



# River City ARCS

River City Amateur Radio Communications Society



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

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*Paul KC5JAX with his handheld radio. If you would like to have your radio checked bring it to the meeting and we will have a test station set up.*

## LOOMIS HAMFEST

The Sierra Foothills ARC will hold their spring hamfest on March 18 at the Loomis train station. Visit their web site: <http://www.w6ek.org>

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

Go to: <http://www.n6na.org/membership> and renew online or fill the form attached to the email and bring it to the meeting.

## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

The RCARCS January meeting was devoted to "Elmer Night", providing a chance for members to get answers to questions on amateur radio topics such as "antennas", "radio programming", "software radios" and "general items". "Elmer" (see note below) refers to a person who has knowledge and is willing to share it with fellow amateurs in helping them solve problems of operation and maintenance of their radio stations.

During January's meeting, I learned that some Technician Class members are having problems passing the General Class exam. For the month of January, I've been thinking about this, wondering if an Elmer event could be applied to solve this problem. The monthly general meetings are 1.5 hours long, but this length of time and the environment is not suitable for such undertaking. There are "cram" sessions where the process of "rote" memory is applied to taking exams but leaves the person with no knowledge of what they have qualified for, once successfully passed.

As an experiment, I'm going to offer to 2 members of the club who have their Technician License and would like help getting their General Class license with some one-on-two tutoring. If you fall into this situation and are serious about doing the following:

1. Obtain the current ARRL License Manual for General
2. Obtain a spiral bound notebook for notes
3. Get an ink pen or pencil  
and
4. will commit to 3 consecutive Saturday morning sessions, 3 hours long, that's a total of 9 hours, then see me before the general meeting starts February 7th.

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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	Ed Siegner,	WA6QYO
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Vice President	Paul McIntyre	KC5JAX
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Secretary	Gert Thompson	KK6ZGA
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Treasurer	Phil Sittner	KD6RM
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Membership	Phil Sittner	KD6RM
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**Board Members**

2 year Term	Kevin Hooke	KK6DCT
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2 year Term	Don Jackson	K6GET
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2 year Term	Andy Stephens	W6AWS
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2 year Term	Dave Martin	WB6YLK
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**Appointments:**

N6NA Trustee	Andrew Stephens	W6AWS
VE Liaison	Need volunteer	
Training	Ed Seigner,	WA6QYO
Editor	Ken Martin,	KE6RMN
Sales	Linda Cardoza	KI6OLC
Field Day	Need volunteer	
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	February 7
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Valentines day	February 14
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Presidents Day	February 20
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Board Meeting	February 28
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Membership meeting	March 7
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St Patricks day	March 17
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Sierra Foothills Hamfest Loomis	March 18
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Board Meeting	March 28
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## AMATEUR RADIO PARITY ACT

The Amateur Radio Parity Act of 2017 HR555 has been passed in the house and will be sent to the Senate.

More information is available at:

<http://www.arrl.org/amateur-radio-parity-act>

## FIELD DAY COORDINATOR NEEDED

Andy W6AWS has said he will not be able to coordinate field day for 2017. We need a volunteer to coordinate field day

## International DX Convention

The International DX Convention 2017 will be in Visalia, California on April 21-22-23, 2017.

IDXC 2017 will be the 68th annual International DX Convention. DXers from around the world will gather once again to meet their fellow DXers, attend interesting and informative programs, see the latest in new products from the top vendors – and have a chance to win some great raffle prizes! This year Friday, April 21, 2017 will be a full day of training, presentations and vendor exhibits.

Full details of IDXC 2017 are at this website:

<http://www.dxconvention.com/>

## Arecibo Telescope in Trouble??

In January the U.S. National Science Foundation announced it was accepting proposals from those interested in assuming operations at the Arecibo Observatory in Puerto Rico.

More information at:

<https://forums.qrz.com/index.php?threads/arecibo-telescope-in-trouble.552917/>

## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE CONTUNUED

After the meeting starts, and I have no takers, I'll make a general announcement of the offer. I'm not assuming any technical background so we're open to start at ground level. Between sessions, you maybe required to do some reading on your own for areas that you many need help.

The license manual will server as an outline on things to be discussed.

Again, this is an experiment and will require some serious work.

The February General Meeting will be hosted by Phil Sittner (KD6RM) and helpers. Phil will offer testing of your hand held radios as being in compliant of the FCC rules. We're estimating that if everyone has a radio to be tested, it will take most of the evening to complete. See you at the meeting,

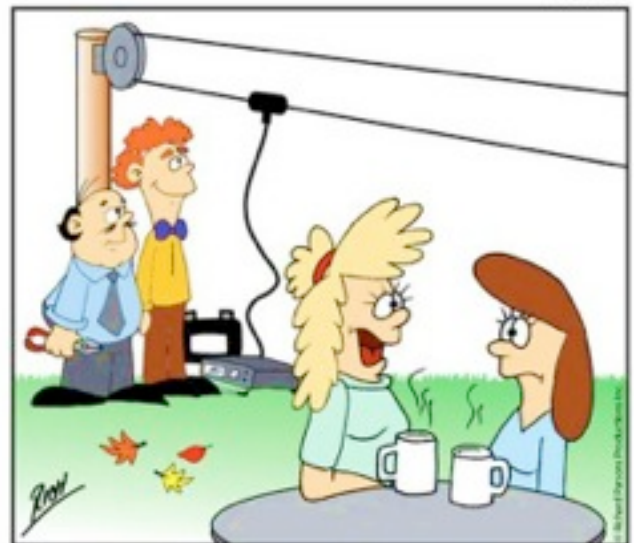
73,

Ed

WA6QYO

## SUCH A HAM

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Stan & Cliff have been working all day on installing my clothesline, Mary.