

Newsletter of the Riverside County Amateur Radio Association

THE MONITOR



MARCH 2016

Welcome to the Riverside County Amateur Radio Association Newsletter. Our club has been serving the Riverside area for 61 years and we have over 50 members. Monthly meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM in the La Sierra University Church Conference Center directly behind the church located at the corner of Pierce and Sierra Vista, Riverside, CA. See our webpage for directions and more information:

www.w6tj.org

RCARA HAM RADIO CLUB



ARRL Affiliated Club #1720

Riverside Repeater: 146.880 MHz, -600 KHz offset, PL 146.2 Hz

Please submit your newsworthy articles and suggested publications by the 21st of the month to be included in the next edition of THE MONITOR to Marlene KK6CTX via email at

XMADAMXX@AOL.COM



**A reminder that yearly dues are now payable. Ed Morgan KF6BNQ (Membership Chairman) will be happy to receive your renewal application and check. Contact info:
Phone: (951) 689-1917 edimorg@aol.com**

Names will be removed from the roster and mailing list if dues are not paid by the end of February. If your information is private and you do not want it published on the password protected Members' Roster on line, please indicate if you still wish to receive Club business emails.

**The next Club Meeting will be on Thursday,
March 10, 2016, at 7:00 p.m.**



March meeting presentation will feature Arnie N6HC who will present a program on the 2015 DXpedition to Chesterfield Island in the Coral Sea, northeast of New Caledonia. Hear how they worked stations around the world on 160 Meters through 6 Meters.

Chesterfield Island DXpedition

Those of us that take vacations travel locally, throughout the US and even around the world; our trips incorporate everything from campgrounds to 5 star accommodations.

There are groups of amateur radio operators that through caution to the wind and visit worldwide destinations without any amenities. Have you ever wondered about what it is like to participate in a major DXpedition to a deserted South Pacific Island? How do you organize and prepare for all eventualities when there is no radio store to fall back on? What is it like to travel on a two mast 78 foot motor/sail boat? What is it like to visit the capital city of New Caledonia - Noumea, and what will you find there? These questions...and more, will be answered by our March guest speaker, Arnie Shatz, N6HC, as he relates the adventures of the October 2015 TX3X Chesterfield Island DXpedition team. Come join us for an operating experience completely different from those found in our own Ham shacks.

Don Williams kd6uvt
Vice President & W6TJ Trustee
Riverside County Amateur Radio Association
Operations Section Chief West
Riverside County RACES



RCARA Club Officers for 2016



- President: Ron Braley KE6RYX – (951) 369-5149
- Vice President: Don Williams KD6UVT – kd6uvt@arrl.net
- Treasurer: Jim Wiley AG6EA – jameswwiley@att.net
- Secretary: Duane Allen N6JPO - n6jpo@arrl.net
- Newsletter Editor: Marlene KK6CTX - xmadamxx@aol.com
- Membership Chair: Ed Morgan KF6BNQ - edjmorg@aol.com
- Communications Director: Bob Trujillo – KG6NIB – kg6nib@yahoo.com

Appointed Club Officers for 2016:

- Club Photographer: Steve Evans AF6HR
- Sunshine Chairman: Art Sutorus AA6CA
- Web Site Administrator: Mike Riiff KA6VPW
- W6TJ Trustee: Don Williams KD6UVT
- Club Historian: **vacant**



President's QSO



From the desk of Ron Braley KE6RYX



Good Day Everyone:

I'd like to start out by thanking Don KD6UVT for arranging an outstanding program on Skywarn presented by Ed Sherman K6UYL, the Riverside County Coordinator for Southwest California SKYWARN at our February meeting. Looking forward to the March program when Arnie N6HC will present a program on the 2015 DXpedition to Chesterfield Island in the Coral Sea, northeast of New Caledonia. Hear how they worked stations around the world on 160 Meters through 6 Meters.

At our next meeting we will discuss the Riverside Airshow on April 2. If you are able to assist we will have a sign-up sheet at the March meeting.

We are currently trying to update the club's inventory ... if you have any club property please let Bob KG6NIB kg6nib@yahoo.com know what you have.

The By-law committee headed up by Larry WA6PMY is almost completed with their task. Larry's committee as well as the board is trying to make the latest revisions as painless as possible.

If you are unable to attend the April meeting please cast your vote by e-mail by sending your preference to our Club Secretary Duane N6JPO at n6jpo@arrl.net

Lastly, I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the March meeting.

