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NEW YEAR'S EVOLUTION!...

I would like to welcome our members of the Riverside County Amateur Radio Association or RCARA back to another exciting year. This year brings us some changes. Our biggest change is the installation of the 2017 club officers. Congratulations to our new officers and returning officers:

Elected Board of Directors for 2017

President: Marlene Odebralski KK6CTX — xmadamxx@aol.com

Vice President: Mike Rankin N6TXR — mrarkin@me.com

Treasurer: Jim Wiley AG6EA — jameswwiley@att.net

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Membership Chair: Ed Morgan KF6BNQ — edjmorg@aol.com

Communications Director: Larry Junker WA6PMY — larryandmelba@junker-family.com

Appointed Club Positions for 2017

Club Historian: **vacant (volunteer needed)**

Club photographer: Steve Evans AF6HR — kf6bnp@aol.com

Sunshine Chairman: Art Sutorus AA6CA — aa6ca@att.net

Web site Administrator: Mike Riiff KA6VPW — mriiff2@gmail.com

W6TJ Trustee: Don Williams KD6UVT — kd6uvt@mac.com

Grant Administrator: Donna Beveridge KK6UDF — ntlc01@charter.net

Repeater Maintenance & Blood Bank Chairman: Ron Braley KE6RYX

Immediate Past President: Ron Braley KE6RYX - (951) 369-5149

Best Wishes to You in the Coming Year!



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Stories of interest

- Tech Talk *(Coming Soon)*
- Home Brew *(Coming Soon)*
- Legislation *(Coming Soon)*
- DX'ing *(Coming Soon)*
- For the Good of RCARA *(Coming Soon)*
- Editorial



RCARA Annual Christmas Party

Members, Family & Friends celebrated our annual "Christmas Party" at Kountry Folks Restaurant in Riverside, on December 9, 2016. Holiday spirits were high and a few of our guests received some neat gifts. Here are some of the pictures of this GREAT event!





RCARA Annual Christmas Party



AWARD WINNERS



Jeffrey Hannold KW6MOT
"LeJo Perpetual Award"



Larry Junker WA6PMY
"Harry Crawford W6TJ
Memorial Award for
Outstanding Service"



PRESIDENTIAL "QSO"



To Members of RCARA:

Thank you for allowing me to represent you as the 2017 President of this fine organization. It is an honor to be elected and I am humbled that you would place your faith and trust in me. This is a responsibility that I do not take lightly and I will endeavor to represent you with the utmost dedication, transparency and boldness.

I wish to acknowledge Ron KE6RYX for his charge as our immediate past President and all those dedicated individuals who came before us and helped lay the ground work over the past 61 years make RCARA what it is today.

Please know that I am always, all ways open to hearing your thoughts and suggestions on how we can continue to advance and develop our club to be the best that we can be. Feel free to contact me at xmadamxx@aol.com with your input.

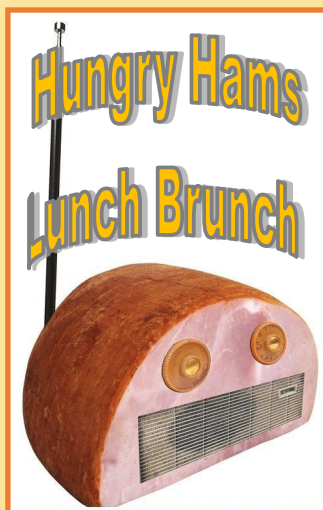
It is my intention to grow and cultivate RCARA as a means to stimulate the ham radio hobby as well as educate and inspire the furtherance of the elements of becoming a licensed amateur radio operator. I would like to make it a priority for us to assist in times of catastrophic/disaster preparedness and to bridge gaps between other groups and clubs who share these endeavors, activities and accomplishments. Add to that plan the ability to have fun and share with each other our collective knowledge and experiences.

Let us work together and continue to make RCARA a group to be respected and well-regarded.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve and be the "Voice of RCARA". May 2017 be a notable year for us all complete with health, happiness and many new accomplishments.

~Marlene

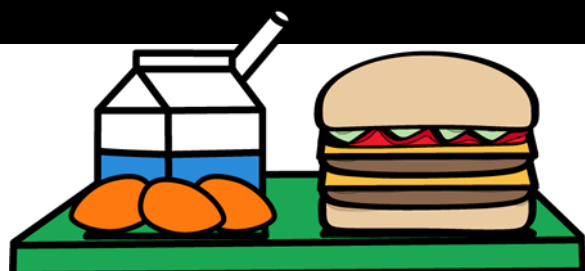
KK6CTX



The Hungry Hams Lunch Bunch will meet on Tuesday, January 17, 2017, at a location to be announced, at 11:00 a.m. Please join us for some socializing and ham camaraderie.

Let me know if you will be attending so I can make adequate reservations:

xmadamxx@aol.com





Dan Randall KD6ETF



DANIEL WARNER RANDALL An honorable and generous man, passed away December 26, 2016 after a year-long battle with a rare, aggressive cancer. A lifelong resident of Riverside, CA, Dan was born December 18, 1943 to parents Eugene and Viva Randall. He graduated from Riverside Poly High School, earned an Associate's Degree from Riverside Community College and served in the U.S. Air Force Reserves prior to working for the Riverside Public Utilities Water Department for 35 years.

Music was always a huge part of his life and he lent his baritone talents to both church choirs as well as Riverside Master Chorale. Dan's passions included camping with his "Camping Cronies," fishing, collecting antiques, spending time with his family and HAM radio operating. He was a long-time member of RCARA but our meetings fell on the same night as his church choir practice so he was unable to attend.

Dan was compassionate and his life was an exercise in service to others. He taught us all the art of giving. Dan is survived by his brother Larry and his wife Sally; his three sons, Scott, Greg and his wife Toni, and Todd and his wife Tiffany. He is also survived by his former wife, Charlotte Dye, and six grandchildren: Daniel, Donovan, Dillon, Tyler, Trey and Grace.



RECCURRING EVENTS

RACES PUBLIC SERVICE NET, 3.945 MHz
Every Sunday at 8:30 AM
Don Williams KD6UVT kd6uvt@mac.com

RACES/ARES PUBLIC SERVICE NET,
146.880 MHz, Neg. Offset, 146.2 PL
Every Monday at 7:00 PM
Marlene KK6CTX xmadamxx@aol.com

RACES/ARES "SIMPLEX" PUBLIC SERVICE NET,
146.880 MHz, NO PL
Last Monday of the month at 7:00 PM
Marlene KK6CTX xmadamxx@aol.com

VE Testing, Corona TBD
1ST Saturday of the month 1:30 PM By appointment only

RACES MEETING
2080 Lemon St., Downtown Riverside
1ST Monday of the month 6:00 PM
Don Williams KD6UVT kd6uvt@mac.com

RCARA monthly meeting
2nd Thursday of the month 7:00 PM
Marlene KK6CTX - xmadamxx@aol.com

Riverside EmComm Group Net
KB6OZX 445.060 MHz, Neg. Offset, PL 162.2
Every Wednesday at 7:00 PM
Rick KK6CTT kk6ctt@rivecg.net

Amateur Radio Swap Meet, Cable Airport, Upland
2ND Saturday of the month 7:00 AM
IEARC Karen KJ6HFX karen92316@yahoo.com

Annual dues for 2017 are now payable

RCARA Membership is currently \$15.00 per calendar year per person (new memberships are pro-rated). Membership includes a Membership Card, W6TJ Two Meter Repeater Auto Patch Access Codes for local telephone calling, a Club Roster, access to THE MONITOR Monthly Newsletter, Club Voting Rights and Board of Directors Membership eligibility.

Please remit your payments to Membership Chairman Ed Morgan KF6BNQ . Renewal forms are available through our web site, [Click Here](#). If you have questions about RCARA membership, Ed can be contacted in the following manner:

Phone: (951) 689-1917 or EMAIL: edjmorg@aol.com



- ***Jeffrey Lloyd N6FRW - Jan. 3***
- ***David Bell N6DJB - Jan. 6***
- ***Steve Evans AF6HR - Jan. 16***
- ***Jim Weaver AG6JN - Jan. 30***



RCARA Meeting

Thursday January 12th @ 7:PM

Meetings are held at the La Sierra University 7th Day Adventist Church, 4937 Sierra Vista Ave, Riverside; on the 2nd Thursday of each month beginning at 7:00 PM.

Rick KK6CTT will present a general overview on "survival information," which includes ham radio go boxes. The presentation will not necessarily be one dimensional. Ray N6KZM and Mike AI6PD will bring their units and talk about the different features of their equipment (they are very different). You will have an opportunity to inspect and learn about the details of what is included in their kits.



Rick KK6CTT Bio: I started my lengthy journey as a city-dwelling, part-time outdoors person in the Boy Scouts, Troop 64 here in Riverside, where I progressed to outdoor activities as a teenager with a high school buddy who still gets me out to do adventures like hiking the Grand Canyon, Half Dome and Mount Washington. In the military I spent 15 years on active duty and another 10 years with the CA Army National Guard as an Infantry Soldier to include Battalion Scout and Long Range Surveillance assignments that included Ranger and Airborne duties for most of my career. My travels with the military have taken me to South America, Europe, Asia and the Middle East. Eventually, I switched gears to be a better family man and have filled the void with volunteer work with the Riverside Fire Department's CERT program and enjoy conducting a weekly net with the Riverside Emergency Communication Group discussing all things CERT, Preparedness, safety and related gear



Don't Forget...

FIELD DAY: Details will be forthcoming as they develop

Last weekend of June
Sat./Sun. June 24-25, 2017





REFERENCE LINKS



ARRL WEB SITE

<http://www.arrl.org/>

REPEATER LIST

<http://rprrlist.w6jpl.ampr.org/>

QRZ WEB SITE

<http://www.qrz.com>

Ham Radio: The Original Social Network

<http://73s.com/>

Ham Radio Outlet

<http://www.hamradio.com>

ALL ABOUT BATTERIES

<http://www.batteriesamerica.com>

Eham WEBSITE

<http://www.eham.net>

ECHOLINK

<http://www.echolink.org/>

RADIO MANUALS

<http://www.manualman.com>

Maidenhead Grid Square Locator Map

http://www.levinecentral.com/ham/grid_square.php

EDITOR'S REMARKS



Hello Fellow Members!

As you can see "The MONITOR" has changed a little. That is because you have a new editor for this monthly newsletter. I have little experience with writing stories of interest; so I need to rely on the membership to share bits of information. I hope you do not mind the liberties I have taken thus far. As I progress, you will see additional changes to the content.

In the weeks to come, I will include the following sections: Tech Talk, Home Brew, DX'ing, Legislation, Editorial, & something called "For the Good of RCARA." This last section is where I really need your input. The purpose of the section is to publish statements such as compliments or criticisms about some program or activity that the organization had undertaken. It is hoped a statement will stimulate action for the betterment of the club.

If you have any material for The Monitor; please forward it me at n6kzm@rivecg.net.

Ray N6KZM