



River City ARCS

River City Amateur Radio Communications Society



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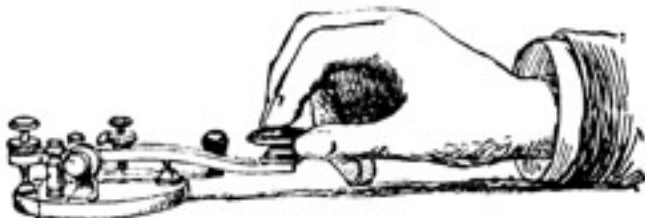
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*Runners in the Clarksburg race. See page three.
Jan Buffington Photo*

SPEAKER NEEDED

I know it is late but with the subject being mobile installations and go kits. If there is anyone who has knowledge of car installation, coax routing, grounding, or power routing and would be willing to speak on this please let Dave WB6YLK or myself KE6RMN know ASAP.



PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

The “Dog Days of Summer” are here but so are some of the exciting things to do in Ham Radio!

On August 11 we will have our “Go Kit and Mobile Installation “We have had some interesting setups in the past, such as A “Bicycle mobile”, a “Pedestrian Mobile”, a Trailer Setup, and some very interesting car installations. So even if you have shown it before bring it again and maybe someone new will get an idea from it.

In September we will have our “Home brew Night”. Members are encouraged to present their homebrew projects and include pictures, a brief description of the project and if small enough, the item can be displayed. Even if you are a new Ham and think that your idea is not that big or exciting for all of the OLD Hams, bring it anyhow as there is a class for new Hams ! We will award three gift certificate prizes, totaling \$100 value, to the winners. One of these prizes is dedicated to an entry-level member.

Also the Western Placer Ham swap will be in Lincoln on September 15. This is usually a good swap.

October brings our own “White Elephant Night” where we can find all sorts of new (to us) things to add to our “Shack”

November brings Election Night and we have several positions to fill so we need to be thinking of who we want to elect to office and lead the club into the future.

November is also Clarksburg Fun Run where we help provide communications for the run. If you are interested contact Vince KI6NHP at vsicilian@comcast.net to volunteer.

December is Xmas Party on the 13th at Sam’s Hoff Brau.

So there are some interesting things to do in “The Dog Days of Summer”

President
Dave Martin
WB6YLK

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.

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 441.300 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.

Club Meeting	Aug 7
Board Meeting	Aug 28
Labor Day	Sep 3
Club Meeting	Sep 4
Board Meeting	Sep 25



Update - KE6YUV Berryessa Repeater Restored after County Fire Damage

Posted July 10, 2018

The County Fire converged onto the Berryessa repeater site on June 30 taking down the KE6YUV repeater as well as the packet nodes KBERR, BERRY, and BERR37. The web site <http://www.barkradio.org> shows more info

On July 4 the Berryessa Amateur Radio Club received Cal OES photos of the County Fire damage to the repeater site showing the melted antennas and coax cables.

By July 8 Thanks to major efforts of Bill, K6KN, and Ken, K6WLS, KBERR/BERRY packet node were back on the air using a temporary antenna & coax, & shifting the functioning solar to KBERR radio, it was ready for use. The repeater was next for repair.

By July 12 the KE6YUV Repeater was back on the air with a temporary setup. K6WLS and K6KN went back up the hill Wednesday and got the repeater running on battery only.

Thursday, K6WLS went back up and connected the solar from the BBS nodes (BERR37/BERR) to the FM repeater (since BERR37 and BERR are down waiting for new coax). He also removed a lot of the burnt-up equipment from the vault roof and tower. Thanks Ken !!!

So the KE6YUV FM repeater is back on the air on temporary coax and solar power. It should run indefinitely. We will need to install new hardline for all antennas.

BERR37 and BERR are awaiting coax to test the serviceability of their Telewave antennas.

From - ARRL Sacramento Valley Section News - July 2018

Clarksburg Country Run

The Clarksburg Country Run is on Sunday November 11, 2018.

I will need at least 30 operators. If you wish to help out please reply to this email. This is a fun event to work. If you have never worked a race and would like to be placed with some one that has, let me know and I will place you with a operator that has experience with the race.

Thanks,
Vince Cracchiolo KI6NHP
vsicilian@comcast.net

This is an event the club has supported for years. It can be an interesting day and would be nice if we can continue supporting them.

Ken Martin
Editor

Add photos

ELMER

The club has an Elmer program where new hams can get help from older hams. If you need help with something contact a board member. If you would like to help others let a board member know and what your area of expertise is. It doesn't have to be complex electronics, it could as simple as labor to help put up a mast. By volunteering you will help others and maybe make a new friend.



CARR FIRE

Last weekend there was a request for operators for an evacuation center in the Redding area for the Carr Fire. This was cancelled but then on Monday there was a request for operators to relieve some operators at shelters in Redding. I volunteered and on Tuesday I headed north. When I got there I reported to the operator at the shelter and got briefed, then once I was set up he left and I took over. While traffic was minimal there were some reports to be sent. On Wednesday another operator came up from Yuba City and joined me. On Thursday I was relieved and headed home. Later that day all radio operations were shut down. I won't say it was fun but it was interesting.

Lessons learned:

Know what you need to have and have it ready.
Check your equipment before departure even if you used it last month.
If you think you need something take it.
It is better to have something and not need it than to need it and not have it.
If you are working with the Red Cross you need Winlink

Ken Martin



FREE ANTENNA:

Neighbor has taken down an 11m vertical antenna (5/8 wave with 3 counterpoise) and offered it to me. I have no need. This would be a good project for converting to 10m. Must be picked up in Orangevale. Contact Andy W6AWS for details at w6aws@surewest.net.