73, Ron KE6RYX





Riverside County Amateur Radio Association

Business Meeting

La Sierra University Church, Education Building, Riverside, California

February 11, 2016, 6:00 pm

In attendance

Ron Braley, KE6RYX, President

Don Williams, KD6UVT, Vice President, W6TJ Trustee

Jim Wiley, AG6EA, Treasurer

Duane Allen, N6JPO, Secretary

Ed Morgan, KF6BNQ, Membership

Marlene Odebralski, KK6CTX, Newsletter Editor, Field Day Committee

Bob Trujillo, KG6NIB, Communications Director

Guests

Larry Junker, WA6PMY, Field Day Committee Chair

Jim Weaver, AG6JN

General Meeting

February 11, 2016, 7:00 pm



Please note: Information to be disseminated to all RCARA Club Members via email should be forwarded to Marlene KK6CTX at xmadamxx@aol.com for distribution. Please make sure your information and any changes are updated by letting Membership Chairman Ed Morgan KF6BNQ know at edjmorgan@aol.com or (951) 689-1917.

-----Just as another reminder-----

REVISION OF RCARA BYLAWS AND CONSTITUTION

Greetings RCARA,

During the course of last year and earlier, there had been discussion between various members for the need to revise and make some minor changes to the club's bylaws in order to allow the board to make decisions easier and be able to function more productively. To help with that project, I submitted to the board before its last meeting a list of proposed revisions of the club's Constitution and Bylaws. During the last Board meeting, we discussed and voted on all the proposed changes that you see below. Most of the proposed changes were not unanimous, but they do all have a consensus of the majority of the board.

Please take the time during the next month to look over the proposed revisions and give any feedback that you would like. If there is a consensus on any additional changes before the March club meeting from that feedback I will incorporate those in the new revision as well, if there is not then I won't. I will then present the final draft to the Board and membership during the **APRIL** meeting for a vote of acceptance so be sure to attend the **APRIL** meeting. We will make this announcement during the next club meeting (March) as well in case anyone doesn't have time during the month to check their email. It will also be in the next Monitor. Hopefully these changes will allow our board to do their jobs easier and make our club even better for everybody.

Please email any thoughts or comments, so that your opinions will all be heard: larryandmelba@junker-family.com

The yellow highlighted strike through text is proposed to be removed. The Italicized text is proposed new text to be added.

Also note that the item and section numbering will be corrected after the proposals are accepted.

73,

Larry WA6PMY

VOTING CLARIFICATION

I have been asked to clarify one more point about the Proposed Bylaw revision vote.

As I mentioned in the previous email, the club will be asked to vote on the proposed Constitution and Bylaws revision during the **APRIL** Club meeting.

If you know, or if you think you will not be able to attend the **APRIL** meeting please email your vote to either accept or not accept the proposed revisions to the club secretary, **Duane Allen (N6JPO)** at N6JPO@arri.net.

(Only those emails received by the club secretary will be counted! Additionally you must be a current club member meaning you must have paid your 2016 dues, so if you haven't yet, now would be a good time to get them in to Ed)

If you vote ahead of time by email and then are able to attend the **APRIL** meeting, your email vote will be nullified and you can vote then.

Let me take this opportunity to once again Thank Everyone who made suggestions and or helped on this project to help make our club even better.

Be sure to vote either by email or at the meeting so that your voice will be heard.

73,

Larry Junker
WA6PMY

BYLAWS & CONSTITUTION - 2016 PROPOSED CHANGES FOR REVIEW

Riverside County Amateur Radio Association

Constitution



Preamble

We, as Amateur Radio Operators and those of similar interest, do band ourselves together as a non-profit organization, incorporated under the laws of the State of California. This organization shall be known as the Riverside County Amateur Radio Association, Inc., (hereinafter referred to as the "Association"). The purpose of the Association, whose basic charter is inscribed herein, is to foster and promote interest in Amateur Radio, to provide a nucleus for emergency communications and other worthy amateur activities, to promote membership in the ARRL, and to provide a social climate for promoting camaraderie and good will.

Article I - Membership

Section 1: All persons interested in Amateur Radio shall be eligible for membership. Membership shall be by application and election upon such terms as the Association by its By-Laws shall provide.

Article II - Elected Officers and the Board

Section 1: The elected Officers of this Association shall be: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Editor of the Monitor, Director of Communications and Director of Membership.

Section 2: The elected Officers of the Association shall serve for a term of one year.

