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River City Amateur Radio Communications Society

Holiday Dinner Party - December 12, 2004

From the President:

Thanks to Frank Resche, N6SNO, the Emergency Coordinator for District 3 of the Sacramento Valley Section of the ARRL, who was our November meeting speaker. He is also a member of the River City Contesters.

Frank made a presentation about BPL and its effects on the ham bands, especially on the East Coast, and answered questions from the audience.

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. 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. **Deadline for reservations is Wednesday, December 8, 2004.** It's a fun event and an opportunity for us to get to know each other better.

We will be serving cake and coffee at the December meeting and invite you to attend. Happy Holidays. "73"

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 November 20th session had four test takers and three became Technicians.

"The next session will be December 18th, 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 and the board of directors was held at the November 1st club meeting. Elected were: president, Dale, AD6CT; vice president, Chuck, W6FT; secretary, Glenn, KG6LRX; treasurer, Al, WH6BK; membership chairman, Kay, KF6IZU; directors: Bob, KD6WTY; Ken, WO6J; Don, KE6GMJ; and Dwane, KG6KPW.

Silent Key – Ben Springer, KD6ZKX

Ben Springer, KD6ZKX, a former television news pilot for KOVR-TV Channel 13, died in a helicopter crash November 27, 2004, in Arlington, Washington. Local hams remember him on the N6NA and N6ICW repeater systems when he lived in the Sacramento area.

Mr. Springer, 39, was teaching a student to fly when the Robinson R22 craft exploded and crashed in a field due to unknown causes, according to Mr. Springer's family.

News of the tragedy shocked the West Sacramento offices of KOVR, where Mr. Springer was popular. For several years starting in the mid-1990s, he piloted the station's Chopper 13 helicopter. Besides transporting the station's journalists, Mr. Springer helped prepare aerial live shots.

Ben was born in Bangkok, Thailand, in 1965. In 1966 the family moved to San Diego, California. After high school, he enrolled at Life Bible College in San Dimas, and landed a job washing helicopters for a firm across the street from the campus.

Intrigued by the flying machines, Ben began reading all he could about helicopters and later pursued a pilot's license, and in 1990 he and his wife moved to Ivory Coast, Africa. For the next two years, he flew under contract for the World Health Organization in that nation.

Returning to California, Ben briefly resided in Fremont before moving to Rancho Cordova. He was the pilot for KOVR, and later worked as a pilot for LifeFlight, the helicopter ambulance service for the UC Davis Medical Center, and REACH Air Ambulance.

In 1999, he and his family moved to Stanwood, Washington. At the time of his death, Ben was a pilot for Airlift Northwest, a helicopter ambulance service, and gave private flying lessons on the side.

Election of Officers & Board Members

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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

December 7th Club Meeting, 7:30pm
December 8th Deadline for Dinner Reservations
December 12th Club Holiday Party
December 28th No Board Meeting

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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)
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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.

2005 Dues are due!

Make your check payable to:

River City ARCS

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: December 7, 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.**

Start the New Year

The New Year 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!

Happy Holidays

From the Web . . .

(Courtesy of Santa Clara County Amateur Radio Association Newsletter)

This was from a radio conversation released by the American Navy:

#1: Please divert YOUR course 15 degrees to the North to avoid collision.

#2: Recommend your divert YOUR course 15 degrees to the South to avoid a collision!

#1: This is the Captain of a U.S. Navy ship. I say again, divert YOUR course!

#2: No! I say again, divert YOUR course!

#1: THIS IS THE AIRCRAFT CARRIER 'ENTERPRISE', WE ARE A LARGE WARSHIP OF THE US NAVY . . . DIVERT YOUR COURSE NOW!

#2: This is a lighthouse! Your call!

Senior Citizen Retort . . .

(From Walter, KE6HQA)

A college student at a recent USC football game challenged a senior citizen sitting next to him, saying it was impossible for their generation to understand his. "You grew up in a different world," the student said . . . loud enough for the whole crowd to hear. "Today we have television, jet planes, space travel, man has walked on the moon, our spaceships have visited Mars, we even have nuclear energy, electric and hydrogen cars, computers with light-speed processing . . . and . . . uh . . .".

Taking advantage of a pause in the student's litany, the geezer said, "You're right. We didn't have those things when we were young; so we invented them, you little twit! What are you doing for the next generation?"

Touché!

What's Up, Doc?

There is a two-letter word that perhaps has more meanings than any other two-letter word (except "it"), and that is "UP."

It's easy to understand UP, meaning toward the sky or at the top of the list, but when we awaken in the morning, why do we wake UP? At a meeting, why does a topic come UP? Why do we speak UP and why are the officers UP for election and why is it UP to the secretary to write UP a report?

We call UP our friends, and we use it to brighten UP a room, polish UP the silver; we warm UP the leftovers and clean UP the kitchen. We lock UP the house and some guys fix UP the old car.

At other times, the little word has real special meaning. People stir UP trouble, line UP for tickets, work UP an appetite, and think UP excuses. To be dressed is one thing but to be dressed UP is special.

And this UP is confusing: A drain must be opened UP because it is stopped UP. We open UP a store in the morning but we close it UP at night.

We seem to be pretty mixed UP about UP! To be knowledgeable about the proper uses of UP, look the word UP in the dictionary. In a desk-sized dictionary, it takes UP almost 1/4th of the page and can add UP to about thirty definitions.

If you are UP to it, you might try building UP a list of the many ways UP is used. It will take UP a lot of your time, but if you don't give UP, you may wind UP with a hundred or more.

When it threatens to rain, we say it is clouding UP. When the sun comes out we say it is clearing UP. When it rains, it wets UP the earth. When it doesn't rain for a while, things dry UP.

One could go on and on, but I'll wrap it UP, for my time is UP, so . . . Time to shut UP!

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** **Number** _____
- Cheese Cake** **Number** _____

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
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Sacramento, CA 95833-1753**

**Deadline for Reservations:
December 8, 2004**

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