



# River City ARCS

River City Amateur Radio Communications Society

April 2017

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

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Dave Martin WB6YLK works the grill at last years picnic.

## AM RALLY

This weekend there is an AM rally on several bands.

<http://www.arrl.org/news/am-rally-set-for-april-1-3-no-fooling>

## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Off for business, so not much to say this month other than the April meeting will be on "Winter Field Day" and the club picnic on April 30th. More on the website ([www.n6na.org](http://www.n6na.org)) and last minute info at the April meeting - there will be a sign up sheet.

See you at the meeting

73, Ed  
wa6qyo

## Centennial of Amateur Radio Blackout for World War I Occurs on April 6

World War I commenced in Europe in August 1914. The US officially declared war on Germany and Austria-Hungary on April 6, 1917, and the US government immediately ordered most private radio stations in the US either to shut down or be taken over by the government. For the duration of WWI, it was against the law for private citizens to even own an operational radio transmitter or receiver, so amateur transmitting and receiving stations had to be disassembled. Amateur Radio operating privileges were not restored until November 1919.

## SUNNYVALE HRO CLOSES

As of March 23 the Sunnyvale HRO has closed, a victim of rising rent. Their stock is being moved to the Oakland store which is being remodeled.

## RON MURDOCK

Sad news. Our previous Sacramento Valley Section Manager Ron Murdock, W6KJ, has been discharged from hospital to home hospice care.

Carol Milazzo, KP4MD

**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>

**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.

April fools day	April 1
Membership meeting	April 4
Passover	Apr 10-18
Easter	April 16
Board Meeting	April 25
Club Picnic	April 30
Membership meeting	May 4
Mothers day	May 14
Board Meeting	May 23
Memorial day	May 29

## 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

## September Meeting is Home Brew Night

The topic for September's membership meeting is Home Brew Night. Members are encouraged to present details of their home brew projects. The presentations should last about 5 minutes and should include pictures, a brief description of the project and if small enough, the item can be displayed at our meeting. We will award three gift certificate prizes, totaling \$100, to the winners. Participation is open to all current River City ARCS members. One of these prizes is dedicated to an entry-level member. Homebrew projects can include, but is not limited to, antennas, go-kits, mobile rig installations, station accessories, Arduino and Raspberry Pi devices, QRP rigs and custom ham radio software.

## AB 1785 PETITION UPDATE

MAR 30, 2017 — CHP has spoken... the wording of this is not 'perfect' but it will do for now. It is a big step in the right direction to "continue the conversation" and be part of the solution.

It is NOT a material change to the law. It may or may not get to all law enforcement agencies/officers, but we're at little or less risk around CHP. If you choose to print and carry a copy of this (link below) in-vehicle with the intent of sharing it with an officer who stops you to avoid citation - don't force the issue, be VERY polite, ask if they are aware of CHP's memo about this, offer to show them a copy. May or may not help.

"For the purposes of Section 23123.5(f) CVC, a radio installed and mounted in a vehicle with a wired hand microphone (e.g., business band or citizen band [CB]radio) is not considered a wireless communication device, nor is it considered a specialized mobile radio device, and therefore is not subject to enforcement under this section."

We still need to get the law changed AND passed. Stay tuned!!

You can sign the petition you sign up, updates will be emailed to you.

<https://www.change.org/p/correct-ambiguities-of-ab-1785-cvc-23123-5-cellular-hands-free-public-safety-law>

Greg Kruckewitt, KG6SJT  
ARRL Sacramento Valley Section  
Section Emergency Coordinator

The attached is a verified interpretation issued by the CHP commissioner yesterday.

Now, to get the law changed....

More to come.

Norm Lucas  
WB6RVR

**Enforcement of Section 23123.5 of the California Vehicle Code  
Hands Free Law**

-----Original Message-----

From: Comm-Net Message [<mailto:noreply@chp.ca.gov>]

Sent: Tuesday, March 28, 2017 8:23 AM

To: @CHP

Subject: Comm-Net: Enforcement of Section 23123.5 of the California Vehicle Code

Enforcement of Section 23123.5 of the California Vehicle Code

To: All Commands

Reference: Action Required

Subject: Enforcement of Section 23123.5 of the California Vehicle Code

Effective January 1, 2017, Section 23123.5 of the California Vehicle Code (CVC) was amended by Assembly Bill 1785, which substantially expanded the scope of Section 23123.5 CVC, from simply prohibiting the use of a wireless phone to text while driving, to prohibiting holding and operating a handheld wireless telephone or an electronic wireless communications device while driving.

However, a driver may still use a handheld wireless telephone or an electronic wireless communication device while driving when:

The handheld wireless communication device is mounted to a windshield (in compliance with Section 26708[b] CVC), dashboard, or center console in a manner which does not interfere with the drivers view of the road, and;

The drivers hand is used to activate or deactivate a feature with a single tap or swipe of the drivers finger.

Pursuant to Section 23123.5(f) CVC, the definition of an electronic wireless communications device 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.

Section 23123.5 CVC does not apply to manufacturer-installed systems which are embedded in the vehicle, nor does it apply to an emergency services professional using a wireless telephone while operating an authorized Emergency vehicle, in the course and scope of employment.

For the purposes of Section 23123.5(f) CVC, a radio installed and mounted in a vehicle with a wired hand microphone (e.g., business band or citizen band [CB]radio) is not considered a wireless communication device, nor is it considered a specialized mobile radio device, and therefore is not subject to enforcement under this section.

This information will be added to an upcoming revision to Highway Patrol Manual 100.68, Traffic Enforcement Policy Manual, Chapter 5, Other Enforcement Issues.

CHP Headquarters/Office of the Commissioner/061/18227



# RCARCS Family Picnic

30 April 2017

VFW Post 8990 Kruitof Way

Fair Oaks Ca.

RSVP @ sign in sheet @ Club Meeting or

[stinkypuii@elkgrove.net](mailto:stinkypuii@elkgrove.net)

A-L bring Deserts and M-Z bring Salads or Main Dish

