



River City ARCS

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ARRL SV Section Youth Coordinator Duane Wyatt WAØMJD operating 20 meter CW. Alinco DX-70TH Transceiver during Demonstration at Ronald McDonald house.

Photo By Carol Milazzo KP4MD

It's time to renew your membership in RCARCS

Go to:

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

and renew online or pay at the meeting.

HELP REQUESTED

Linda Cardoza KI6OLC who has done a great job providing refreshments would like some help with them. Please talk to her about helping.



PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Last month there were 43 paid members, we now have 56. Thanks to all of you who have renewed their membership for the 2016 year. PayPal is available if you don't want to pay by check or cash to renew your membership.

Our January meeting featuring Jordan, KJ6NHF gave all of us a primer on SOTA. If you weren't there . . .

This month we will hear from Chris Huber, N6ICW (with assistance from Andy, W6AWS). If you ever wondered how our repeater system works, the intricacies, theory and operation will be explained.

Also in February on the 20th, we will be helping new hams who enjoy 4wd program their new radios. If you are available at the Marriott Rancho Cordova from 10-4 to help, let one of the officers or Board members know.

Our new Board met for the first time and continued to plan for the 2016 year. We are looking forward to the Club picnic, Farm and Tractor Days, and Field Day.

In March, Phil Sittner, KD6RM will demonstrate his 80 and 40 meter mag loop antenna. Our April meeting will prepare us for our fox hunt at the picnic.

Carol, KP4MD reported there were 2445 page views on our Web Site. All of us owe Carol a debt of gratitude for maintaining a great up-to-date place to find information for us and the world.

Again, our net control operators are keeping a list of program ideas for future meetings. Check in to the net and help us make plans for the future.

See you at the meeting.

Bob, N6PGQ

CLUB INFORMATION

DUES: \$20.00 Per year

Send to: River City ARCS

c/o Phil Sittner, Treasurer

9181 Winding Oak Dr

Fair Oaks, CA 95628-4172

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.

2016 OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES**Board of Directors**

President	Bob Woodward	N6PGQ
Vice President	Paul McIntyre	KC5JAX
Secretary	Gert Thompson	KK6ZGA
Treasurer	Phil Sittner	KD6RM
Membership	Phil Sittner	KD6RM
Board Members		
2 year Term	Kevin Hooke	KK6DCT
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.orgE-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>**2016 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

For 2016 all membership meetings will be held on the 1st Tuesday of each month.

Board meetings are on the fourth Tuesday of each month.

Groundhog Day	Feb 2
Membership meeting	Feb 2
Valentines day 	Feb 14
Presidents Day	Feb 22
Board Meeting	Feb 23
Membership meeting	Mar 1
Board Meeting	Mar 22

JANUARY MEET

At the January meeting we had a demonstration on Summit on the Air (SOTA) by Jordan Heichman KJ6NHF

Information can be found at:

<http://www.sota.org.uk>

We also had a talk on a 2M halo antenna by Carol Milazzo KP4MD

http://www.qsl.net/kp4md/144_mhz_halo.htm

TEN-TEC SOLD

From the Ten-Tec web site.

Effective January 1, 2016 the Ten Tec assets for RKR Designs, LLC were acquired by Dishtronix, Inc.

There are many things in transition at this time such as the telephone numbers and website. We ask you to be patient and not overload us with questions and email.

At this time we are fully occupied with our commercial business and restructuring and moving some things around. There are no plans at present to leave the Knoxville area.

Hams Turn Out to Help as Massive Snowfall Stuns Several States

Amateur Radio Emergency Service ([ARES](#)) and [SKYWARN](#) volunteers were at the ready as a storm of historic proportions over the January 23-24 weekend dropped up to 3 1/2 feet of snow, some of it on states not used to seeing much snow at all. Utility line icing caused power outages in some states, and flooding occurred along coastal areas. While the storm bypassed Northern New England, it brought major East Coast cities to their knees, and some 30 deaths were blamed on the severe weather. Federal offices in Washington, DC, including FCC Headquarters, were closed for 2 days.

Tom Gallagher, NY2RF, Will Succeed David Sumner, K1ZZ, as ARRL CEO

Tom Gallagher, NY2RF, of West Palm Beach, Florida, will succeed David Sumner, K1ZZ, as the chief executive officer of ARRL, effective April 18. In that role, he will oversee all activities at ARRL Headquarters in Newington, Connecticut. Meeting in a special webinar session on January 25, all 15 ARRL Directors voted to elect Gallagher as CEO and Secretary, positions that Sumner will relinquish on April 18. Gallagher will join the ARRL staff as CEO-Elect on February 29, and a transition period will follow.

Sacramento EC Recognized for Past Service

At the January 9, 2016, Sacramento County (California) ARES Training Class held at Metro Fire District Station 106, past Sacramento County ARES Emergency Coordinator John Staples, KI6ZWW, received a plaque "in appreciation for all of his time and hard work spent to improve Sacramento County ARES and RACES during 2012-2015." District 3 EC Greg Kruckewitt, KG6SJT, and Sacramento County Assistant EC Vince Cracchiolo, KI6NHP, presented the award on behalf of all members of Sacramento County ARES/RACES and the Sacramento County Office of Emergency Services.

Sacramento County ARES officials held its first training meeting for 2016 on January 9, at the Metro Fire Training Center Station 106 in Sacramento. Training was based on an Emergency Communications course, which is part of the Disaster Deployment Core Training. For more information, and course materials, click [here](#).

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