



# THE COASTSIDE COMMUNICATOR

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The February 11<sup>th</sup> CARC Meeting will be held at the Pacifica PD EOC Room

**THE MARCH 11<sup>TH</sup> CARC MEETING WILL BE HELD ON GOOGLE MEET**

**THE WA6TOW REPEATERS ARE CURRENTLY OFFLINE DUE TO A POWER OUTAGE**

**NEW: Meeting Night Talk-In: 441.075MHz, (+) offset, PL 114.8, WA6TOW 70cm Repeater**

## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Hello HAM's

I hope you're HAMing up this year. Let us know at our February meeting if you activated for Winter Field Day and your experience.

We are still waiting for the electrical utility repairs to be made, so the repeaters can come back on the air.

At member's request, I will be giving a talk about APRS at our February meeting.

We will have a special guest speaker at our online only March meeting (see Coming Events).

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Ralph Kugler, KC6YDH  
Club President

## CARC JANUARY 14, 2026 MEETING MINUTES

**Call to Order** - The January 14, 2026, meeting called to order at 7:32pm by President Ralph Kugler-KC6YDH, at the Pacifica PD EOC Room.

**Self-introductions** – Introductions by members in attendance

**Minutes** – Motion made by Jillian-KN6PIV and seconded by Steve-KN6ORM to approve the December minutes as published in the January Coastsider Communicator.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** - The funds provided by the Treasurer as of January 14, 2026, are:

- Treasurer emailed current status of accounts:
  - 2025 CARC Income: \$3150+
  - 7 total renewals since last meeting, 4 by PayPal and 3 checks.
  - P.O. Box price increase on 1/18/26. Auto bill of \$248.00
  - CARC Members: Need to Recalculate

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### WA6TOW Repeater System:

**20251227 Update:** No power to bunker. PG&E power pole came down during storm.

**20260108 Update:** Power returned to repeater at 7pm on 1/7/26. VHF repeater is working. The UHF repeater did not come back up when power was restored. Need additional trip up the hill to investigate.

**20260110 Update:** The UHF repeater came back up at approximately 4pm.

**20260112 Update:** Both repeaters are not working again.

**20260114 Update:** Informed, at the meeting, that some power poles and transformers need to be replaced by PG&E. Work supposed to start week of January 19<sup>th</sup>.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Introduce/Discuss DMR Radios – Steve gave a discussion on DMR after meeting was adjourned.
2. Get new HAM's to join CARC & Club Flyer – Tabled to another meeting as members involved not at meeting.
3. 15 meter beam antenna – Tabled to a future meeting.
4. Membership Dues – Open period is from January 1<sup>st</sup> – March 31<sup>st</sup>. Notified of open period. Completed.
5. Steve-KN6ORM stated we are out of paper checks and was going to order from the bank. It was mentioned that you can get checks from Costco for about \$30. **12/31:** Steve found some extra checks.

## NEW BUSINESS

1. Received proposal for repeater antenna work – Ralph-KC6YDH gave a review of the proposal for work on replacing antennas & coax cables on the hill. Materials & Freight, Labor, and Subcontractor Expenses = \$12,533. Motion made by Ron-WB9EGG and seconded by George-KJ6TSX to approve Proposal by AGM General. Proposal: Replacement of the primary 2m antenna, mounting hardware and feedline at Montara Peak Com Site. Replacement of a second 2m antenna and feedline, reusing the existing mounting hardware. Second 2m antenna to be provided by others.
2. Terminate banking with US Bank – Steve-KN6ORM suggested that George-KJ6TSX get a Debit Card in his name from US Bank for the interim between now and the closing of the account. Tabled to next meeting.
3. Make PayPal data more secure and not visible. Jon-N6SJF has found an app to solve these issues. Depending on the result of discussing web access of our club data, put me on the exploration committee. The framework **Directus** is a fantastic way for us to eliminate the duplication and out-of-date administrative data content that not only plagues our club, but almost all of them out there! Jon said he would be part of the exploration committee. Table to future meeting when all parties are at meeting.

