
River City ARCS

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River City Amateur Radio Communications Society

Election of Officers and Board - *Monday* - 11-01-04

From the President:

We had a great joint club picnic with North Hills Radio Club and Sacramento Amateur Radio Club on Saturday, October 2. The weather was beautiful and there was lots of food to share.

Roy, KD6LLE, set up an HF portable station and several stations were worked during the California QSO Party. The closest contact was in Yuba City, and the most distant was in Michigan. Thanks Roy for the setup.

Our speaker for our next meeting (Monday) will be Frank Resche, N6SNO, the Emergency Coordinator for District 3 of the Sacramento Valley Section of the ARRL. Frank is also a member of the River City Contesters.

Everyone get out and vote for the candidates and issues of your choice on Tuesday, November 2.

Dale Hankins, AD6CT, President

VE SESSION RESULTS:

From Ken Hall, WO6J, our "VE Guy": "Be sure to bring your ORIGINAL CSCE form and license to the session. Copies will be made to send to the ARRL and the originals will be returned to you.

"The next session will be November 20th, 2004, at 8:30am at the Carmichael Elks Lodge, corner of Cypress and Hackberry in Carmichael. Remember, we have a **new time schedule**: 8:30am to 9:30am. Code testers must be there by 9:00am. We close at 9:30am. The fee is \$12.00. Call the Information Hotline for details: 916-492-6115.

Larry Hodge will hold test sessions on the first Saturday of the month. For more information, contact Larry at <larry.r.hodge@intel.com>

Election of Officers & Board Members

The nominations committee has been appointed to present a slate of officers and board of directors at the November 2004 meeting. They are: Kay, KF6IZU; Mary Ann, KE6EST; and Ken, WO6J. All officers and two directors seats are open for nomination. If you are interested in serving your club as an officer or director, please let the committee know. Nominations may be made from the floor during the November meeting provided the nominee is present and consents to serve.

If you have questions, please contact a member of the committee for additional information.

Silent Keys

Roland "Ike" Thessen, KG6DON, entered into rest on Monday, October 4, 2004, in Boise Idaho. Ike and his wife, Violet, moved to Idaho in June 2003 after living in Citrus Heights for 35 years. He retired from the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation. Condolences may be sent to his wife and family at 2251 N. Highwater Place, Boise, ID 83713-6618

Scott A. Rogers. K6EVP, recently entered into rest in Paradise, California. Scott was a blind operator and was active on the 085 and 195 machines. He was enthusiastic and was always good for a "rag chew." Scott is survived by his wife and two children. If you wish to send a card to his family, the address is: The Rogers Family, PO Box 1452, Paradise, CA 95969

Holiday Dinner Date Set

The River City ARCS Annual Holiday Dinner Party is scheduled for December 12, 2004, at 5:00pm, at The Buggy Whip Restaurant, 2737 Fulton Avenue, Sacramento. You are cordially invited to attend and bring a guest and enjoy the festivities. There will be a drawing for door prizes.

Reservations must be paid in advance. The cut-off date for reservations is December 7, 2004. A reservation form is printed on page 4 of this newsletter. Please complete it with your menu choice(s) and return to Kay as soon as possible.

Happy Thanksgiving

2005 DUES ARE DUE SOON

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RIVER CITY ARCS**

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Repeater Trustee: Dane Westvik, KO6YD
Bylaws: Kay Hankins, KF6IZU, Chuck Freas, W6FT
Jackets, T-shirts & hats: Mary Anne Balthrope, KE6EST
*Leave message

CLUB INFORMATION:

DUES: \$20.00 Annually beginning January 1st
CLASSES: Contact Bob Balthrope, KD6WTY, for information and scheduling.
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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2004 RCARCS Calendar

November 1st CLUB MEETING, MONDAY, 7:30pm
November 2nd NO MEETING Election Day
November 23rd Board Meeting, 7:00pm
December 7th Club Meeting, 7:30pm
December 12th Club Holiday Party (TBA)
December 28th No Board Meeting

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Marathon Volunteers

Many thanks to Mary Anne, KE6EST; Don, KE6GJM; Frank, N6SNO; Gary, KG6SMX; Kay, KF6IZU; and Dale, AD6CT, for covering health and welfare traffic during the Sacramento Marathon. The first two hours of traffic was conducted on the N6NA repeater for the first time in several years. However, due to an open carrier, traffic had to be moved to the N6ICW repeater. Thanks to Chris Huber for the use of his repeater.

If you haven't participated in one of these community events, talk to Gary, KG6SMX. This was Gary's first time to work an event, and he did a great job! We pride our teams in not losing runners! We didn't!

Coming up is the Clarksburg Country Fun Run in November, and the California International Marathon in early December. Volunteer ham radio operators will be needed for those events too. Watch this newsletter and tune in to the Monday night RACES/ARES net on Monday evenings at 7:00pm on 147.195 for additional information.

