

Newsletter of the Riverside County Amateur Radio Association





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2016



Welcome to the Riverside County
Amateur Radio Association

ARRL Affiliated Club #1720
Riverside Repeater: 146.880 MHz,
-600 KHz
offset, PL 146.2 Hz

Our club has been serving the Riverside area for 61 years and we have over 60 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

WISHES YOU ALL A VERY

Merry Christmas and

Happy New Year

2016



Riverside County Amateur Radio Association Extends a warm invitation to you and your guests to our

Annual Year End Christmas Party









Please RSVP and let us know your attandemee plans

Call Ron KE6RYX at (951) 369-5149 or email Marlene KK6CTX:



xmadamxx@acl.com

~ REMINDERS ~

There will be no RCARA club meeting on Thursday, December 8, 2016 Instead we will gather on Friday, December 9 for our annual year end Christmas Party. See above for details



The January program is TBD An email will be sent to members when a program is confirmed.

Submit your newsworthy articles and suggested publications to the new MONITOR editor Ray Gayton-Jacob N6KZM by the 25th of the month to be included in the next edition of THE MONITOR

via email at n6kzm@cert-emcomm.net



Annual dues for 2017 are now payable. Ed Morgan KF6BNQ (Membership Chairman) will be happy to receive your renewal application and payment at the Holiday Party on Dec. 9 or Contact him at: Phone: (951) 689-1917 EMAIL: edimorg@aol.com

Membership application can be found on the Membership Link on our webpage at



Make sure your information and any changes are updated by letting Membership Chairman Ed Morgan know at edimorg@aol.com
Or (951) 689-1917

RCARA Elected Club Officers for 2017:

- President: Marlene KK6CTX xmadamxx@aol.com
- Vice President: Mike Rankin N6TXR mrankin@me.com
- Treasurer: Jim Wiley AG6EA <u>jameswwiley@att.net</u>
- Secretary: Donna Beveridge KK6UDF ntlc01@charter.net
- Newsletter Editor: Ray Gayton-Jacob N6KZM n6kzm@cert-emcomm.net
- 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
- Sunshine Chairman: Art Sutorus AA6CA
- Website Administrator: Mike Riiff KA6VPW
- W6TJ Trustee: Don Williams KD6UVT
- Repeater Maintenance & Blood Bank Coordinator: Ron Braley KE6RYX





Congratulations to the new Board and welcome back to the returning Members.

Your service is much appreciated.



RCARA Radio Club

Please join me in welcoming the new editor of the MONITOR newsletter Ray Gayton-Jacob N6KZM. Send your news worthy articles to Ray at <a href="mailto:newsletter-news

A very warm welcome to Donna Beveridge KK6UDF as the incoming Secretary and to Larry Junker WA6PMY who will be the new Director of Communications. I look forward to my role as President of RCARA and working with the Board of Directors to make RCARA a club to be recognized and respected.

It has been my pleasure to serve as editor of the MONITOR for the past three years. Thank you to all who were so loyal and supportive and sent articles and information for publication. I trust you will do the same for Ray.

RCARA has been a long time radio club in the Riverside area for over 61 years and is the foundation for hams in all walks of life. We welcome new members, visitors and guests at our monthly meetings and hope to continue to educate, inspire and contribute to all licensed and future hams and the community.

Your suggestions and input are always welcome and we anticipate another great year ahead in 2017 and beyond.

With much gratitude and appreciation, 73

~Marlene KK6CTX







Nominations have been received for the 2016 Crawford Memorial Award and the LeJo Award. The Board unanimously agreed to accept the nominees and will present the awards to the recipients at the December 9 Christmas Party.



Public Service Announcement

Dear member,

I am writing to you today because we are nearing the end of the 114th Congress and the efforts to obtain passage of *The Amateur Radio Parity Act* are at a critical juncture. With a few short weeks left to the year, we must get this bill passed **NOW** or we will need to start all over again come January 1, 2017.

As you know, thanks to your previous efforts, the legislative efforts scored a major victory in our campaign when *the Amateur Radio Parity Act*, H.R. 1301, passed in the House of Representatives on September 12th. The legislation is now in the Senate in two forms – as H.R. 1301 and alternately in the packaged bill S. 253. We still need every Senator to approve the bill.

You are one of over 730,000 licensed Amateur Radio Operators living in the United States. Many of you already live in deed-restricted communities, and that number grows daily.

We asked you for your help in September - and you responded in great numbers. We collected over 63,000 emails that were distributed to every single U.S. Senator. That is amazing. However, with the election hiatus over, each and every Senator must be reminded that their business is not complete until this important legislation affecting hams is passed and sent to the President.

