



River City ARCS

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Jennifer Hughes, NS30, Silent Key

I'm saddened to report that River City ARCS member Jennifer Hughes NS30, formerly KJ6YLS, passed away suddenly in her sleep in a Phoenix, AZ hotel room on August 31.

Jennifer was on vacation doing her favorite thing-- riding her motorcycle - - about to embark on the 3 Flags Classic again, riding all the way from Mexico to Canada. She had just arrived in Phoenix to visit a friend following a long motorcycle trip. Her friend found Jennifer in the hotel room bed. She had otherwise been in good health.

Besides being an active member of the River City ARCS, attending meetings and participating in our 2 meter, 10 meter and SSTV nets, Jennifer was also active with the Samuel F. Morse ARC, ARES, SHARP and other groups and served as a Volunteer Instructor and Examiner.

A Celebration of Life service will be held on September 18 in the Sacramento area with further details to follow at

<https://www.facebook.com/events/960797267382008>.

Carol Milazzo, KP4MD

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Last month's meeting was a first. We heard from Ed Fong, WB6IQN, via Skype, discussing his antenna creations. Thanks to our Treasurer, Phil, KD6RM for providing the wireless access and all the assorted infrastructure to make the presentation work.

This month we have the pleasure of hosting Bud Drummond, W3FF who will be traveling half way down the state to speak to us. Bud is the inventor of the Buddipole antenna system. This off-center fed dipole system is the portable DXpedition friend. His company has many other Ham related items that I hope he will discuss. We are fortunate to have Bud at our meeting.

October is our white elephant sale - start the shack cleaning. November is our election and we will hear from Carol, KP4MD about her Puerto Rico DX exploits. Rounding out the busy and productive year will be our Christmas party at Sam's.

My tower project is slowly progressing. Random packages drop in from DX Engineering. The trenching crew is scheduled for Wednesday. They are coming here in between bigger jobs so hopefully they show up. My clay soil will be a challenge - we'll see how they do.

Finally, I was extremely shocked and saddened to hear of the passing of Jennifer Hughes, NS30 (SK). I enjoyed talking to her about her many motorcycle exploits, VE exams, her new job, and especially her humorous comments at the CW class. She was a great member of the club and will be missed.

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

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.

Labor day	September 5
Membership meeting Buddipole demo	September 6
Lincoln Hamfest	September 17
Board Meeting	September 27
Membership meeting (White Elephant sale)	October 4
Pacificon	October 14-16
Board Meeting	October 25
Halloween	October 31

CA QSO PARTY

The California QSO Party (CQP) is held every year on the first weekend of October. The first CQP took place in 1966. Since 1974, the Northern California Contest Club (NCCC) has sponsored CQP. CQP has traditionally opened the annual contest season by providing an opportunity for contesters to prepare for the ARRL November Sweepstakes since the format is similar. Stations outside of California, worldwide, work stations in California only. The 58 counties of CA are the multipliers. California stations work all stations in or out of CA. The 50 US states and 8 Canadian areas are the multipliers. Stations outside of Canada and the US add to one's QSO total but do not count as multipliers. See the full set of CQP Rules for more details.

For more information go to the California QSO Party website at: <http://www.cqp.org>

HAMFEST

The Western Placer Amateur Radio club will hold the Tenth Annual Sacramento Valley Hamfest September 17 at Mc Beam park in Lincoln

<http://www.wparc.us/pdf/2015%20Hamfest%20Flyer.pdf>

CLUB ELECTIONS

The club elections are coming. If you are interested in serving as an officer or on the board let one of the board members know.



PACIFICON

Pacificon, an ARRL Convention, will be held October 14-16, 2016 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 One Day 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. 3rd) or \$30.00 at the door. Website: <http://www.pacificon.org>

Website: <http://www.pacificon.org> For more information contact send an email to info@pacificon.org or call at (925) 288-1730.

DAYTON HAMVENTION MOVING

After meeting in Dayton since 1952 the Hara center is closing.

The Hamvention has located a new site at the Greene County Fairgrounds and Expo Center in Xenia, OH. This is about 20 miles from Dayton. The hamvention will be May 19-21, 2017.

More information at: <http://hamvention.org>

ATTENTION SACRAMENTO AREA HAMS AND CLUBS

We are soliciting volunteers to assist with amateur radio outreach booths at two upcoming events in the Sacramento metropolitan area: Saturday, September 24, 8 am – 5 pm – The Golden Empire mCouncil Scouts Flag Retirement Event at mGibson Ranch in Elverta and Saturday, October 1, 10 am – 5 pm – Rocklin Mini Maker Faire at Sierra College in Rocklin. Each exhibit will display amateur radio equipment and antennas, Morse Code practice stations, and offer opportunities for attendees to learn about the many facets of the amateur radio and to communicate on the air with amateur radio operators via an operational on-site amateur radio station. We will offer information and promotional material on amateur radio licensing, local clubs and the ARRL National Organization.

If you or your club are interested in helping to plan and/or participate in either of these outreach activities, please contact me promptly at kp4md@arrl.org

More information on each of these events is posted at

www.arrihsacvalley.org/#scoutevent

and

www.arrihsacvalley.org/#makerfaire

Section Manager: Dr. Carol F. Milazzo, (KP4MD)
kp4md@arrl.org

Jennifer Hughes, NS3O, Silent Key

To what Carol said, I would add that Jennifer was also active in teaching ham classes and as a VE and has helped quite a few folks become hams. She was planning on helping with an upcoming Technician licensing class for CERT.

Jennifer was a great person who was also very knowledgeable and happy to help.

I know she will be greatly missed.

73's

Mike Abernathy, NM3S

Sacramento County ARES



David Martin WB6YLK grilling chicken for the RCARCS picnic.

WHITE ELEPHANT SALE COMING

The annual white elephant sale will be held at the October meeting. So start looking over the shack and see what you can bring and get rid of.



On July 31, 2016 the River City Amateur Radio Communications Society Celebrated their 40th Anniversary with a Picnic at VFW Center Township Post, 8990 Kruitof Way, Fair Oaks, CA 95628

Photos by Bob Woodward

