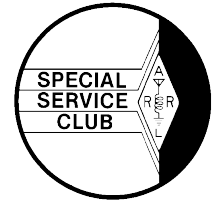




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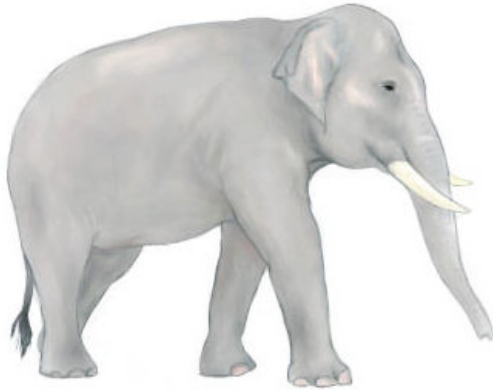
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## WHITE ELEPHANT SALE

The October meet is the clubs annual White Elephant sale. This our major fund raiser for the year. So bring your old and unused radios, test equipment, parts or ???

## CHUCK FREAS

Last Friday, Chuck W6FT had heart valve replacement surgery. The surgery went well and he is recovering as expected. He should be home late this week or early next week and will have several weeks of recovery there. Chuck has requested no visitors during his stay in the hospital. I will update everyone when he is ready to receive visitors at his home if you would like to see him.

Andy Stephens W6AWS  
President

## PRESIDENT NOTES

While playing a little radio recently, I have been pleasantly surprised with the band conditions. 10 meters has had many openings and if you have not worked 10, you should. It's a lot of fun and you never know who is going to be "there". Lot's of east coast stations and the opportunity for DX is good. 15 meters has also had a lot of openings. Good contacts into South America and the Caribbean. 20 meters has been opening to Europe and both Australia and New Zealand! All I can say is "it's about time". It had been dismal on the bands for many months to say the least. I hope everyone gets an opportunity to turn on the radio and have some fun.

We hope to see you at the annual "White Elephant" sale this coming meeting on October 4th. Clean out your closets and shack totes and see what you can bring to help raise money for the club. 7:30 pm local time at the Sacramento Sewer District Community Room! See [www.n6na.org](http://www.n6na.org) for more information.

Finally, it's time to start thinking about 2012 dues. 2012 dues will be the same as 2011. We appreciate those of you that pay early. You can use the PayPal link on the N6NA website at [www.n6na.org](http://www.n6na.org). It worked super this last year and we hope many of you decide to use it this year. Thank you for your generous support of the RCARCS.

See you on the bands and 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

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**has been terminated.**

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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**

The September meet was on the International Space Station. Also Dr. Carol Milazzo KP4MD will give a talk on DIY filters.

**NEXT MEETING**

The October meet is the annual White Elephant sale. Bring you old and unused stuff.

**2011 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

Membership Meetings: Oct 4. Nov 1  
For 2011 all membership meetings will be held on the 1st Tuesday of each month.

Board Meetings; Sep27, Oct 25

Halloween Sep 31.

Prayer before a Contest  
(in the style of Geoffrey Chaucer)

O come ye spirits of the heavens  
Hither, bless my 807's!  
I pray thee, angelic cohorts,  
Activate my crystals quartz;  
Make my VFO more stable;  
Decrease the loss of coax cable!

Come forth, ye saints from pearly gates  
Or drains, or sources, solid-states  
Anointed; Vibroplex's weights  
Shall cause to glow my final plates,  
That with divine benevolence,  
Inductance and capacitance  
Shall meet that holy resonance  
To conquer evil impedance.

Let my ionospheric wave  
Impeded not by evil knaves  
Arrive at DX stations well,  
Escorted by A.R.R.L.,  
A league ordained by Him above  
To maintain amateurs in love  
And praise to Him that made  
The space in which our signals fade.

On VHF may his hand steer  
My signal of obstacles clear  
Into the boundless troposphere  
On every day of every year.

Hark! The common QRM  
'Tis but ceaseless angelic hymn  
Of Seraphim and Cherubim  
Conducted by H. P. Maxim!

Yet in loyal fidelity  
I shall offer activity  
And know that iron laminations  
Are Truly of Thine own creations.  
The red heat of the filament  
And Hamfests' jolly merriment  
Are all within thy firmament  
Of imaginative figment.

And when I am a silent key,  
I hope that I may truly be  
Climbing that eternal tower  
Constructed of infinite power.  
And climbing high, I will pray, so  
I'll wear a gamma-matched halo.

by WB2OZA, June 1972

Carol, KP4MD/W6

### 10 METERS HAS BEEN OPEN

Reports from Carol KP\$MD and Andy  
W6AWS are that 10 meters has open  
with contacts across the country.

### PACIFICON

Pacificon is a ham radio meet with clinics,  
demos, sales room and a swap meet.

This year it is Oct 14-16 and is at a new  
location. It will be at the Marriott Hotel in  
Santa Clara. 2700 Mission College  
Boulevard.

Web site:  
<http://www.pacificon.org/>