Newsletter of the Riverside County Amateur Radio Association

THE MONITOR

JULY 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 25th of the month to be included in the next edition of THE MONITOR to Marlene KK6CTX via email at

XMADAMXX@AOL.COM

The next RCARA Club Meeting will be on Thursday, JULY 14, 2016, at 7:00 p.m.

Guest Speaker

Kevin Zanjani, KI6DHQ, from Bioenno Power, located in Santa Ana will be presenting an overview

on LiFePO4 (lithium iron phosphate) batteries for use in ham radio and solar applications including

its advantages over other battery technologies, typical setups, how to perform basic run-time

calculations, and frequently asked questions.

He will also bring out various LiFePO4 batteries, Powerpacks and Solar Related products

https://www.bioennopower.com/

Thanks Larry WA6PMY for securing this speaker which is sure to be an interesting presentation

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FD Chair Larry WA6PMY will give a progress report update on the successes and fun experienced at 2016 Field day

Congratulations

After 44-years as a General Class Licensee, Bil WA6MOD is now an Amateur Extra!

Great job!

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 – d.k.allen@att.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 would like to begin by thanking Larry WA6PMY and his committee for organizing and putting on a fantastic Field Day. I would also like to thank all those that participated at Field Day and the Riverside Press Enterprise for the articles and pictures in the Saturday and Sunday newspapers. There will be a recap of all the Field Day events at the July meeting.

 I hope to see everyone at the meeting July 14th.

 73,

Ron KE6RYX

Riverside County Amateur Radio Association

Business Meeting, June 9, 2016

<u>In attendance</u>

Ron Braley, KE6RYX, President
Jim Wiley, AG6EA, Treasurer
Duane Allen, N6JPO, Secretary
Ed Morgan, KF6BNQ, Membership
Marlene Odebralski, KK6CTX, Newsletter Editor

<u>Absent</u>

Don Williams KD6UVT, Vice President
Bob Trujillo, KG6NIB, Communications Director

<u>Guest</u>

Larry Junker WA6PMY, Field Day 2016 Chair

Subject to intense heat conditions:

The Hungry Hams Lunch Bunch will meet on Tuesday, July 19, 2016 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

Confirmation or cancellation will be sent via email

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Links to help "technify" your ham experience

http://www.arrl.org/

http://www.qrz.com

www.hamradio.com/

http://www.eham.net

http://www.arrl.org/qst

http://www.manualman.com

http://73s.com/

REPEATER LIST

http://rptrlist.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/

The Ten Cent Modification You Can Do to Double Your Radio's Range

http://codegreenprep.com/2013/07/the-ten-cent-modification-you-can-do-to-double-your-radios-range/

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

July BIRTHDAYS

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James Wiley AE6EA – July 15

Ray Gayton-Jacob N6KZM – July 17

Grace Lloyd N6WPA – July 18

Albert Cruse KA6YKT – July 22

Dave Koss KI6WJH – July 23

Red Cauthen KA6JAZ – July 26

Steve Phillips KJ6MGD – July 28

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DAY/TIME	WEEKLY NETS	INFORMATION
EVERY SUNDAY 8:30 AM	RIVERSIDE COUNTY RACES/ARES HF NET 3945 kHz, LSB	DON WILLIAMS KD6UVT kd6uvt@arrl.net
EVERY MONDAY 7:00 PM **The net will be held as scheduled on Monday, July 4, 2016**	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. kg6nib@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. kg6nib@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
EVERY TUESDAY 1900 HRS	RIVERSIDE COUNTY SKYWARN NET 447.480 MHz – DUPLEX PL 156.7 (WEST COUNTY) 145.340 – DUPLEX PL 107.2 (EAST COUNTY	Ed Sherman edsherman@wxbos.org
WHEN	**MONTHLY EVENTS**	**CONTACT**
3rd 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	**NO RACES MEETING JULY 4, 2016**	Ron Braley, EC (951) 369-5149
RCARA **BOARD** MEETING 6:00 PM RCARA **REGULAR** MEETING 7:00 PM	THURSDAY, JULY 14, 2016 LA SIERRA UNIVERSITY CHURCH 4937 SIERRA VISTA AVE. RIVERSIDE, CA 92504	Ron Braley, President (951) 369-5149 www.w6tj.org
ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY	6:00 PM - FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2016 KOUNTRY FOLKS RESTAURANT	RSVP: Ron Braley (951) 369-5149 Marlene: xmadamxx@aol.com

SOME OF THE "STARS" OF FIELD DAY 2016

FIELD DAY 2016

In spite of the intense heat wave, several brave souls ventured out to this year's Field Day event at the California Citrus State Historical Park. The location proved to be most satisfactory and the accommodations served our purpose quite well.

