

RCARA MEETING (General)

Meeting Type: General

Meeting Location: Emergency Operation Center Riverside City

Date: 08 May-2025

Meeting start time: 07:09 PM **Meeting end time:** 08:24 PM

In Person Attendees: See attached in person attendance sheet.

Zoom attendees: Shannon KO6AYV, Ron KE6RYX, Loreen KO6ACY, Mike KM6LOR, Eric KB6VPI, Marlene KK6CTX

Presidents opening (Steve):

- Declare the meeting open and welcome everyone.
- AISTAR Node Linking project update
 - Repeater Trustee, Don KD6UVT has obtained the first AllStar Link node number (648091) and we can start building the necessary hubs and linking nodes.
- POTA 19 April Review
 - We had 9 folks attend the POTA event at Lake Perris SRA and 3 operators that participated in activating the park. Ed AJ6ET, Juan AJ6PH and Steve W7DTH combined to make 40 contacts. We also had one gentleman that was studying for his ticket and took a club card.
- The Club Coffee Machine has been purchased along with two kinds of coffee. I will bring it to the general meeting at the EOC/ Field day events.
- A response email to Lieutenant Collopy, RPD's inquiry has been submitted...we are hoping they will attend our event.

Vice Presidents Report (John):

- NA

Secretary Report (Shannon):

- Approval of 10 April2025 General Meeting Minutes
 - Motion by Juan AJ6PH and seconded by Chris KM6LOQ. Voted to be approved: YES
- Field Day Planning Meeting one was held on 23 April 2025 via zoom (8 attended)
 - appointed Adrian KO6DEZ and Sandy KK6CVV as safety officers for the event
 - Planning meeting number two scheduled for 14 May 2025 at 7pm via zoom
 - Need volunteers for: [These are the volunteers from tonight's meeting](#)
 - GOTA (KO6DEZ call sign assigned):
 - Listening stations: [Marlene KK6CTX](#), [Eric KB6VPI](#),
 - Sat 0700- 1300 [Mike KM6LOR](#)
 - Sat 1300- 1800 [Eric KB6VPI](#)
 - Sun 0700- 1100
 - SETUP (Sat 0700-1100): [Mike KM6LOR](#)
 - Welcome/ Information Table:
 - Sat 0700-1300 [Patty and Allan](#)
 - Sat 1300- 1800 [Mike KM6LOR](#)
 - Sat 1800- sun 0700- [All overnight operators will assist](#)

- Sun 0700- 1100
- Tear Down (Sun 0900- 1300): [Mike KM6LOR](#)
- Food and beverage refreshing and restocking: Sandy KK6CVV
- Raffle:
- CERT: Adrian KO6DEZ, Shannon KO6AYV, Rick KK6CTT(teaching)

Additional considerations- Please no pets this year, some members with severe allergies.... Also no overnight camping gear can be set up till after dark and must be removed upon awakening in AM as the park police have asked us not to encourage camping

Treasure Report (Jim):

- Checking account balance 7050.29, saving balance 3068.29
- 70th anniversary party Gift Certificates and some field day supplies yet to be purchased

Membership Report (Adrian):

- Member count at 60+ members active for 2025
 - 3 more submitted applications but we are waiting on payments
 - 10 more were members last year that have not renewed yet for this year and are inactive at the moment
 - Welcome our 3 new members Dan N6DPG, Lynn KI6EQP, Eric KB6VPI
 - Roughly +50% of club members are also ARRL members

Facebook followers are currently at about 115 and growing.