Section 3: The Board of Officers (hereinafter called the Board) shall consist of the elected Officers of the Association, the immediate Past President of the Association, and the Trustee of the Association Amateur Radio Station license. The Board shall be responsible for the Association property. ~~The Trustee of the Association Radio Amateur Station license, although appointed by the Board, shall be a voting member of the Board.~~ *Both the immediate past president and the Association license trustee, although considered as part of the Board, will service in an advisory capacity only, will not have board voting rights, and will not be included as part of the board quorum count.*

Section 4: Any vacancy occurring on the Board, between elections, shall be filled by an appointment made by the remaining members of the Board; said appointment being filled by a FULL MEMBER of the Association for the balance of the vacant term, and such appointment being made at the first Board meeting after the vacancy is announced.

Section 5: Elected Officers can be removed by a ~~three-fourths~~ majority vote of FULL MEMBERS present at a regular meeting provided there is a quorum.

Section 6: The Board may appoint such officials or committees as it deems necessary. Appointed officials and committees shall be advisory to, but not voting members of, the Board.

Article III - Meetings

Section 1: The By-Laws shall provide for regular and special meetings. ~~At all meetings, a quorum shall be met when there are four times as many full members present as there are elected Officers in the Association.~~
At all meetings, a quorum shall be met when there are at least 25 percent of FULL CLUB MEMBERS present

Article IV - Dues and Assessments

Section 1: The Association may levy upon the general membership such dues or assessments as deemed necessary for the business and operation of the Association within the objectives set forth in the Preamble. Non-payment of such dues or assessments will result in termination of membership in the Association.

Article V - Parliamentary Procedure

Section 1: Robert's Rules of Order, latest edition, shall govern all proceedings of this Association except as otherwise stated herein.

Article VI – Amendments

Section 1: The Constitution and/or By-Laws must be amended by a ~~two-thirds~~ majority vote of the FULL MEMBERS present at any regular meeting, provided a quorum exists. Proposals for amendments to the Constitution and/or By-Laws shall be submitted to the Board in writing, ~~read at the next regular meeting, and may not be voted upon before the regular meeting following the reading.~~ Notification to the all of the membership by publication in the Association newsletter ~~mailed between the two meetings~~ is required prior to voting on proposed amendments.

Section 2: The Board may call for a review of the Constitution and/or By-Laws at any time, ~~however, review of the Constitution and By Laws shall occur at no more than four year intervals.~~

Revised by the Members on May 12, 2005

Riverside County Amateur Radio Association



Article I – Membership

Section 1: There shall be ~~four~~ *three* classes of membership in the Association as follows:

FULL MEMBER: A FULL MEMBER shall be a holder of a valid amateur license and shall be entitled to all rights and privileges accorded to members of the Association, including:

- A. Vote on all questions brought before the members and in all elections held by the Association.
- B. Run for and hold office in the Association.
- C. Receive all Association publications.
- D. Have all pertinent access codes related to the Association Repeater and Website.

E. Any additional rights and privileges from time to time as may be deemed appropriate by the Board.

FULL MEMBER VIA VE-TESTING: Non-members who become Radio Amateurs as a result of passing their first VEC license examination at an RCARA-sponsored VE Testing Session, shall be granted FULL membership for the balance of the examination year without payment of any dues for that period. Such membership does not relieve any member from the obligation of assessments as outlined in Article IV of the Constitution titled Dues and Assessments of the Constitution.

ASSOCIATE MEMBER: An associate member is one who is interested in amateur radio but does not hold a valid amateur license. An associate member has all of the rights and privileges of a FULL MEMBER except voting and holding office.

~~**HONORARY MEMBER:** An honorary membership may be conferred upon such persons as the membership considers worthy of the honor. Each honorary member shall be entitled to such rights and privileges as deemed appropriate by the Board except voting and holding office.~~

Section 2: Persons desiring initial membership in the Association shall submit an application with full payment of dues specified herein. FULL MEMBER applicants must present a copy of their current FCC Amateur Radio License at the time of application.

Article II – Meetings

Section 1: Meetings of the Association shall be held once a month at a date and time determined by the Board and, if changed by the Board, concurred with by the membership at the next regular meeting of the Association. Special meetings may be called by the President or upon written request by any five FULL MEMBERS. Notice shall be provided to all members at least 72 hours prior to any such special meeting and shall contain the business to be transacted. ~~Only the business designated in said notice shall be transacted at such special meeting.~~

~~**Section 2:** No meetings shall be cancelled without the express consent of a majority of the Board.~~

Article III - Nominations and Elections of Officers

~~**Section 1:** Nominations shall be made by a nominating committee which shall be appointed by the President and approved by the Board at the September Board meeting. This committee shall not include Board members of the Association. This committee will nominate a complete ballot of officers for election to be presented at the regular meeting in October. Further nominations shall be accepted from the floor at the September and October meetings~~ as well as prior to the election process at the November meeting.

