



River City ARCS

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The award we got for being at the Rio Linda Farm and Tractor show. (Photo by Kaayla)

FIELD DAY

Field day is the 28 & 29th. The club will return to Dry Creek Ranch. Set up is Saturday morning with operation from 11am Sat to 11am Sun.

The objective of field day is to work as many stations as possible on any and all amateur bands and to learn to operate in abnormal situations in less than optimal conditions.

More information is available at <http://www.arrl.org/field-day>.

See article page 3.



From the River City ARCS President:

Our June 4th meeting was dedicated to Field Day planning and a showing of Gary Pearce KN4AQ's excellent documentary "The Last BIG Field Day."

This newsletter is due out days before our June 28-29 Field Day weekend at Dry Creek Ranch House in Rio Linda. Our Field Day operation starts promptly from 11:00 AM Saturday June 28 through 11:00 AM Sunday June 29. Operating positions should be set up and ready to begin operating prior to 11:00 AM on Saturday. New and experienced operators may review operating procedures in [our Field Day Primer](#). Be sure to check our [Field Day web page](#) for preparation advice and the latest updates.

Ryan Toomey K6ELV will be our Field Day Captain. Sean McCaskey KK6GMN will set up our Field Day logging server and WiFi network at the Field Day site. Chris Gifford KJ6LZR will bring the barbecue and Linda Cardoza KI6OLC will provide first aid and meal preparation.

The club will provide the hot dogs, hamburgers, condiments, water and soft drinks.

The salads and desserts are potluck: Those with call sign suffixes beginning from A-L are asked to bring a dessert, and suffixes from M-Z to bring a green, pasta or fruit salad.

Talk-in to the Field Day site will be on the [N6NA 2 meter repeater](#) on 145.25 MHz, -600 offset, PL 162.2 Hz. Our Field Day is open to the public. All are encouraged to drop-in, visit and/or participate!

Join us Tuesday, July 1, 7:30 pm at the Sacramento County Corp. Yard at 5026 Don Julio Blvd for our Field Day recap. See you there!

73, Dr. Carol Milazzo, KP4MD/6
President, River City ARCS

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.orgE-mail: n6na@arrl.netContact 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>**2014 OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES****Board of Directors**

President Dr. Carol Milazzo, KP4MD

Vice President Paul McIntyre KC5JAX

Secretary Bob Woodward N6PGQ

Treasurer Paul Grose N6DRY

Membership Needed

Board Members:

2 year Term Chuck Freas W6FT

2 year Term Ralph Stocki KJ6PIK

2 year Term Ed Seigner WA6QYO

2 year Term Don Jackson K8GET

Appointments:

N6NA Trustee Steven Bird KM6YU

VE Liaison Need volunteer

Training Ed Seigner, WA6QYO

Editor Ken Martin, KE6RMN

Sales Linda Cardoza KI6OLC

Field Day Need volunteer

Picnic Chair Need volunteer

OTHER NETSNoon Time Net is on the W6AK/R at
146.910 (-) 100 PL.**2014 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

For 2014 all membership meetings will be held on the 1st Tuesday of each month.

Board meetings are on the fourth Tuesday of each month.

Field Day June 28 & 29

Membership meeting July 1

Independence Day July 4

Board Meeting July 23

Membership meeting Aug 5

Board Meeting Aug 26



FIELD DAY INFORMATION

Ryan Toomey, K6ELV, will be this year's Field Day Captain. You may contact him at 1r2me@sbcglobal.net

Logging:

Sean McCaskey KK6GMN will set up our Field Day logging server and WiFi network at the Field Day site. If you will bring your own computer for logging, you should now download and try the new N3FJP ARRL Field Day Contest Log 4.2 software on your computer from <http://www.n3fjp.com/fieldday.html> Do not pay for the program as it is already registered for club use. Sean will also have the software on a flash drive if needed, and will set you up with the password and connect your computer to the WiFi network at our Field Day site.

Meals:

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Antenna Tower:

At least six people are needed to safely erect and take down the tower. Jason Lager KF6QXX reports that only two people have yet offered to help. Jason requests that all who can assist with the antenna tower on Friday June 27 please contact him NOW at kf6qxx1@yahoo.com

Facility:

Our Field Day site will be on the grounds adjacent to the [Dry Creek Ranch House, 6852 Dry Creek Rd, Rio Linda, CA 95673](#). Talk-in will be on the N6NA 2 meter repeater on 145.25 MHz, -600 offset, PL 162.2 Hz. Running water, bathroom facilities and electric power will be available. The commercial electric power is exclusively for lighting and computers, etc (bring an extension cord and power strip if needed).

Field Day Rules:

Ours is a Class A Club station. Read the current Field Day Rules <http://www.arrl.org/files/file/Field-Day/2014/2014%20Rules.pdf> especially **Section 4.1**. To be listed as Class A, all contacts must be made with transmitter(s) and receiver(s) operating independent of commercial power mains. If you plan to bring any transmitting and receiving equipment, you should provide an alternative power source for it, e.g., battery, solar panel, or other.

Due to past experiences with equipment damage and interference between positions, we have also adopted the following rules:

- 1. Operate a radio ONLY if you have proper instruction or supervision.**
- 2. Use your band pass filter (each HF position will be assigned one band pass filter for 80, 40, 20, 15 or 10 meters).**
- 3. Operate ONLY on the band assigned by our Field Day captain. Do NOT transmit on any other band without the Field Day captain's authorization.**
- 4. The Field Day captain will coordinate all operating positions on our Field Day site. No independent stations will be allowed.**

Bob Balthrop KD6WTY

Two weeks ago Bob suffered a fall and had a clot in his head. He is in recovery at the Windsor Rehab Center in Elk Grove, Room 18b. Windsor is located at 9461 Batey Avenue in Elk Grove. Keep him in your thoughts and prayers

BOARD MEMBER CHANGE

Ryan Toomey K6ELV has resigned from the board. Don Jackson K6GET will fill the position for the remainder of the term.

**Field Day Continued****Operating:**

Field Day operating starts promptly from 11:00 AM Saturday June 28 through 11:00 AM Sunday June 29. Operating positions should be set up and ready to begin operating by 11:00 AM on Saturday. Operating positions will use the club call sign N6NA. We will provide you our contest exchange class at the site and our section will be Sacramento Valley (or "SV" on CW and digital). New and experienced operators may review operating procedures on [our Field Day Primer web page](#).

Check Lists:

You may review the check lists at the bottom of web page <http://www.wvara.org/fd/fdbch.html> for other items you may want to bring.

Please E-mail our Field Day Captain Ryan Toomey 1r2me@sbcglobal.net or myself if you have any questions.

See you at Field Day!
Carol Milazzo, KP4MD

