



River City ARCS

River City Amateur Radio Communications Society



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The antenna we will be making at the antenna build in May.

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

The presidents message has not been received by press time.

EDITORS MESSAGE

The March meeting had an interesting presentation by Alan Thompson W6WN. He discussed the communications failures in the disastrous Camp Fire last year and how to recover from the breakdown and how to better prepare for outages in future natural disasters.

The April meeting will have a discussion on homebrew.

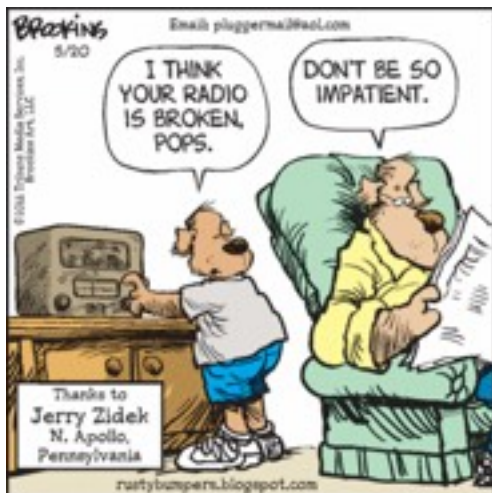
In May we will have a booth at the Farm and Tractor show at Dry Creek Ranch in Rio Linda.

Field Day is fast approaching and will be here before you realize it. So it is time to start planning for it. Kevin Hooke KK6DCT has volunteered to be Field day captain so see him to find out what help he needs.

Ken Martin KE6RMN
Editor

It's time to renew your membership in RCARCS

Go to: <http://www.n6na.org/membership> and renew online or renew at the meeting.



Pluggers have to wait for the tubes in their radios to warm up.

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.

2019 OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

Board of Directors

President	Paul McIntyre	KC5JAX
Vice President	Kevin Hooke	KK6DCT
Secretary	Gert Thompson	KK6ZGA
Treasurer	Phil Sittner	KD6RM
Membership	Phil Sittner	KD6RM
Board Members		
2 year Term	Marty Gunn	KM6MFI
2 year Term	Mike Meighan	KD6ILC
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.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 441.300 MHz FM Simplex
Following 10M net.
<http://www.n6na.org/nets>

2019 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

For 2019 all membership meetings will be held on the 1st Tuesday of each month.
 Board meetings are on the fourth Tuesday of each month.

April Fools day	Apr 1
Club Meeting	Apr 2
Passover	Apr 20
Easter	Apr 21
Board Meeting	Apr 23
Club Meeting	May 7
Farm and Tractor	May 17
Board Meeting	May 28



Harvey Houses on the Air.

Hello. Just want to share with you our annual event coming up in Sept. Harvey Houses on the Air.

There were 14 Harvey Houses in California. Some are no longer open or even some have been torn down. That is ok. Go set up a mobile station in the parking lot and let's share some history and chat a little.

If that doesn't interest you, why not try contacting all 84 Harvey Houses that day.

<https://www.qsl.net/vcara/>

The Harvey House in Old Sacramento is closed <https://www.yelp.com/biz/harvey-house-sacramento-2>

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Antenna Build-A-Thon

Our May meeting will feature the construction of a dual band, VHF-UHF J-Pole antenna—Ed Fong's DBJ1. You may go to this link to review the design https://www.work-sat.com/Antennas_files/FONG-DBJ1.pdf. You'll note that Ed's design provides a great beam pattern and broadband SWR performance.

Your total cost to build this antenna is \$5.00, payable to the club. Ed sells these antennas for about \$50 once the freight costs are included. We will use an assembly line approach for constructing these antennas and it's expected we can complete as many as 20 antennas during our normal meeting hours.

Since we anticipate a large demand for the antenna, and the fact that we have limited time to complete the construction, we will use a first-come, first-served reservation system. To reserve your spot in the que, please send a brief note to contact@n6na.org with your name, callsign and note that you wish to reserve a spot in the antenna Build-A-Thon.

Phil Sittner

Volunteer Exam Schedule

If you or someone you wants to take a class or a test . The ARRL has this page Licensing, Education & training <http://www.arrl.org/licensing-education-training>

This has a location by zip code which includes the above training in the schedule for technician and general.

It has a find a class and take an exam search by zip code.

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.

Tech Class VE Session

13 candidates with 11 passing scores. That is a 84.6% pass rate for our Technician class.

SHARP will have a General Class in April.
sacsharp.org/ham-classes

Mike Meighan
KD6ILC



MORSE CODE CLASS

The SFM ARC would like to announce that we will once again be running our 10 week CW for beginners course. This course will be 10 weeks long held once a week for 2 hours (7PM until 9PM-ish) each Wednesday evening in Carmichael. If you, your club members, or someone you know are interested in taking our CW class we encourage you to sign up **NOW**. This class is made available to EVERYONE that wants to take it. You do NOT need to be a licensed operator to join our class. We have locked a start date for the class, we will begin Wednesday evening **April 10th** (Ending June 12th).

Everyone can benefit from this course! For those with no Morse Code knowledge this is an excellent course where you or your friends will be taught the complete International Morse Code alphabet, numbers, pro-signs, how to adjust and send on a Morse Code straight key and more interesting general information than one brain can store! The goal of our course is to have all students up to speed around week 6, and on the air! This is also a great opportunity for those of you who may have already taken our course before. This class offers a chance for returning students to brush up on their code, increase their speed, build on-air confidence and get a better understanding of the 'pro-signs' that CW radio ops use on-air.

The CW class is **\$50** for new members, and only **\$20** for returning members who bring their previously supplied Morse Key and Oscillator. As always, as a new student you will receive a **FREE** Morse Code straight key and a Code Oscillator to keep at the completion of the course. These items are worth more than \$40 by themselves.

Now for the important part... This is a **FIRST COME FIRST SERVE COURSE!** We will Limit the amount of students who are able to take this course. Therefore it is very important that you make your payment **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE** to secure your seat in this class. We do not take walk-ins at the door. To make payment by check you must **FIRST** send an email to admin@w6sfm.com to indicate that you are interested and you are going to make your payment. We will hold your seat for 7 days from your email while we await your payment to come:

If you prefer, you may also pay via PayPal or Credit Card. PayPal and CC payments will be charged an extra \$2.00 for credit card processing fees. If you would like to make your payment this way please click on the following link to be brought to our on-line store to make your reservations:

<https://w6sfm.com/product/2211/>

If you have ANY questions please do not hesitate to email us back at your convenience. Thank you and we hope to see you at our next class! 73,

Michael
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