Section 2: No person shall concurrently hold more than one office *and/or appointed position.*

Section 3: All candidates for any elective office shall be at least 18 years of age and be FULL MEMBERS.

Section 4: Installation of newly elected officers will take place at the December meeting.

Section 5: Terms of office shall be concurrent with the Association's fiscal year of January 1st to December 31st of that same year.

Section 6: Election shall be a simple majority ~~by secret ballot~~ of the *FULL* MEMBERS present, ~~provided there is a quorum,~~ at the November meeting. The ballot count shall ~~be made by the nominating committee,~~ become a matter of record and be made available to members upon request. If a candidate is running unopposed, a verbal declaration may be permitted at the direction of the presiding officer and with the acceptance of the membership.

Article IV - Duties of the Officers

Section 1: The President shall preside at all meetings of the Association, enforce due observance of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Association, sign all official documents and perform all customary duties pertaining to the Office of President.

Section 2: The Vice President shall assume all duties of the President in the absence of the latter and shall be responsible for drafting a one-year program calendar with input from the Board and arranging programs for regular meetings.

Section 3: The Secretary shall keep a permanent written record of the proceedings of all official meetings, have them published in the next Association newsletter, make them available to members on request, ~~carry on all correspondence~~, and read pertinent communications at each meeting. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep the Constitution, By-Laws and Articles of Incorporation along with the date of amendment and have these documents available at every regular, special and Board meeting of the Association. The Secretary shall cause all amendments to the Constitution and/or its By-Laws to be noted thereon and shall make available copies to members upon request. *A copy of all correspondence made by other club members on behalf of the club shall be sent to the Secretary and kept for reference*

Section 4: The Treasurer shall receive and receipt all monies paid to or by the Association. The Treasurer shall keep a current, accurate, and permanent account of all monies paid to or expended by the Association. The Treasurer shall pay all bills, with proper authorization of the Board of Directors. The Treasurer shall submit an itemized statement of disbursements and receipts at each Association meeting at the request of the presiding officer. A financial statement shall be prepared for the quarters ending December, March, June and September, and made available upon request to FULL and Associate Members at the next meeting.

Section 5: The Editor of the Association newsletter shall see that it is published and distributed each month at least 10 days prior to the regular meeting. *Paid* Members with e-mail capability shall be notified of the newsletter being posted on the Association's Website, ~~and the remaining Members will receive the newsletter by Postal Mail.~~

Section 6: The Director of Membership shall keep a roll of members, screen and accept applications for membership, collect and receipt all dues payments, and turn over to the Treasurer dues and any special fees collected from members. The Director of Membership shall inform the Board of all new Members as they enroll, and provide a Membership Roster to all Members in the early part of each year

Section 7: The Director of Communications shall be primarily responsible for management of the operating activities of the Association such as Field Day, coordination with other emergency communication organizations and other Public Service communication events and exercises. He/she shall be responsible for making an accounting of the Association property in the months of January and December.

Section 8: Each Board member shall perform such other tasks as approved by the Board, however, the performance of such tasks shall be limited to the current Board's term of office unless reaffirmed by the following year's Board.

Section 9: Duties of appointed officials and their service period will be defined by the Board. Appointed officials shall consist of at least 1) a Trustee of the Association Amateur Radio License, 2) a Webmaster, 3) a Repeater Committee, and 4) ~~an Audit Committee (2 members).~~ *The Board will submit the nomination for an ARRL Assistant Director to the ARRL Southwestern Division Director.* Other appointments may include, but are not limited to such positions as: *Quartermaster*, Education Chair, Association Librarian, Association Photographer, Association Historian, Public Information Officer (PIO), Elmer Chair, Sunshine Chair, Control Operator Chair, Refreshment Chair, etc.

Section 10: All officers and officials of the Association, whether elected or appointed, shall upon leaving office transfer possession of all Association property, documents and files to their successor or person assigned by the Board. All inactive records shall be transferred to the Association Historian.

Article V - Duties of the Board

Section 1: The Board shall conduct the business of the Association in accordance with the laws of the State of California, the Articles of Incorporation, the Constitution and the By-Laws of the Association.

Section 2: The Board may, at its discretion, bring any matter before the membership of the Association for consideration.

Section 3: If any officer of the Association fails to appear at three consecutive Regular Meetings or three consecutive Board Meetings without good cause, the office may be declared vacant by the Board and such vacancy filled under the provisions of Article II, Section 3 of the Constitution.

Section 4: Upon resignation or removal of any officer of the Association, the office shall be declared vacant and a special appointment shall be made the Board under the provisions of Article II, Section 3 of the Constitution.

