



River City ARCS

River City Amateur Radio Communications Society



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Work being performed on the 2meter antennas.

EDITORS MESSAGE

The antenna build at the May meet did not go as planned. There were three built and then there were problems. Phil took the rest home and has finished them and will have them at the June Meeting.

At the June meeting will be coverage of field day.

Ken Martin KE6RMN
Editor

ANTENNA BUILD

I have finished reworking the DBJ1 antennas and they will be available for pick up at the June meeting. Future build events will require a better estimation of the time commitment required.

Phil, KD6RM

ANTENNAS WILL BE AT THE MEETING.

A big thanks to Phil for finishing them

Field Day Participation

Last night I monitored the N6NA Wednesday night net, along with the earlier Elk Grove/Florin net. A major topic of both was polling for the number of club members who will be present for both the field day activity and the picnic. I have to tell you that the response was far less than enthusiastic, in fact it was dismal.

Field day is the single most expensive event we host and requires the most effort on the part of our members. We devote months in planning the activity, securing the site, preparing antennas, lining up equipment, doing meal planning, organizing the site layout, lining up the fox hunt details, signing up volunteers, preparing news releases, contacting government officials and much, much more.

All of this is done to provide our members with a unique field day experience and give the public an opportunity to see what amateur radio does in support of the community and aid in emergency service preparedness. The truly sad part is that field day is our only real opportunity to present amateur radio to the public and encourage youth to join the fraternity. It is our gala event and warrants an enthusiastic participation on the part of our membership.

So I ask the following question, “why have you not committed to attend, sign up to bring a dish to the picnic, dusted off a rig that you would like to try at the field day site, or in general decided to drive out to the site, located immediately adjacent to Phoenix Park in Fair Oaks”?

Our efforts to support the club deserve the participation of the members. If this is not the case would you prefer that we no longer stage any activities? Lack of attendance will answer that question.

Respectfully submitted,

Phil, KD6RM, Membership, Treasurer

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**

| | | |
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| 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 | Tom Cutter | W6BS |
| 2 year Term | Ed Siegner, | WA6QYO |

Appointments:

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| 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>**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.

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| Club Meeting | June 4 |
| Flag day | June 14 |
| Fathers day | Jun 16 |
| Board Meeting | June 25 |
| Field day | June 22-23 |
| Club Meeting | July 2 |
| Independence Day | July 4 |
| Board Meeting | July 23 |



HISTORIANS CORNER

From the May 1981 RCARCS Newsletter

SUGGESTIONS TO BRING ALONG FOR FIELD DAY:

You may want to use the following list:

First and foremost bring yourselves and your family,
also antennas
towers,
coax,
guy wires,
rope,
working rigs,
tuners
SWR/Watt meters, fuses, tool kits,
mikes,
keyer,
extension cords,
soldering iron,
solder,
flashlights,
toilet tissue,
suntan lotion,
insect repellent,
shovel,
ax,
hammer,
stakes,
sleeping bag,
warm clothing,
fuel for stoves, generators, extra gas,
food and drink, water for washing, drinking,
contact cleaner,
WD-40,
soap,
towels and washcloths,
dishes, plastics,
portable tables,
folding chairs,
batteries,
first aid kits,
large plastic waste bags,
coffee and cold drinks.

Much has changed since then but many of the same things are needed now.

So what would you add or remove now?

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.

May 17 & 18 - River City ARCS Amateur Radio Exhibit at Rio Linda Farm & Tractor Days

Friday dawned overcast and as the day went on cleared up and got up to 70 degrees. Bob Woodward, N6PGQ, Dave WB6YLK, and myself showed up and set up our display. the day went well and we had over 30 kids try sending their name in Morse Code.

Sunday was overcast with a forecast of rain at noon. Carol KP4MD, Dave WB6YK and myself showed up, later Don Righello W6PJJ showed up and helped. The day was slower but still had a number of people stop by and another half dozen people tried Morse Code. The rain held off but by 2pm most people were packing up and leaving before the rain hit.

