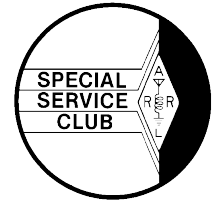




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The SCR-284 Field Radio Set

This radio set provided communication up to 25 miles by morse code and voice. It took 3 men to carry it and 2 to operate it. The "radio man" needed 6 months of extensive training in morse code and radio theory to operate it.

During the allied invasion of North Africa (Operation TORCH), a single SCR-284 like this one provided the ONLY communications between the ground units and the naval units that delivered and protected them for the first 24 hours of the landings.

See page three.

Presidents Notes

Field Day 2011 is rapidly approaching on June 25-26, 2011. This year should be an exciting event as band conditions appear to be steadily improving. Despite last years dismal band conditions, The 2010 River City ARCS Field Day station still managed to make more contacts than 2009. This year should be even better.

Unfortunately, this year we will not be able to utilize the CERT trailer due to budget cuts. With that, we will need to use Easy-Up type canopies for shade. If you have one that is in good condition and of sturdy construction, we could certainly use it. Please contact me via my email (w6aws@arrl.net) if you are willing to let us borrow one, and we can figure a time to pick it up from you. Also needed will be folding tables and chairs. If you are going to participate and intend to be onsite for Field Day set up, then you can bring these items then. Please let me know though so I can add those items to the inventory.

I will be sending an email out to the group shortly to get an idea of who will be out to help set up Saturday morning around 7am. Please respond as soon as possible so I can figure out the set up teams.

Don't forget the RCARCS general meeting on May 03, 2011. Hope to see you there.

73,

Andy Stephens W6AWS
President

CLUB INFORMATION

DUES: \$20.00 Per year

ADDRESS: PO Box 233692, Sacramento CA 95823

MEETINGS: Membership meetings are generally held on the first Tuesday of each month, 7:30 P.M., at the Sacramento County Corporation Yard, corner of Don Julio and Elkhorn Blvds.

Board of Directors meetings are held the fourth Tuesday at 7:00 pm. All members are welcome.

Contact a board member for location

The Club Phone :

has been terminated.

Web Site: www.n6na.org

E-mail: n6na@arrl.net

N6NA Repeaters

145.250 MHz (-162.2)

442.600 MHz (+100) - Offline

(Due to Pave Paws issue)

Club Net - Members and Guests

Check In on 145.250 MHz

Wednesday at 8 PM

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OTHER NETS

Noon Time Net is on the W6AK/R at **146.910** (-) 100 PL.

LAST MEETING

Duane Evans KG6KPW gave a talk and showed a video on "Operation Standdown" that was held last Sept.

2011 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Membership Meetings: May 3, Jun 7.
For 2011 all membership meetings will be held on the 1st Tuesday of each month.

Board Meetings; May 24, Jun 28

North Hills Ham Fest May 22.
Dayton Hamvention May 20-22.
<http://hamvention.org/>

Field day June 25-26.

North Hills Ham Fest

The North Hills Radio Club will have their spring Ham Fest on Sunday May 22 at Natomas High school near I-80 and Truxell.

Time is from 7 till noon

A flyer is located at:

<http://www.k6is.org/hamfest11.pdf>

Military Radios

The weekend of Apr. 21-25 there was a gathering of the Military Vehicle Collectors of California. At the meet in addition to military vehicles there was a small display of early military radios including the SCR-284 on page one and this reproduction of a radio built and concealed in a canteen in a POW camp in the Phillipines in WWII.



FIELD DAY

Field day will be June 25-26. Our club will have theirs in Rio Linda at the same place as last year. Come to the meeting for further information.

Young Lady Radio League (YLRL)

Marte Wessel, KØEPE, sent us a note thanking RCARCS club members for our donations to date to the YLRL Scholarships. These scholarships, administered by the [Foundation for Amateur Radio](#), annually award \$1500 to two worthy YL hams to encourage their educations, with preference given to those in the academic study of communications and electronics or related arts and sciences. Donations are made through purchase of \$1 tickets that enter a raffle for prizes of \$300, \$250 and \$150 to be drawn at the annual YLRL in Quincy, MA on July 23, 2011 (one need not be present to win). The [YLRL](#) (Young Ladies' Radio League) was organized in 1939, has a current membership of around 1,100 and exists to encourage and assist YLs (Young Ladies) throughout the world to enter into the Amateur Radio Service.

Club members can purchase donation tickets through Carol, KP4MD, at our monthly meetings or contact her on our weekly Wednesday night net on the N6NA repeater or email kp4md@arrl.net.

Last years scholarships were awarded to: Sara Sneed KCOYHN AGE 19 a sophomore at the University of Minnesota.

Rebecca Rich KBOVVT Age 21 a Graduate student at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT).

Granite Bay Montessori School

Members of the River City ARCS held a VE session at the Granite Bay Montessori School on Thursday, April 7th. There were 22 anxious students waiting to test when Bob, KD6WTY, Paul, N6DRY and Dale, K6PJV, arrived at the school to assist Brian, WB6RQN, with the session. When we left, seven students had upgraded to General Class and there were 12 new Technicians. Congratulations ALL!

This was the sixth VE session since Brian, WB6RQN, introduced Amateur Radio into the curriculum four years ago. River City ARCS is the PROUD sponsor of record with the ARRL of Brian and the program. Our club purchased a basic library to help get the program off the ground. Now, hams and clubs all over the area enthusiastically support the school with time, money and equipment. It is particularly noteworthy that the QCWA/Old Timers Group has donated enough HF equipment to give a complete station to each student who upgrades to General. How is that for helping get these young hams on the HF bands right away?

What Brian is doing with his students is nothing short of amazing. If you haven't been to the school to observe it first-hand you have really missed something. Aside from all the science projects (radio, electrical, etc.) there is a noticeable aura of "mutual" respect between Brian and his students. You should have seen the gleam in his eyes at the results of this last VE session. Over the years his students have won prestigious state-wide awards for their projects and published articles in QST Magazine. In every corner of the classroom there is an assortment of radio equipment and a constantly growing antenna farm outside.

Congratulations to all the Hams at Granite Bay Montessori, and Brian, thanks for all your efforts out there. Keep up the good work! We at RCARCS are proud to be a small part of a great endeavor.

Paul Grose N6DRY

APRS HANDHELD RADIO

For those interested in APRS. On a recent visit to HRO I saw a Kenwood HT radio that in addition to being a two band radio had a built in GPS and a TNC so it is set up to work APRS.

Editor

SILENT KEY

[Leo Meyerson W0GFQ](#), founder of World Radio Labs in Council Bluffs, IA passed away on April 13 at the age of 100.

