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River City Amateur Radio Communications Society

Holiday Dinner – December 6th

From the President:

As this is my last column, I would like to take the time to thank those many members who provided valuable assistance to me and the club these past two years. Thanks!

Our membership chairperson, Ann, is recovering nicely from her back surgery. And, we hope to see her at the meeting.

A few additional operators are needed for the California International Marathon Dec. 8th from 7 am to 12 pm. Call me if you are available.

Dale Hankins, AD6CT, President

RCARCS Holiday Dinner

You are cordially invited to attend the Annual RCARCS Holiday Dinner on Friday, December 6, 2002, at 7:00pm, at The Buggy Whip Restaurant, 2737 Fulton Avenue, Sacramento. Reservations are required and must be paid in advance. The cost is \$20.00 per person. Price includes dinner, dessert, tax and tip.

This is a wonderful social event and affords the opportunity to get better acquainted with the members and their spouses and friends. There will be drawings for door prizes, and the food is superb. Make your reservation now by calling Kay, KF6IZU, at (916) 925-1062. Checks should be made payable to River City ARCS. Menu choices are: Tri-tip steak, Salmon, or Hawaiian Chicken, and includes salad and baked potato.

Beginning January 7, 2003

The January 7th club meeting will be held at the Sacramento County Corporation Yard at the corner of Don Julio and Elkhorn Blvd (formerly the "SMUD" building). Thanks to the efforts of Chuck, W6FT, we are able to return to this familiar meeting place for the year 2003. Come join us, there's plenty of room and free parking!

2003 Dues Are Due January 1st

\$20.00 will renew your membership in the River City Amateur Radio Communications Society. Cost for family member renewal is \$10.00. **Membership applications may be either downloaded from the club web site or by contacting our membership chairperson, Anne (AD6UY). Applications are also available at club meetings. Checks should be made payable to: River City ARCS.**

Officers Elected for 2003:

The following members were elected to serve as club officers and board of directors for 2003:

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

The following directors were elected in 2001 and will complete their second year of the term of office:

3 rd Director:	Al Auringer, WH6BK
4 th Director:	Ken Hall, WO6J

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Quote: "The best way to forget your own problems is to help someone else solve theirs."

2002 RCARCS Officers/Board

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January & February Club meetings

The January 7th club meeting will feature Dale, AD6CT, with a question and answer competition. Prizes will be award to the team with the most correct answers.

On February 4th, Bob, KD6WTY, will help those interested in building a 2-meter copper "j-pole." The cost will be \$25.00 (payable at the January meeting) for the materials, ready to assemble. You will leave the meeting with your j-pole ready for use.

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.

CLUB PHONE: (916) 492-6115.

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E-MAIL: n6na@arrl.net.

VE SESSION RESULTS:

Ken Hall, WO6J: At the November 16th session there were ten candidates. Four became Technician; four became General; one became Extra; and two took the code test and passed. The next session will be December 21, 2002, at 8:45am at the Carmichael Elks Lodge, corner of Cypress and Hackberry in Carmichael.

Larry Hodge, AE6LL: Twelve people tested for new licenses at the November 2, 2002 session at Sutter Roseville. Nine earned Technician, one earned General, and two earned Extra class licenses.

Starting December 7th, Larry Hodge's weekend tests are no longer at Sutter Roseville Hospital. The new location is Folsom Lake College Center, 100 Clarksville Road, Folsom. Testing

will continue on the first Saturday of the month except January 2003. More information to follow.

December Birthday Greetings

Al, N6GGH December 1
Red W2KWN December 1
Blanche, KC6WPO December 8
We all wish each of you a very happy birthday!

Worth Repeating!

Our Repeater is 80% (closer to 100% - ed.) - 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, Dane and Steve have put some 100,000,000 hours (I bet it feels like to them!) into 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 lose 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

From the Web

This has got to be one of the cleverest E-mails ever seen. Someone out there either has too much spare time or is deadly at Scrabble!!! When you rearrange the letters:

GEORGE BUSH = HE BUGS GORE
DORMITORY= DIRTY ROOM
EVANGELIST = EVIL'S ANGEL
PRESBYTERIAN = BEST IN PRAYER
DESPERATION = A ROPE ENDS IT
THE MORSE CODE = HERE COME DOTS
SLOT MACHINES = CASH LOST IN ME
ANIMOSITY = IS NO AMITY
SNOOZE ALARMS = ALAS! NO MORE Z'S!
A DECIMAL POINT = I'M A DOT IN PLACE
THE EARTHQUAKES = THAT QUEER SHAKE
ELEVEN PLUS TWO = TWELVE PLUS ONE

You know you're living in 2002 when:

1. You have five computer passwords, but can only remember one!
2. You haven't played solitaire with real cards in years!

