



# River City ARCS

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On 10 Jan 2015 at 1800 UTC Placer County ARES conducted an HF communications test net on 7214 kHz LSB from Sutter Roseville Medical Center in Roseville, CA. The equipment used was an Alinco DX-SR8 transceiver and an MFJ-1788 Magnetic Loop antenna.

## It's time to renew your membership in RCARCS

See Paul's column on page 3 then go to: <http://www.n6na.org/membership> and renew online or fill the form attached to the email and bring it to the meeting.

## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Thanks to Carol Milazo, KP4MD for her presentation at our January meeting. Her demonstration of the use of a \$20 USB dongle attached to a computer to measure and adjust the deviation of a 2 meter FM radio showed how Hams use ingenuity to solve problems without resorting to expensive test equipment or sending out equipment for service.

During introductions, we were pleasantly surprised to hear from visitor Dam, AG2Z who brought examples of his home brew test equipment to show us. Explaining each piece of equipment, AG2Z detailed his construction methods (including fabricating enclosures). Hopefully this won't be the last we hear from him at our meetings!

I was proud to present certificates of appreciation to Ken Martin, KE6RMN for his dedication as our Newsletter Editor from 2011 through 2014; to Vince Cracchiolo, KI6NHP for being our Net Manager from 2011 through 2014; and to Linda Cardoza, KI6OLC for hosting our Holiday Parties from 2009 through 2014. These dedicated members have been a tremendous help for our organization.

Paul, KC5JAX reported that he and Carol, KP4MD attended the ARRL leadership meeting. Discussions included Centennial activities, ARES and emergency communications and outreach to new hams, especially those who only have their license in case of emergency communication needs. There were people there who were concerned with the difficulty programming Wouxon radios. Paul gave an impromptu demonstration to show that it's really not all that hard.

Now that we are into the new year, remember to renew your membership. You can easily complete the process on our web page or at the Club meeting. PayPal is an easy method to pay dues or you can pay in the traditional method with a check or cash at the meeting. A donation to the repeater fund will help with ongoing and future operations. Remember, Club members have exclusive use of our 441.300 repeater – a benefit of membership.

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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.

**2015 OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES****Board of Directors**

President	Bob Woodward	N6PGQ
Vice President	Paul McIntyre	KC5JAX
Secretary	Dr. Carol Milazzo,	KP4MD
Treasurer	Paul Grose	N6DRY
Membership	Paul Grose	N6DRY
Board Members		
2 year Term	Ed Seigner	WA6QYO
2 year Term	Don Jackson	K6GET
2 year Term	Andy Stephens	W6AWS
2 year Term	Dave Martin	WB6YLK

**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](http://www.n6na.org)

E-mail: [n6na@arrl.net](mailto: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 Member 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>

**2015 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

For 2015 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	Feb 2
Groundhog day	Feb 2
Valentines day	Feb 14
Presidents day	Feb 22
Board Meeting	Feb 24
Membership meeting	Mar 2
Board Meeting	Mar 24

## Have You Renewed Your Dues For 2015?

Well, here we are at the end of the year 2014. We had 75 paid members this year, and so far, 31 members have already renewed for 2015. Our membership is on a calendar year basis. So, if you haven't already done so, it is time to renew your membership for the year 2015. The annual dues are \$20 per year for individuals. Family membership is \$20 for the first family member and \$10 for each additional family member in the household. For example, membership for a husband and wife will cost \$30 per year.

Good Accounting Practices require that we have a record of your renewal, so we have made the process easy and you have some choices for the most convenient method for you. Go to our Website [www.n6na.org](http://www.n6na.org) and click on the "Membership Application" link. There you will be able to renew online via PayPal or by the traditional in the traditional paper method. If you chose the online method, simply enter the information requested, and you can make your payment via your PayPal account. If you prefer the paper method you can download the pdf form (which is a fill-in form). Once you have completed the form, send it and your check to the address shown on the form. Or, if you prefer, you can bring the completed form to the next club meeting with your payment.

While renewing please consider a donation to the N6NA Repeater Fund!

73,

Paul Grose, N6DRY  
Treasurer and Membership Chairperson



## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE CONTINUED

I would like to challenge all our members to practice programming their radios, especially our VHF and UHF handhelds. Know how to turn off the repeater offset or program in a simplex frequency. You never know when the repeater will "go down" or you might want to participate in a transmitter hunt using an unusual frequency.

Don't miss these upcoming RCARCS events:

March 3 Meeting: ARRL SV Section District 3 Emergency Coordinator Greg Kruckewitt, KG6SJT will present an introduction and live demonstration of 2 meter Packet Radio and its role in routine and emergency message traffic.

April 7 Meeting: Rick McCusker, WF6O, president of Sacramento SHARP will give a presentation on transmitter hunting. This will be a timely presentation, which will allow us to prepare for our Spring Picnic transmitter hunt.

Spring: Our annual Picnic and QRP field operation will feature a hidden transmitter fox hunt.

May 9-10 Farm and Tractor Day, Rio Linda 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

June 27-28 Field Day, Rio Linda

August 29 Car Show, Rio Linda

Please join us at our February meeting, Tuesday, February 3 at 7:30 p.m. at the Sacramento County Corporation Yard at 5026 Don Julio Blvd. for refreshments and great company. Visitors are always welcome.

See you there!

73, Bob Woodward, N6PGQ  
President, River City ARCS  
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## WPARC MOVES THEIR REPEATER

The Western Placer ARC has moved their repeater to a site at 1200ft elevation and changed the pair. They are now on 147.300 (+) 179.9. The repeater is open and welcomes traffic.



## CLUB REPEATER EQUIPMENT FOR SALE

The club has excess equipment from the old repeater for sale.

FOR SALE: 12 volt 50 amp Power Supply. Made by Stabylex Electronics Corporation, Model 50CT. \$50.00  
Contact Russ KN6SD at [russwbrill@earthlink.net](mailto:russwbrill@earthlink.net)

FOR SALE: Repeater Controller. Made by Advanced Computer Controls, Model RC-850 Version 3.8. Controller works, but Controller Clock is NOT Y2K compliant. \$325.00  
Contact Russ KN6SD at [russwbrill@earthlink.net](mailto:russwbrill@earthlink.net)







Sierra Foothills Amateur Radio Club presents:

# Hamfest 2015

March 14th 7:30



At the Historic Loomis Train Depot Plaza  
for the First Swap of the Year.

Bring your stuff to sell  
or come by look at it all, meet your  
friends and perhaps win in the drawing.

Seller spaces: \$10 - Drawing tickets \$1ea

This is our first annual Hamfest  
and are going all out to make it your favorite.

FREE Buyer's parking, FREE Admission  
Drawings - coffee & donuts - local vendors



Directions:

Located Northeast of Sacramento or  
Southeast of Auburn off Interstate 80.

Loomis Exit off I80 - Horseshoe Bar Road  
Go NNW to the Taylor Road stoplight.  
Then go straight into the Hamfest.  
Follow signs to Buyer's parking.

Seller's turn right at the stoplight, then  
turn into the Seller's parking area.

Talk-in on W6EK/r 145.430 pl 162.2Hz

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