



# River City ARCS

River City Amateur Radio Communications Society



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Pictures from the Magnetic Loop Antenna party

## May MEETING

The May meeting is on May 5th. at 7:30pm at the Sacramento County Corp. Yard, 5026 Don Julio Blvd (corner of Elkhorn Blvd)

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

## From the President:

April was a busy month of strange weather and busy weekends, with Easter, Tax day, and our magnetic loop antenna build party. We had originally expected at most half a dozen to participate in the antenna build at Larry AF6LF's QTH, but we were overwhelmed by several times that number of responses and were fortunate to accommodate all by moving it to our meeting room at the Sacramento County Corp Yard. We regret that several prospective builders could not join us this time as our source of capacitor plates had been temporarily depleted, but these have expressed interest for a future antenna build activity.

Mark your May calendars for the EMCOMMWEST conference in Reno from May 4-6 and the North Hills Radio Club Swap Meet on May 20.

Our May 1st meeting will feature an interesting demonstration by Ed WA6QYO on Lecher Lines and how to identify unmarked meters, and a Primer on VHF propagation. We'll also hear the latest on our N6NA repeater upgrade, Field Day planning, and of course, enjoy Linda's fresh brewed coffee and baked goods. See you there!

73, Carol Milazzo, KP4MD,  
President, River City ARCS



**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.

Web Site: [www.n6na.org](http://www.n6na.org)

E-mail: [n6na@arrr.net](mailto:n6na@arrr.net)

Contact club through the web page at:

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

**N6NA Repeaters**

145.250 MHz (-162.2)

442.600 MHz (+100) - Offline

(Due to Pave Paws issue)

2M Club Net - Members and Guests

Check In on 145.250 MHz

Wednesday at 8 PM

10M Club Net - Members and Guests

Check in on 28.420 MHz

following 2M net

SSTV Club net - Members and Guests

Check in on 145.51 MHz FM Simplex

Following 10M net.

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

**OTHER NETS**

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

**2012 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 Robert Hicks, K6VSS

2 year Term Ed Siegner, WA6QYO

2 year Term Bob Wortman, WB6VYH

2 year Term Jason Lager KF6QXX

**Appointments:**

N6NA Trustee Steven Bird KM6YU

VE Liaison Need volunteer

Training Ed Seigner, WA6QYO

Editor Ken Martin, KE6RMN

Sound Paul Grose, N6DRY

Sales Mary Ann, KE6EST

Field Day Need volunteer

Picnic Chair Need volunteer

**2012 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

Membership Meetings: May 1, Jun 5  
For 2011 all membership meetings will be held on the 1st Tuesday of each month.  
Board Meetings: May 22, Jun 22

Membership meeting	May 1
EMCOMMWEST	MAY 4-6
North Hills Hamfest	May 20
Board Meeting	May 22
Memorial Day	May 28
Membership meeting	June 6
Field day	June 23
Board Meeting	June 26

## Field day

Field day this year is June 23-24. The club site is Dry Creek Ranch in Rio Linda.

Further details at:

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

## Historians Corner

On this month in 1980

Pres. - Tony Assensa WB6HYQ

VP. - Lyle Aufranc WA6RPB

Activities Manager - David Martin WB6YLK

Secretary - Don Englund WA6YRL

Treasurer - Marie Martin Associate Member

Editor - Joe Seckel WB6NPC

The club was taking reservations for a bus trip to Tahoe on May 19, 1980.

The club meeting was at Pancake Parade 30th and J st. (now gone)

Club Breakfast will be June 1, 1980 at Perko's Koffee cup on Kiefer Blvd.

The club was holding classes for the Mather MARS group to help airmen get their Novice ticket.

RCARCS member Curby Goldsmith WB6RYO became a silent key.

Club nets were:

CW net: Wed. 7pm.

2 meter net: Wed. 8:30 pm.

Sister Club net: Thurs. 7 pm

(sister club was Surry Amateur Radio Club VE7SAR British Columbia, Canada)

Sunday Nite Rag-chew net: Sun. 8pm.

## EMCOMMWEST 2012

EMCOMMWEST marks its tenth anniversary.

The convention will once again be held at the Grand Sierra Resort in Reno, May 4 - 6.

