



River City ARCS

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Field Day

As you all know, Field Day 2011 is rapidly approaching. The RCARCS will be holding our Field Day at the Dry Creek Ranch House located on Dry Creek Road just north of Elkhorn Blvd. Preparations are underway and we anticipate another successful River City ARCS event. We are in need of EZ up type canopies. We will not have the CERT trailer this year, so shade will need to be created by Pop-up tents. If anyone has one they are willing to loan for the weekend to the club, please contact me via my email w6aws@surewest.net as soon as possible. If anyone has one of those 20x12 tarp covered parking canopies, and would be willing to let us borrow it that would be most appreciated. Also, please let me know if you have a deep cycle marine battery you can bring. Finally, we can use any aluminum military type masts. If you are going to bring some or allow us to use them, please mark them clearly with you name and call so we can get them back to you!

We will have a potluck on Saturday evening around 6pm. If you are planning to attend the potluck, please RSVP to me ASAP. This will give us the ability to figure out the food. I am asking all A - L suffixes (first letter after the # in your callsign) to bring a dessert. Suffixes M - Z please bring a salad (potato, macaroni, or green).

I hope this "cool" weather pattern stays with us. At least until July 1 for sure! We will be setting up early Saturday morning. I would also appreciate a RSVP from anyone who can help with the set up. We will arrive around 7am and will break up into teams and tackle the stations, coax, and antennas in groups. At this time will have 2 HF stations, 1 VHF/UHF GOTA station, and possibly a station position where members can bring their own radios to use! If time and equipment allows, I hope to have a set of 40' poles for "testing" out your personal wire antennas. This depends on enough set up help and masts.

This coming meeting of the RCARCS on Tuesday June 14th will be our "FIELD DAY 2011" kick off. Come on out and see what the fun is all about! Hope to see you there at 7:30pm.

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

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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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Picnic Chair Need volunteer

OTHER NETS

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

LAST MEETING

What we had was a "Failure to Communicate". When we arrived the room was being used as a polling station. Somehow we were not notified. So we had a stand up meeting in the parking lot. Due to circumstances we only discussed club business and a brief announcement on Field day. There was no presentation or raffle.

NEXT MEETING

Will be on June 14th.

Meeting will be the Field Day Kickoff.

2011 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Membership Meetings: **Jun 14**, Jul 5.
For 2011 all membership meetings will be held on the 1st Tuesday of each month.

Board Meetings; Jun 28, Jul 26

Field day June 25-26.

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.

1977 Field Day

The clubs first field Day was held at the Van Vleck property at Jackson Rd. and Ione Rd. We were on a grassy hill top with several trees around to hang antennas from and to give us shade. With all of us being new to FD it was quite a conglomeration of ideas to work with but it more or less came together. We ran three stations most of the day Saturday but dropped back to two stations that night as propagation conditions and batteries changed. Several people brought campers and camped out Friday and Saturday and we started setting antennas up Friday night and finished Saturday morning just in time to start Field Day. There were 25-30 people there for most of the day Saturday and we started the tradition of shutting down for a pot luck supper on Saturday night. We still had about a dozen people into the wee hours of the morning. We made several interesting contacts, one of which was with a Priest at a church down in New Mexico and he later sent a QSL card confirming the contact. When Field Day was over Sunday and we got all of the stuff down and packed up we were a VERY tired group of people. While we did not break any records we all had a GREAT time.

Dave Martin

WB6YLK



Dale Hankins AD6CT working digital traffic at the 2007 field day.

North Hills Hamfest



Silent Key

Shermon Hall AD6ZP (SK) of the North Hill Radio club passed away June 6th.

Shermon was a mainstay of the North Hills Radio Club serving as a Board Member for this year and President (2007). Those of you who knew Shermon as I did always appreciated his easy going demeanor and cheerful nature. He will be sorely missed by the NHRC and the Sacramento Ham community for sure. No funeral memorial information has been provided. If it is public, I will announce the information once I receive it.

Andy Stephens
W6AWS

Hamfest

On May 22nd the North Hills club had a Ham Fest at Natomas HS. There was a lot of stuff there from new items to antiques to junk. It was fun just looking around and buying some items needed or not. If you have not been to a hamfest make plans to attend the Hamfest we will be helping with in September.

Ken Martin