4. Constitution & Bylaws – President & Secretary need to sign the Amended Constitution & Bylaws, give to Paul-AI6BB to upload to website. President, Ralph-KC6YDH & Secretary, Tom-KJ6OGL signed. Tom to scan signed page, email to Paul-AI6BB to include in existing approved Constitution & Bylaws, edit document footers and upload to website.
5. 2026 CARC Meeting & Event Schedule at Pacifica PD – Steve booked the EOC room for the Jan and Feb meetings. There is a schedule conflict for March & April. The February 11<sup>th</sup> meeting will be held at Pacifica PD EOC Room, the March 11<sup>th</sup> meeting will be held via Zoom, and the April 8<sup>th</sup> meeting will be at Round Table Pizza. He will reserve the meeting room for May onwards, except for the pizza night and the banquet.

## Open Discussion

1. Steve stated the Fog Fest Committee was meeting tonight for distributing checks. Steve had email Kathy and stated that it conflicted with our meeting. She asked for CARC's mailing address and she would mail our check.
2. Ralph gave a detailed explanation of a repeater setup, which composes of an antenna, duplexer, band pass filter, two separate radios for transmit and receive a controller to manage push-to-talk function. For commercial site, there is an isolator to ensure signal flow is only in one direction and any reflected power is diverted through a 50hhm load. The repeater power system includes a 12-volt power supply from PG&E and a 12-volt AGM battery; a power gate manages power priority and battery charging. A West Mountain Radio Power Guard monitors the voltage and cuts power if it goes too high or too low, protecting the radios and batteries.
3. Ralph asked if anyone was interested in having presentations this year. Tom-KJ6OGL said he'd like to learn about APRS. Ralph said he would set it up for the February meeting. Steve-KN6ORM said he'd like to discuss CERT and its association with HAM Radio.
4. George-KJ5TSX asked if anyone was interested in/or doing anything for Winter Field Day on Jan 25<sup>th</sup> & 26th. Steve-KN6ORM said he is. They will coordinate and post on Slack. Possible location is Fort Funston in San Francisco.

## Adjournment

Motion made by Frank-N6FG and seconded by Eric-KO6JRD to adjourn the meeting at 9:01pm. Meeting adjourned.

## Present at the Meeting:

**Officers:** President: Ralph Kugler-KC6YDH, Vice-President: Paul Atkins-AI6BB-online, Secretary: Thomas Oliver-KJ6OGL, Treasurer: George Salet-KJ6TSX

Submitted by: Thomas Oliver-KJ6OGL,  
CARC Secretary

## NEWS

(from twir.net) **What happened to Radio Shack?** - For nearly a century, RadioShack was the “neighborhood technology store” where America went for everything from vacuum tubes to the first home computers. With its iconic slogan, “You’ve got questions. We’ve got answers,” it was the ultimate sanctuary for hobbyists and early tech adopters. But by **January 2026**, the brand that once sat within five minutes of 94% of American households had been reduced to a digital-first catalog and a sprawling international franchise empire headquartered in El Salvador.

**The Vision of Charles Tandy** - The brand was founded in 1921 as a mail-order business for ham radio operators in Boston. However, its true rise began in 1963 when it was acquired by **Charles Tandy**, a leather-goods mogul from Fort Worth. Tandy saw a future where electronics were not just for experts but for everyone. He transformed the failing chain into a profit machine by focusing on high-margin private labels like **Realistic** and **Archer**, ensuring that RadioShack wasn’t just a reseller, but a manufacturer.

**Financial Peak:** RadioShack reached its absolute zenith in **1999**. Under the leadership of the Tandy Corporation, the company operated over **8,000 stores** globally. That year, net sales climbed to **\$4.73 billion**, and the stock was a Wall Street darling, trading at a split-adjusted peak near **\$76 per share**. At this moment, the company was the largest seller of wireless handsets in the world, moving 4.6 million phones a year.