Section 5: There shall be a monthly meeting of the Board. Special meetings of the Board may be called by the President.

Section 6: At any meeting of the Board, ~~five~~ **Four** Board members shall constitute a quorum.

Section 7: The Board shall be responsible for the use and maintenance of the Association's property.

Section 8: The Trustee of the Association's Amateur Radio License shall ensure that the operation of the Association repeater, Field Day stations, emergency stations and any transmitter operated under the Association call sign is in accordance with FCC rules and regulations.

Article VI – Financial

Section 1:

The fiscal year of the Association shall begin on January 1st of each year and end on December 31st of the same year.

Section 2:

~~A. Dues shall be fifteen dollars (\$15.00) per fiscal year, and shall include all licensed amateurs of in the same family residing at the same address.~~

A. Dues shall be due in January of each fiscal year and shall be determined by a majority vote of the membership as advised by the board during the preceding years October monthly meeting.

~~B. Persons under 18 years of age shall be permitted, at their option, to obtain membership for five dollars (\$5.00) per fiscal year.~~

C. Any person whose dues become two (2) months in arrears will be terminated as a member of the Association; however, any renewal within the year shall be at full annual dues.

~~D. New members will be assessed in accordance with the following schedule:~~

January 1 – March 31 \$15.00
April 1 – June 30 \$12.50
July 1 – September 30 \$9.00
October 1 – December 31 \$5.00

D. New members will be assessed in accordance with the following schedule:

January 1 – December 31 Full current yearly dues amount

July 1 - December 31 50% of current yearly dues amount

Section 3: Any special assessment shall require the approval of two-thirds majority of the members present at a regular meeting. Advance notice of the intent to levy such assessments shall be published in the Association newsletter.

Section 4: To defray expenses, a door donation may be requested.

Section 5: Prior approval by the Board shall be required for all expenditures from the Treasury. The Treasurer, President, Vice President and Secretary will be authorized to sign checks. Expenditures for any club function (e.g. Field Day, the annual Christmas Party, the annual club picnic, repeater maintenance or improvement, etc.) which exceed \$100.00 per event must be approved, in advance, by majority vote of the membership in a regular meeting.

~~**Section 6:** The financial records for the Association (January-June and July-December) shall be audited by an Audit Committee within 60 days, and shall be audited at any other time the Board deems necessary. No member of the Board shall be a member of the Audit Committee. The report of the Audit Committee shall be published in the Association newsletter.~~

Section 6: *The financial records for the Association shall be audited by an Audit Committee annually, and at any other time the Board deems necessary. The report of the Audit Committee shall be published in the Association newsletter.*

Section 7: All monies of the Association are to be kept in a local bank *or credit union* in Riverside.

Article VII – Publications

Section 1: The official publication of the Association shall be a newsletter, named The Monitor, and which shall be published and distributed at least 10-days prior to the regular monthly meeting.

Section 2: The purpose of the Association newsletter shall be to notify members of meetings, to provide notice of elections, By-Law amendments, etc., to provide notice of upcoming programs and to provide timely news concerning amateur radio and the activities of the Association and its members.

Section 3: Advertising will be accepted for publication in the Association newsletter. Publication of any advertisement will be at the discretion of the Editor. Fees for advertising will be established by the Editor with the approval of the Board.

Article VIII – Repeater

~~**Section 1:** Any proposal(s) for change to the operating procedures of the Association repeater, the repeater configuration, or the control of the club repeater must be proposed and presented at a regular meeting of the Association, and if not unanimously agreed by the membership, may not be voted upon until the next regular meeting when the Repeater Committee shall present an written impact report on the proposal(s) prior to the vote. The proposal(s) shall also be in the Association newsletter published between the two referenced meetings. A simple majority shall be required for passage of such proposal(s) at the second meeting.~~

Section 1: *Any proposal(s) for change to the operating procedures of the Association repeater, the repeater configuration, or the control of the club repeater must be proposed and presented at a regular meeting of the Board. The proposal(s) shall also be in the Association newsletter prior to a Board vote. A simple majority shall be required for passage of such proposal(s).*

Article IX - Disposition of Association Property

Section 1: The disposal of Association property shall be made by the Board with the approval of the membership.

Section 2: In the event this Association is dissolved, any residue of property then remaining after payment of all debts, including all funds held in the name of the Association, shall be contributed to the ARRL, except that equipment (e.g. radios, repeaters, antennas, hardware, software, etc.) may be donated to a group or organization selected by the Board, where such equipment may be put to continued use. In the event the Board fails to agree on recipient(s) of any equipment within 30 days, it shall be sold with the resulting funds also being contributed to the ARRL.

