



# River City ARCS

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Setting up an antenna at field day.

## THE WPARC Hamfest

THE WPARC Hamfest is our big event for the year. It will be Saturday September 19th which is a little later this year due to the scheduling of Labor Day and a major contest on the 12th. We will be at McBean Park (in Lincoln off highway 193) again this year. We will have VE sessions for all classes at an off-site location. More information as the date approaches.

Michael Buck, K6BUK.  
WPARC

## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

July's meeting highlighted how involved the members of the club really are. Andy, W6AWS presented a show detailing our Field Day activities. We had great participation, effort, and food. I'm already looking forward to next year. Congratulations to us!

This month's speaker, Debby Wells, KK6IQL had to postpone her presentation, so we will hear again from Andy, W6AWS with our Field Day results. After his short presentation, Carol, KP4MD will give us a slide show from her vacation in Puerto Rico. We will all sit around the Carousel projector and see pretty waterfall pictures. Oops, that was my vacation.

Finally, at our meeting we will have a short history lesson on Morse code keys. I'm asking that all members who have an interesting or historic key bring it to the meeting and put it on display. You could also give the group a short description of its historic significance or unique characteristics.

Paul, KC5JAX reports he is still looking for 2M net operators. If you need practice operating, want to be prepared for emergencies, or just want to help out the Club, now is your opportunity. Please get in touch with Paul.

We are still looking for an enclosed trailer. Keep your eyes out. When we find one, we will have a place to store club equipment. If you have anything we could use at our outdoor activities (since we will have a place for storage), please talk to a Board member to see if your junk could be the club's treasure.

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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	Andrew Stephens	W6AWS
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) Low Level (Orangevale)**

**441.300 MHz Member use only**

**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**

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	Aug 4
Board Meeting	Aug 25
Membership meeting	Sep 1
Labor day	Sep 7
WPARC Hamfest Lincoln	Sep 19
Board Meeting	Sep 22

On July 15, 2015 the Volunteer Examiners (VEs) returned to American River College to provide testing for the Amateur Radio service (Joe Cardoza).

We had 15 students take the FCC Amateur Radio exam. I am pleased to say 13 of the 15 passed the Technician class license, and three of the 15 also took and passed the General class license exam. But also sad that 2 did not pass, one of the students will be working with the VE's to retake the test.

In this class we had 3 Advanced Education students. These are High school students who have completed the 10th grade or are 16 years old. Two passed the test, and one was unable to take it but will take the exam in the near future. The youngest to pass is 11 years old.

My thanks to the ARRL and the Ham community for support our endeavor. We hope to be able to offer another this in the Fall of 2015

“73”

KJ6BNA

Steve Wilson

American River College

## VANITY CALL FEES END

The Amateur Radio vanity call sign regulatory fee is set to disappear in the next few weeks. According to the best-available information from FCC sources, the first day that applicants will be able to file a vanity application without having to pay a fee is Thursday, September 3. In deciding earlier this year to drop the regulatory fee components for Amateur Radio vanity call signs and General Mobile Radio Service (GMRS) applications, the FCC said it was doing so to save money and personnel resources. The Commission asserted that it costs more of both to process the regulatory fees and issue refunds than the amount of the regulatory fee payment.

## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE CONTINUED

Our October white elephant sale is quickly approaching. Look for some items that are collecting dust and bring them to the club to auction.

See you at the meeting hopefully with key in hand.

73

Bob Woodward, N6PGQ

## CLUB MERGER

The Mt. Vaca Radio Club (Sacramento) and the Yolo Amateur Radio Society (Davis) are now one club as of July 1. Both names and both web address work, but only one web page. The merger was because MVRC membership had been falling since the primary member repeater on 440 was shut down for Pave Paws, while YARS, a strong active club, was the primary user of the MVRC 2 meter repeater for nets and public service. The combined membership is looking forward to even more Ham activity.

The open YARS Net is Monday at 8:30 PM local on the K6MVR repeater, 147.00 minus 136.5 PL The open Mt. Vaca nets are on Saturday, 7:45 PM on K6MVR, and 8:00 PM on 3918.5 kHz LSB.

Thanks to ARRL for advice on how to do this.

Les W6TEE, ASM

The FCC said the revenue it would otherwise collect from such regulatory fees “will be proportionally assessed on other wireless fee categories.” Congress has mandated that the FCC collect nearly \$340 million in regulatory fees from all services in fiscal year 2015.



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