
River City ARCS

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River City Amateur Radio Communications Society

Be Prepared!

From the President:

Here it is May already. It's time to start thinking about getting things ready for Field Day 2003! This year's event will take place at Madera Park, the same place as last year (see www.n6ns.org for a map). The dates are Saturday, June 28 and Sunday, June 29.

We will need help getting equipment together, setting up and operating. There's lots to do for everyone. Keep in mind that Field Day is an operating event designed to test emergency preparedness. Check our web site regularly for other coming events.

Lots of other activities are also taking place this Spring. North Hills Radio Club is holding a swap meet on May 18th at Bella Vista High School. Check their web site <http://www.k6is.org>. The May club meeting will be held May 6th at 7:30 pm at the Community Room, 5026 Don Julio Boulevard, Sacramento, CA 95842 (see map at www.n6na.org). See you at the meeting. 73

Chuck Freas, W6FT, President

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.

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.

VE SESSION RESULTS:

Ken Hall, W06J: At the April 19th session there were eight candidates. Five became Technicians, and one became General. Three took code and passed.

The test fee increased to \$12.00 January 1, 2003.

The next session will be May 17, 2003, at 8:45am at the Carmichael Elks Lodge, corner of Cypress and Hackberry in Carmichael.

Larry Hodge holds test sessions on the first Saturday of the month at the Folsom Lake College Center, 100 Clarksville Road, Folsom.

TRAINING

On the Monday night net, April 28th, RACES net manager Dale, AD6CT, asked that the stations checking in to "go portable," and report how much power they were using and how long they could operate. Forty-two operators were able to check in on battery power. This was a great practice for the group of nearly 50 volunteer emergency operators to see the operating duration of their equipment. Dale will be conducting several exercises on the RACES Monday night net.

For more information on becoming a member of RACES, contact Dale, AD6CT, or tune in to the Monday night net on 147.195 (+123) at 7:30pm.

Fox (Transmitter) Hunts in the Sacramento Valley

If you're interested in T-hunting, check River City ARCS website (www.n6ns.org). If you would like to be placed on the e-mail list for notification of future fox Hunts, send an e-mail to ad6ct@arrl.net with the notation "Subscribe Fox Hunt" on the subject line. Next hunt: May 18th at the North Hills Swap Meet. The River City ARCS Newsletter is published monthly by and for the membership of the River City Amateur Radio Communications Society. All Rights Reserved. Permission is granted to other amateur related organizations to reproduce in whole or in part for internal nonprofit use, provided credit is given to the ARCS newsletter and the authors of the reproduced materials. Articles and opinions expressed in this newsletter do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the individual Board Members, the editor, or the membership in general.

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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 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.

CLUB PHONE: (916) 492-6115

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May Birthday Greetings

David, KD6UYQ	May 1
R. John, W3RJC	May 9
William, W3TVY	May 18
Richard, KE6KUF	May 21
Al, WH6BK	May 27
Donald, KG6FRU	May 27
Marty, KD6PHB	May 27
Jim, N6USJ	May 28

We all wish each of you a very happy birthday!

If your birthday isn't listed contact the editor at mkhankins@sbcglobal.net.

2003 RCARCS Calendar

May 6 th	Club Meeting, 7:30pm
May 18 th	North Hills Swap Meet
May 27 th	Board Meeting, 7:00pm
June 3 rd	Club Meeting, 7:30pm
June 24 th	Board Meeting, 7:00pm
June 28-29	Field Day - TBA
July 1 st	Club Meeting, 7:30pm
July 22 nd	Board Meeting, 7:00pm
August 5 th	Club Meeting, 7:30pm
August 26 th	Board Meeting, 7:00pm
September 2 nd	Club Meeting, 7:30pm
September	RCARCS Swap Meet - TBA
September 23 rd	Board Meeting, 7:00pm

October	Prevention 2003, TBA
October 7 th	Club Meeting, White Elephant Sale, 7:30pm
October 28 th	Board Meeting, 7:00pm
November 4 th	Club Meeting, Elections, 7:30pm
November 25 th	Board Meeting, 7:00pm
December 2 nd	Club Meeting, 7:30pm
December 7 th	Holiday Dinner (tentative) - TBA
December 23 rd	No Board Meeting

What Are your Ham Radio Interests?

CW ___ SSB ___ RTTY ___
VHF ___ UHF ___ Field Day ___
Amateur TV ___ Net Operation ___
Volunteer Operator ___

Send your name and call sign with your preferences to ad6ct@arrl.net. We'd like to know!

QUOTES:

"Flexible people never get bent out of shape."

"Education is when you read the fine print. Experience is what you get if you don't."

"It's very hard to take yourself too seriously when you look at the world from outer space."

Lessons Learned from Noah's Ark

ONE: Don't miss the boat!

TWO: Remember that we are all in the same boat.

THREE: Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark.
FOUR: Stay fit. When you're 60 years old, someone may ask you to do something really big!

FIVE: Don't listen to critics; just get on with the job that needs to be done.

SIX: Build your future on solid ground.

SEVEN: For safety's sake, travel in pairs.

EIGHT: Speed isn't always an advantage. The snails were on board with the cheetahs.

NINE: When you're stressed, float awhile.

TEN: Remember, the Ark was built by amateurs; the Titanic by professionals!

Vanity Call Fee Increase Proposed

(Courtesy of the ARRL Letter and Bulletins)

The FCC proposed March 26 increasing the regulatory fee to apply for, renew or reinstate an Amateur radio vanity call sign from \$14.50 to \$16.30 this fall. The FCC NPRM also seeks comments on its efforts to review, streamline and modernize its fee assessment and collection processes and procedures.

Interested parties may comment via the FCC's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) at www.fcc.gov/cgb/ecfs. Enter "MD 03-83" in the "Proceeding" field. Electronic comments by e-mail also are welcome.