



River City ARCS

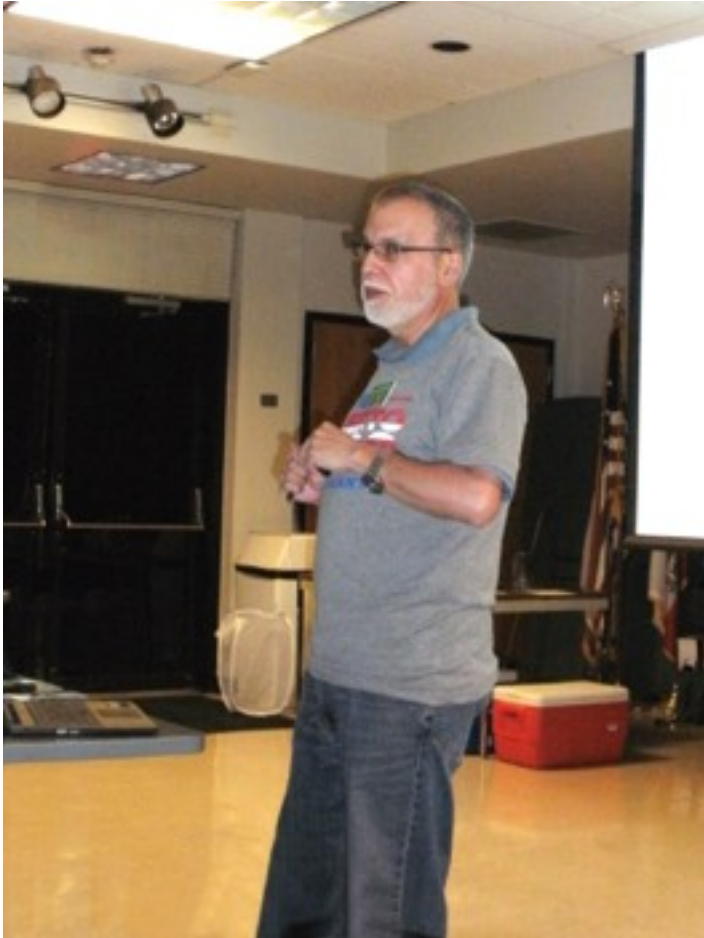
River City Amateur Radio Communications Society



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The Puerto Rico Disaster Relief Deployment

At our General Meeting on, January 2, Joe Pistrutto, N3CKF, gave a presentation on his September 28 - October 18 deployment as a communications volunteer in the post-Hurricane Maria ARRL-Red Cross Puerto Rico relief effort. If you missed the meeting his presentation was recorded and is on youtube at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qPO6XPhwHqE>



PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

In January we had Joseph Pistrutto N3CKF as our speaker. He was one of the 50 hams who was selected to go to Puerto Rico to assist in the post-Hurricane Maria ARRL-Red Cross relief effort in getting communications back up and running after the storm.

This month our own Bob Woodward N6PGQ is giving a talk on his long and frustrating tower installation.

How to Spend Three Years Installing an Antenna
OR
How I Learned to Hate Love Amateur Radio

In upcoming months we will be having our Elmer night and I will have a sheet on the sign in table for you to write down topics that you would like to have covered. Also I will have lists to sign in for our Club Picnic, Field Day and Farm and Tractor Days.

We will be needing a Field Day Captain. It is not a hard job as we have a procedure written by Andy W6AWS that spells out what needs to be done.

I would like to thank all the members who are volunteering to help the Club at future events and meetings. If you have an idea for a meeting topic or are able to present, please let a member of the Board know.

Dave Martin
WB6YLK

It's time to renew your membership in RCARCS

Go to: <http://www.n6na.org/membership> and renew online with paypal or print the form and bring it to the meeting.

We would still appreciate the complete renewal form.

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.

