



# River City ARCS

River City Amateur Radio Communications Society

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## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Seasons greetings fellow RCARCS members. As we wind down 2017, I was thinking about what to write as the last column of my tenure. Over the year the board and elected officers have worked on presenting talks and activities to promote amateur radio. This year, they have developed two new ideals, that to my knowledge, have not been tried before: "Elmer Night" and "Home Brew Night". Each of these ideals was presented as a separate theme for a month general meetings. What was significant about these ideals was they served as a spring boards for future events.

"Elmer Night" was January's general meeting theme. It consisted of four topics of interest to some club members:

- antennas
- sound card applications
- programming radios, and
- general electronic topics

Some members were surprised at the meeting as they found the tables rearranged for discussions, instead of the normal configuration used for presentations. The ideal was foreign but in the end, I think many took advantage of the resources to fill in missing knowledge. I hope we will continue this theme in 2018.

The other, "Home Brew Night", was the theme of September's general meeting, allowing members to hear and see what other members were doing in amateur radio. The presentations covered a wide range of topics from hardware to software radio applications. Preparation for this event was not an overnight task but months of work, driven by member's passion for amateur radio. Hopefully this has stirred the minds of other members to start "tinkering" with equipment and ideals. Again, I hope to see this in 2018. It has been noticed by board members that new

members are having a difficult time getting started with amateur radio. How to help new members is an uncertain task as the problems vary from "mike fright" to how to solder". Unlike the Novice License days of my time, where you learned how to load up your cw transmitter on various antennas and tried to get QSL cards from as many states as you could during your 1 year license period, things are different now. With only 12 meetings and a couple extra events each year, there's not a lot of time to resolve these problems. The board is thinking on ways to do a one-on-one Elmering. I'm not sure how this will develop, but it's something that needs to be done.

In closing, I give my thanks to all the board member for being different this year in developing major ways of improving the club's growth; To Marie Martin for being our club hostess; To Ken Martin (KE6RMN) for being our publication editor; To Phil Sittner (KD6RM) for being Treasure and staying on top of all the registrations and behind the scene things he takes care of; To Paul McIntyr (KC5JAX) for backing me up and taking care of Wednesday's Net; To Gert Thompson (KK6ZGA) for taking notes as club's secretary; To those members who take care of the N6NA repeater and quietly keep it running; to all the volunteers who serve as net control operators and to our new president, Dave Martin (WB6YLK) - hang in there Dave, it's an adventure. Hope to see everyone at the Christmas Party, Tuesday, December 5th, Sam's Haubrau.

73, Ed Siegner  
WA6QYO



**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.

**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.

**2017 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.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>**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.

RCARCS Christmas party	December 5
Hanukkah	December 12-20
Christmas	December 25
Board Meeting	December 26
New Years	January 1
Club Meeting	January 2
Martin Luther King Jr.	January 15
Board Meeting	January 23

*Peace* ON EARTH  
GOOD WILL TO MEN



### CLARKSBURG RUN

On November 12 Ham operators helped provide communication for the Clarksburg fun run. Things went well. Consider helping with future events.

*Photos by David Martin WB6YLK*

# RCARCS HOLIDAY PARTY

TUESDAY DEC 5  
6 to 9 pm

SAM'S HOFBRAU  
2500 Watt Ave

Bring an unwrapped toy  
for donation to Weave

There will be a raffle for an  
ICOM ID-4100A D-star UHF/VHF radio.  
tickets will be 1 for \$5 or 3 for \$10.  
Porceeds will be donated to WEAVE.