Article X - Use of the Association Call Sign - W6TJ

Section 1: A member has automatic permission to operate for public service or emergency activities, using the call sign W6TJ, for a period of less than 72 hours without formal permission. All such individual operation shall be within the member's license privileges.

Section 2: The temporary (72 hours to 30 days) use of the Association call sign (W6TJ) may be authorized by the Board.

Section 3: The long-term use of the Association call sign (W6TJ) shall be allowed only when it is approved by a simple majority of the membership at a regular meeting.

Revised by the Members on October 12, 2006

NEWS YOU CAN USE (OR NOT)



The Hungry Hams Lunch Bunch will meet on Wednesday, March 17 at the Back Street Café, 3735 Nelson Street at Brockton in Riverside ... 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



The North/West Riverside County ARES NETS are moving to a new Repeater!
We are moving our Monday Night NETS to a new repeater with improved coverage!

Repeater Info: K9KAO @ 145.360- PL: 91.5

NETS are every Monday at 1830 except the 2nd Mondays Meeting Nights.

Check our web site at ARESNEWRC.ORG for our organization news and updates.



Is DX Contesting for YOU? YES!!!!!!

The old song "Far a Way Places, with Strange Sounding Names, far away over the sea...are calling, calling, Me..." may describe why many old timers first got interested in ham radio. Many new hams are finding DX chasing an exciting challenge. If you have a low power HF radio, and simple antenna you can enjoy this sport, too. Those with Tech licenses can operate on 10 meter phone, which, when propagation is good, can produce many DX contacts. Of course, all the bands are open for those with General Class tickets.

Why not give it a go? The ARRL International DX Contest, Phone, will be held the weekend of 5-6 March. See March QST or the ARRL website for the details.

So what can you expect? Assuming the propagation conditions are as good as this past weekend (20-21 February) there could be a lot of exciting surprises.

Propagation was very good for the ARRL International DX Contest, CW (radiotelegraphy) on that weekend.

I was able to make contacts with the following countries (entities) in my sampling of 148 contacts: Azores, Austria, Argentina, Aruba, Alaska, Australia, Antigua, Bermuda, Belgium, Brazil, Barbados, Croatia, Chile, Cuba, Curacao, China, Costa Rica, Cayman Islands, Czech Republic, Corsica, Columbia, Cape Verde Islands, England, France, Finland, French Guyana, Germany, Hawaii, Hungary, Italy, Ireland, N. Ireland, Japan, Jamaica, Kazakhstan, Korea, Latvia, Luxembourg, Lithuania, Mexico, Micronesia, Malaysia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Puerto Rico, Portugal, Poland, Philippians, Russia, Spain, Scotland, Slovenia, Sweden, Serbia, Siberia, Timor, Uruguay, Ukraine, Virgin Islands, Venezuela.

I operated on 10, 15 and 20 meters, without using an amp, but using my 3 element SteppIR yagi which is 45 feet off ground. Does it take this type of station to make DX contacts! NO!!! Especially on 10 meters, simple antennas (like an 8 foot vertical) and low power, can be very effective. Also, remember that many of the DX stations across the globe are running high power, and create big signals for us.

Circle your calendar for the 5-6 March, weekend! Share your DX adventure next meeting!

One word of caution: DX chasing can be addictive!!!

