



The Monitor

Newsletter of the Riverside County Amateur Radio Association
ARRL Affiliated Club #1720 - - - - Celebrating our 54th Year

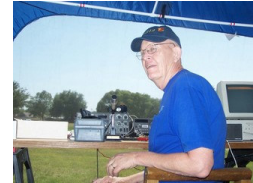
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Frank Van Derpoel
K6UIZ, SK



We regret to report that Frank Van Derpoel, K6UIZ, passed away October 12, 2009, after an illness of several years.

Frank joined RCARA as a youth, about the time he was first licensed in 1957, and continued to be active until his death. He had served as vice president, treasurer, and for many years was our membership chairman. He also was our MONITOR printer and mailing distributor. He was always a band captain at our annual Field Day event.

In addition to RCARA, Frank was a member of the Quarter Century Wireless Association, and outdoor QRP organizations, such as Adventure Radio Society, ARCI and others. As a regular in RACES, he often served at the PEOC, or wherever he was needed, for drills and events.

After many years serving on our VE Testing Team, Frank became Chief Examiner nine years ago. His leadership, team management, and service in administering exams, and assisting us with various FCC procedures and applications, is well known.

Frank loved, and excelled in DXing and contests, and had many operating awards. He especially enjoyed constructing kits. From time to time, he displayed his collection of the small QRP CW rigs he had built from these kits. He often participated in outdoor QRP operating events using this gear. He often encouraged and mentored others in many areas, including technical or QSL/award assistance. A life long Riverside resident, except for the year he served in the army in Germany, he was employed by Radio Shack and General Dynamics. Other interests included gardening, home improvement projects, and auto mechanics.

We will surely miss Frank, but have many memories of the good times we shared with him. His friendship and his many unique contributions, and exemplary service, will always be remembered by all of us.

We extend our condolences and sympathy to his wife, Mary Ann, and family.



November Elections Meeting Nov. 12

Nominations are still open for RCARA 2010 board members and will be accepted until time to cast the ballots at the November meeting. Clair Cessna and Chris Maness have served as our nomination committee and prepared an outstanding slate of candidates willing to serve. Monitor Editor position is yet to receive a nominee.

And the nominees are.....

President-Chris Maness, KQ6UP
Vice President-Bob Trujillo, KG6NIP
Secretary-Gervase Hammond-KI6TFL
Treasurer-Bruce Morgan-K6OIF
Membership-Ed Morgan-KF6BNQ
Dir. of Comm.-Ric Maxfield-N6RIC
Monitor Editor- Open

PRESIDENT'S QSO



Somehow this year has managed to fly by. I can't believe that year's end is fast approaching. Time never seemed to fly by this quickly and I think it has something to do with my age. There's a saying that life is like a roll of toilet paper. The closer you get to the end the faster it goes. I'm starting to believe it.

The problem with life slipping by for me isn't so much that I'm getting older quicker, but so is everyone else. We recently lost a very active member of our club, Frank Van Derpoel – K6UIZ. Even during his longtime illness he still had time to attend Field Day this year and share with others.

We have a lot of talent in the club, with a myriad of Ham Radio experiences, lessons and teachings. Most of them have the time to share and no one to share it with. Many were the true pioneers that built their first rigs from scratch. How many of us could do that today?

While I am getting up there in years, I have only been a Ham for about eight years. I can name four or five Hams or Elmer's as they are called, that made a difference in getting me involved, as well as teaching me the ropes. They made it exciting and created the atmosphere around my wanting to learn more.

Our members our a rare commodity, especially those that have been Hams for twenty or more years, that can't be replaced when they are gone because it's just not done like that anymore. It reminds me of Shamans or tribal elders that pass on customs and beliefs. There has to be someone willing to learn so the old ways aren't lost. New technology is great, but not always better especially when you don't have a lot of money to spend.

Let's remember to leverage our talent pool. We'll grow from it and they will love sharing.

