



# River City ARCS

River City Amateur Radio Communications Society



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## From the River City ARCS President:

Thanks again to our members and visitors whose equipment donations and purchases made our October White Elephant Sale an unqualified success!

The October 11-13 ARRL Pacificon Convention in Santa Clara was well attended with plenty of new hams, and featured forum tracks on youth, operating, home-brewing, EmComm, and cutting-edge digital modes and software defined radio. Of the 4 topics that I presented, the "[Cheap and Easy SDR](#)" was clearly the most popular. I also enjoyed operating [the W6P special event station](#) in the hotel parking lot. At our November 5 meeting Bob Woodward N6PGQ will treat us to his photo journal of Pacificon.

The Lyle AuFranc Award is presented each year to one club member in recognition for outstanding service to the community. Please submit your nominations for this prestigious award at our next meeting or via e-mail to [contact@n6na.org](mailto:contact@n6na.org) by November 15. This award will be presented at our December 3 Holiday Party at [Sam's Hof Brau](#). Please contact Linda Cardoza, KI6OLC, if you will be able to help with our party room setup.

Nominations for one Board of Directors member and all 2014 club officers remain open until our annual election at the November meeting. Please seriously consider serving in our club leadership. Our direction and future growth depend on you!

Propagation on the 10 meter band has been excellent during the past few weeks with daily contacts made to Europe and Asia using modest equipment and antennas. Ten meters is the one HF band where all radio hams regardless of license class can operate on voice, CW and digital modes.

At our November meeting, Ryan Toomey, K6ELV, will kick off our mini-series of programs on digital modes with a live demonstration on connecting a radio to a computer with a low cost DIY interface so you can join the fun on PSK31--today's most popular digital mode.

Join us this coming Tuesday, November 5 at 7:30 pm at the Sacramento County Corp. Yard at 5026 Don Julio Blvd. See you there!

73, Dr. Carol Milazzo, KP4MD/6  
President, River City ARCS  
<http://www.n6na.org>



Youngster learns soldering at Pacificon.  
Bob Woodward Photo.

**CLUB INFORMATION**

DUES: \$20.00 Per year

ADDRESS: P.O. Box 417718,  
Sacramento CA 95841

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 Blvd.'s.

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@arrrl.net](mailto:n6na@arrrl.net)Contact club through the web page at:  
<http://www.n6na.org/about>**N6NA Repeaters****145.250 MHz (-162.2)****442.600 MHz (+100)****Low Level (Orangevale)****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.**2013 OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES****Board of Directors**

President Dr. Carol Milazzo, KP4MD

Vice President Paul McIntyre KC5JAX

Secretary NEEDED

Treasurer Kevin Laybourn KI6KIU

Membership Tony Lenesis N6DXX

**Board Members:**

2 year Term Jason Lager KF6QXX

2 year Term Chuck Freas W6FT

2 year Term Bob Woodward N6PGQ

2 year Term Ralph Stocki KJ6PIK

**Appointments:**

N6NA Trustee Steven Bird KM6YU

VE Liaison Need volunteer

Training Ed Seigner, WA6QYO

Editor Ken Martin, KE6RMN

Sales Mary Ann, KE6EST

Field Day Need volunteer

Picnic Chair Need volunteer

**2013 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

For 2013 all membership meetings will be held on the 1st Tuesday of each month. Board meetings are on the fourth Tuesday of each month.

Membership meeting	Nov 5
Veterans Day	Nov 11
Board Meeting	Nov 26
Thanksgiving	Nov 28
Christmas party	Dec 3





The Humble shack of Sean McCaskey KK6GMN

Pictured:

- o Kenwood TS-2000
- o D-104 Mic
- o Baofeng UV-5R
- o Daiwa SWR/Power meter
- o Alinco DM-340MV power supply
- o SignalLink USB
- o MFJ Super Hi-Q loop remote control tuner
- o MFJ headphones
- o 100w dry dummy load
- o Dummy head (soon to have dummy load mounted in it)



### Cell Phone failure

There was an article on line recently about the failure of cell phones during Hurricane Sandy one year ago.

It makes interesting reading and might be something you want to view.

Link below -

[http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/10/21/cell-phones-hurricane-sandy\\_n\\_4118262.html?1382376413&icid=maing-grid7%7Cnetscape%7Cd127%7Csec1\\_in3%26pLid%3D394466](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/10/21/cell-phones-hurricane-sandy_n_4118262.html?1382376413&icid=maing-grid7%7Cnetscape%7Cd127%7Csec1_in3%26pLid%3D394466)

### Membership Renewal time.

We are coming up on the New Year and that means its renewal time. You can pay online on our web site or you can fill in the form on Page 4 and bring to a meeting.

### Clothing

Mary Ann KE6EST is looking for someone to replace her in clothing sales. Contact either Mary Ann or Carol.







**RIVER CITY AMATEUR RADIO  
COMMUNICATIONS SOCIETY  
RENEWAL APPLICATION  
2014**



Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Annual Membership Dues  
Family Member at Same Address (each)  
Optional Repeater Fund Donation

\$20.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
\$10.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Amt Paid \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL PAYMENT ENCLOSED \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**FIRST NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**LAST NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**STREET ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_ **CITY:** \_\_\_\_\_ **STATE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**MAIL ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_ **CITY:** \_\_\_\_\_ **STATE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**HOME PHONE:** (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
**CELLULAR PHONE:** (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
**EMAIL ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**BIRTH DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**SPOUSE'S FIRST NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**CALL SIGN:** \_\_\_\_\_ **CLASS:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**ARRL MEMBER?:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**NAME OF FAMILY MEMBER(S):** \_\_\_\_\_

The club publishes a roster of the membership. Included will be the member's name, callsign, address, email, and phone number. This will be made available only to the RCARCS membership. If you wish to "opt" out or have any of the above information excluded from the published roster, please circle those items above.

Return this form with check payable to: River City ARCS

Mail to:  
River City ARCS,  
PO BOX 417718,  
SACRAMENTO CA, 95841-7718  
If you have any questions please contact:  
Kevin Laybourn KI6KIU- Treasurer at  
klaybourn@gmail.com or  
at club phone at 916 905 4HAM

Do not write below this line – office use only

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Date \_\_\_\_\_ Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_ Payment \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Membership Chairperson \_\_\_\_\_ Roster \_\_\_\_\_ Membership Card \_\_\_\_\_ label \_\_\_\_\_