



# River City ARCS

River City Amateur Radio Communications Society



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## **Mary Anne Balthrope, KE6EST, SILENT KEY**

Mary Anne Balthrope, KE6EST, became a Silent Key Friday noon, February 12, 2016. Mary Anne had been a member of River City ARCS for many years and was the 2012 recipient of the [Lyle Aufranc Memorial Award](#). She designed and managed the River City ARCS logo clothing articles for 17 years.

Mary Anne regularly provided communications support for the March of Dimes, MS Walks, the California International Marathon, and for the Clarksburg Country Run for 14 years, during 12 of which she served as Net Control.

Mary Anne and her husband Bob Balthrope were instrumental in developing and organizing communications safety systems for the equestrian community, including the Sweep Riders of the Sierra, the Western States Trail Ride, and the Lake Oroville Vista Endurance Ride

Mary Anne is survived by her husband Bob Balthrope KD6WTY

## **PRESIDENTS MESSAGE**

If you ever wanted to know how a repeater works, wanted to know how the N6NA repeater system operates and wanted to see a video with the greatest view of San Francisco, you should have been at last month's meeting. Chris Huber, N6ICW was our guest speaker and informed us and filled in all the details. The club, in addition, thanked him for all the hard work and expertise in updating and maintaining our repeater system.

At our next meeting, Phil Sittner, KD6RM will show his 40/80 Meter loop antenna. For those with limited space, his presentation may solve some problems. Bring your note pad and questions.

I was trying to make an emergency amateur radio checklist and realized that the last time I used my generator was to get it ready for Field Day (I had it in the truck in case it was needed in Rio Linda). I had one of those moments - I remembered I had not drained the gasoline and it sat in the tank for over eight months. Thoughts of a varnish encrusted carburetor flashed through my mind. I checked it out. Sure enough, it was full of our great California gasoline. The drained gas looked clear so I put a small amount of fresh gas in the tank and fortunately the generator started. This time I drained the remaining gas and brought the piston to top dead center.

I dodged a bullet. Fortunately I didn't have to rebuild the carburetor and clean the tank. I'm now making a checklist of items that need routine maintenance. Hopefully all of us are thinking of materials in our "go kits" and items around the house/shack that may be needed in times of emergency. At our next couple of meetings, I will be asking members to bring a list of items they have and maintenance schedules in case of emergency. I'd like to compile a large checklist that members can use as they prepare for emergencies.

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**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
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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.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>**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.

Membership meeting	Mar 1
St Patricks Day	Mar 17
Board Meeting	Mar 22
Easter	Mar 27
Membership meeting	April 5
Passover	April 22-30
Board Meeting	April 26



## REPEATER USAGE

Just wanted to say, I was picking someone up at the airport last Wednesday evening at about 8 PM, I had my HT along with me ( a new Yaesu ft2DR to match my mobile FTM400 mobile)so decided to see if I could listen in on the net.

Having just listened to Chris Huber's presentation last Tuesday evening at the N6NA monthly meeting, I'd like to say, that repeater system works great! With my HT I was able to hear everyone that logged in, and what's more important, they could hear me from the airport cell phone lot, all the way to Rancho to deliver my passenger, then home to Citrus Heights. In fact, I think the net sounded better than from my home QTH and the rooftop antenna there.

Life is good.....

Hank Thompson  
K6HUH

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

Go to:  
<http://www.n6na.org/membership>  
and renew online or pay at the meeting.

## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE Continued

Our club was represented by Carol Milazzo, KP4MD, Ken Martin, KE6RMN, and Phil Sittner, KD6RM at the 4WD convention at the Ranch Cordova Marriott. Our members were Ham Radio Ambassadors to those in attendance at the convention. *Picture below.*

We are looking forward to hearing in April from George, N6YG who will share an introduction to sound cards and digital as they pertain to slow scan TV, and in May from Cliff, KK6YYG detailing APRS.

Please join us at our March meeting, Tuesday, March 1 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  
[http:// www.n6na.org](http://www.n6na.org)

## Trailer

The club trailer will be at the March meeting so bring any club property to put in the trailer.



Sierra Foothills Amateur Radio Club presents:

# Hamfest 2016

Saturday, March 12, 2016

Historic Loomis Train Depot

First swap of the Year!

Drawings, Free Parking, Great Seller spots, Food & drink  
Last year was a success, 2016 will be even bigger and better  
Adding equipment demos, commercial vendors  
more info at: [w6ek.org](http://w6ek.org)



California (Loomis) — Mar 12 **D F H R T V**  
7:30 – 11 AM. *Spr:* Sierra Foothills ARC. Historic Loomis Train Depot Plaza, 3640 Taylor Rd. *Tl:* 145.43, 223.86 (both 162.2 Hz). *Adm:* Free. [www.w6ek.org](http://www.w6ek.org).



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.

Follow Signs to Buyer's parking.

Seller's go straight 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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