



# River City ARCS

River City Amateur Radio Communications Society

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*Winner of the Beaufang radio at the April meeting.  
Come see what is in this months raffle.*



## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Coming in May, George Poulos, K6YG will be demonstrating sound card modes used in Amateur Radio. He will also be touching on Slow Scan TV which may give us some insight into a mode we are using after the ARCS Wednesday FM net. Integrating computer technology with Amateur Radio certainly has come a long way. I'm looking forward to Tuesday's meeting.

Members of our Club and the Samuel Morse club set up a special event station last month in Old Sacramento. We made contacts to qualify for a National Parks on the Air (NPOTA\_ station and had a lot of fun talking to visitors. The NPOTA event honoring the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the National Parks Service goes on through the 2016 year. We will keep everyone informed if NPOTA activations are happening close to us.

May 20 and 21 is Farm and Tractor Days. We need a few dedicated volunteers to help set up a station and demonstrate Amateur Radio to the attendees. Friday's visitors will mostly be students so we need to have some things for them to see and do. If you aren't busy those days, come join the Club in Rio Linda.

We are working to coordinate clothing sales – stay tuned!

For those following my station installation adventures, Murphy showed up again. I received an E-mail the morning I was to pick up my tower telling me it was not completed. Other projects had priority. Maybe next month. Does anyone know of someone with a large powered posthole digger (tractor or Bobcat)?

Don't forget our June meeting will be held Monday June 6<sup>th</sup> due to a Tuesday conflict with the primary elections.

See everyone at the meeting.

73  
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**

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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	May 3
MCC Rally	May 5
Mothers day	May 8
North Hills RC Hamfest	May 15
Board Meeting	May 24
Memorial day	May 30
Membership meeting	June 7
Field Day	June 25-26
Board Meeting	June 28

## MOBILE COMMAND CENTER RALLY

The California Fire Chiefs Association, Communications Section, in conjunction with the Northern Chapter of the Association of Public Safety Communications Officials – International (NAPCO) and the Sacramento Metro Fire Department will host and facilitate the 8th Annual free mobile communications/command vehicle rally on Thursday May 5th 0900-1600.

This year's free event will take place at the Sacramento Metro Fire Fleet & Communications Facility at 4427 Dudley Blvd, McClellan Park (11.4 miles northeast of Sacramento), from 9AM to 4PM.

<http://www.9-1-1magazine.com/CA-MCC-Rally>



MCC Displayed last year

## NEW REPEATER IN WINNEMUCCA

The Interstate 80 corridor thru Humboldt County, NV recently received some much needed high level repeater coverage thanks to the efforts of the Sierra Nevada Amateur Radio Society. SNARS technical personnel have installed a 2 meter repeater at the radio site sitting atop Winnemucca Mountain.

The site is just north of the town of Winnemucca and offers good coverage along I-80 from Mile Marker 138 in the west to Mile Marker 200. Signal quality is also good into Paradise Valley to the north .

Operating on a frequency of 146.670 Mhz, with a PL tone of 123.0 Hz, the new repeater is linked to machines on Toulon Peak (146.925), outside of Lovelock and on Ophir Hill (443.075) above Virginia City.

The links give the new repeater expanded communications into Reno, Sparks, Lovelock, Carson City, Minden, Fallon, Gardnerville, Dayton, Virginia City, Fernley, and Rochester. There is also limited use along Nevada Rte's 49 and 140.

The new machine covers a considerable portion of the backcountry and is reported to have some spotty use in Battle Mountain to the east.

Thanks to Sparks Correspondent  
Jim Shepherd W6US





## The BIG Swap in the valley!

**41st Sacramento Hamfest**  
**Sunday , May 15th 2016 7:00 AM - Noon**  
**Carmichael Elks Lodge**  
**5631 Cypress Ave. at Hackberry Lane**  
**Carmichael, Ca**

HWY 80 - Exit Madison Ave. East - Right on Manzanita Ave - Right on Cypress Ave.

HWY 50 - Exit Sunrise Blvd. North - Left on Fair Oaks Blvd. -  
Right on Manzanita Ave. - 1st Left onto Cypress Ave.

**Drawings ALL DAY, main prize at 11AM**  
**#1 ICOM 718 HF RADIO                    #A- 2m/70cm Hand Held**  
**#2 2m/70cm Base Antenna                    #B- G5RV Antenna**  
**ARRL Gift Certificates**

Get your Amateur License or Advance to the next level  
**And Much More**

**Fox Hunt with prizes**

Coffee, Donuts, Hot Dogs, **Cold Drinks**, Cold Water

**FREE Parking for buyers - FUN for the family - Great place to shop**

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**EIGHTH ANNUAL**  
California Mobile  
Command Center Rally  
May 5, 2016 Sacramento, CA

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# 0900-1600 May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Sacramento, CA

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We expect 25-30 MCCs to be on display, from a variety of disciplines and organizations including both state-of-the-art commercial units as well as DIY vehicles, in a myriad of sizes, shapes, and configurations.

- **Law Enforcement**
- **Fire, Rescue, Hazmat**
- **EMS**
- **Search & Rescue**
- **US Military**
- **Local**
- **Regional**
- **State**
- **Federal**
- **Private**
- **NGOs**

This event will again gather together a wide variety of mobile command and communications units from around California in order to demonstrate the variety of capabilities and mutual aid operability of local and regional mobile comm units throughout the state. Command units will need to be on location from 0800-1600 hours, and be accompanied by an agency representative able to host tours of the unit.

Field communicators, Comm Unit Leaders, Incident commanders, patrol supervisors, incident dispatchers, emergency managers, and other public safety professionals will be able to:

- See firsthand what command and communications resources are available in the area
- Obtain a better understanding of Incident Management for large scale operations utilizing COMLs, Incident Dispatchers, and Incident Management Teams for fire, law, EMS, and all risk incidents.
- Mobile units will be able to participate in a hands-on exercise in the afternoon

For more information, contact Dave Larton, 2016 MCC Rally IC, at [408-857-9880](tel:408-857-9880)

To reserve a spot for your command/comm unit, to volunteer to make a relevant classroom presentation (no sales presentations, please), to RSVP your attendance, or be added to our e-mail list for information regarding future Rallies, please contact Randall Larson, 2016 MCC Rally Plans Section Chief, at [editor911magz@gmail.com](mailto:editor911magz@gmail.com)

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For details see: <http://www.9-1-1magazine.com/CA-MCC-Rally-Sponsorships>

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