



River City ARCS

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Photo from last years picnic showing the type of food that should be at this years picnic.

PICNIC HEAD COUNT

Marie and I need a head count for the Picnic. So if you could send me a e-mail with how many are coming I would appreciate it.

We will need it by the 27 th of this month.

Thanks

Dave

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Good things actually come in small packages. Kevin Hooke, KK6DCT demonstrated the Raspberry Pi at our last meeting giving all of us a look into the future. The club is also looking to the future by trying something new at the next meeting August 2. Ed Fong, WB6IQN will give his presentation by SKYPE. It should be really an interesting evening. I had the pleasure to listen to Ed at the Pacificon Antenna Forum and he is a great presenter. From what I understand, we will be able to make a group order of his antenna if we want.

But wait – there's more. Just three days earlier on Sunday, July 31 we will hold our annual member picnic. We will be celebrating our 40th anniversary. Don't forget to attend. The Martins will be at the grill and I'm looking forward to another great picnic and Fox Hunt.

In September, in person, our club will hear from Bud Drummond, W3FF from Buddipole. His antenna system can be configured in multiple ways. His demos are always something not to be missed.

Our White Elephant sale is coming in October so it's time to start cleaning out the shack. A few items have been already donated to the Club and living in my garage. They will make the trip to the meeting.

As I write this, the tower is about to be delivered. If it really shows up, then the real work begins. I think I will become a personal friend of those at DX Engineering and HRO. Figuring out coax loss vs cost will be a test. Hopefully the ground will not be too hard to trench!

See everyone at the meeting. Until next month -

73

Bob, N6PGQ

CLUB INFORMATION

DUES: \$20.00 Per year

Send to: River City ARCS

c/o Phil Sittner, Treasurer

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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
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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	
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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.

Club picnic	July 31
Membership meeting	August 2
Board Meeting	August 23
Labor day	Sep 5
Membership meeting	September 6
Board Meeting	September 27

KP4MD/P DXpedition to the Caribbean

During their July vacation on the north shore of Puerto Rico, Carol KP4MD and Roger KI6FYF operated as KP4MD/P with an Elecraft KX3 and both magnetic loop and Buddistick antennas on their beach front condo balcony. The "suitcase DXpedition" covered 15, 17, 20, 30 and 40 meters, logging 115 QSOs in 24 countries on CW, JT65 and SSB, including our club members Andy W6AWS and George N6YG. A total of 24,772 WSPR spots were uploaded from Japan, Australia, New Zealand, North and South America, Europe, Russia and Africa. Carol and Roger also met with local hams, including Nilda WP4MMP, Tony KP4IA, ARRL Puerto Rico Section Manager Rene Fonseca NP3O and his family, and a meeting of the Virgin Islands Amateur Radio Club. Carol hopes to present a report on this DXpedition at an upcoming meeting.



KP4MD/P QSL card with view from the balcony



Roger KI6FYF, Carol KP4MD and ARRL Puerto Rico Section Manager Jose NP3O