

**Newsletter of the
Riverside County Amateur
Radio Association**

**THE
MONITOR**

JANUARY

2016
HAPPY NEW YEAR

Welcome to the Riverside County
Amateur Radio Association

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

Newsletter. Our club has been serving
the Riverside area for 60 years and we
have over 80 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**

Happy New Year



~ REMINDERS ~

Submit your newsworthy articles and suggested publications by the 25th of the month to be included in the next edition of THE MONITOR to Marlene KK6CTX via email at XMADAMXX@AOL.COM



**Annual dues for 2016 are now payable. Ed Morgan KF6BNQ (Membership Chairman) will be happy to receive your renewal application and payment at the January 14 meeting or Contact him at: Phone: (951) 689-1917
EMAIL: edjmorg@aol.com**

For meeting location and information, visit our webpage at www.w6tj.org



We are in the on-going process of updating our web site. Let me know if you have been a licensed ham club member for more than 25 years so you can be added to the "Old Timers" list xmadamxx@aol.com

**Please note: Information to be disseminated to all R.C.A.R.A. Club Members via email should be forwarded to Marlene KK6CTX for distribution
xmadamxx@aol.com**

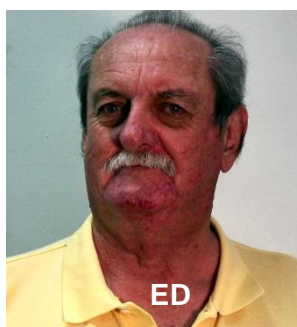
Help us keep current ... Make sure your information and any changes are updated by letting Membership Chairman Ed Morgan know at edjmorg@aol.com Or (951) 689-1917

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 - edimorg@aol.com
- Communications Director: Bob Trujillo – KG6NIB – solementebob@yahoo.com

Appointed Club Officers for 2016:

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





December Christmas Party/Meeting

Self-introductions were made by the members and guests present. The business portion commenced:



Riverside County Amateur Radio Association Business Meeting Kountry Folks Restaurant, Riverside, California December 11, 2015

1. Club President Ron Braley, KE6RYX called the business meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Bob Trujillo, KG6NIB moved for RCARA to purchase a Yaesu Fusion Repeater for \$500 before the end of a 2015 promotional offer. Ted Stough, KK6HTJ seconded the motion.
 - a. Don Williams, KD6UVT provided cost analysis of three options for upgrading the club's repeater including the Fusion system option.
 - b. Mike Anderson, W6OSO provided his observations of technical and operational performance associated with Yaesu Fusion Repeaters purchased by amateurs in Moreno Valley.
 - c. A procedural motion was made and seconded to include the proxy votes that had been received by Marlene Odebralski, KK6CTX. The procedural motion carried.
 - d. A call for vote on the motion was made. Five aye votes were cast and, with the three aye proxy votes, a total of eight ayes were cast for the motion. Fifteen nay votes were casted. The motion did not carry.
3. The 2015 LeJo Perpetual Award recipient is Butch Dimery, KI6ZKP.
4. The 2015 Harry Crawford Memorial Award recipient is Jim Weaver, AG6JN.
5. The 2015 Most Check-ins recipient is Ron Braley, KE6RYX.

Duane Allen, N6JPO, RCARA Secretary



Happy New Year

President's QSO

FROM THE DESK OF RON BRALEY KE6RYX

Good Day Everyone,

I hope each of you had a terrific Christmas and New Year celebration. On behalf of the Board, we thank all of our members for their support during 2015; the year of our 60th anniversary.

At our January meeting, we will discuss goals and opportunities for our club for the coming year.

Looking forward to seeing many of you on January 14, 2016, at our regular club meeting.

73, Ron KE6RYX

**RCARA has updated its Facebook page with all our programs through June.
Check out "Riverside County Amateur Radio Association – RCARA"**

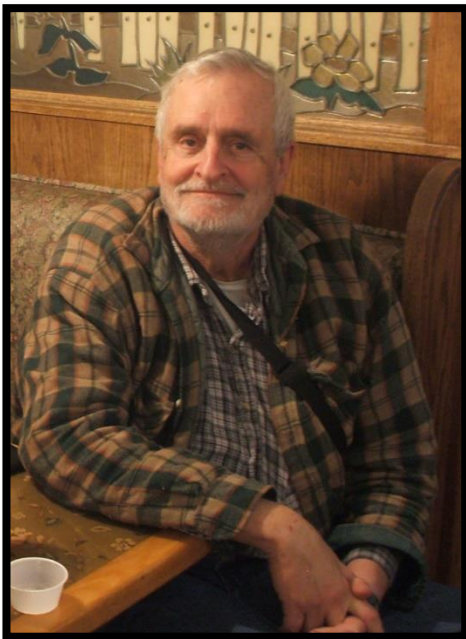
<https://www.facebook.com/RCARA.W6TJ/>

Photos --- December 2015 Christmas Party



I saw Jean kissing Santa Clause underneath the mistletoe!









