

Riverside County Amateur Radio Association

# RCARA MEETING (General)

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Meeting Type: General

Meeting Location: Kountry Folks Restaurant, Riverside

Date: 12 -June-2025

Meeting start time: 610 PM      Meeting end time: 750 PM

Attendees: See attached attendance sheet for In-person attendees

Zoom attendees: Shannon KO6AYV, Jackie KO6HTA, Don AG6HQ, Marlene KK6CTX

Presidents opening (Steve):

- Declare the meeting open and welcome everyone
- All Star Node Project is still in progress
- FD invite updates
  - Riverside PD has been working with Steve and is planning on sending a representative
  - RFD and the City EOC have both informed to shannon they are working on sending a representative as well if able
- We were sadly notified today of the passing of one more of our beloved members N6KZM Ray Gayton- Jacob (also known as "Ray-Ray" or "gator")  
We will do a SK ceremony for him on this Monday nights net  
Shannon volunteered to send the family a condolence card from RCARA if someone can get an address to send it to.  
Ray was very active in community and service to others via CERT/RCARA/EMCOMM/ V.A./Red Cross and as a former law enforcement officer

Vice Presidents Report (John):

- None

Secretary Report (Shannon):

- Approval of 08-May-2025 General Meeting Minutes
  - Motion by Shannon KO6AYV and seconded by Chris KM6LOQ. Voted to be approved: YES
- Field day planning is completed, see everyone at the event, please take photos if you attend the event and post them to our website- even better if you do so with #ARRLFD

Treasure Report (Jim):

- Checking balance 6469.86 (close of month of May)
  - Deposits 254.17
  - Withdrawals 834.87
- Savings balance 3848.45 (close of month of May)
- FD raffle tickets are on sale at tonight's meeting for any who wish to participate in the raffle but are unable to attend the event

Membership Report (Adrian):

- Member count at 66 (3 with unconfirmed payments) (1SK)
- 52% members are ARRL members as well, (approx 9 RACES, 6 ARES, 12CERT, 2 SKYWARN))
- Facebook at 118
- Welcome our New Member Garrett KO6JIP

**Communications (Ron):**

- We had an issue with the repeater over the weekend due to some County phone line work, the repeater is currently up and operating with no issues
- Civil unrest in surrounding communities= It has come to our attention that at times some groups will get on repeaters and use them for nefarious acts during civil unrest events and do not allow that on our repeater. We are asking members to be listening this weekend and monitoring the repeater, if any concerning traffic is heard please notify Steve or Ron immediately so we can activate our protocols for this. If we do encounter these transmissions we may have to temporarily turn off the repeater to stop those transmissions.

**Webmaster/Net Control Report (Juan):**

- Website has no issues aside from previously discussed issues pertaining to site and third party updates.
- EchoLink is operating as normal.
- Net had an average of 25 check-ins for the month of May.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

**Announcements/Other**

- Rick S KK6CTT
  - FRS/GMRS channel 3 Woods streets and beyond project- this is a check in net that occurs monday nights at 8 pm after our RCARA Net. This gives operators experience at monitoring and using GMRS as well as our HAM skills. In the event of an emergency people will use what ever radio they have and if we only listen to or practice HAM we are missing a large portion of situational awareness and distress calls.
    - Rick will monitor W6TJ during the GMRS net so that if operators are having trouble they can back door in through W6TJ to participate.
    - This is an option growing in popularity with groups who are not HAM licensed but are interested in some radio or EMCOMM communications options

**Presentations:**

- None tonight

**Announcements/Upcoming Events**

- 70th anniversary logo T-shirts still available

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

- *Binoculars- Danny*
- *Flashlight/tool- Bruce W6SOW*
- *SDR Kit- Chris A KM6LOQ*

**Adjournment:**

- The meeting was adjourned at 750 PM



## Riverside County Amateur Radio Association General Meeting Sign-in

	Name	Call Sign (if any)	RCARA Member (Y/N)
1	Ron Bradley	KEGRYY	Y
2	Loreen Wynja	KF6ACY	Y
3	Adrian Bravo	K06DZ	Y
4	Rich TURNER	K26HQ	X
5	Michele Lewallen	K06CVX	
6	Ken Lewallen	KN6LWQ	Y
7	Jim WILSY	AG6BA	Y
8	Madeline Hause	KJ6MF	X
9	Christopher Acosta	KM6LQZ	
10	Steve DeLong	W7OMH	YES
11	Pat Allen	KBLLCB	Yes
12	Diane Allen	KK6EE	Yes
13	EDWARD NiST	AJ6ET	YES
14	LINA NiST	GUEST	NO
15	RICK & MACHELLE SCHIRMER	MEMBER KKGETT	YES
16/17	Jynne Gabrielson	KM6BAA	
18	Danny Gabielson	KI6EQP	Yes!
19	Gene Spielow	N6DPG	Yes!
20	RDY ITAU	W6SOW	Yes
21	Nina Acosta	KD6LUVK	YES
22	Christopher Acosta		