Sincerely,
73 de Ric, N6RIC

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Position temporarily vacant

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JOIN ARRL

Next Meeting— Election Night-Thursday, November 12, at 7:30 P.M.
Program: 'Show and Tell' (You get to be the speaker)



REARVIEW MIRROR

Digital Modes Demonstrated



The October meeting was a well orchestrated team effort by Chris Maness, KQ6UP; Clair Cessna, K6LG and Jim Anthony, AD6FR, featuring popular digital amateur radio operating modes.

The transmitted message exchanges and pictures received from Jim Anthony (off-site) were projected on a screen providing a great visual. Clair Cessna and Chris Maness accented the evening with knowledge on the history, profiles of the inventors and personal operational experiences using these modes.

Live demonstrations concentrated on: PSK31; Slow Scan TV (SSTV); JT65 and Hellschreiber.



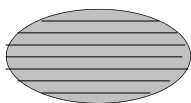
Estate Items For Sale

1. Receiver, Hallicrafters, Mod. S-20R (no cord) AS IS \$20
2. Receiver, Hallicrafters, Mod. S-19R (no cord) AS IS \$20
3. VFO, Knight-kit, Mod. 44 (not tested) AS IS \$15
4. Vacuum-Tube Volt Meter (not tested) AS IS \$15
5. Resistance-Capacitance Comparator Bridge tester AS IS (not tested) \$15

*Radios have been stored for many years in garage cords rotted off, tuning dial mechanisms are stiff, complete with tubes. -Steve Evans, (951) 780-9059

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Riverside County Amateur Radio Association General Meeting Minutes Thursday, October 8, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Vice President Chris Maness (KQ6UP) followed by the flag salute and round table self-introductions. There were 17 members and guests present. The location of the meeting was at the La Sierra University Church.

Old Business:

No Old Business was discussed

New Business:

The California Shakeout will be held October 15th. Anyone can addend and is asked to register on the www.shakeout.org website. If registered you are asked to fill out the survey on the same website after the event.

Bob Wade announced RACES and CERT training exercise will be held at the Ben Clark Training Center in Riverside October 17. All RACES members are encouraged to attend. Event times are 9 AM – 1 PM.

Clair Cessna announced that the club will be suspending VE testing for the remainder of the year. He also announced all elected positions and who if any were running for them.

50/50 Drawing: Materials were not available to do the 50/50 drawing.

Attendance Drawing: Materials were not available to do the Attendance drawing.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted by, _____

Gervase Hammond, KI6TFL, Secretary



AUDIT REPORT

FINANCIAL RECORDS

On Thursday, October 22, 2009 the undersigned members of this association, having been duly appointed pursuant to Article VI, Section 6 of the By-Laws for this purpose, conducted an informal audit of the RCARA checking account and the savings account for the period—1 July 2008 through 31 December 2008, and 1 January 2009 through 30 June 2009.

The audit was conducted in the presence of, and with the able assistance of Bruce Morgan, K6OIF, the association treasurer. The records were found to be accurate and properly maintained in accordance with standard practices and in excellent format all to the satisfaction of the committee.

Signed,

Clair Cessna, K6LG

Tom Whelchel, WA6TLL

DATED: 22 October 2009

Next audit for 1 July 2009 through 31 December 2009, will be January 2010.

SHORTS

Monitor Editor Needed for 2010

Anyone interested in serving as Monitor Editor for 2010, please contact the nominating committee. This vital communications medium helps our membership to stay informed and recognizes our members for a job well done. No experience needed, training will be available. For information contact Steve, AF6HR, 780-9059.



BLOOD BANK DONORS

Blood Donors Needed—For several years our club members have participated in the blood bank donor program at the Life Stream Blood Bank. This program has been very successful, helping our members families when blood has been needed. The Life Stream, Blood Bank Donor (Riverside) Center is located at 4006 Van Buren Blvd. When donating us the club account code: MARA or Riverside Amateur Radio Club. For more information or hours of operation contact Life Stream at (951) 687-2530 or contact our club blood bank account manager Ron Braley, KE6RYX.