Jim Weaver AG6JN was the 2015 Recipient of the Harry Crawford Award

Well-deserved CONGRATULATIONS!

NEWS YOU CAN USE (OR NOT)



RCARA's Public Service Net

Some of you are aware that the Riverside County Amateur Radio Association hosts its RACES - ARES Public Service Net; I say some of you because we rarely get more than about 1/3 of our membership checking in. The net is held on our W6TJ repeater, 146.880 MHz (-) ctcss 146.2 each Monday night at 19:00 hours (7:00 PM). We stir things up on the last Monday of the month; the Net operates simplex on the repeater output frequency with no ctcss tone.

We currently have four experienced Net Control Stations (NCS), Jim AG6JN, Duane N6JPO; Marlene KK6CTX and Jeff KK6RKO. I fill in on the months with 5 Mondays when I can.

While it doesn't happen often, there are times when one of our NCS is unable to call the net. Another NCS may take it over but we would like to encourage our other members to become spontaneous volunteers and call the net for us. Some of you have even asked for a copy of our net script. Our net control operators have worked together to prepare a simple net script that any member might use as a spontaneous volunteer.

The Volunteer Net Script fits on one page to make it easy to follow and it doesn't require the operator to follow a club or net roster. Instead the NCS ask for check-ins by call sign suffix; first Alpha (A) through Golf (G), then Hotel (H) through Mike (M), November (N) through Sierra (S) and lastly Tango (T) through Zulu (Z). Stations are also asked to give only their call sign suffix to make it easier for the NCS to note each station on their log. Net Control then calls each station by suffix and asks for their complete call sign to finalize the log. Net Control may not hear some stations and will ask for other stations to relay. This method of calling the net is useful when the operator doesn't have access to all their records, might be assigned a resource or emergency net where they don't know all stations within their station or the repeater coverage area and it avoids wasting time calling a large roster to find that many stations can't or don't check in.

Please print out the script and keep it handy. We'll also find a spot to put it on the club W6TJ Web site where it can be downloaded; you never know when you might be the first station on the air during an emergency and have to call the net.

Don KD6UVT
Vice President RCARA

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

7:00 pm If 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, 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.

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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. Talk-in is on the W6TJ repeater. For questions about the club and this net check our W6TJ web site located at www.w6tj.org or 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.

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

Don kd6uvt@mac.com, Duane n6jpo@arri.net, Brad brad.coleman@verizon.net, Jim jim@jwaddw.com

UPCOMING 2016 RCARA CLUB MEETING PRESENTATIONS

JANUARY 14

We will host hands-on sessions on radio programming, building a radio-computer interface for digital modes and HF, VHF & UHF antenna construction.

FEBRUARY 11

RCARA will host speaker Ed Sherman and his program on SKYWARN, a National Weather Service volunteer program that includes weather spotters and amateur radio.

Check out the link for more information: <http://www.nws.noaa.gov/skywarn/>

MARCH 10

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.

APRIL 14

Mike WA6WAR will give talk on the Pacific Seafarers (20 meter on 14300 kHz) Net. Silent Key Tom Whelchel WA6TLL was a regular operator on the Seafarers Net. Come hear about the net and its service to family and friends of seagoing vessels. For more information on the net:

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

MAY12 - TBD

JUNE 9 – FINAL PLANNING FOR FIELD DAYS 2016

Amateur Radio Examinations

Amateur Radio Examinations for all classes administered on the first Saturday of each month at 9:00 AM at the Norco Fire Station located at the corner of Sixth Street and Hilltop Drive in Norco, CA by appointment only.

