, AD6UY, Roy, KD6LLE, Ron, KE6PUG, and Dale, AD6CT, for their presentation and information on amateur radio.

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.

Many of the students expressed a desire to repeat the program and showed a genuine interest in the hobby. What a great way to introduce our hobby by planting seeds in young inquiring minds.

September, October and November Birthday Greetings

Clarence, W6DFG September 1
Lou, KB6FFT September 15
George, W6EAG September 16
Anne, AD6UY September 21
Ken, WO6J September 30
W.C., W6VTL September 30
Edie, W5BBO October 21
Arthur, AB6UZ October 30
Mark, KF6IDO November 1
Richard, KG6GE November 11
Rod, KN6DA November 29

We all wish each of you a very happy birthday!

Our Repeater is 80% - 145.250- pl 162.2

Where have all the club members gone? It would be nice if you could return to your club repeater. Let's get that early morning unofficial net back on the air - 6am to 8am+.

Chuck and Dane have put some 100,000,000 hours (I bet it feels like to them!) In the system so we can use it again. Let's show we appreciate it.

Maybe we can also get the weekly evening net back on the air. We all have kind of lost contact with some of our friends. There is an old saying, "Sometimes if you don't use it, you might lost it." We are having a hard enough time trying to keep our frequencies, so let use all of them.

**Thanks for your time,
Patrick, N6PBM**