**The Double Bankruptcy and the Crypto Pivot** - The decline of RadioShack is often cited as a failure to adapt to the “Amazon era.” The company struggled with an over-reliance on physical stores that were cannibalizing each other’s sales, combined with a desperate and low-margin pivot into selling mobile phones. By 2015, after 11 consecutive quarterly losses, the company filed for **Chapter 11 bankruptcy** for the first time.

A second bankruptcy followed in 2017, after which the brand’s intellectual property was passed around like a hot potato. In a bizarre 2022 twist, then-owners **Retail Ecommerce Ventures (REV)** attempted to turn RadioShack

into a decentralized cryptocurrency exchange called “RadioShack Swap.” The move was widely panned as a “pump-and-dump” scheme that further alienated the core hobbyist fans who remembered the brand for its resistors and soldering irons.

**RadioShack in 2026: The Global Product Brand** - In 2026, RadioShack is experiencing a strange, fragmented revival. In May 2023, the brand was acquired by the **Unicomer Group**, an El Salvador-based retail giant that had successfully operated RadioShack franchises in Central and South America for decades. Today, under the leadership of **Rudy Siman**, RadioShack International has moved its headquarters to Miami and rebranded itself as a “product-first” entity.

The 2026 RadioShack is less of a store and more of a label. While only about **400 independent dealer locations** remain in the U.S. (mostly in rural areas like Wyoming), the brand survives through its online “trashcan of tech” catalog. The 2026 lineup features a chaotic mix of white-label electronics: “AI-powered” selfie sticks, \$150 drones that look like DJI knockoffs, and nostalgic “retro” radios. While the brand is profitable again within Unicomer’s larger **\$2 billion** retail ecosystem, it has officially transitioned from an American icon to a global value-brand for the AliExpress era.

**The Lesson of the Neighborhood Shop** - The story of RadioShack teaches us that **convenience is a moat until it isn’t**. RadioShack’s greatest asset being, “just around the corner” became its greatest liability when the entire world moved into the customer’s pocket. In 2026, the brand survives on pure nostalgia, serving as a reminder of a time when you could walk into a shop with a question and walk out with an answer.

Do you miss wandering the aisles of RadioShack for that one specific fuse, or are you happy to have everything delivered to your door? Does the new “budget-tech” version of the brand interest you?

**New 60-Meter Frequencies Available as of February 13** - The new 60-meter frequencies approved by the FCC in December will become available to amateurs as of February 13, 2026, along with new power restrictions on those frequencies. It’s a bit confusing, as different rules apply to different segments of the band. The changes result from the FCC’s action to approve a worldwide 60-meter amateur allocation made by the World Radiocommunication Conference in 2015 (WRC-15).

See <https://tinyurl.com/mt8p8jpa>.

As of February 13, FCC-licensed amateur operators holding General Class or higher licenses may operate on a secondary basis anywhere between 5351.5 and 5366.5 kHz, subject to a maximum bandwidth of 2.8 kHz and maximum transmit power of 9.15 watts ERP (effective radiated power). For the purpose of computing ERP, the transmitter PEP (peak envelope power) is multiplied by the antenna gain relative to a half-wave dipole antenna. A half-wave dipole is presumed to have a gain of 1 (0 dBd). Amateurs using other antennas must maintain in their station records either the antenna

manufacturer's data on the antenna gain or calculations of the antenna gain.

Here's the confusing part: The existing 60-meter channels centered on 5332, 5348, 5373, and 5405 kHz remain as secondary amateur allocations with maximum power of 100 watts ERP. However, the old channel at 5358.5 kHz is eliminated as it is now part of the new 5351.5-5366.5 kHz subband and subject to the lower power limit.

