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River City Amateur Radio Communications Society

Field Day 2003 - Saturday, June 28th!

From the President:

It's June already, and near time for Field Day 2003. This year's event will take place at Madera Park, the same place as last year (see www.n6na.org for a map). The date is Saturday, June 28. This year RCARCS will operate very simply, setting up on Saturday morning. Pot luck lunch will be served about 2:00pm and Dale is cooking barbecued spare ribs and chicken. Please bring a dish to share.

Dale, AD6CT, has engaged a guest speaker for our June meeting. Al Tipword, W6GER, will talk about the aircraft carrier Hornet, her history, USS Hornet Amateur Radio Club, and radio gear. This should be quite an interesting talk.

If you missed the K6IS swap meet, you missed a good one. RCARCS' swap will be September 27, 2003. Details will be available soon.

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, WO6J: At the May 24th 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 June 21, 2003, at 8:45am at the Carmichael Elks Lodge, corner of Cypress and Hackberry in Carmichael.

Larry Hodge will hold test sessions on the first Saturday of the month. June, July, and August will be held at the Auburn Public Library, 350 Nevada Street, Auburn, CA. For more information, contact Larry at larry.r.hodge@intel.com

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For Sale:

Two (2) Yaesu FT-50 Hts with software. \$375.00 for pair or \$200.00 each. Contact Patrick at n6pbm@arrl.net for more information or purchase.

Joint Picnic in September

River City ARCS and North Hills ARC will hold a joint picnic at Gibson Ranch Sunday, September 14th. It will be a pot luck lunch, so bring your favorite picnic dish to share and join the fun. Maybe Anne, AD6UY, will bring her famous carrot cake with "bean dip" frosting! (You had to be there!) Watch [this newsletter for more information.](#)

California State Fair 2003

This year, River City ARCS will join with the Red Cross and set up a booth at the California State Fair in conjunction with Law Enforcement Recognition Day. Details will be available soon.

Eppie's Great Race: July 19th

Eppie's Great Race will be held on Saturday, July 19th. This is a three-part race including runners, bicyclists, and kyakers. If you'd like to volunteer to assist with health and welfare radio communication, contact Don, KE6GMJ, or check in on the Monday night net on 147.195 at 7:00pm. This is a good event to practice participating in a controlled net operation. We haven't lost a racer yet, but it does get hot and we make sure help is provided if needed. So charge up your batteries and pack the sunscreen. Volunteer!

*June 14, 2003 – Flag Day
Show you're proud to be an American!
Fly the Flag!*

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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.

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June Birthday Greetings

Kay, KF6IZU	June 3
Merv, KF6JRG	June 4
Tom, KB6WID	June 7
Ralph, KD6NST	June 8
Richard, KE6OBE	June 9
William, KE6BIG	June 13
Carl, WA6VLS	June 15
Chuck, W6FT	June 16
Clarence, KF6YTQ	June 16
Bob, N6PGQ	June 23
Bob, KD6WTY	June 25

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

June 3 rd	Club Meeting, 7:30pm
June 28 th	Board Meeting, 2:00pm
June 28-29	Field Day - Madera Park
July 1 st	Club Meeting, 7:30pm
July 22 nd	Board Meeting, 7:00pm
August 5 th	Club Meeting, 7:30pm
August	State Fair Booth (TBA)
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

QUOTES:

"Life is a great big canvas; throw all the paint on it you can."

"Either you decide to stay in the shallow end of the pool or you go out in the ocean."

"It's never too late to be who you might have been."

Swap Meet - Anderson, CA

Shasta Cascade Amateur Radio Society and the Amateur Radio Club of Anderson will hold the North Valley Hamfest 2003 on August 9, 2003. Kick-off is at 8:00am. There will also be a VEC session and walk-ins are accepted. Candidates must provide photo ID. Upgrades must provide original CSCE's plus a copy. \$12.00 is the charge for testing.

For more information, contact Jim Beemer, KK6MM, at (530) 222-8001 or kk6mm@aol.com

6-year Old Oregon Girl: General!

Mattie Clauson, KD7TYN, of Roseburg, Oregon, was granted her General-class ticket January 13th. Mattie is six years old! She is a fourth generation amateur radio operator, and is now working on her Extra class ticket.

Traveling? Here's Some Advice

Because of misunderstandings that frequently develop when Easterners and Californians cross states such as Nebraska, Kansas, Iowa, Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Minnesota, and North and South Dakota, those states' tourism councils have adopted a set of information guidelines which will be handed to each driver entering the state:

1. That farm boy standing next to the feed bin did more work before breakfast than you do all week at the gym.
2. It's called a 'gravel road'. No matter how slow you drive, you're going to get dust on your Navigator. I have a four-wheel drive because I need it. Drive it or get it out of the way.
3. We all started hunting and fishing when we were seven years old. Yeah, we saw Bambi. We got over it.
4. Go ahead and bring your \$600 Orvis fly rod. Don't cry to us if a flathead catfish breaks it off at the handle. We have a name for those little trout you fish for . . . bait.
5. If that cell phone rings while a bunch of mallards are making their final approach, we will shoot it. You might hope you don't have it up to your ear at the time.
6. No, there's no "Vegetarian Special" on the menu. Order steak. Order it rare. Or, you can order the Chef Salad and pick off the two pounds of ham and turkey.

Out of space - more next issue. -Ed.