2018 OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES**Board of Directors**

President	Dave Martin	WB6YLK
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	Tom Cutter	W6BS
2 year Term	Russ Brill	KN6SD
2 year Term	Ed Siegner,	WA6QYO

Appointments:

N6NA Trustee	Andrew Stephens	W6AWS
Hospitality	Marie Martin	
Training	Ed Seigner,	WA6QYO
Editor	Ken Martin,	KE6RMN
Sales	Need volunteer	
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>**2018 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

For 2018 all membership meetings will be held on the 1st Tuesday of each month.

Board meetings are on the fourth Tuesday of each month.

Groundhog Day	February 2
Club Meeting	February 6
World Radio Day	Feb 13
	https://www.wincalendar.com/World-Radio-Day
Valentines Day	February 14
Presidents day	February 19
Board Meeting	February 23
Club Meeting	March 6



Reminder

On February 09, 2017, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) approved an overlay that will add the new area code 279 to the 916 area code region. Under the overlay plan, current 916 Area Code customers can keep their numbers, but as of February 10, 2018, all calls made from the 916 Area Code will have to be dialed using 1 + area code + 7-digit telephone number. This means that all calls in the 916 Area Code that are currently dialed with 7 digits will need to be dialed using 1 + area code + 7-digit telephone number.

- Beginning February 10, 2018, callers must use the new 1 + 10-digit dialing procedure for all calls. After this date, if customers do not use the new dialing procedure, their calls will not be completed and a recording will instruct them to hang up and dial again.
- Beginning March 10, 2018, new telephone lines or services may be assigned numbers using the 279 area code.

Dialing 1 + area code + 7-digit telephone number does not change what a call costs and does not mean that a call is a toll or long distance call. Calling areas and rates will not change - what is a local call now will remain a local call. Calls to 911, as well as 211, 311, 411, 511, 611, 711 and 811 will not be affected, and will continue to be dialed with 3 digits.

The overlay will primarily affect the greater Sacramento area, which includes parts of El Dorado, Solano, Sutter, Yolo, Placer, and Sacramento Counties. Source: Calif PUC

Yes, this means that if you have a 916 number you will need dial area code when calling another 916 number. So, it's a good time to start updating your speed dials and contact lists!

ELMER NIGHT

Later this year we will have an Elmer night. Please let the board members know what you would like to have discussed at the meeting.



HAM CLASSES

SHARP is having classes for Tech and General classes. See flyer for info.

BE A GENERAL!

And Talk to the Entire World!

Okay, not a military general, but you can become a **GENERAL CLASS** ham radio operator and use ALL the world-wide ham bands.



If you're a Technician class ham radio operator and would like to take it to the next level, attend the Sacramento **SHeriff's Amateur Radio Program**

General Licensing Class

which will be held in April, 2018.

When and Where

The class meets from 6:00 PM until 9:00 PM on April 3rd, 5th, 10th, 12th, 17th, 19th and 24th, with the VE session on the 27th.

The class will be held at the Sheriff's Central Division at 7000 65th Street, Sacramento, CA 95823.

SHeriff's
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Program



Cost: There is no charge for the class itself. However, you will need to purchase your textbook and pay a \$15.00 fee for the licensing exam (at our VE session on 4/27). See the web site address below for further information about the class.

FOR MORE INFO: sacsharp.org/ham-classes

Get Your Ham Radio Technician License!

Why use Ham Radio?

- Communicate from anywhere without depending on the Internet or cell networks
- Help your community— Participate in emergency communications
- Send digital data from your computer to others via radio
- Talk via satellites in space
- Participate in contests and win awards
- Be part of the ham radio community



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When and Where

The class meets from 6:00 PM until 9:00 PM on March 6th, 8th, 13th, 15th, 20th, 22nd, with the VE session (test) on the 23rd.

The class will be held at the Sheriff's Central Division at 7000 65th Street, Sacramento, CA 95823.

FOR MORE INFO: sacsharp.org/ham-classes