



River City ARCS

River City Amateur Radio Communications Society

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Runners at Aid station during the Clarksburg Run

Life Memberships

At the November meeting Norm Brooks K6FO and Chuck Frees W6FT were voted life memberships.

It's time to renew your membership in RCARCS

Go to:

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

and renew online or fill the form attached to the email and bring it to the meeting.



From the River City ARCS President:

At our November 5 meeting we elected Dave Martin WB6YLK and Andy Stephens W6AWS to the Board of Directors. In 2015, Bob Woodward N6PGQ will serve as President and Carol Milazzo KP4MD as Secretary, while Paul McIntyre KC5JAX continues as Vice President and Paul Grose N6DRY as Treasurer.

Also at our November meeting, we collected signatures on [our club petition](#) in support of HR-4969, the Amateur Radio Parity Act, Bob N6PGQ and Carol KP4MD gave a [photo slideshow](#) of the ARRL Pacificon Centennial Convention, and Nichole and Craig Hinch KK6MNL and K-9 Tucker demonstrated [Search and Rescue & Ham Radio](#).

Vince Cracchiolo KI6NHP has resigned as our net coordinator after many years of dedicated service. Paul KC6JAX will assume net coordinator duties and Dave WB6YLK will replace Vince on the net control roster.

Recapping our accomplishments in 2014, our 38th year... [Our technical program series](#) included the "Introduction to the MFJ Antenna Analyzer", Ham Radio for the Sight Impaired, an Introduction to Microcontrollers and Arduino Morse and RTTY Sender Demo, Filter Measurement with a Vector Network Analyzer, SWR and Impedance Matching, the Field Day Bandpass Filter Project, a Mobile Station Exposition, and a JT-65 Review and Live Demo. We operated a booth and station at the [Rio Linda Farm and Tractor Days](#), our annual [Spring picnic](#) and QRP field operation, our [Field Day](#) event, White Elephant sale, and we collaborated with members of the Elk Grove Florin ARC in support of the [Clarksburg Country Run](#).

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CLUB INFORMATION

DUES: \$20.00 Per year
 Send to: River City ARCS
 c/o Paul Grose
 4949 H Parkway
 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 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.

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



Web Site: www.n6na.org

E-mail: n6na@arrl.net

Contact club through the web page at:
<http://www.n6na.org/about>

N6NA Repeaters

145.250 MHz (-162.2)

442.600 MHz (+100)

441.300 MHz Emergency use only

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.

OTHER NETS

A list of other nets is at:

<http://www.qsl.net/w6tee/nets.html>

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.

Christmas party	Dec 2
Board Meeting	Dec 23
Christmas	Dec 25
New Year's day	Jan 1
Membership meeting	Jan 6
Board Meeting	Jan 27

Clarksburg Country Run 2014

This year we had 29 radio operators volunteer for communication at the Clarksburg Country Run. We had operators from River City ARCS, Elk Grove Florin Radio Club, Sacramento County ARES and El Dorado Search and Rescue. Paul Grose N6DRY, has organized radio operators for this event for 13 years, but this year handed down the responsibility. With all the changes being made, I asked for the radio operators to meet at the Clarksburg Firehouse earlier this year at 6:30 am. Every one of the operators showed up prepared and ready to go. They had great attitudes, and I could not of had a better group to work with for this event. After a quick briefing, they set off to find the location from where they would be operating. It sounds pretty easy, but some of the locations are not at cross streets. Every one of these operators found their locations and was set up before sunrise. From the start of the race, these individuals passed traffic on the runner's locations, aid station status, and health and welfare issues. Here is a list of radio operators:

Andrea KI6VGK, Paul N6DRY, John KI6ZWW,
Fred w7KOZ, Bonnie KC6PSZ,
Dave WB6YLK and wife Marie, Ken KE6RMN,
Kevin KI6KIU, Steve W6WBO, Bill KG6KPZ, Jan
KF6CXQ, Don KE6GMJ, Will W4YS,
Steve KG6KPY, Andy W6AWS,
Dave WB6FC and wife Julie,
Frank N6SNO, Terry KI6KWX, Brandon K6IKK,
Chris KG6JFO, Eric KG6BZT, Mike NM3S,
Jaime KG6YYT, Diane KG6ZAP, Craig KK6MNL,
Tim KC6NAT, Mike KI6UTR.

I want to thank all of them for their preparedness, professionalism and support. This was another successful year.

Thank you to Paul N6DRY for all his years making sure radio coverage for the Clarksburg Country Run was met; and for making sure the transition went smooth and for the extra time to bring me up to speed.

I would also like to thank Chris N6ICW for the use of the N6ICW Repeater, River City ARCS for use of N6NA Repeater, and the people of KS6HRP for use of their Repeater.

Many Thanks to all that helped and supported me this year,

Vince Cracchiolo
KI6NHP



From the president Continued

Planned for 2015: Packet radio, a hidden transmitter hunt, voting receiver demo, the OES (Office of Emergency Services), alternative power sources and more!

Remember annual dues for 2015 are now payable through [our web site](#) by PayPal, by mail or at our meeting by cash or check. Also please consider a donation to our repeater fund and update your membership information for our records through the web page or at our meeting.

We thank all for contributing to this very successful year. Our Tuesday December 2 meeting will be our Annual Holiday Dinner from 6-9 pm at [Sam's Hof Brau](#), 2500 Watt Avenue, corner of El Camino. All are welcome to join us for dinner, prize drawings and great company at this year-end social event for members and our families. Linda Cardoza, KI6OLC requests that helpers meet her there at 5 pm to decorate the party room (bring scissors and tape). Please contact her now at bizebird@yahoo.com or [\(916\) 606-3178](tel:9166063178).

73, Carol Milazzo, KP4MD
President, River City ARCS

Photo of KP4MD Station in December 2014 QST promoting the 2015 January VHF Contest

The 2015 January VHF Contest

1900 UTC Saturday, January 24 – 0359 UTC Monday, January 26



In 2014, Dr. Carol Milazzo, KP4MD, returned to the January VHF contest for the first time since 1971. This time she used software, a tablet and transceivers in place of low-power vacuum tube radios. (Dr. Carol Milazzo, KP4MD, photo)

- The action returns to VHF+ for the January VHF contest. How many amateurs can you contact on 6 meters and up?
- Three new categories for 2015 — Single Operator Unlimited, High and Low Power, and Single Operator Unlimited Portable.
- Contest exchange is simply your Maidenhead grid square. More info on grid squares can be found at www.arrl.org/grid-squares.
- Logs must be e-mailed or postmarked no later than 0359 UTC Wednesday, February 25, 2015. Electronic Cabrillo-formatted logs are strongly preferred. E-mail Cabrillo logs to januaryvhf@arrl.org; paper logs should be sent to ARRL, January VHF Contest, 225 Main St, Newington, CT 06111.

Complete rules can be found at
www.arrl.org/january-vhf

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Jan KF6CXQ
Net control
for the race.



Runners at the
start of the race



RCARCS HOLIDAY PARTY

TUESDAY DEC 2
6 to 9 pm

SAM'S HOFBRAU
2500 Watt Ave

Bring an unwrapped toy
for donation to Toys for Tots