For all 60-meter transmissions, emission bandwidth is limited to 2.8 kHz or less and amateurs must not cause harmful interference to, and must accept interference from, stations authorized by the United States (NTIA and FCC) and other nations in the fixed service; and all other nations in the mobile service (except aeronautical mobile). Data or RTTY emissions in particular must be limited in transmission length so as not to cause harmful interference. Digital mode operators must be familiar with offsets in order to stay within the authorized frequencies.

The new FCC rules take effect on February 13, which is 30 days after publication in the January 14 edition of the [Federal Register](#). See also [ARRL News](#) for related background.

## FCC Poised to Exempt Amateurs from Foreign

**Adversary Reporting Requirements** - At the urging of ARRL, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is expected to exempt radio amateurs from foreign adversary reporting requirements. These rules would have applied to citizens of the listed countries (see below), including those living in the United States, who hold or are applying for an FCC license.

On January 8, 2026, the FCC released a draft Report and Order (R&O) [[GN Docket No. 25-166](#); [PDF](#)] expected to be adopted at its January 29 meeting that will, as requested by ARRL, exempt radio amateurs from requirements that would have applied reporting requirements to every FCC-authorized radio amateur "subject to the jurisdiction or direction of a foreign adversary." This included "any individual, wherever located, who is a citizen of a foreign adversary or a country controlled by a foreign adversary, and is not a United States citizen or permanent resident of the United States." Foreign adversaries as defined in the draft R&O are: (1) China, including Hong Kong and Macau; (2) Cuba; (3) Iran; (4) North Korea; (5) Russian Federation; and (6) "Venezuelan politician Nicolás Maduro."

The draft liberally cites ARRL's comments, agreeing that the nature of amateur radio communication – as well as other individually-licensed radio services – poses minimal risk to public communications networks and that "the drain on Commission personnel and resources to process the collections and attestations for each individual licensee would far outweigh the little benefit to the public or the agency of doing so."

See [ARRL News](#) for further articles

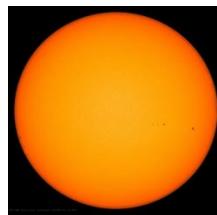
## In Brief....

Robert (Bob) Zavrel, W7SX, a world recognized antenna expert, will be our guest speaker on March 11<sup>th</sup> on Google Meets. Bob is Author [Antenna Physics: An Introduction](#) (ARRL, 2nd edition). He has over 100 technical publications. His 1987 in Ham Radio Magazine was the first block diagram of an SDR receiver. Licensed since 1965, Bob has numerous DXCC awards, all accomplished with tree supported wire antennas. Bob earned a B.S. in Physics from the University of Oregon, is an IEEE life and senior member, an ARRL life member and volunteer technical advisor for over 40 years. He has lectured on RF engineering at Stanford, Berkley, Univ. of Alabama, several European organizations, and was adjunct professor of Electrical Engineering at Gonzaga University in Spokane. ARRL awarded Bob the 2025 Doug DeMaw, W1FB Technical Excellence for his May/June 2025 QEX article "Calculating Antenna Radiation Resistance with Emphasis on Ground-Mounted Verticals."

Bob's seminar presentation to CARC will include such topics as antenna aperture, radiation resistance and mechanics, basics of RF power related to antennas, and small loop antennas.

## The ARRL Solar Report

1/30/2026



**1/29/2026:** Solar activity continued at low levels this week. Low level C-class flares were observed from Regions 4342 and 4353. The majority of the regions were either stable or in decay. New Regions 4359, 4360, and 4361 emerged on the disk and were numbered. No Earth-directed coronal mass ejections (CMEs) were observed. The forecast calls for solar activity to remain at low levels with a chance for M-class flares (R1 - R2, minor-moderate) through January 31.

Solar wind parameters reflected a solar sector boundary crossing followed by the likely onset of high speed stream (HSS) conditions. On January 27, phi angle switched into a negative sector. Solar wind speed began to increase after January 28 to around 610 km/s. Enhancements in the solar wind environment are expected through January 31 under negative polarity coronal hole high speed streams (CH HSS) influences.