Even if you wrote in the past, we need you to write again!

ONCE AGAIN I REMIND YOU THAT NOW IS THE TIME FOR ALL HAMS TO GET INVOLVED IN THE PROCESS!

- If you want to have effective outdoor antennas but are not currently allowed to do so by your Home Owner's Association, PLEASE SEND THESE EMAILS TODAY!
- If you don't live in a deed-restricted community but you care about the future of Amateur Radio, please support your avocation and your fellow hams and SEND THESE EMAILS TODAY!

We need you to reach out one more time to your Senators TODAY! Right away Right now!

Help us in the effort. Please go to this linked website and follow the prompts:

https://arrl.rallycongress.net/ctas/urge-us-senate-to-pass-amateur-radio-parity-act

Thank you. 73

Rick Roderick, K5UR

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Thank you Jim AG6EA for sharing your "Net Etiquette" points with us at the November meeting. We appreciate the reminders.

Socializing and camaraderie took place after the meeting.





RCARA wishes you all a very Happy, Healthy and Properous New Year





FROM THE DESK OF RON BRALEY KE6RYX

Good Day Everyone:

This is my final QSO article as President for this year and I would like to thank all the Board and club members for all your wonderful support over the past two and ½ years. During the course of the 2½ years I have presided over 28 general business meetings, 31 board meeting and two going on three Christmas dinners which would not have been possible without all your support.

We have been through a lot over these 2½ years.

- Sadly 8 members or recent members of RCARA became Silent Keys
- We gained several new memberships
- Hosted two fantastic field days
- Held three wonderful well-attended potluck celebrations
- Enjoyed many terrific programs at our monthly meetings.
- Became a Non-Profit Corporation (5013C) and have received one grant, a cash donation to the club and a donation of 3 batteries.
- Celebrated our 61st Anniversary as RCARA in August with a great pot luck dinner.
- Several members have successfully upgraded their license status.

I hope everyone has had as much fun as I have. It has been an honor and privilege to serve as your President and be an active Club member.

Next year starting January 1, 2017, we will have some new board members and our new President will be Marlene Odebralski KK6CTX. We are looking forward to what surprises are in store for the club and know that everyone will support the new Board.

In closing, I hope the past years have been as much fun for you as they have been for me.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Christmas Dinner on December 9, 2016.

73,

Ron Braley KE6RYX



The best preparation for tomorrow is doing your best today.

H. Jackson Brown, Jr.



Thank you Ron for your great leadership and to all the Board Members who have given their time and efforts as volunteers for the good of RCARA

Duane KKEEE and Bob KGENIB - it has been a pleasure working with you both and we wish you well in your new endeavors. Many Thanks

NEWS YOU CAN USE (OR NOT)





RIVERSIDE COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION PUBLIC SERVICE NET 1900 HOURS; 146.880 MHz – 146.2 Hz VOLUNTEER NET CONTROL SCRIPT

7:00 pm **If there is no Net Control Operator** a volunteer should start the net, make sure you have some paper and pencil to write down the call signs. Make the following announcement:

QST, QST, This is the Riverside County Amateur Radio Association Public Service Net on the W6TJ Repeater.

In the event of an emergency, monitor the W6TJ repeater output frequency, 146.880 MHz

Net Control is YOUR_CALL and my name is YOUR_NAME. Please direct all traffic through this station. Before starting the net, is there any emergency or priority traffic at this time? If so, please come now.

Are there any bulletins or announcements? Please give your complete call sign and indicate the nature and number of announcements you have.

This YOUR_CALL, YOUR_NAME. Before I start the net, is there any emergency or priority traffic at this time? If so, please come now.

I'll now accept check-ins from members, guests and visitors by the following suffixes:

- Alpha through Golf, please give just your call sign suffix;
- Write down each suffix heard, acknowledge each and ask for the complete call sign and write it down.
- Ask again for each range of suffixes, repeat as necessary and then go to the next;
- Remember to repeat YOUR_CALL every 10 minutes
- Hotel through Mike, please give just your call sign suffix;
- November through Sierra, please give just your call sign suffix;
- Tango through Zulu, please give just your call sign suffix.
- At the end of the check-ins ask: Are there any late or missed check-ins?

When there are no more check-ins make the following announcement: This concludes the Riverside County Amateur Radio Association RACES - ARES Public Service Net, thank you to all who participated, net operator has been YOUR_CALL, YOUR_NAME.

The Riverside County Amateur Radio Association meets on the second Thursday of the month at the La Sierra University Church located at the corner of Sierra Vista and Pierce; the meeting starts at 7:00 PM. Talkin is on the W6TJ repeater. For questions about the club and this net check our W6TJ web site located at which was presented in the club's Riverside County Amateur Radio Association – RCARA Facebook page.

