



River City ARCS

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Cell Phone tower burning. In the Santa Rosa/Napa fires over 80 cell phone towers burned leaving people with no communications. This is where Ham radio steps in to provide communications for essential services.

ELECTIONS THIS MONTH

Club elections will be held at the November meeting. Come and vote.

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

October has been a tough month for me but let's look at club activities. October's General Meeting was very busy. The White Elephant Sale was successful with some items going for almost nothing at the end as we tried to close the meeting by 2130. There were things that needed to be discuss for the upcoming November meeting, such as elections, but we just didn't get to them. So, November's meeting will be an other fully packed meeting, along with a "MESH Network" presentation.

I know that a low percentage of the club's member will read this column but for those that do, we need some new officers and some new faces on the board of the River city ARCS - maybe you. Please consider the opportunity to serve and contribute to the growth of the your club.

There were some issues I mentioned in the October column that I would like some input. Please look at the October's News Letter and give me your thoughts.

I would like to share a personal experience. On October 8th, my wife and I drove to Windsor, California, just a few miles north of Santa Rosa, for a few days. Other than the wind, it was a nice drive. Monday morning, the 9th, around 0700, friends called to wish us happy anniversary and ask about the fire status. Fire, what fire? Opening the balcony door at the resort, the strong smell of smoke and haze was present. The resort's staff was not sure what was happening. Checking the TV news, we learned that several fires started Sunday night around 2200 and were burning out of control in the wine country. Other than that, we knew nothing more. Being an anniversary get-a-way, I did not take my handheld with me - maybe a mistake (?). I don't know if the amateur radio service was of value that week - maybe others can add something.

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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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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
Vice President	Paul McIntyre	KC5JAX
Secretary	Gert Thompson	KK6ZGA
Treasurer	Phil Sittner	KD6RM
Membership	Phil Sittner	KD6RM
Board Members		
2 year Term	Kevin Hooke	KK6DCT
2 year Term	Don Jackson	K6GET
2 year Term	Andy Stephens	W6AWS
2 year Term	Dave Martin	WB6YLK

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.orgE-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 2017 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	November 7
Veterans Day	November 11
Thanksgiving	November 24
Board Meeting	November 28
RCARCS Christmas party	December 5
Hanukkah	December 12-20
Christmas	December 25
Board Meeting	December 26



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WPARC REPEATER CHANGES PL TONE

The Western Placer ARC has installed a new repeater and has changed the PL from **179.9 to 67.0**. The change is due to many operators hearing the 179.9 tone in their receivers and some radios seem to transmit the tone louder than others. The frequency is **147.300**.

Napa/Santa Rosa Fires

Dan Ethan WA6CRB gave a talk to WPARC on the fires in the Napa Valley/Santa Rosa area at our last club meeting. He is a Senior Regional Engineering Manager for a major radio station chain and is called a legend by many who have known him for years. He is also the Chief Radio Officer for Sonoma County. Dan was very involved in ham communications during the fire and really woke us up to how vicious the fires really were. At one time one of the fires was advancing at **45 MPH** due to the winds. Dan had to evacuate his home in Santa Rosa due to the fire there but was able to continue supporting the ham communications efforts from his QTH in Lincoln. At the meeting he wasn't sure if his home was damaged by the fire or not. Let's hope it is okay! One of Dan's big take aways for ham operators is to make sure you check into a net every week to make sure your equipment is working properly and you can reach local repeaters. The Internet in the fire areas went down quickly and over **80** cell towers were destroyed. Some emergency communications were damaged, too, which made ham operators all the more necessary. There are many nets in this area that are good practice. Another good test is our simplex net on Wednesday nights. Repeaters aren't always available and could be wiped out in a fire storm like the cell towers were in the Napa/Santa Rosa fires! Many thanks to Dan and all the other operators during the fires.

Michael Buck
K6BUK
WPARC Secretary



CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY

The club Christmas party will be at Sam's Hofbrau on Dec. 5. Details in next newsletter.

Lyle AuFrank Nominations

Nominations for the Lyle AuFrank award are now being accepted. Contact a board member to make a nomination. The award is given to the person who has made the most contribution to ham radio. It is presented at the Christmas Party in December.

HAM RADIO ISN'T THE FUN IT USED TO BE

The Yuba Sutter club web site has a letter by Bud Peters K6HDE That is interesting reading.

<https://www.ysarc.net/assets/bud-peters.pdf>

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE Continued

But from now on, I'll take my handheld. It's small enough to be stuffed in my carry-on suitcase.

Until Tuesday, 73,

Ed Siegner
WA6QYO