There are many sites on the web that offer practice test sessions. Here are a few of those sites where you may go to take the practice tests:

[ARRL EXAM SESSION](#)
[AMATEUR RADIO EXAM PRACTICE](#)
[QRZ HAM RADIO PRACTICE TESTS](#)
[eHam EXAMS](#)

Contact one of the following for further information

Rick Diaz - NQ7RD	(951) 790-2213	NQ7RD@arrl.net
Perry Locke - AE6GQ	(951) 279-4636	cpl2602@hotmail.com
Dick Schepler - AF6F	(951) 371-5256	dschepler@juno.com

New SoCal Ham Swap Meet

CLAREMONT AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY Presents:

An AMATEUR RADIO SWAP MEET - DATE: 3rd. SATURDAY OF THE MONTH –

START DATE: JANUARY 16, 2016

TIME: 6 AM – 11 AM - NO ENTRY BEFORE 6 AM

LOCATION: GRANITE CREEK COMMUNITY CHURCH ADDRESS: 1580 N. CLAREMONT BLVD. CLAREMONT, CA 91711

THE SWAP MEET WILL BE HELD IN THE PARKING LOT ADJACENT TO THE CHURCH.

Granite Creek Community Church is not involved in this event beyond the use of the parking lot. Claremont Amateur Radio Society is the sole sponsor of the event. (Please see contact information below)

ENTRY IS FREE TO VISIT - ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST HAVE VACATED THE AREA NO LATER THAN 11:00 AM - NO EXCEPTIONS.

SELLERS \$10.00 PER SPACE

SELLERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR CLEANING THEIR IMMEDIATE AREA BEFORE LEAVING.

PLEASE BE RESPECTFUL OF YOUR SURROUNDINGS BECAUSE THIS SWAP MEET IS IN A RESIDENTIAL LOCATION.

THIS IS CONSIDERED AN ELECTRONIC RELATED EVENT, SO PLEASE CONSIDER WHEN BRINGING ITEMS FOR SALE. ONLY BRING ITEMS RELATED TO AMATEUR RADIO, ELECTRONICS, COMMUNICATIONS, PARTS AND MATERIALS THAT ARE OR CAN BE USED FOR THESE ACTIVITIES.

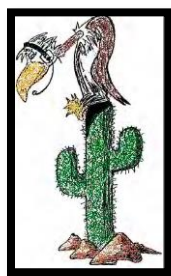
All interaction is private between attendees and C.A.R.S. takes no responsibility for transactions conducted during this event.

IF ADDITIONAL INFO IS NEEDED PLEASE CONTACT: KG6AB@YAHOO.COM
C.A.R.S. Chairperson/Event Coordinator

2016 SW Division Convention

Yuma Hamfest

Yuma, Arizona



Feb. 19 & 20, 2016

Yuma County Fairgrounds

2520 East 32nd Street, Yuma, Arizona

www.yumahamfest.org

Check the Website for Additional Information

Gates Open for Camping

Thursday, 2 pm

Vendor Setup

Friday, 7 am - Noon

Event Hours

Friday, Noon - 5 pm

Saturday, 8 am - 5 pm

Hamfest Dinner &

Grand Prize Drawing

Saturday Night

6:00 - 8:00 pm

Vendors & Exhibitors Tailgating (Swap Meet)

Consignment Sales Full Seminar Schedule

License Testing DXCC Card Checking

Hourly Door Prizes Incredible Grand Prizes

On-site RV Camping Emergency Preparedness

Hamfest Dinner Admission Prize

ARRL Speaker Hospitality Area

Transmitter Hunt Near Space Balloon Launch

\$5.00 Admission Antenna Clinic

Hamfest Talk-In Frequency: 146.840 (–) PL 88.5 Hz

Email Contact: info@yumahamfest.org

Presented by the Yuma Amateur Radio Hamfest Organization

RCARA and RACES plans to participate at this event with a booth and demonstrations. Please let Bob KG6NIB know if you are available to volunteer solementebob@yahoo.com

**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!

Antique & Classic/Warbird Fly-Ins Encouraged!

Fly-Ins Welcome From 7:00-9:30 AM - Airport Closed for Airshow From 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM



This aerobatic Warbird's air demonstration gives you a first hand look at what our U.S. fighter pilots were taught during



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!

Member Report

From the desk of Jim Anthony AD6FR

I managed to squeeze in a few 10 meter contest QSO's on Sunday December 13th. I worked 26 stations mostly on CW. The band opened up to the East coast at about 9AM so I managed to work 17 States, Canada, and Columbia. I haven't been on HF for quite a while, so I had quite a bit of fun in the contest and am now motivated to get on more often.