Be a part of the team and commit a few hours of your time to assist in these community events. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

White Elephant Night

If you didn't attend the October 5th club meeting, you missed out on some great "white elephants" donated by club members for auction. About 30 members and guests bid on various ham radio items and the total income to the club was \$351.00. Some items were brand new in-the-box; some were antique. Following is a partial list of the items which found new homes and their selling prices:

Multi mode controller, \$35.00; 2 meter transceiver, \$27.00; 40 meter transmitter, \$10.00; Signal processor, \$ 5.00; 4-6 amp power supply, \$15.00; MFJ 127OB packet controller, \$15.00; Television, \$15.00; Code oscillator, \$20.00; LED clock, \$21.00; low pass filter, \$ 7.00; 2000 ohm vintage headset, \$ 3.00; Small vise, \$12.00; SWR meter, \$10.00; Homemade SWR bridge, \$ 2.00; drill set, \$ 6.00; 24 volt power supply, \$ 5.00; AC surge protector, \$ 8.00; trip light power convertor, \$ 8.00; Simpson watt meter, \$15.00; 8 ohm speaker, \$ 5.00; HP color printer, \$11.00; ring pliers, \$ 5.00; USB 2.0 power hub, \$10.00; 6 barrel connectors, \$ 4.00; intercom, \$15.00.
Total Receipts: \$351.00

2005 Dues Reminder

RCARCS 2004 Roster

The following is a list of the members of River City Amateur Radio Communications Society. If you are not on the roster, please contact Kay, KF6IZU, at (916) 925-1062 or e-mail: mkhankins@sbcglobal.net. Additions and corrections are shown in **bold type**.

Updated: October 30, 2004

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NOTE: If you aren't listed, it's probably because we have no record of your 2004 Club dues. Please contact the membership chairman. Also, if you do not want your phone number listed, please let us know. Would you like to have your E-mail address listed too? Just send an E-mail to Kay, KF6IZU, at mkhankins@sbcglobal.net. On the subject line write: **E-mail - YES or NO. Thanks.**

National Elections - November 2nd Club Meeting on Monday, November 1st

Gift Ideas

Holiday Time is a great time to order your River City ARCS jacket (red or blue), T-shirt, ball cap, or name tag. Mary Anne, KE6EST, will answer your questions and take your orders for these items. You can have your name and call sign embroidered on your jacket or cap, or printed on your t-shirt.

Remember, if you don't display your name and call sign at club meetings, you may be charged 25¢ for a temporary stick-on name tag, and the Membership Chairman has a pretty good eye!

Area VEC Test Locations

River City ARCS (Walk-ins okay)
Contact Ken Hall at 916-492-6115 (club hotline)

Folsom (Walk-ins okay)
Contact Larry Hodge at 916-361-2476 or
larry.r.hodge@intel.com

Yuba Sutter ARC (Walk-ins okay)
Contact Eddie O. Ansely at 530-742-2674 or
www.users.cwnet.com/ysarc/

Stockton (Walk-ins okay)
Contact Mark at 209-465-7496

Santa Rosa (Walk-ins okay)
Hot Line 707-579-9608

Nevada County ARC (Walk-ins okay)
Contact Louis Pelletier at 530-477-2295 or
kq6sq@ncws.com

El Dorado Sheriff & Search & Rescue (Walk-ins okay)
Contact James Swanson at 530-544-2351

Looking To Buy:

2M/70cm dual band radio, power supply, and base station dual band antenna. Contact Robert Pullen, KF6ZMV. (H) (916) 681-0669 or (W) (916) 977-7316.

Edison was a Wire Man

Thomas Alva Edison was born on February 11, 1847, at Milan, Ohio. At the age of 17 he moved to Port Huron, Michigan, and at age 20, he set up a chemical laboratory in the basement of his home.

The *London Times* featured an article on Edison for printing and publishing the first newspaper ever to be typeset and printed on a moving train in 1862. He learned telegraphy and ran a wire from the Port Huron railway station to the village and worked in the local telegraph office. He worked as a regular telegraph operator on the Grand Trunk Railway at Stratford Junction, Canada.

In 1868, he became friends with Benjamin Franklin Bredding, while working in the Western Union office in Boston. During that year, Edison was granted his first patent for an electrical vote recorder. He went on to receive 1,368 patents during his lifetime.

Although he is credited with inventing the electric light bulb, his major contribution to mankind was the design and contract for the first three-wire central station for distributing electric light, power, and heat, in standardized form in Brockton, Massachusetts.

Edison either invented or improved much of the equipment we use today. Among which are the typewriter, the light bulb, a magnetic ore separator, sockets, switches, insulating tape, gummed paper tape, the phonograph (his favorite invention) and records, a dictating machine, and many, many others.

During the years between 1881 and 1887, Edison invented a system of wireless telegraphy in order to communicate with moving trains, and a system to communicate with ships at sea and distant points on land. Patent no. 465,971 was issued to Edison in 1885 and was later purchased by the Marconi Wireless Telegraph Company.

Edison is also credited with the invention and perfection of the steel alkaline storage battery and made it a commercial success.

Edison died on October 18, 1931, at the age of 84 – on the anniversary date of his invention of the first commercially practical incandescent electric lamp.

Editor's note: More information can be found on the web at www.thomasedison.com.

Holiday Dinner Reservation

December 12, 2004
5:00pm

The Buggy Whip Restaurant
2737 Fulton Avenue, Sacramento

Price: \$20.00 each

Menu Choices

- Sirloin Steak ___ Number _____
- Hawaiian Chicken Number _____
- Halibut Number _____

DESSERT

- Ice Cream
- Cheese Cake

Total reservations _____ X \$20.00 = \$ _____

Name _____

Make reservations with Kay, KF6IZU.

Please make checks payable to: River City ARCS, or

Mail your reservation and check to:

Kay Hankins
22 Penasco Court
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*All dinner entrees served with pasta, tossed green salad and homemade house dressing, baked potato, roll and butter, coffee or tea, and dessert.