



River City ARCS

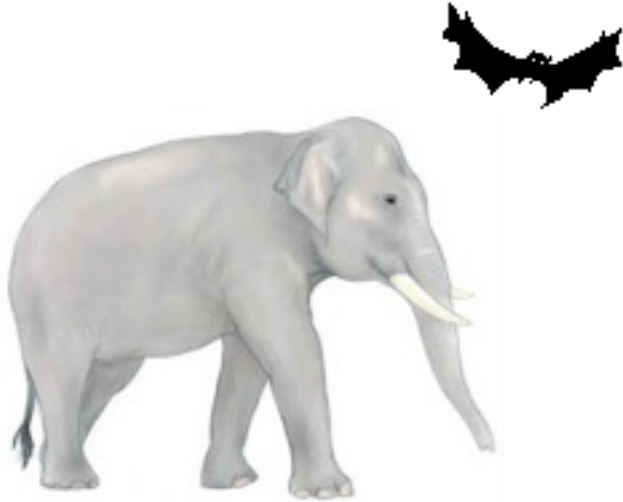
River City Amateur Radio Communications Society



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WHITE ELEPHANT SALE

The October meet is the club's annual White Elephant sale. This is our major fund raiser for the year. So bring your old and unused radios, test equipment, parts or ???

OFFICER NOMINATIONS

November is our election meeting. Start thinking who you would like for officers and bring your ideas to the meeting.

Doris Alexander SK

Doris Alexander wife of Robin Alexander Former RCARCS member and President of the QCWA group passed away on Sep 6 of a protracted illness.



PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Our October White Elephant Sale is almost upon us and Auctioneer Andy will again be at his post. It will be interesting to see what treasurers will change hands to help benefit our club's repeater fund. Join us for some spirited bidding. We will also be nominating members to serve as officers and Board members for the 2016 year. Please consider adding your talents to serve our club.

Speaking of repeaters, ours is back to its original glory with the controller and voters installed. Handheld coverage is much improved. Try it out. Thanks to all involved in its installation and operation.

Our November 3rd meeting will feature Debbie Wells and election of our Officers and Board members. December 1st is our annual Holiday Party. Keep those dates free on your calendar.

Our own Carol, KP4MD is our new ARRL Section Manager and has just recently returned from her training in Connecticut. Hopefully soon she will talk to us all in length about her trip to Newington, operation of W1AW, and a tour of the inner workings at "Headquarters".

We will be continuing our search for Elmers. Make note of your Amateur Radio skills to help others in need.

Be sure to come to the September meeting for some refreshments and to see what interesting things change hands.

73

Bob
N6PGQ



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	Andrew Stephens	W6AWS
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) 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	Oct 6
Pacificon	Oct 16-18
Board Meeting	Oct 27
Halloween	Oct 31
Membership meeting	Nov 3
Clarksburg Run	Nov 8
Board Meeting	Nov 24
Xmas Party	Dec 1

PACIFICON

Pacificon, an ARRL Convention, will be held October 16-18, 2015 at the San Ramon Marriott 2600 Bishop Drive, San Ramon, CA. The Talk-In frequency will be on the Mount Diablo Repeater at 147.060 with a PL 100 Hz, call sign W6P.

Pacificon gives you three great days of activities for one low cost: A full slate of outstanding Forum presentations about a wide range of amateur radio topics, a large Vendor Expo filled with exciting products and exhibits, an outdoor Swap Meet, great QRP activities, a Youth Forum and great Youth Activities including electronics kit building and soldering classes, a OneDay License Prep Class to prepare you to pass the amateur radio Technician license examination and get your first amateur radio license, a chance to hear about and discuss important national amateur radio issues with top ARRL leaders, a chance to win radios and other great prizes throughout the convention, and perhaps the best part - a chance to interact and share information with lots of other amateur radio enthusiasts to further (or begin) your own knowledge and to advance the hobby. Tickets are \$25.00 in advance (thru Oct. 5th) or \$30.00 at the door.

Website: <http://www.pacificon.org>

For more information contact:

Misa Siemons (KJ6BUE),

PO Box 31372

Walnut Creek, CA 94598;

Phone: 925-945-8007 or email: misa@siemons.com.



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.

Happy
Halloween

ANTENNA BOOK ONLINE

While doing some recent web research, I stumbled upon an eBook offered for "free" entitled

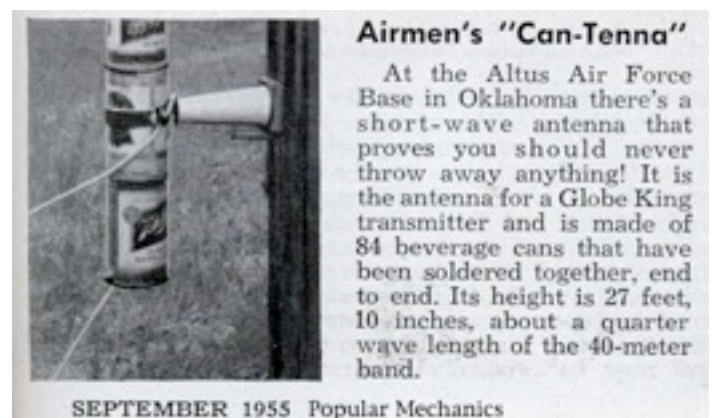
"Understanding Antennas For The Non-Technical Ham" by Jim Abercrombie, N4JA (SK). at

<http://www.hamuniverse.com/n4jaantennabook.html>

In my opinion, the eBook is well written, to the point, and answers all of the questions I could think of that might be asked by a novice or even a seasoned ham. I'm curious if anyone else will have the same opinion after reading it.

73, Ed Siegner

WA6QYO



RIVER CITY ARCS ASSISTS WITH ARRL PUBLIC OUTREACH AT ROCKLIN MAKER FAIRE

At Sierra College in Rocklin, CA on October 3, many among the 1000+ [Rocklin Mini Maker Faire](#) attendees of all ages visited the ARRL Booth to see demonstrations of amateur radio homebrewing, Morse code and Special Event Station N6T and to learn about ARRL and local amateur radio resources. Phil Sittner KD6RM showed his impressive array of high tech homebrew projects. The Morse Code practice station was also very popular with both old and young Maker Faire attendees. Dave Martin WB6YLK, Ken Martin KE6RMN, Roger Cain KI6FYF and visiting hams were busy discussing amateur radio with the public while operating Special Event Station N6T on 2 meter FM and HF.

At first, Special Event Station N6T called CQ on the posted HF frequencies with few replies, so we changed to the "Search and Pounce" method to gather contacts on 40 meters in the morning, then on 20 meters after 2000 UTC. An Alinco DX-70TH transceiver on battery

power with a three foot magnetic loop antenna served well for our 10 x 10 foot booth space. When interacting with the many ARRL booth visitors we put the station operation on hold but still managed to log contacts with fourteen California counties and ten states and Canadian provinces.

For this event we developed a 1/3 page double-sided leaflet listing ARRL Sacramento Valley Section web links and ARRL Affiliated Clubs that was helpful when responding to visitors' questions about local license classes, exam sessions and support resources.

Special thanks to Dave Martin WB6YLK, Ken Martin KE6RMN, Phil Sittner KD6RM, Roger Cain KI6FYF and visiting hams for their assistance with this exceptionally successful public outreach at the ARRL Amateur Radio Booth at the Rocklin Mini Maker Faire!

Carol Milazzo, KP4MD
Section Manager, Sacramento Valley

[Link to Photo Album](#)

