



# River City ARCS

River City Amateur Radio Communications Society



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## BALLOON LAUNCH

Sunday March 8 the Lodi Radio club launched a balloon, it is called "SKY LARC" It fly's at about 40-41 thousand ft. at speeds determined by the Jet stream. The payload is a tx. That sends a signal to APRS system for tracking. It was built by WB6TOU Dave Voit of the Lodi Radio club. The balloon is about 6ft tall by 2.5/3 ft dia. and filled with Hydrogen gas.

You can track the balloon on the APRS map at:  
<https://aprs.fi/#!lat=38.58240&lng=-121.37360>  
Enter WB6TOU-11 in the "Track Callsign".

Dave Martin

## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Given our current 'shelter in place' order for California which at the time of writing we assume will still be in place for our club meeting on April 7th at 7:30pm, we're planning on holding our next club meeting as an online meeting using Zoom. The Board had our regular monthly Board meeting this month also using Zoom and we decided instead of cancelling our monthly club meeting, this should be a good option to allow us to at least continue with out club meetings the best we can given the current situation.

Phil Sittner KD6RM will be presenting the topic for our meeting, which is: "The End Fed Sloper Antenna". To connect to the session you have 2 options, you can either click the following link (or paste into your browser) to download and run the Zoom app which will allow you to hear the audio and see the slides as Phil presents on your computer:

<https://zoom.us/j/982285849>

You'll also be able to type questions to Phil via a chat window, or we can unmute participants at the end of the session for Phil to take Q&A over voice.

Alternatively, you can dial in to the session using a phone number - full connection details will be shared on our [www.n6na.org](http://www.n6na.org) website.

If prompted, the meeting ID for our April meeting is:  
982-285-849

This meeting requires a password to connect, when prompted the password is:

**943641**

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**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	Kevin Hooke	KK6DCT
Vice President	Tom Cutter	KK6YYF
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	Dave Martin	WB6YLK
2 year Term	Sylvia Stork	KS6WTF

**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](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 441.300 MHz FM Simplex****Following 10M net.**<http://www.n6na.org/nets>**2020 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

For 2020 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	Apr 7
Passover	Apr 8
Easter	Apr 12
Board Meeting	Apr 24
Club Meeting	May 5
Memorial Day	May 25
Board Meeting	May 26

**NEW MEMBERS**

Please welcome these new members:

Jennifer Moser, WN6GAL

## VIDEO MEETING DIRECTIONS

To join the club meeting online, click or paste this link into your browser:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/982285849?pwd=RWlhdxQzdEFwYklqR29qYkFoUXh2QT09>

When prompted, download and run the Zoom app. When it completes downloading, if you're prompted for a Meeting ID, enter: 982 285 849

Enter your name and callsign along with your name when prompted.

Password: The password for our meeting is in the Presidents message.

If you are unable to download the Zoom app or are unable to connect, you can dial in to the meeting by phone using one of the following options:

One tap mobile

+17207072699,,982285849# US (Denver)

+13462487799,,982285849# US (Houston)

Or dial one of the following:

+1 720 707 2699 US (Denver)

+1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)

+1 646 558 8656 US (New York)

+1 253 215 8782 US

+1 301 715 8592 US

+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

If dialing in by phone you will also be prompted for the Meeting ID which is above, and the same password from the newsletter email.

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## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE CONTINUED

As this is a new approach for our club meetings, please be patient with us as we work out any issues. We look forward to you all joining us in the virtual meeting!

Kevin KK6DCT

## HAM CLASSES

ALL LICENSING CLASSES FOR 2020 HAVE BEEN CANCELLED BECAUSE OF THE GREAT VIRUS PANIC. DUE TO THE PANIC, WE HAVE LOST THE USE OF OUR CLASSROOM FACILITY.

SHARP, the Sheriff's Amateur Radio Program,

## FIELD DAY

Field day is in June. with the Covid-19 we have until the May Board meeting to decide if we will participate. Otherwise we need to keep planning for it.

Ken Martin  
Editor

## 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.



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March 6th, 2020

Dear radio friends,

The board of directors and our community here in San Francisco were shocked to learn of the attack on your president Paul McIntyre, KC5JAX SK. While we did not know Paul, a loss of anyone in our community is a loss to us all. We are deeply sorry for your loss. If there is anything the San Francisco Radio Club can do to help in this time of pain, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Dr. Antonis Papatsaras, AA6PP  
President San Francisco Radio Club (W6PW)  
on behalf of SFARC board and its members

In today's mail I received the above letter from the San Francisco Radio Club. It's refreshing to know that the amateur community is about more than talking on the radio and that our fellowship ventures well in to the character of our membership. The loss of Paul is certainly a wake up for us as a reminder of how short our time on this planet is. It's suspected that our board meeting will not be held and there is no guaranty that our regular membership meetings will continue during this corona virus cautionary period. So until such time that we again have an in-person meeting I wish all of you good health and hope that you are able to enjoy the love affairs you have with your families.

regards and 73  
Phil, KD6RM