
River City ARCS

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River City Amateur Radio Communications Society

RCARCS Needs Volunteers!

From the President:

"Raise your hand if you're sure!" Yes, we are always looking for additional help for the events that RCARCS participates in. Here are three (3) that are currently on the schedule.

First, we will be providing radio communications for the *March of Dimes' WALK AMERICA* on Saturday, April 30th from 8:00am to 12:00pm. Call me if you would like to help with this event.

Secondly, Field Day 2005 is coming up on June 25th and 26th. We need many volunteers to put on this large event. Additionally we may be holding the event in conjunction with Northhills RC. Call me to volunteer.

Lastly, our Swap Meet has been set for Sunday, September 18th at HSC Electronic Supply. Once again, many warm bodies are needed to handle multiple tasks during the 7:00am to 11:00am event.

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 March 19th session had five test takers. One made General; and four became Technicians. One passed the Morse Code test. The next session will be April 16th, 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>

KD6LLE Now N7ARG

Roy Rudebaugh, KD6LLE, long time River City ARCS member, is now N7ARG, and living in the Puget Sound area with his brother. Roy is a past president of River City ARCS, and was in charge of equipment coordination for Field Day. He was also the Digital Communications Coordinator and Red Cross representative for ARES/RACES.

Roy's enthusiasm for amateur radio and River City ARCS is legend. He was always willing to assist in whatever activities the club sponsored and introduced

many new hams to the hobby. One of his favorite activities was working with the Boy Scouts of America and helping scouts earn merit badges.

You may write to Roy at 7502 - 148th Avenue, Court 3, Sumner, WA 98390. His phone number is (253) 891-8187. Good luck, Roy, and keep your batteries charged!

New Hams—KG6YVN & KG6YVK

Congratulations to Karen Carpenter Boothe, KG6YVN, wife of Ron, KE6PUG, on achieving her Technician license. Karen has been an associate member of River City ARCS for several years.

Congratulations are also in order to Joe Freas, KG6YVK, brother of Chuck Freas, W6FT. Joe also earned his Technician License at the same testing session as Karen did.

Courtesy RCARCS Membership

The River City ARCS Officers and Board of Directors voted unanimously to offer courtesy one year membership to new hams. Applications will be offered at the end of the VE session to those who would like to become familiar with the activities and opportunities provided by the club. There will be no fee for the first year.

Membership chairman Kay, KF6IZU, also a new VE, will offer each test taker a copy of the current club newsletter and an application for club membership. Courtesy membership will be offered to new Technicians only.

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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

April 5th Club Meeting - 7:30pm
April 16th VE Testing
April 19th Northhills Bring a Friend Night

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 & 26th Field Day 2005
June 28th Board Meeting
July 5th NO Club Meeting!!!
July 16th VE Testing
July 19th Joint Club Meeting with Northhills RC - 7:30pm
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

Call first as there could be changes to these sessions!
River City ARCS (Walk-ins okay)
Contact Ken Hall at 916-492-6115 (club hotline)

Event Center Raley's Granite Bay (Walk-ins okay)
6845 Douglas Blvd, Granite Bay, CA 95746
8:00am - 1st Saturday (except July)
Contact Larry Hodge at 916-361-2476 or
larry.r.hodge@intel.com
recarpenter@mindspring.com
April 2nd; May 7th; June 4th; July 9th
Yuba Sutter ARC (Pre-registered only)
Contact Herb Puckett at 530-674-3648 or
www.users.cwnet.com/ysarc/

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

Santa Rosa Hot Line 707-579-9608

Nevada County ARC (Walk-ins okay)
Salvation Army Church, 10725 Alta St, Grass Valley
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 has been dropped from the membership roster. If you wish to reinstate, please go to the web site and download a membership application, complete it, and enclose your check for \$20 and mail to: Kay Hankins, 22 Penasco Court, Sacramento, CA 95833-1753.

Updated: April 3, 2005

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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.