For further details see:

<http://www.emcommwest.org/>

## North Hills Hamfest

North Hills RC will hold its Hamfest from 7am to 12 noon on May 20th at Natomas High School

Flyer at:

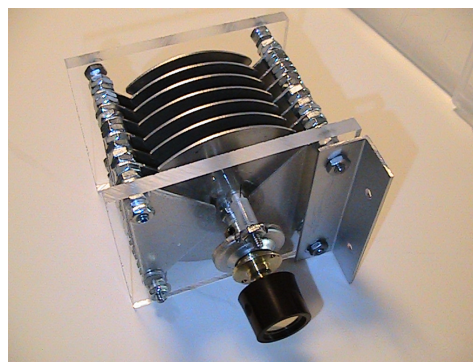
<http://www.k6is.org/HAMFESTFLYER.pdf>

## Magnetic Loop Antenna Party

About 20 people from River City ARCS and other clubs participated in our Magnetic Loop Antenna Build Party on Saturday April 21.

We unfortunately could not accommodate latecomers as we had bought out and reserved Monarch Capacitors' complete stock of 3 inch and 5 inch capacitor plates one month before the event. The small magnetic loop is a portable, compact and efficient antenna that can be built inexpensively. The participants assembled and tested their high voltage variable butterfly capacitors, and we expect to show some finished antennas at future meetings.

Vern W6MMA of SuperAntenna also joined us and showed his own Portable HF Yagi and Portable Slider Vertical Antennas. The overall positive feedback confirmed that this was a valuable learning activity for our participants.





### Spotlight on River City ARCS – Larry AF6LF

Born in Buffalo, New York. Fast forward to about 1957 when he met a HAM at school. They built things – from old TVs and surplus Army Electronic parts. About that time Larry became a Novice and Technician WA2UFP was awarded and since ‘burned into my brain on CW’.

The General License was not to be had for the CW. Tried ALL kinds of methods through the years until ‘discovering’ the ‘key’ – to simply listen on the air for a few minutes regularly. “SUCCESS” in 1991 for the General WA2UFP! then WB4EKQ (advanced); N6GLW; 1997 AD6TK for the Extra. All these different calls?? In 2000 got AF (my Dad’s initials) – 6 being a purist being in California (but thoughts of getting back my WA2UFP – still unissued – but that’s “2” land) – and LF my initials. AF6LF.

Larry graduated from the University of Buffalo in 1966 – started in Chemistry, but switched, and finished with 3 majors (Psychology, Philosophy, and Sociology). A graduate of R.O.T.C and off to Personnel Officers school. Graduate and then an assignment in the Pentagon – the Air Force Command Post – also known as the National Military Command and Control Center (NMCC) as the Personnel Officer.

4 years later (1970) Civilian Life in Rochester, N.Y. as Manager of Employee Relations for American Can Company. 2 years later resigned and moved back to Washington, D.C. to work for the Federal Government. Meantime also recruited into the Niagara Falls Air National Guard and later transferred to the Maryland Air National Guard.

In Washington, D.C. doing various jobs in Personnel – Became the Personnel Director for a Separate Agency under the Secretary of Defense. Meanwhile tiring of the 1 weekend a month drill required by the Air National Guard transferred to become the MA (mobilization Augmentee) for the Director of Personnel, Air Force Intelligence.

Teaching Automotive mechanics in the Fairfax, VA adult education program is sandwiched in there as well as running a small automotive repair business.

Subsequent to being the Personnel Director for this DOD Agency Larry transferred back to the National Guard Bureau and was in charge of the Classification and Wage program.

A transfer to the Interior Department and then several years later a move to Sacramento in 1996 to become the Personnel Director for the Interior Department (BLM, BOR, BOI, etc.) in California – a VP Gore reinvention program – a disaster. Retirement declared two (2) years later. Some consulting, obtaining California Teaching Credentials, couple of other things and then follow on employment with the State of California in Child Support –he developed the State wide complaint resolution Program to Adjudicate Child Support Complaints.

Retired now from: (1) U.S. Federal Service in 1998 (32 years); (2) Air Force Military (20+ years); (3) teaching Automotive Classes (30+); and (4) The State of California (8 years).

Married to beautiful Janet M. (Orlando) Fibich – from Buffalo, N.Y. (45 + years) – Two (2) Children – a Son in Australia who is a partner with IBM; and a Daughter in Naples Florida who is an Executive Advisor with Gartner. Both have young families that get visited a lot – 2 Boys; and a Girl & Boy respectively.

Hobbies include:

(1) HAM RADIO, of course and the River City ARCS ;( 2) Old radio’s (3). R/C airplanes – building more – flying less; (4). Target shooting and reloading; (5). Motorcycles (4 of them) which he means to ride more but doesn’t; (6). frequent thoughts to get back into real flying (or ultra lights) – flew with the Andrews AFB Flying club and several hours in gliders; (7) dreaming of getting back into past years of Judo and Karate (8) recently bought a motor home; (9) fixing things and Mechanics; (10) Doing “stuff”; (11) Member of the Sacramento Turn Verein (German) Club; (12) The Sacramento Swiss Club; and (13) too much time on the computer.

