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River City Amateur Radio Communications Society

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## E-mail = FAST; Snail Mail = SLOW!

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### From the President:

It's time for the August meeting of RCARCS. This month we will have our raffle table back. Buy some tickets and you may take home some neat items.

Be on the lookout for up-coming events:

- \* August 5<sup>th</sup> Club meeting at 7:30pm
- \* State Fair booth
- \* September 14<sup>th</sup> Joint picnic with North Hills ARC
- \* N6NA Swap Meet on September 27<sup>th</sup>
- \* October 7<sup>th</sup> White Elephant Sale at club meeting

Check our website at [N6NA.org](http://N6NA.org) for more details. See you at the meeting. "73"

Chuck Freas, W6FT, President

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### VE SESSION RESULTS:

Ken Hall, W06J, our "VE Guy": At the July 19<sup>th</sup> session there were four candidates. All became Technicians.

The test fee increased to \$12.00 January 1, 2003. The next session will be August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2003, at 8:45am at the Carmichael Elks Lodge, corner of Cypress and Hackberry in Carmichael. The new Technician test began July 1st.

Larry Hodge will hold test sessions on the first Saturday of the month. 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](mailto:larry.r.hodge@intel.com)

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### Joint Picnic in September

River City ARCS and North Hills ARC will hold a joint picnic at Gibson Ranch Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup>. It will be a pot luck lunch, so bring your favorite picnic dish to share and join the fun. Watch this newsletter for more information.

*Frank, N6SNO, District 3 Emergency Coordinator, will be the guest speaker at the August meeting.*

### 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. Contact Roy, KD6LLE, at (916) 641-1172, or Patrick, N6PBM at [n6pbm@arrl.net](mailto:n6pbm@arrl.net) for more information.

### Eppie's Great Race: July 19<sup>th</sup>

912 participants registered for Eppie's Great Race on Saturday, July 19<sup>th</sup>. Billed as the world's oldest triathlon, this three-part race includes runners, bicyclists, and kyakers.

Eppie's 2004 is scheduled for July 30, 2004, so mark your calendars. 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!

### RACES Activation

Friday, July 19<sup>th</sup>, RACES members were called out to provide emergency communication for the Amerigas explosions that started ripping the hot summer sky a little after 4:00pm. Columns of thick, black smoke, punctuated with 40-foot plumes of flame, could be seen for miles. Light rail was shut down and Highway 80 was closed while the fire was contained.

Coordinated through Captain Jonathan Williams of the Sacramento City Fire Department, amateur radio volunteers were dispatched to the site, and well as a shelter area for people living and working in the immediate area.

Dan, KE6IUZ, and Frank, N6SNO, served as the net control operators. The call went out and RACES members were assigned various positions to assist with health and welfare traffic.

If you're interested in becoming a member of RACES, contact Dale, AD6CT, at (916) 925-1062, for more information. You may also tune in to the Monday night net on 147.195 at 7:00pm.

### E-mail is Faster!

You can receive your newsletter faster and cheaper than snail mail. It costs the club about \$.75 for each "hard copy" newsletter mailed each month. If you can receive e-mail, send a message to Dale, [ad6ct@arrl.net](mailto:ad6ct@arrl.net) and your newsletter will arrive before the meeting. Great news! Do it today. Just write "subscription" on the subject line and send!

## 2003 RCARCS Officers/Board

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\*Leave message

## 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.

CLUB PHONE: (916) 492-6115

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## 2003 RCARCS Calendar

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| August 5 <sup>th</sup>     | Club Meeting, 7:30pm                      |
| August                     | State Fair Booth (TBA)                    |
| August 26 <sup>th</sup>    | Board Meeting, 7:00pm                     |
| September 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | Club Meeting, 7:30pm                      |
| September 14 <sup>th</sup> | Joint Picnic with North Hills ARC         |
| September 23 <sup>rd</sup> | Board Meeting, 7:00pm                     |
| September 27 <sup>th</sup> | RCARCS Swap Meet                          |
| October                    | Prevention 2003, TBA                      |
| 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                          |

## New Call Sign:

Patrick, N6PBM, has a new call sign: N6ARO; his e-mail address is still [n6pbm@arrl.net](mailto:n6pbm@arrl.net).

## For Sale:

Ranger RCI 5054DX 6 meter radio, FM, AM, USB, LSB, CW, PA, with Comm.Specialists PL box wired in.

3 Element M2Sq. Beam

FM Vertical, Comet 6m FM antenna

Rotor & control box. \$300.00 for lot

40' Crank-up Tower \$175.00

Craftsman 5.0 HP 2400 Watt Generator \$250.00

50" Big Screen TV - 6 months old

Contact Patrick, N6PBM, at (916) 525-1957 or e-mail at [n6pbm@arrl.net](mailto:n6pbm@arrl.net).

## How to stay young (Slightly altered from the Web)

Remember:

- \* There is no way you can look as bad as that person on your driver's license!
- \* Throw out nonessential numbers. This includes age, weight, and height. Let the doctors worry about them. That's why you pay them!
- \* Keep only cheerful friends. The grouches will pull you down.
- \* Keep learning. Learn more about the computer, crafts, gardening, ham radio, Morse Code. Never let the brain idle. "An idle mind is the devil's workshop", and the devil's name is Alzheimer's.
- \* Enjoy the simple things: clouds, birds singing, blowing bubbles in the sun, a baby's smile!
- \* Laugh often, long and loud. Laugh until you gasp for breath. Those who laugh often are happier and healthier. Enjoy Life!
- \* The tears happen. Endure, grieve, and move on. The only person who is with us our entire life is ourselves. Be ALIVE while you are alive.
- \* Surround yourself with what you love, whether it's family, friends, pets, keepsakes, music, plants, hobbies. Remember, your home is your refuge.
- \* Cherish your health: If it is good, preserve it. If it is unstable, improve it. If it is beyond what you can improve, get help.
- \* Don't take guilt trips. Take a trip to the mall, to the next county, to a foreign country, but NOT where guilt is.
- \* Write your memoirs! You may be surprised to find you are a very interesting and accomplished person!
- \* Tell the people you love that you love them at every opportunity.
- \* Don't sweat the petty things and don't pet the sweaty things.

. . . . And always remember: Humpty Dumpty was pushed!

THERE ARE NO NATIONAL  
HOLIDAYS IN AUGUST, SO FLY  
THE AMERICAN FLAG ANYWAY!