If anyone is interested in getting in on some contesting, here is a great Contest Calendar website:

<http://www.dxzone.com/cgi-bin/dir/jump2.cgi?ID=238>

Jim Anthony AD6FR

Hungry Hams Lunch Bunch



**For January, we will meet at 11:00 a.m. on
Wednesday, January 20, 2016**

**At the Smokey Canyon BBQ
5225 Canyon Crest Drive, #9
Riverside 92507**

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

**Please let me know if you will be attending so reservations
can be made: Marlene KK6CTX xmadamxx@aol.com**

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/qst>

<http://www.manualman.com>

<http://73s.com/>

REPEATER LIST

<http://rpترلist.w6ipl.ampr.org/>

ALL ABOUT BATTERIES

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

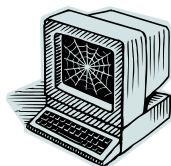
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ECHO LINK INFO

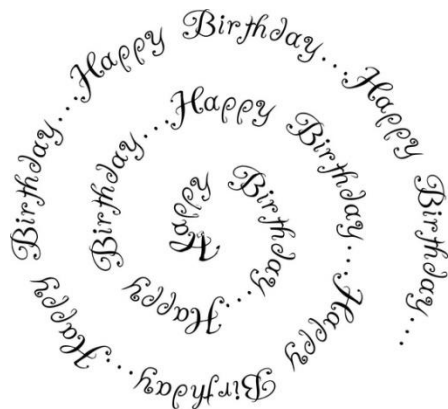
<http://www.echolink.org/>

IRLP LINK INFO

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



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS



Birthdays are filled with yesterday's
memories, today's joys and
tomorrow's dreams



David Bell N6DJB - January 6

Steve Evans AF6HR - January 16

Arvid KK6BPR - Johnson January 25

Jeff Lloyd N6FRW - January 3


Jim Weaver AG5JH - January 30

Happy Birthday wishes for a grand and
fun celebration of your personal holiday

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



DAY/TIME	WEEKLY NETS	INFORMATION
very Sunday at 8:30 AM	Riverside County RACES/ARES HF Net, 3945 kHz, LSB	Don Williams KD6UVT kd6uvt@arri.net
Every Monday at 7:00 PM	RACES/ARES PUBLIC SERVICE NET, 146.880 MHz, Minus, 146.2 PL	Ron Braley KE6RYX (951) 369-5149 or Don Williams KD6UVT kd6uvt@arri.net
Last Monday of the month at 7:00 PM	RACES/ARES PUBLIC SERVICE NET, 146.880 MHz, NO PL – SIMPLEX	Ron Braley KE6RYX (951) 369-5149 or Don Williams KD6UVT kd6uvt@arri.net
Every Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM	CERT EmComm Net KB6OZX REPEATER 445.060 negative offset tones of 162.2 in & out	Rick Schirmer Mgr86@juno.com
Every Tuesday at 7:30 PM	QCWA NET 145.580 – SIMPLEX	TBD
DAY/TIME	MONTHLY EVENTS	INFORMATION
1 ST Monday of the month 6:00 PM	Riverside District RACES Meeting Monday February 1, 2016 4080 Lemon St. Riverside, CA	District Emergency Coordinator Ron Braley KE6RYX (951) 369-5149

2 nd Thursday of the month 7:00 P	RCARA CLUB MEETING January 14, 2016 See website for details: www.w6tj.org	Ron Braley (951) 369-5149
SWAP MEETS	EVENT	SPONSOR
Every Saturday and Sunday from approximately 1200 – 1500 hours	Weekly West Coast Swap Meet on the air 7240 KHz	
TRW SWAP MEET Last Saturday of the month	Northrop Grumman Parking Lot Marine Ave. & Aviation Blvd. Manhattan Beach	TBD
UPCOMING EVENTS	DATE	INFORMATION
Riverside District RACES MEETING	MONDAY, February 1, 2016 6:00 PM	District Emergency Coordinator Ron Braley KE6RYX (951) 369-5149
RCARA BOARD MEETING	THURSDAY, January 14, 2016 6:00 PM	Ron Braley KE6RYX (951) 369-5149
RCARA MEETING	THURSDAY, January 14, 2016 7:00 PM For location see W6TJ.ORG web site	Club President Ron Braley (951) 369-5149
HUNGRY HAMS LUNCH BUNCH every 3 rd Wednesday	WEDNESDAY January 20, 2016 – 11:00 am Smokey Canyon BBQ 5225 Canyon Crest Dr. #9	RSVP MARLENE xmadamxx@aol.com
ANNUAL FIELD DAYS Volunteers being solicited	4 th FULL WEEKEND IN JUNE JUNE 24-26. 2016	DETAILS WILL BE POSTED AS THEY BECOME AVAILABLE