



River City ARCS

River City Amateur Radio Communications Society



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FEBRUARY MEETING

The February meeting is on Feb. 7th at 7:30pm at the Sacramento County Corp. Yard, 5026 Don Julio Blvd (corner of Elkhorn Blvd)

Our February meeting will feature an introduction to and live demonstration of slow scan television.

See how easy it is to join the fun on our Wednesday night SSTV nets!

Linda KI6OLC will now provide a coffee service with our refreshments at River City ARCS monthly meetings.

Web Site revised

The RCARCS web site has been reworked. Go to www.n6na.org and check it out.

It still needs some work but use the club email at the bottom and let us know what you think.

From the President:

Thanks to our members and Board for your confidence in my new role as River City ARCS president. Welcome also to our new board members Bob, WB6VYH and Jason, KF6QXX and to our new River City ARCS members. I appreciate the continuing assistance of Andy Stephens, W6AWS, during this transition. We certainly all thank him for his years of commitment and enthusiastic service and will wish him a pleasant and safe move to Minnesota this spring.

The year 2011 brought us some very good news! The FCC reported that our number as licensed radio amateurs have surpassed 700,000—a record all time high... Solar cycle 24 is finally on the rise, and after many years of waiting 10 meter skip is now common, and good HF propagation is possible with little power... Our newsletter editor Ken, KE6RMN has kept our monthly newsletters coming without fail... We've had well attended monthly meetings and programs, and have growing participation in our weekly 2 meter nets and interest in our new nets on 10 meters and slow scan television.

We've also had a major upgrade to the www.n6na.org website. I invite you to watch the video on our home page that describes its new features. Please also visit our new online swap page where members can list equipment that is wanted or for sale, and our new convenient online form where you can renew your membership, update your information and pay dues securely online.

Please take this opportunity to renew your membership for 2012 if you have not yet done so. Your support is vital to keep River City ARCS growing strong! Also, take the time to share your ham radio experiences with fellow members—share your special interests with us in a demonstration at a meeting and send our newsletter editor your interesting stories related to amateur radio. The newsletter will feature a new series of "Spotlights on your Board". Amateur radio has so many facets and opportunities to learn that make this a fun and stimulating lifetime hobby as well as a public service!

See you at the meeting, Tuesday, February 7, 2012 at 7:30pm.
"73"

Carol Milazzo, KP4MD, 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

2011 OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES**Board of Directors**

President Dr. Carol Milazzo, KP4MD

Vice President Don Kunkel, KE6GMJ

Secretary Larry Fibich, AF6LF

Treasurer Paul Grose, N6DRY

Membership Linda Cardoza, KI6OLC

Board Members:

2 year Term Bob Hicks, K6VSS

2 year Term Ed Siegner, WA6QYO

2 year Term Bob Wortman, WB6VXH

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Appointments:

N6NA Trustee Dane Westvik, KO6YD

VE Liaison Need volunteer

Training Need volunteer

Editor Ken Martin, KE6RMN

Sound Paul Grose, KG6KPV

Sales Mary Ann, KE6EST

Field Day Andrew Stephens, W6AWS

Picnic Chair Need volunteer

OTHER NETS

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

DUES ARE DUE

2012 Dues are due. They can be paid at the meeting or online at:

<http://www.n6na.org/membership>

2012 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Membership Meetings: Nov 1, Dec 6

For 2011 all membership meetings will be held on the 1st Tuesday of each month.

Board Meetings; Nov 22

Membership meeting Feb 7

Board Meeting Feb 28

Valentines day Feb 14

Presidents Day Feb 22

Membership meeting Mar 6

Board Meeting Mar 27

Spotlight on River City ARCS – Carol KP4MD

This new Spotlight column plans to focus each month on the interests and experiences of a different board member, officer or committee chair. This month's we will begin with our new President, Carol KP4MD.

Carol remembers building her first crystal radio kit as a child in the 60's in New York City. Living in the Bronx, a mere 3 miles from the 50 kW powerhouse WCBS transmitter, the little crystal earphone could be heard from across the room. Her aunt's old Grundig multi-band radio with exotic places like London, Berlin and Moscow on its tuning dial sparked her fascination with short waves. While in 6th grade, Carol first heard a 75-meter AM ham conversation on her own 3-band transistor portable, and she was hooked.

As a high school student Carol collected short wave listener QSL cards for a few years until 1970 when she learned Morse code with an LP bought at a Lafayette Radio store and earned her Technician class license, WB2OZA. She built her first rig—a Knight Kit TR-108 2 meter AM transceiver, and soon added equipment for 6 meters and 439 MHz amateur television. In 1971 she won the New York City-Long Island Section Award for the ARRL June VHF QSO Party contest and upgraded to Advanced class. As a college student, she built her first SSB radio in 1972, a Heathkit HW-101, joined Air Force MARS and the ARRL, and was active with the Fordham University Amateur Radio Club K2FO where she gave Novice classes and exams. After several weeks of W1AW code practice sessions, she overcame the 20 WPM code barrier and upgraded to Amateur Extra class in 1974.

Carol remained active in ham radio after moving to Puerto Rico in 1976, and tiring of the long WB2OZA/KP4, she dropped that call sign for KP4EMN and later KP4MD. That was before the FCC issued vanity calls, when Amateur Extra class hams could choose a two letter call sign under incentive licensing. After serving as a US Navy Medical Corps officer at Roosevelt Roads Naval Hospital, Puerto Rico, she moved to Omaha, Nebraska in 1987, joined the Ak-Sar-Ben Amateur Radio Club and taught medicine as a Professor at Creighton University until moving to Sacramento in 1999.

Carol first joined the River City ARCS in 2006. She is a member of the Medical Amateur Radio Council (MARCO), the Young Ladies' Radio League and a long standing ARRL Life Member. She has published articles on satellite tracking calculations, filter design programming, and antenna modeling and analysis, and most recently presented her video documentary of the Arecibo Observatory at other local meetings and at the 2011 Pacifcon Regional Convention with Nobel Prize Laureate Dr. Joe Taylor, K1JT.

When her busy pediatric practice permits, Carol plays piano, maintains our n6na.org web site and her own web site at QSL.net, and is active from 160 meters through 440 MHz, with special interests in homebrewing, antennas, radio propagation, CW, digital modes, mobile operating and computer software and interfacing. Carol shares her passions with her husband Roger, KI6FYF, who is retired Coast Guard. They have three grown children and two grandchildren.