There was a large covered shelter and plenty of picnic tables, tall trees and several flat areas. The restrooms were clean and in close proximity to the set ups. The park rangers were very cooperative and made every effort to make the event pleasant.

Several volunteers showed up on Friday to set up two stations, a GOTA station and a satellite station.   On Saturday, the Boy Scouts from Troop #2 opened the official Field Days with a flag ceremony and the Pledge of Allegiance which added a colorful touch.

We had plenty of cold water, soda and gator aid to keep everyone well hydrated. The club provided lunch on Friday for the volunteers and as usual, members and guests donated a wide variety of culinary delights for Saturday's Pot Luck.

There are so many to thank for their donations of time, equipment and assorted other necessities.

In no specific order, we are grateful to the following:

Larry WA6PMY, Field Day Chair and his able committee

Thomas Junker who was a major player in handling the heavy lifting and being an excellent "gopher" as needed

Bob KG6NIB and Chris KQ6UP who set up the stations, antennas and satellite station with the able assistance of Jim AG6JN, Ed KF6BNQ, Brad N6GTC as well as several others

The Boy Scouts from Troop #2 and their able leader Mike N6TKR

The EmComm Group: Rick KK6CTT, Ray N6KZM, Chaplin Dave and several others who set up and maintained the GOTA station and provided overnight security

Jeff KW6MOT brought his unique bicycle mobile and helped with overnight security and loaned us the portable PA system. He also served as Safety Officer which added points

West Coast Battery donated 3 12 volt batteries, facilitated by Tom WW7T who made the initial contact and helped secure the batteries

Big Five Sporting Goods donated several door prizes and we thank Rick KK6CTT for his part in obtaining the items.

Riverside City Fire Department, Captain Tim supplied and delivered coolers and ice throughout the event

Donna KK6UDF donated 5 cases of water and helped with the pot luck set up

Juan KK6LJK brought a cooler full of ice and gator aid

Mike KA6VPW loaned us 2 of his personal generators, fuel cans and a heavy duty extension cord

Jim AG6EA supplied the loan of his personal generator, fuel and a battery charger

Mathew Thurman did an excellent job of photographing the event all three days and was my right hand assistant in loading, moving equipment and other duties as needed

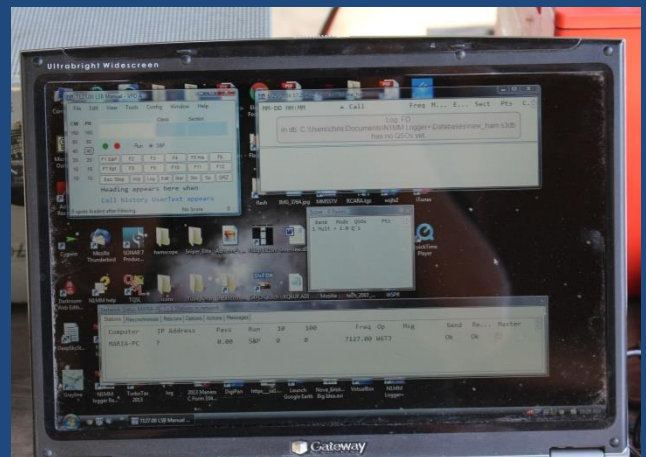Kay KCOSMH from Country Village who assisted with the pot luck set up and much needed support

Bob Randleman N6CEU who spent a lot of time making contacts

Everyone else who attended and contributed to the success of this event. I apologize if I have left anyone off the list … it certainly was not intentional

The Yaesu FT-60R HT raffle prize was won by Bob KG6NIB. Congratulations Bob and thank you to all who supported this endeavor.

In conclusion, I ask that you send me your thoughts, suggestions and observations so that we can make improvements where necessary for future events. Constructive criticism is welcome.

GOTA
GET ON
THE AIR

DISASTER COMMUNICATIONS

RIVERSIDE COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION

...AND THE SUN SETS ON YET ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL FUN-FILLED FIELD DAY 2016

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO!