



River City ARCS

River City Amateur Radio Communications Society

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A picture of the support post for a 40 meter loop antenna that Dave Martin WB6YLK put up a few weeks ago.

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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

Thanks to Phil Sittner (KD6RM) and helpers for an inspiring February meeting, testing our hand held radios to be in FCC compliance. Phil noted that there were more radios tested than there were sign-in on the club's attendance roster. It helps in our standing with the ARRL to know how many attend our club meetings. So, please sign in and be counted. I understand that Phil will be handing out prizes for the best compliant radios so if your hand held unit was in the top, you might want to bring it along and both of you take a bow at the March meeting.

For the March General Meeting, we have Norm Lucus (wb6rvr), the Section Official Observer Coordinator, as our guest speaker, to update us on and about Official Observer/Amateur Auxiliary program. If you have questions, this is a convenient time to get them answered.

Although it's 4 months away, Field Day will be here before we know it. This year we will not have Andy (w6aws), our key coordinator, as his work will require him to be out of town. Phil Sitter and I are going to try and fill Andy's shoes but we will definitely need lots of help from the club to match what Andy and team have done in past field days. Field Day is the last weekend in June, June 24-25 this year, so if you are going to be in town, please help and attend this event.

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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>

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

E-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>

2017 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	March 7
St Patricks day	March 17
Sierra Foothills Hamfest Loomis	March 18
Board Meeting	March 28
Membership meeting	April 4
Easter	April 16
Board Meeting	April 25



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/>

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

LOOP ANTENNA

Consisting of top down A 5 ft. 3/4" PVC pipe resting on a 10 ft. 1/2" EMT conduit resting in a 18" 3/4" black iron pipe screwed into a deck plate screwed to the wood and 2 x 6 boards. This gives me about 13.5 ft. height from the post and 12 – 14 ft. roof height gives 25-27 ft. from the ground. I bought a 100 ft. roll of 16 gage speaker wire and cut it at 69 ft. and then split it to give me 138 ft. of wire. The corner apposite the feed point I fastened tight to the post and the others just slide through the eye bolts on the PVC pipe. I am feeding it with 450 ohm ladder line and a MFJ Tuner. It is under 1.6 to 1 SWR on 40 m, 20 m, 17 m, 15 m, and 10 m.

In the strong winds (70 mph) that we had from one of the storms, one post fell and took on with it (bent it) but it straightened up real easy and is back up as good as new.

Dave Martin
WB6YLK

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE CONTINUED

Although I offered tutoring for 2 members of the club for the General Class license, no one took me up on the offer. Carol (mp4md) has brought to my attention that the Sacramento Sheriff's Amateur Radio Program will offer an eight session class for the General class license from April 3 through April 28. There are a number of Technician class license holders in the club, so here is another opportunity to upgrade. If interested, see <http://sacsharp.org/ham-classes>.

To Max and Bobby, the offer still stands for help in April, just contact me (wa6qyo@arrl.net) or see me at the meeting.

Looking ahead, the April's meeting will be on "Winter Field Day" and the club picnic. More on these items in next months newsletter. See you at the General Meeting, March 7th.

73,

Ed
WA6QYO

