



River City ARCS

River City Amateur Radio Communications Society

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Hi everyone - I hope April's meeting went well with "Winter Field Day". I had a great time in Bordeaux, France. The trip was on UniWorld's river boat, The "Ms River Royale". Unfortunately, I couldn't fit all of you in my suitcase, so I asked Paul McIntyre to give you my apologies. Touring the Bordeaux country side, I did look for anything that looked like an amateur radio antenna but didn't see one, unless it was disguised as a grape vine and there were millions and millions of those. My only disappointment was not seeing the insides of the WWII German U-Boat sub pen - (see image)

Anyway, back to the present. Field Day is 2 months away. The thought of operating only on batteries and solar systems for maximum points, has motivated me to give a presentation on "solar for hams" at the May meeting. I started building an off-grid solar system back in 2003, mainly motivated by the Enron fiasco 20 years earlier, where I was without of power for a week. My beginning off-grid system was small, but adequate to run a transceiver and supporting instruments as long as I had sun during the day to recharge the batteries if they were used. The current system has more storage power and panels to keep the batteries charged even with a few days without sun and supply power for things that require power 24/7. Hope you can make it to the meeting and find the presentation useful. Until then.

73

Ed
wa6qyo

RON MURDOCK

Sad news. Our previous Sacramento Valley Section Manager Ron Murdock, W6KJ, became a silent key on April 1st.



Photos by Ed Seigner



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.

Club Picnic	April 30
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Membership meeting	May 4
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Mothers day	May 14
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Board Meeting	May 23
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Memorial day	May 29
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Membership meeting	June 6
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Field Day	June 24-25
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Board Meeting	June 27
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FIELD DAY COMING

Field day is on June 24-25. It is time to start planning what you will bring and what you want to work.

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

RIO LINDA FARM AND TRACTOR SHOW

Once again we will have a booth at the Rio Linda Farm and Tractor show on May 18-20. It will be held at Dry Creek Ranch where we have our field day. If you would like to help contact Carol Milazzo or Bob Woodward.

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.

HISTORIANS CORNER

From the May 1981 RCARCS Newsletter

SUGGESTIONS TO BRING ALONG FOR FIELD DAY:

You may want to use the following list:

First and foremost bring yourselves and your family, also antennas

towers,

coax,

guy wires,

rope,

working rigs,

tuners

SWR/Watt meters, fuses, tool kits,

mikes,

keyer,

extension cords,

soldering iron,

solder,

flashlights,

toilet tissue,

suntan lotion,

insect repellent,

shovel,

ax,

hammer,

stakes,

sleeping bag,

warm clothing,

fuel for stoves, generators, extra gas,

food and drink, water for washing, drinking,

contact cleaner,

WD-40,

soap,

towels and washcloths,

dishes, plastics,

portable tables,

folding chairs,

batteries,

first aid kits,

large plastic waste bags,

coffee and cold drinks.

What would you add or remove to work with today's equipment?

**NORTH HILLS RADIO CLUB's
42nd ANNUAL HAMFEST
SUNDAY MAY 21, 2017
From 700am-1200pm**



**At the Carmichael Elks Lodge #2103
5631 Cypress Ave, Carmichael, CA. 95608**

PRIZES will be announced each hour

Grand Prize is a Yaesu FT-60R Hand Held

Other prizes Astron power supply & Wouxun 2M/440 HT

Sellers \$25 for 2 parking spaces and Buyers are ALWAYS free

**Directions: Interstate 80 to Madison then Right on Manzanita
then RIGHT on Cypress we're 2 blocks on the right**

NOTE: NO SELLERS OR BUYERS ON THE PROPERTY BEFORE 5AM

**If you're an Elk Member plz contact the lodge before hand for
further instructions at (916)489-2103**

**For up to the minute info go to www.K6IS.org and follow us
on Twitter @K6IS and Facebook @NHRCK6IS**

Talk in: 145.190 – 162.2 or 224.400 – 162.2



RCARCS Family Picnic

30 April 2017

VFW Post 8990 Kruitof Way

Fair Oaks Ca.

RSVP stinkypuii@elkgrove.net

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