3. You have a list of fifteen phone numbers to reach your family of three!
4. You e-mail your buddy who works at the desk next to you!
5. Your reason for not staying in touch with friends is that they do not have e-mail addresses!
6. When you go home after a long day at work you still answer the phone in a business manner!
7. When you make phone calls from home, you accidentally insert a "9" to get an outside line!
8. Your company's welcome sign is attached with Velcro!
9. Your biggest loss from a system crash was when you lost all of your best jokes!
10. Your supervisor doesn't have the ability to do your job!
11. Your resume is on a diskette in your pocket!
12. You can only write on "sticky pads"!
13. Your supervisor gets a brand-new state-of-the-art laptop with all the latest features while you have time to go to lunch while your computer boots up!
14. Being sick is defined as you can't walk or you're in the hospital!
15. Your relatives and family describe your job as "works with computers"!
16. You read this entire list, and kept nodding and smiling!

Just for Fun!

Take this candy bar test to find out your true being. Just remember what you indulged in on Halloween! Or if you were buying candy and you had your choice of the following, which one would you choose?

Baby Ruth	Almond Joy
3 Musketeers	Clark Bar
Butterfinger	Good 'n Plenty
Snickers	Energy Bar
Hershey Bar	Chocolate Covered Raisins

OK - Now you've made your choice, this is what research says about you:

Baby Ruth - You are sweet, loving and cuddly. You love all warm fuzzy items. A little nutty. Sometimes you need an ice cream cone at the end of the day.

3 Musketeers - You are adventurous, love new ideas, are a champion of underdogs and a slayer of dragons. When tempers flare up, you whip out your saber.

Butterfinger - You are smooth and articulate, an excellent after-dinner speaker and a good teacher. But don't try to walk and chew gum at the same time.

Snickers - You are fun-loving, sassy and humorous. Everyone enjoys being around you, but you are a practical joker. Others should be cautious in shaking your hand.

Hershey Bar - You are romantic, warm and loving. You care about other people and can be counted on in a pinch. You tend to melt.

Almond Joy - You are sexy, always ready to give and receive, very energetic and really like to get into life. The opposite sex is always attracted to you.

Clark Bar - You like sports, whether baseball, football, basketball, or soccer. If you could, you would like to

participate, but you still enjoy watching sports. You don't like to give up the remote control, when you can find it!

Good 'n Plenty - You are a very fun loving person who likes to laugh. You are fun to be with. People like to hang out with you. You are a very warm hearted person, except for your fake smile when you are talking bad about people.

Energy Bar - Life is passing you by. Get a life! Go eat a plum or something.

Chocolate Covered Raisins - You go to the bathroom often! Laugh and the world laughs with you, unless you're alone at the time, then the world just wants you committed.

Last Meeting at Society for Blind

River City Amateur Radio Communications Society wishes to express its appreciation to The Sacramento Society for the Blind for the use of its facility for the past two years. Our thanks to Brian _____, and Armand, WB2ZEI, for opening the doors of the Society to us.

November Meeting

Gregory Dolkas, KO6TH, was the speaker at the November club meeting and presented a program on ham radio satellite communication. Greg's enthusiastic presentation included slides and a hand out on his topic.

Rick McCusker, WF6O, brought a Sacramento County SHARP deputy sheriff, and made a plea for volunteers to assist in surveillance in getting the bad guys. If you're interested in this much needed public service, contact Dale, AD6CT, for more information.

Attending were: Don, KE6GMJ; Ken, WO6J (who brought donuts); Mark, KF6IDO; Rick, WF6O; Carl WA6VLS; Andy, N6AIM; Ruff, K6DME, (Rosemary, XYL); Norm, K6FO; Glenn, KG6LRX; Larry, AE6LL; Donna, K6PJN; Paul, KC5JAX; Ron, KE6PUG, (Karen, XYL, who passed out drawing tickets); Bob, KD6WTY; Rod, KN6DA; Al, WH6BK; Patrick, N6PBM; Clarence, KF6YTQ; Ray, KE6MXX; and Dale, AD6CT, and Kay, KF6IZU.