The cooperation of all operators during the net is appreciated. The net is now closed. This is YOUR_CALL, YOUR_NAME clear at 19 hours ## minutes local time.

If possible count check-in's by 2M and 220, email the tally to Marlene xmadamxx@aol.com,

Don kd6uvt@mac.com, Duane d.k.allen@att.com, Jim jim@jwanddw.com, Mike KA6VPW mriiff2@omail.com

Hungry Hams Lunch Bunch



Due to the holidays, busy social schedules and the fact that Back Street Café will be closed for part of December and all of January, the regularly scheduled gathering of the Tuesday lunch group will be cancelled for December.

For January, we can meet at another location. If you have a suggestion for a quality restaurant, let me know and I will check if they are open to hosting our group.

Marlene KK6CTX

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LINKS OF POSSIBLE INTEREST



Amateur Radio Ham Radio Maidenhead Grid Square Locator Map

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

Interesting Ham Related Links

http://www.arrl.org/

http://www.arrl.org/gst

http://www.manualman.com

http://73s.com/

REPEATER LIST

http://rptrlist.w6jpl.ampr.org/

ALL ABOUT BATTERIES

http://www.batteriesamerica.com/

ECHO LINK INFO

http://www.echolink.org/

<u>IRLP LINK INFO</u>

http://www.irlp.net/





DECEMBER BURTHDAYS

We hope your birthday
brings each of you many
special memories for many
years to come!







Jeffrey Hamnold KWEMOT - Dec. 5

Charles Hotchkiss WAEWQD - Dec. 14

Donna Beveridge KKEUDF - DEC. 21

Paul Staggs - Dec. 27





DAY/TIME	WEEKLY NETS	INFORMATION
Every Sunday at 8:30 AM	RACES PUBLIC SERVICE NET, 3.945 MHz	Don Williams KD6UVT kd6uvt@ard.net
Every Monday at 7:00 PM	RACES/ARES PUBLIC SERVICE NET, 146.880 MHz, Minus, 146.2 PL	Marlene KK6CTX
Last Monday of the month at 7:00 PM	RACES/ARES PUBLIC SERVICE NET, 146.880 MHz, NO PL – SIMPLEX	Marlene <u>KK6CTX</u> xmadamxx@aol.com
Every Tuesday at 7:00 PM	Emcomm Net KB6OZX 445.060 PL 162.2	Rick KK6CTT Rngr86@juno.com
	MONTHLY EVENTS	
1 ST Monday of the month 6:00 PM	RACES MEETING December 5, 2016	Don Williams KD6UVT kd6uvt@arrl.net
2 nd Thursday of the month 7:00 PM - NO DEC. MEETING	RCARA HOLIDAY PARTY – 6:00 PM FRI. DECEMBER 9, 2016	Ron Braley (951) 369-5149
1 ST Saturday of the month 1:30 PM By appointment only	VE Testing, Corona	TBD
SWAP MEETS	LOCATION	SPONSOR
2 ND Saturday of the month 7:00 AM	Cable Airport, Upland	IEARC Karen KJ6HFX <u>karen92316@yahoo.co</u> <u>m</u>

UPCOMING EVENTS	DATE	INFORMATION
RACES MEETING	Monday, December 5, 2016 6:00 PM	Don Williams KD6UVT <mark>kd6uvt@arrl.net</mark>
RCARA CLUB MEETING AND BOARD MEETING	NO MEETING – DECEMBER 8, 2016	Ron Braley (951) 369-5149
RCARA CLUB MEETING	In lieu of regular meeting: FRIDAY DECEMBER 9, 2016 CHRISTMAS PARTY 6:00 PM KOUNTRY FOLKS RESTAURANT	RSVP TO: Marlene Madamax Caol.com or Ron Braley (951) 353-5149
Field Days: Details will be forthcoming as they develop	Last weekend in June Sat./Sun. June 24-25, 2017	AMATEUR RADIO (1) FIELD DAY (2) Public Welcome!
Christmas Day	December 25, 2016	

Christmas facts:

- The world's BIGGEST Christmas present was from France to the United States of America in 1886 and it was the Statue of Liberty.
- **Make** sure that you do not eat Holly berries, they are poisonous.
- The song "Jingle Bells" was actually written for Thanksgiving but later became more popular around Christmas Time.
- The Christmas Tree was first introduced by Queen Victoria in 1846. If you received all the gifts from the song "The Twelve Days of Christmas" you would have 364 presents



