

MINIMONITORFLASH

#25 February, 2024

Hi RCARA Hams

Thursday, February 8, 2024, 6pm

KOUNTRY FOLKS RESTAURANT

3653 LA SIERRA AVE

RIVERSIDE, CA

GENERAL MEETING, ALL WELCOME

What were you doing Wednesday night, about 7:40ish, January 24 in this new year?

Yes, you felt it, that 4.2 earthquake near Colton. So how do you get info when there is no local news show between 7 and 8 pm. **Who do you call!!!!**

Why, you punch **buttons of course**: power supply, Yaesu 991A, band 146.880, Transmit AJ6MF and who do you hear? Why, the RCARA Director of Communications KE6RYX, Ron Braley. He answers your call, relates what he knows in that short time and **PRESTO**, you have just experienced real time emergency communication about a **REAL** event of potential importance. Another female Ham voice reports in and now you realize why we have a Monday night Net at 7pm every week.

As I write this, the rain is pounding outside, my rain gauge is past one inch, climbing into 2, my TV displays "**Spectrum Emergency Alert System details channel**", my power is on so I have lights and heat, and my Yaesu reads 146.880, but on a similar rainy night in 2018, when I was a new Ham, I heard a RCARA Ham report that her power was out and she was transmitting under battery power. Other Hams answered to inquire if she needed help, groceries or anything else they could do for her. She reported she was ok. Now, as we sit in our warm, dry homes and watch the news of the disasters others are experiencing during this Atmospheric River/Pineapple Express rain event, maybe we should take our Net more seriously and think of ways to make it relevant to our life experiences.

Bring ideas, enthusiasm, tales of contacts made and QSLs received, and dues to be paid!

See you **Thursday, February 8, 2024 at 6pm**

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Madeleine AJ6MF