73 and Good Luck!
Clair, K6LG

Interesting Ham Related Links

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

<http://www.grz.com>

www.hamradio.com/

<http://www.eham.net>

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

<http://www.manualman.com>

<http://73s.com/>

REPEATER LIST

<http://rpترلist.w6jpl.ampr.org/>

ALL ABOUT BATTERIES

<http://www.batteriesamerica.com/>

<http://nicdlady.com/>

ECHO LINK INFO

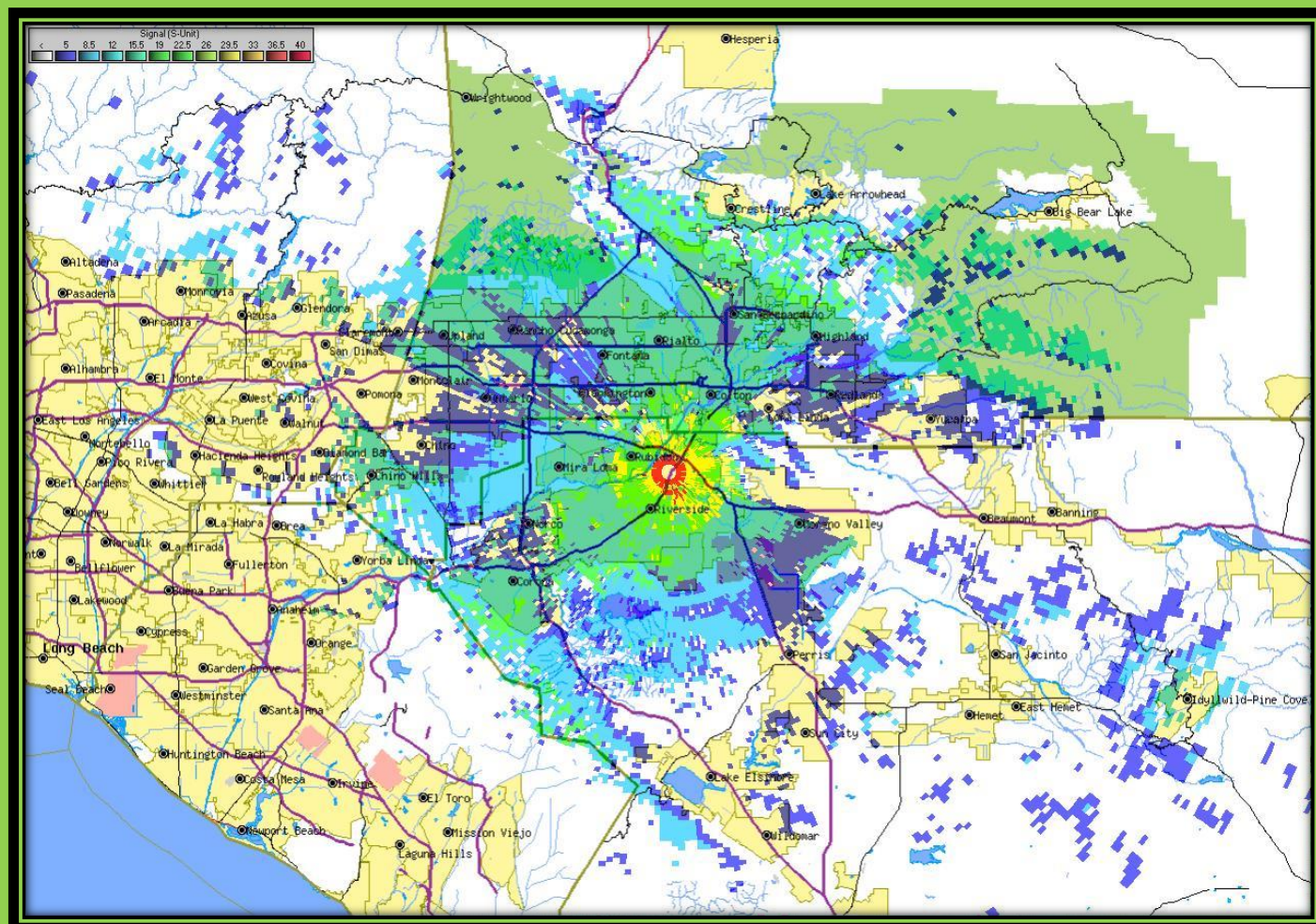
<http://www.echolink.org/>

IRLP LINK INFO

<http://www.irlp.net/>



COVERAGE PLOT OF THE W6TJ REPEATER



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Cc	---..	Ll	---..	Uu	---..
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Gg	---	Pp	---..	Yy	---..
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... and then Morse said, "put the alphabet in code"

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24th Annual Airshow - April 2, 2016 - 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Riverside Airport - 6951 Flight Road - Riverside, CA 92504



The City of Riverside proudly presents the Riverside Airport Open House & Airshow 2016!
Now in its 24th year, the Riverside Airshow continues to be one of Riverside's two largest family entertainment events.

FREE ADMISSION!

- Military Aircraft
- Warbirds/Replicas
- Classic Car Show
- Military Vehicles
- Aerobatics
- Helicopter Displays
- Aviation Vendors

This one-day show attracts 90,000 spectators from Riverside and the Inland Empire to see the most exciting aerial performers in the airshow business today.

With more than 200 acres of aircraft displays, fun for the kids, food and refreshments, helicopter displays and community group exhibits your family will be thrilled to be part of this very unique entertainment opportunity. And the best part is the admission is FREE!

Arrive early for breakfast at D & D Airport Cafe or Pancake Breakfast to start your day right!



This aerobatic Warbird's air demonstration gives you a firsthand look at what our U.S. fighter pilots were taught during World War II.



The C-17 "Globemaster III" is capable of rapid strategic delivery of troops and all types of cargo.



Chuck Coleman will perform his airshow aerobatic routine in his Extra 300 L!

Volunteers needed to staff the RCARA/RACES booth to demonstrate ham radio and disseminate information to the public. Let Bob KG6NIB kg6nib@yahoo.com know if you can help.





HAPPY MARCH BIRTHDAY



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Ricardo Golden NIBAU - March 12

Michael Anderson WBSO - March 10

Hope your birthday brings you a special kind of happiness and
leaves you with the nicest kind of memories!



Update your
contact info!

If your phone number, address or email has changed,
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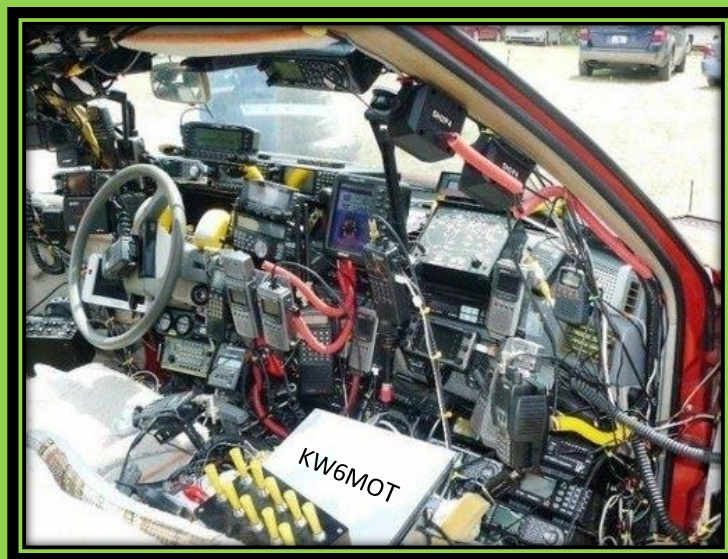
DAY/TIME	WEEKLY NETS	INFORMATION
EVERY SUNDAY 8:30 AM	RIVERSIDE COUNTY RACES/ARES HF NET 3945 kHz, LSB	DON WILLIAMS KD6UVT kd6uvt@arri.net
EVERY MONDAY 7:00 PM	RIVERSIDE COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION RACES/ARES PUBLIC SERVICE NET 146.880 MHz MINUS 146.2 PL	RON BRALEY 951-369-5149 MARLENE xmadamxx@aol.com BOB COMMUNICATIONS DIR. kq6nib@yahoo.com
LAST MONDAY OF THE MONTH 7:00 PM	RIVERSIDE COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION RACES/ARES PUBLIC SERVICE NET 148.880 MHz NO PL SIMPLEX	RON BRALEY 951-369-5149 MARLENE xmadamxx@aol.com BOB - COMMUNICATIONS DIR. kq6nib@yahoo.com
EVERY TUESDAY 7:00 PM	Emergency Communications Group (ECG) WEEKLY NET KBOZX repeater 445.060 –TONES 162.2	group@cert-emcomm.net
EVERY TUESDAY 7:30 PM	QCWA NET 145.580 SIMPLEX	Tom Loughney, AJ4XM 352-425-1097
WHEN	MONTHLY EVENTS	CONTACT
3 rd SATURDAY OF THE MONTH 6:00 – 11:00 AM	CLAREMONT SWAP MEET 1580 CLAREMONT BLVD. CLAREMONT, CA FREE ADMISSION FOR VISITORS	Event Coordinator KG6AB@YAHOO.COM
UPCOMING EVENTS	DATE	INFORMATION
RIVERSIDE DISTRICT RACES MEETING 6:00 PM	MONDAY, MARCH 7, 2016 4080 LEMON ST. RIVERSIDE, CA	Ron Braley, EC (951) 369-5149
RCARA BOARD MEETING 6:00 PM RCARA REGULAR MEETING 7:00 PM	THURSDAY, MARCH 10, 2016 LA SIERRA UNIVERSITY CHURCH 4937 SIERRA VISTA AVE. RIVERSIDE, CA 92504	Ron Braley, President (951) 369-5149 www.w6ti.org
FIELD DAYS: DETAILS WILL BE FORTHCOMING AS AVAILABLE	4TH FULL WEEKEND IN JUNE JUNE 24-26, 2016	Larry Junker WA6PMY FIELD DAY CHAIR Larryandmelba@junker-family.com
ANNUAL RIVERSIDE AIR SHOW	SATURDAY, APRIL 2, 2016 6951 Flight Road – Riverside, CA 92504 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM	http://www.riversideca.gov/airshow/
ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY	6:00 PM - FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2016 KOUNTRY FOLKS RESTAURANT	RSVP: Ron Braley (951) 369-5149 Marlene: xmadamxx@aol.com

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