



River City ARCS

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San Ramon Fire Department Communications van displayed at Pacificon

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

I don't know about you but I got something I needed at a great price at our White Elephant Sale. I think Paul, KC5JAX is going to have to add a second story to hold all the stuff he purchased! Remember this is an annual event and as you go through your "treasures" be sure to set them aside for next October.

Carol, KP4MD will be our featured speaker at the November meeting coming soon. Her Puerto Rico DX exploits will be her program. I'm hoping we can have a Pacificon report since this is the first one I've missed in many many years. I was part of the "pit crew" for my brother at the Race of Gentlemen in Pismo Beach and had to miss Pacificon. Also in November will be our election for officers and Board members. Please consider serving the River City ARCS as more than a spectator. Also remember to jot down and bring your questions for our Elmer help session in January

Our Christmas Party will be at Sam's Hof Brau in December. Door prizes, good fellowship and a meal awaits you.

For those following my tower project, the trench is in and not much has changed. Don, W6PJJ welded a pedestal to hold the lightning protectors and 120V circuit breakers and it's cemented in. Still no conduit or lines.

See everyone at the meeting. Until next month -

73

Bob, N6PGQ

OFFICER NOMINATIONS

November is our election meeting. Start thinking who you would like for officers and bring your ideas to the meeting.

It's time to renew your membership in RCARCS

Go to:

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

and renew online or print out the pdf form on the web site and bring it to the meeting.



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.

Membership meeting	November 1
Clarksburg country run	November 6
Veterans day	November 11
Board Meeting	November 22
Thanksgiving	November 24
Membership meeting Xmas party	December 6
Board Meeting	December 27



ARRL Gauging Impact of Revised California Distracted Driving Law

California has upped its game in cracking down on distracted driving, and radio amateurs there are concerned that a recent revision to the state's Motor Vehicle Code could affect Amateur Radio mobile operation. The old law, which included an Amateur Radio exemption, already prohibited motorists from using electronic wireless communication devices to write, send, or read a text-based communication while in motion, unless the device was configured for voice-operated and hands-free operation. The revised law does not exempt Amateur Radio

[Assembly Bill 1785](#), signed into law on September 26 by Governor Jerry Brown, prohibits a motorist from driving "while holding and operating" a handheld wireless telephone or a wireless electronic communication device, as defined by the code. But it authorizes a driver to operate such devices mounted on a vehicle's windshield like a GPS or on the dashboard or center console "in a manner that does not hinder the driver's view of the road," if the driver can activate or deactivate a feature or function "with the motion of a single swipe or tap of the finger."

The language defining devices covered by the law does not accurately specify what activity is prohibited, leaving its application subject to misinterpretation by individual law enforcement officers, but it does not specifically proscribe use of mobile Amateur Radio equipment for voice communication. The list of covered devices includes, but is not limited to, "a broadband personal communication device, a specialized mobile radio device, a handheld device or laptop computer with mobile data access, a pager, or a two-way messaging device." A first offense would incur a \$20 base fine and \$50 for subsequent offenses.

Initial wording of the legislation was not considered to be a threat to Amateur Radio operation, but the measure's language changed substantially as it worked its way through the California General Assembly.

ARRL General Counsel Chris Imlay, W3KD, said there are two principal ways to protect Amateur Radio in this type of legislation. "One is by sufficiently narrowly defining prohibited activity so as to exclude Amateur Radio," he said. "The other is to create specific exemptions where the definitions are confusing. This new statute is an example of bad legislative draftsmanship. It creates a motor vehicle law with citations issued for certain activity that includes the words 'but is not limited to' in the language defining the violation."

In addition to scrutinizing the language of the revision, ARRL will be consulting with Field Organization officials in California to determine its next steps.

CLARKSBURG COUNTRY RUN

The Clarksburg Country Run will be on Nov. 6. Contact Vince Cracchiolo KI6NHP if you want to help.

<http://www.clarksburgcountryrun.com>

Vince becomes ARES EC

Club member Vince Cracchiolo KI6NHP has been appointed Emergency Coordinator for Sacramento County ARES

SILENT AUCTION

At the November meeting there will be a silent auction of equipment of Jennifer Hughes NS3O. A list of equipment and starting bid is on the club swap page.

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