

February 2026 RCARA Monitor



Happy February!

This is Mike, KM6LOR. I meant to have a newsletter in a different template, but did not realize my laptop is having issues until I turned it on. I am one of those people who uses my smartphone to look things up, and rarely turns my laptop on (and am having to borrow a laptop). Next month I will have a way to create a nicer template to create a newsletter.

Winter Field Day was January 24-25, 2026. The club made 46 total contacts over the two days. Contacts include 29 HF, 11 Digital, and 6 CW. Some Club members did stay overnight at Fairmount Park (I didn't make it, the temperature dropped to the low 30's and I went home to warm up!). Hopefully we can make more contacts during Field Day this summer!

RCARA is planning some upcoming events:

- 1) GOTA at All Points Brewing Saturday March 21 from 2PM to 7PM. The brewery's address is 2023 Chicago Ave. Unit B8, Riverside CA 92507. No need to buy anything, just show up and Get On The Air!
- 2) GOTA at Hunter Hobby Park. The event will be from 12PM to 5PM. The park's address is 1401 Iowa Ave, Riverside CA. (This park has miniature steam trains on Sundays). Bring your equipment to Get On The Air!

More Events to Come!

Amateur Radio Trivia: Which famous newscaster also has a Ham Radio License?

Keep reading to get the answer!

History of Ham Radio:

Did you know that when the United States entered World War 1, Congress ordered all Ham Radio operators to stop broadcasting? In April 1917, Congress mandated that all amateur radio

operators disassemble their equipment and cease operating for national security and to prevent espionage. Once the war ended, amateur radio operations were allowed to resume. This also happened during World War 2, but the War Emergency Radio Service was created, and remained active through 1945.

Amateur Radio Trivia Answer: Walter Cronkite, KB2GSD

RCARA now has a storage unit. If you have any club equipment, and don't want to store it at your house, contact a RCARA Board member to get the equipment to the club's storage unit.

Is there a Club Member that you should be spotlighted? Please send along their information to a Board member so they can be highlighted!

Hopefully we will see you at one of the upcoming club events!

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