RACES-Public Service

On Saturday, October 17, RACES members attended the 2nd annual combined RACES/CERT training exercise at Ben Clark Training Ctr. Participants from Riverside included, Don Williams, KD6UVT, Dep. Chief West; Steve Evans, AF6HR; John Davidson, KC6TFS; Karen Jensen, KC6NSV and Art Sutorus, AA6CA (Corona District)



Don Williams, KE6UVT Q&A session on RACES and Amateur Radio

APPLICATIONS NOW BEING ACCEPTED

The Riverside District RACES is now accepting application for new members that reside in the greater Riverside area. Operators are needed to fill positions at the County Emergency Operation Center. Volunteers must have transportation and available to respond to downtown Riverside for training exercises and actual emergencies.

For additional information contact Bob Wade, W6RTW, (951) 785-1210 or Ron Braley, KE6RYX, the Riverside District Emergency Coordinator, at 369-5149. Applications and additional information will be available at the November RCARA meeting.

Ric Maxfield Nominated for '09 Crawford Award



Ric, N6RIC

October 5, 2009

Vice President Chris Maness, and RCARA Board,

We the undersigned members, wish to nominate Ric Maxfield, N6RIC, for the 2009 Crawford Award.

Ric has made exemplary contributions to the club, and the wider amateur radio community, in many areas. He has exhibited outstanding leadership as our president for the past two years.

In both of our last two Field Days, he has shouldered major responsibilities, provided resources, expertise, and organization. Whenever there were problems, he expended great energy and effort to insure that the event would be successful and enjoyable for us.

He has been a program presenter...sharing his sailing adventures with the club.

Whenever members needed help, he was there to provide expertise, assistance, or resources, for them.

Ric has been involved in other area clubs, and in IECARO. For several years he has been involved in many IECARO meetings, and in the efforts, to deal with the serious problems they encountered, attempting to preserve that organization.

He is a creative, hands on, innovator, who inspires us, with his interests, and projects.

We enthusiastically recommend Ric for the 2009 Crawford Award to recognize his great contributions to the amateur radio community.

Sincerely,

Clair Cessna, K6LG
Tom Whelchel, WA6TLL



Mark Your Calendar

December Meeting: Thursday December 10 at 6:30 PM
Holiday Dinner-Installation of Officers-Gift Exchange
Location: Flo's Farmhouse Café, 5620 Van Buren,
Riverside

THE CLUB SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER 2009

<p>REGULAR WEEKLY NETS</p> <p>Every Sunday at 8:30 AM Every Monday at 7:00 PM (discontinued) Every Monday at 7:15 PM Every Monday at 7:30 PM Every Wednesday at 8:30 PM</p>	<p>RACES Public Service Net, 3.945 MHz 10M Early Check-In Net, 28.328 MHz 2M Net on the Repeater 146.880 - PL 146.2 Newsline on the Repeater Simplex Net on 145.52 MHz</p>	<p>Info: KQ6U-Ted (net control needed) Info: N6WMH-Bill 687-3055 Info: Chris Maness, KQ6UP Info: K6GUK-Mark</p>
<p>EVENTS UNTIL NEXT MEETING</p> <p>November 12 November 12– Thursday 6:30 PM November 12 -Thursday at 7:30 PM November 17 – Tuesday 7:30 PM December 7– Saturday at 8:00 AM December December December 10-Thursday at 6:30 PM</p>	<p>Club Breakfast (temporarily discontinued) VE Testing (temporarily suspended) Club Board Meeting Club Meeting (Elections) RF Group (aka Real Friendly Guys) T-Hunt – St. John’s Church, Corona VE Testing (temporarily suspended) Board Meeting Club Meeting (Holiday Dinner/ Installation of Officers -Flo’s Restaurant)</p>	<p>Info: Info: Info: N6RIC-Ric Info: N6RIC-Ric Info: K6GUK Info: W6TKV-Fred Info: Info: N6RIC-Ric Info: N6RIC-Ric</p>
<p>UPCOMING EVENTS</p>		
<p>LOCAL SATURDAY SWAP MEETS</p> <p>November 14 - 7:00 AM November 21 – 7:00 AM November 28– 7:00 AM</p>	<p>Cable Airport Swap Meet, Upland Chino Hills High School Swap Meet TRW Swap Meet, Manhattan Beach</p>	<p>Sponsor: IEARC Sponsor: CHS Boosters Sponsor: W6TRW ARA</p>

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