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# River City ARCS

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River City Amateur Radio Communications Society

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## New Meeting Location: Don Julio & Elkhorn Blvd (Formerly SMUD Building)

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### From the President:

February is upon us and winter will soon be gone. Now is the time to think about antenna repairs and updates to improve your radio station. Bob, KD6WTY, will demonstrate one antenna improvement at the February 4<sup>th</sup> meeting. He is going to show us how to build a 2-meter J-pole. Also he is going to give some hands-on instruction on the sweat soldering of the joints and then how to adjust the J-pole to frequency.

Don't forget that the February 4<sup>th</sup> meeting will be at 7:30 pm at the Community Room, 5026 Don Julio Boulevard, Sacramento, CA 95842 (see map at [www.n6na.org](http://www.n6na.org)).

See you at the meeting.

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Chuck Freas, W6FT  
President

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### We're Back Home!

The February 4<sup>th</sup> 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!

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### 2003 Dues Are Due

\$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.

### Tribute to the Columbia Astronauts

On Saturday, February 1, 2003, at 6:16am PST, television programming was interrupted by NASA announcing that radio communication with the Columbia space craft had been lost. In the moments that followed, the world was soon to realize that something tragic had happened on re-entry.

As we sat stunned in front of our television screens watching the giant plumes of smoke marking their path as the space craft disintegrated racing across the bright blue Texas sky, listening to NASA and the newscasters, we hoped that what we were seeing was not true. When debris began raining across southeast Texas and Louisiana, we knew the worst had happened. Seven brilliant men and women, the best of the best, were not returning to their families.

Michael Anderson, David Brown, Kalpana Chawla, Laurel Clark, Rick Husband, William McCool, and Ilan Ramon were dedicated to their mission gathering data in weightlessness which could advance science on behalf of mankind. For sixteen days and nights they performed their tasks and experiments in space, collecting data to be returned to Earth for dissemination.

We will long remember the dedication and commitment of these seven brave astronauts who gave their lives in the quest for making the world a better place.

To the astronauts of Columbia - 73.

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### VE SESSION RESULTS:

Ken Hall, W06J: At the January 18<sup>th</sup> session there were ten candidates. Five became Technician; three became General; and one became Extra. Also, the test fee increased to \$12.00 January 1, 2003. The next session will be February 15, 2003, at 8:45am at the Carmichael Elks Lodge, corner of Cypress and Hackberry in Carmichael.

Remember, 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.

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**Quotes:**

“The average human heart beats 100,000 times a day. Make those beats count”

“You cannot live a perfect day without doing something for someone who will never be able to repay you.”

“There can be no happiness if the things we believe in are different from the things we do.”

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**CLUB INFORMATION:**

DUES: \$20.00 Annually beginning January 1<sup>st</sup>  
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 Sacramento County Corporation Yard, (formerly SMUD), corner of Don Julio and Elkhorn Blvds.

Board of Directors meetings are held the fourth Tuesday at 7:00 pm.

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**NOTICE RE: ARRL Renewal**

As of October 2001, all ARRL renewals should be handled by each individual as ARRL no longer pays the club for doing their paperwork. ARRL will send a renewal form before the subscription expires. Please use that form for renewal. Do NOT include ARRL subscription money with RCARCS dues.

**February Birthday Greetings**

- Wesley, N6UD ..... February 12
- Harry, AD6PV ..... February 12
- Jerry, N6VG ..... February 20

We all wish each of you a very happy birthday!

**2003 RCARCS Calendar**

February 4 <sup>th</sup>	Club Meeting, 7:30pm, Sacramento County Corporation Yard (formerly SMUD),
February 25 <sup>th</sup>	Board Meeting, 7:00pm
March 4 <sup>th</sup>	Club Meeting, 7:30pm
March 25 <sup>th</sup>	Board Meeting, 7:00pm
April 1 <sup>st</sup>	Club Meeting, 7:30pm
April 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Board Meeting, 7:00pm
May 6 <sup>th</sup>	Club Meeting, 7:30pm
May 27 <sup>th</sup>	Board Meeting, 7:00pm
June 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Club Meeting, 7:30pm
June 24 <sup>th</sup>	Board Meeting, 7:00pm
June 27-29	Field Day - TBA
July 1 <sup>st</sup>	Club Meeting, 7:30pm
July 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Board Meeting, 7:00pm
August 5 <sup>th</sup>	Club Meeting, 7:30pm
August 26 <sup>th</sup>	Board Meeting, 7:00pm
September 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Club Meeting, 7:30pm
September	RCARCS Swap Meet - TBA
September 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Board Meeting, 7:00pm
October 7 <sup>th</sup>	Club Meeting, White Elephant Sale, 7:30pm
October 28 <sup>th</sup>	Board Meeting, 7:00pm
November 4 <sup>th</sup>	Club Meeting, Elections, 7:30pm
November 25 <sup>th</sup>	Board Meeting, 7:00pm
December 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Club Meeting, 7:30pm
December 7 <sup>th</sup>	Holiday Dinner (tentative) - TBA
December 23 <sup>rd</sup>	No Board Meeting

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