Valley of the Moon Ham Fest 2005

**Valley of the Moon Amateur Radio Club
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8am to 1pm**

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**Plus: special exhibit of vehicles that support
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Director**

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**The ARRL National Convention at
Dayton – Hamvention
May 20, 21, & 22**

<http://www.arrl.org/announce/nc/2005/>

What is ARMAD?

“Ham It Up “ for the troops, ARMAD 2005 will be held on May 28, the Saturday before Memorial Day Weekend.

Founded by Emery McClendon. KB9IBW, Fort Wayne, Indiana, ARMAD is an annual Amateur Special Event project that stands for amateur Radio Military Appreciation Day, working with the National Military Appreciation Month during the month of May.

Amateur Radio Operators from around the world team up during this joint effort to allow our communities to gather at public locations such as shopping centers, parks, VA hospitals, and sporting events to express verbal positive support "LIVE" over the ham frequencies for members of the military, veterans, reserves, National Guard, and military support groups.

Amateur radio clubs and licensed operators are encouraged to set up ham stations on or near military bases, veterans facilities, and local public places so that the positive message of support can be expressed and heard worldwide. Each site has the ability of communication in real time with each other during the event making it possible to exchange greetings and expressions of support to each other in a "LIVE" forum.

Visit the link "NEWS" for updates and information. Check out websites: <http://www.americasupportsyou.mil> and www.defenselink.mil/news/Feb2005/n02162005_200521611.html

We operate on HF, MARS, PSK31. APRS, IRLP and Echolink

AMATEUR RADIO LINKS EARTHQUAKE-STRICKEN ISLAND WITH OUTSIDE WORLD

Working under harsh conditions, Indonesian Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) volunteers this week established VHF links between earthquake-stricken Nias Island and northern Sumatra. Nias Island was hit March 28 by nearby magnitude 8.2 and 8.7 underwater earthquakes. More than 1000 people are reported to have died as a result of the earthquakes. The tremors affected some of the same areas still recovering from the December earthquake and tsunami. Although officials and residents remained on alert for tsunamis this week, none occurred. A magnitude 6.3 aftershock occurred in the vicinity March 30.

Organization of Amateur Radio for Indonesia (ORARI) headquarters in Jakarta this week called on its members to be ready to assist. An ORARI team deployed by air to Nias Island March 29 set up "zulu" (emergency) station YB6ZAH in Gunung Sitoli, the island's largest city. YB6ZAH has been in contact with the ORARI District 6 command post in Medan, North Sumatra. The ORARI team already had experience supporting communication following the December 2004 tsunami that claimed an estimated 300,000 lives in South Asia.

In the earthquake's immediate aftermath, ORARI ARES members reportedly were on duty with little or no food to eat, although they did have drinking water. At that point, many victims had not yet been evacuated, and some remained trapped in the debris.

ORARI team members include Zulkarman Syafrin, YC6PLG, Herman Rangkuti, YC6IQ, and Soejat Harto, YB6HB--a medical doctor. Syafrin reports that the earthquake damaged the power, telecommunication and transportation infrastructure or took them out altogether on

Nias Island. Buildings in Gunung Sitoli were reportedly flattened and roads severely damaged or impassable.

In the early going, the team was using portable generators and had to restrict operation to every two hours to conserve scarce fuel. TELKOM, the Indonesian Department of Public Telecommunication, has since provided the ORARI ARES team with a bigger generator, and the operation has relocated to the TELKOM building, where fuel is no longer a problem. ORARI District 6 plans to supply more logistical and radio equipment, while Ady Susanto, YB6VK, was preparing a set of solar cells for the ORARI ARES team's use in Gunung Sitoli.

New Mexico radio amateur Earl Campbell, N8TV, now working with the International Red Cross in Banda Aceh on post-tsunami relief, plans to set up an emergency Amateur Radio station on Simeulue Island, which also was affected by the earthquakes. Campbell's IT team reportedly is headed for Nias Island to set up a satellite Internet connection and to support the ARES team in Gunung Sitoli.

Updates on ham radio earthquake relief activity in Indonesia are available on the AB2QV Web site <<http://www.gsl.net/ab2qv/nias.htm>>.--Wyn Purwinto, AB2QV
