
River City ARCS

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River City Amateur Radio Communications Society

Be Prepared in 2005!

From the President:

The most difficult job in River City ARCS.

Our club is blessed with a full corps of officers and many additional volunteers performing various services to make our operation seamless. Each person provides a piece of the puzzle that makes up our identity. But, which of the jobs requires the most effort and hair-pulling? It's that of Vice President!

Until you've tried it, you can't imagine how difficult it is to find twelve (12) volunteers who will fill the time at each of our meetings as a speaker on a topic of their choosing. Finding them is the first challenge. Scheduling them is the next. Occasionally they fail to show up. Sometimes they run too long, etc. Let's all say thank you to Chuck Freas our VP.

You can help. Talk with Chuck about a topic you may be interested in presenting. Your offer will be much appreciated.

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 January 15th session had five test takers. All five became Technicians.

The next session will be February 19, 2005, 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 \$14.00. 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>

Technician License Class

Rob Carpenter, WW6G, and Casey McPartland, W7IB, will be conducting a technician license class beginning January 30, 2005. The classes will be held at Raley's community room, at the corner of Douglas Boulevard and Auburn-Folsom Road, in Granite Bay, from 5:30 to 7:30pm. Dates of the classes are as follows; January 30; January 30; February 6; February 13; February 20; February 27; March 6; March 13; and March 27. There is no cost for the classes, except the book, and the

examination fee at the end.

The last class was quite successful with 21 of 22 candidates successfully passing the technician test! For more information, contact Rob at recarpen@mindspring.com or Casey at w7ib@arrl.net

For Sale:

Drake Linear Amplifier, model L4B with two new marched pair 3-500Z tubes and original manual. Unit is capable of the legal limit. Included with the unit is a low pass filter and an oil filled dummy load of at least 3 kW. Sale price for all: \$400.00. Must pick up. Contact Joe Bartlett, K5CXA at (916) 332-6152 or e-mail: mrbart@pacbell.net.

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HP Secure Digital 128 Megabyte Card, brand new in original unopened package. Make offer.

HP Flatbed scanjet 3570c – \$25.00. Contact Dale Hankins, AD6CT, at (916) 925-1062 or e-mail: ad6ct@arrl.net.

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!

2005 Dues are due!

**Make your check payable to:
River City ARCS**

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Jackets, T-shirts & hats: Mary Anne Balthrope, KE6EST
Field Day 2005:

Swap Meet:

Joint Picnic:

Holiday Dinner: Kay Hankins, KF6IZU

*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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2005 RCARCS Calendar

February 1st Club Meeting - 7:30pm
February 19th VE Testing
February 22nd Board Meeting
March 1st Club Meeting - 7:30pm

March 19th VE Testing
March 22nd Board Meeting
April 5th Club Meeting - 7:30pm
April 16th VE Testing
April 26th Board Meeting
May 3rd Club Meeting - 7:30pm
May 21st VE Testing
May 24th Board Meeting
June 7th Club Meeting - 7:30pm
June 18th VE Testing
June 25th Field Day 2005
June 28th Board Meeting
July 5th Club Meeting - 7:30pm
July 16th VE Testing
July 26th Board Meeting
August 2nd Club Meeting - 7:30pm
August 20th VE Testing
August 23rd Board Meeting
September 6th Club Meeting - 7:30pm
September 17th VE Testing
September 27th Board Meeting
October 1st Joint Picnic (tentative)
October 4th Club Meeting - 7:30pm
White Elephant Night
October 25th Board Meeting
November 1st Club Meeting - 7:30pm
Election of Officers & Board
November 19th VE Testing
November 22 Board Meeting
December 6th Club Meeting - 7:30pm
December 11th Holiday Dinner (tentative)
December 17th VE Testing
December 27th No Board Meeting

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

RCARCS 2005 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.

Note: If you did not pay dues in 2003, your name will be dropped from the membership roster. If you wish to reinstate, please go to the webwrite and down load a membership application, complete it, and enclose your check for \$20 and mail to: Kay Hankins, 22 Penasco Court, Sacramento, CA 95833-1753.

Updated: January 29, 2005

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Simulated ARES Drill

Ham radio volunteer operators from the greater Sacramento area participated in a simulated ARES drill on January 12, 2005. Twenty operators took part for about 2 ½ hours. Thanks to Frank, N6SNO, District 3 E.C. and Dale, AD6CT, president of River City ARCS, and ARES/RACES members, traffic was passed in this simulation through net controls (Kay, KF6IZU, and Mary Anne, KE6EST) to seven mobile stations, nine base stations, and four packet stations.

The drill took place on the N6ICW repeater (147.195 + 123.0 with packet stations on 145.050. The alternate repeater was 145.250 - 162.2 and simplex 146.490.

Thanks to all those who participated in this drill: Don, KE6GMJ (who kept a backup log for net control); Mary Anne, KE6EST, (who also kept a backup log and traveled to net control for relief); Bob, KD6WTY; Dwane, KG6KPW; Gordon, WB6OVH; Ron, KE6PUG; Paul, KG6KPV; Patrick, N6ARO; Ed, N6OED; Brian, WJ6H; Bill, WV6J; Vernon, WA6CMM; John, KG6POM; Tom, AA6IP; John, W3RJC; Bill, AD6DR; Jack, KD6TTL; Chuck, KD6AQM; Frank; N6SNO, Dale, AD6CT; and Kay, KF6IZU.

Now is a very good time to check that all of your radio gear is working well and that you are prepared in the event of an emergency situation in the area. See that your batteries are charged, that you have backup power for each piece of equipment, and that your antenna's are not in need of repair or replacement.

In the event of a real emergency, it is important to be prepared with fresh, fully charged batteries, a mobile unit and/or a hand held 2-meter radio. It would also be useful to have a full tank of gasoline in your vehicle! Practice drills are usually announced on the Monday night AREA/RACES net at 7:00pm on the N6ICW repeater.

Even though amateur radio is generally considered a "hobby" it does have great value in an emergency situation. Sacramento RACES conducts training sessions during the year and holds quarterly meetings.

If you haven't already done so, consider joining one or more of the ham radio organizations that offers communication support in disasters. It really doesn't make any difference which one you choose, just make the commitment.

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NOTE: 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.