



River City ARCS

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Clarence Nevis, KF6YTQ SILENT KEY

Clarence Nevis, KF6YTQ- Club Member for a long long time.. became a Silent Key thhe weekend of the 16th-17th. There will be no service

He was a very strong guy for a long time considering what difficulties he had... very intelligent and really an 'expert' on many subjects... of course Amateur Radio but also an accomplished Machinist as a hobbyist.. Engineer by vocation and worked for Cal Trans.

Larry Fibich

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Several events happened this month. For those who have not hear about SeaPAC (www.seapac.org), let me say a few words about it. Seaside, Oregon, a small community about 30 miles south of the Washington-Oregon boarder, along the Pacific coast. The Ham Convetion is presented by the Oregon Tualatin Valley Amateur Radio Club, for a 2 1/2 day event around the first of June.

Starting on the Friday of the weekend, several all day workshops are held. This year I attended a sold out seminar on the Raspberry-Pi where 120 hams assembled their Raspberry-Pi and listened to presenters talk about how to use the Linux operating system and the many amateur radio applications that were installed on the SD card with the Linux distribution of "cross" configured by NW Digital Radio (www.nwdigitalradio.com). The attendee's of the Raspberry-Pi workshop were a technical group and a lot of material was covered in the 7 hour session. I'm not sure a small presentation would be interesting enough for a club meeting, but if enough members show interest, one of the technical club members will work on an hour presentation.

On Saturday, the main events of SeaPAC start with several 1 hour seminars, almost every hour on various topics while a flea market and various vendors are presenting their items for sale in the main auditorium. Saturday night there is a banquet where speakers have talked about all sorts of topicst. Sunday is a half day event where things are the same as Saturday, but start to come to an end by 1300 with prize drawings to finish the event out. Over the years SeaPAC has been getting better and better. If you need a good vacation at the first of June, look into Seaside, but do it early as hotels and RV parks fill up fast.

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CLUB INFORMATION

DUES: \$20.00 Per year

Send to: River City ARCS

c/o Phil Sittner, Treasurer

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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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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	
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Editor	Ken Martin,	KE6RMN
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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	June 6
Flag day	June 14
Fathers Day	June 18
Field Day	June 24-25
Board Meeting	June 27
Independence Day	July 4
Membership meeting	July 5
Board Meeting	July 25

Sad news. I mentioned at last night's meeting that Paul KC5JAX's father, David McIntyre, had been in hospice care. Upon calling Paul for an update today he informed me that his father had expired on his fourth day in hospice, Thursday June 1, succumbing to complications of vascular surgery.

Carol Milazzo, KP4MD

Norm Lucas, WB6RVR, Silent Key

We are sad to announce that our Section Official Observer Coordinator Norm Lucas, WB6RVR, passed away on June 19, 2017 from a sudden heart attack.

Norm was the president of Northern Amateur Relay Council of California (NARCC) for a few years.

He was one of the active proponents of the re-write of the AB1222 California distracted driving bill. You may have seen him talk at the ARRL meeting at the Visalia DX Convention.

Norm was an ARRL Official Observer since 1989, and was the Sacramento Valley Section Official Observer Coordinator since 2003.

Norm was the architect of the 501(c)(3) non-profit paperwork for the Samuel F. Morse ARC and the Northern California Contest Club (NCCC). The NCCC had recently decided to give Norm a life membership in return for his time spent on this project.

Norm has been the trustee of the N6FR 147.99/39 repeater in Walnut Grove for years and is on the board of the W6AEX 147.27 repeater on Mt. Vaca.

One other item on Norm's long list of activities, Norm was a docent volunteer conductor and brakeman at the California State Railroad Museum since 1983, and was Assistant Manager of Museum Railroad Operations in charge of the rolling stock since 2010.

Norm was a life long resident of Sacramento and is survived by his wife Sheila and two grown children.

(Thanks mostly to Bob Hess, W1RH, for the above)

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE Continued

Field Day - Well it was very warm event and I understand why only a fifth of the club came out. Even though, it was a very good event with lots of things to be experienced this year with all the solar systems and antennas. Every station was power on batteries and charged by solar panels. I will ask those members during the July 5th General Meeting introduction to make a short comment on their system.

Our speaker for the July meeting is Phil Sitters on "Antennas". I hope you all can come to hear this presentation. While on the subject of antennas, there is a free ebook by Jim Abercrombie, N4JA (SK) at

<http://www.hamuniverse.com/n4jaantennabook.html>

I found this publication to be excellent and very readable. I would suggest that you check it out and get a copy before it disappears. See you at the meeting Wednesday, July 5th, 2017.

73, Ed Siegner
WA7QYO

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.



SeaPAC in main auditorium
Ed Seigner photo



FIELD DAY 2017