Communications (Ron):

- A report was made and the Communications tech from the Riverside County will follow up and do maintenance check on the 220 link

Webmaster/Net Control Report (Juan):

- Website: No major issues, forced upgrades are in progress which is causing issues with some of the links Shannon and Steve have notified Juan of many of these and he is in process of trying to recover those links, if anyone sees any link issues please reach out to Juan so he can work on them.
- Echolink: No issues
- Net: April had an average of 30 check-ins. Maximum: 35, Minimum: 26
 - Anyone wanting Net Control practice please reach out to Juan so he can schedule you and give you access to needed documents or have you net shadow.
 - Reminder we also have the Tuesday night 6 meter informal chat net
 - Post earthquake or event nets (Unscheduled check in nets)
 - Use W6TJ repeater
 - Any operator can activate this type of net, announce purpose, disseminate any info regarding the event you have, ask for emergency or priority traffic, ask for check in and record/log who checked in and with what status updates. Shannon will work on some templates and submit to Juan for approval and possible posting.
 - Relay any emergency traffic as appropriate and instruct the person to try to call 911 even if no service (bars show) as 911 calls will be picked up by any and all nearby cell towers regardless of the providers so 911 calls may go through when no others will.
 - For events that trigger an Emergency Operations Center Activation here in Riverside City know that it may take an hour or two for the EOC to be fully

staffed, your typed log of what damages and who needed help where should be forwarded to any board member or ARES operator so we can relay that information to the EOC and they can provide follow up for those residents.

- Immediate threats to life or property should be immediately called into 911 by the person requesting help or relayed by our net operator if need be. DO NOT WAIT TO NOTIFY 911 IF LIFE OR PROPERTY ARE IN IMMEDIATE THREAT OR DANGER.

Old Business:

- 70th anniversary cake and gift certificates are still in the works for October

New Business:

- NA

Announcements/Other

- Rick KK6CTT- In event of a true disaster/emergency people will use whatever communications they have and as HAM operators we will miss many distress and information updates if we are not also listening and communicating to FRS/GMRS.
 - For practice at FRS/GMRS there is a Monday Night Woods Street and Beyond net on channel 3 (462.6125) at 8pm
 - GMRS is capable of using certain repeaters and can mimic HAM 70cm bands
 - FRS is more local (block level com's)

Madeline AJ6MF- Updates and experiences at Dx Convention and Big Bear HAM event

Great learning opportunities and lots of interesting breakout activities

would recommend these events for anyone interested in the future

Microphone fright tips

YLRL.org group was present and maybe of interest to some operators

Presentations:

- None this evening

Upcoming Events

- 70th anniversary logo T-shirts still available and on sale tonight
 - Board is considering a future order if these sell out.
- Field day 28-29 June 2025
 - Planning meeting number 2 scheduled for 14 May 2025 at 7 pm via zoom
- 70th Anniversary Party at October 09 meeting

In-person give-a-way or 50/50 raffle:

- *Grand Prize Cable Management Organizer kit- Mike KM6LOR*
- *Choice of donated antenna equip or stickers and items from recent events went to: Scott KN6OEH , Rick KK6CTT, Anthony KO6APP, and Michele KO6CVX*



Riverside County Amateur Radio Association

General Meeting Sign-in

	Name	Call Sign (if any)	RCARA Member (Y/N)
1	Juan Mejia	AJ6PH	Y
2	Steve Delong	W7DHF	YES
3	Phillip Stacholski	KF5BLI	N
4	Danny Gabrielson	N6DPG	Y
5	Lynne Gabrielson	KI6EQP	Y
6	Scott Couper	KN6OEH	Y
7	Adrian Brown	KO6PEZ	Yes
8	Mike Yasner	KA6LOR	Yes
9	Ken Lewallen	KN6LWQ	
10	Michele Lewallen	KO6CVX	yes
11	Jim Wiley	AG6GA	Y
12	RAY HALL	KD6RVK	Y
13	Bruce Spieker	W6SOW	Y
14	ASSUNta Maria Vickers	KJ6FQP	N
15	RICK SCHIRMER	KK6CTT	Y
16	ANTHONY NOLAND	KO6APP	Y
17	Christopher Acosta	KM6LOQ	Y
18	Nina Acosta		N
19	Don Williams	KD6UVT	Y
20	Madeleine Haase	AS6GMF	Y
21	Jackie Martin	KO6HTA	Y