The 10.7-centimeter flux: January 29, 135; January 30, 130; January 31 – February 1, 120; February 2, 130; February 3 – 4, 140; February 5, 130.

Predicted Sunspots: January 29, 122; January 30, 117; January 31, 128; February 1, 113, February 2, 110; February 3, 137; February 4, 151.

**1/22/2026:** Solar activity reached moderate levels with two M-class flares earlier this week.

The first flares occurred on January 21 in regions 4345 and 4349. Region 4345 continued to show development, as well as region 4342. Region 4341 was a main contributor to the C-level activity of the day, including a larger C-class flare on January 21. A new active region is rotating into the visible disk from the southeast limb and produced a C5.2 flare on January 21. No Earth-directed CMEs were observed in the available coronagraph imagery.

Solar activity is likely to be at moderate (R1/R2, minor/moderate) levels, with a slight chance for X-class flares (R3-strong) on January 22-24, primarily due to the magnetic potential of Regions 4341, 4342 and 4345.

Solar wind parameters reflected coronal mass ejection (CME) influence transitioning into a high-speed stream paradigm, with the interplanetary magnetic field returned to largely enhanced background levels. Solar wind speeds gradually decreased from about 800 km/s to 575 km/s at the end of the day. Phi angle remained in the positive solar sector (away from the Sun), indicating the coronal hole high speed stream (CH HSS) dominant influence over the period. Solar wind parameters near Earth are expected to be dominated by the CH HSS conditions in the next three days.

The 10.7-centimeter flux: January 22, 175; January 23 - 24, 180; January 25, 175; January 26, 170; January 27, 165; January 28, 160; January 29, 165.

Predicted sunspots: January 22, 122; January 23, 117; January 24, 128; January 25, 113; January 26, 113; January 27, 110; January 28, 138.

A weekly, full report is posted on [ARRL News](#).

## Coming Events

**CARC March 11<sup>th</sup> Meeting will be held on Google Meet with guest speaker Bob Zavrel, W7SX.**

**CARC April 8th Meeting will be held at Round Table Pizza in the Linda Mar Shopping Center.**

The **Silicon Valley VE** group is holding online amateur radio exam sessions on the first and third Saturday morning of every month. More information can be found at <https://www.svve.org>, or by emailing Morris Jones, AD6ZH at [ad6zh.mj@gmail.com](mailto:ad6zh.mj@gmail.com).

**Arv's - WA6UUT (SK) Wednesday Ham Radio Luncheon**

**Our 18<sup>th</sup> Year! >> Since May 2, 2007 <<**

**Black Bear Diner** - 415 East El Camino Real, Sunnyvale, California, (Just "North" of South Fair Oaks Avenue on El Camino Real) - 11:30 AM ~ 3:00 PM

Website: [www.blackbeardiner.com](http://www.blackbeardiner.com). Every Wednesday – Not a Club, Closed Group or Clique: Amateur Radio Operators & Friendly People Are Encouraged To Attend! Call in on the N6NFI Repeater – 145.230MHz, PL 100Hz.

**QCWA NorCal Chapter 11 - Lunch at Harry's Hofbrau** 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month, 1909 El Camino Real, Redwood City, CA. No host. 11:00AM to 1:00PM (approx.).

**North County Fire Authority CERT Training** – For information: <https://northcountyfire.org/home/cert-classes/>

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**AMATEUR RADIO  
LICENSE CLASS & EXAM  
May 2nd, May 9th & May 23rd  
FCC Exams May 23rd 2026**

Members from the Half Moon Bay and SC4 Amateur Radio clubs will be conducting a free 2 ½ day Technician Licensing Class on May 2 and May 9, beginning at 10 AM at the HMB Library. There will also be a short half day class on May 23rd (from 10 AM - 11:30) followed by the FCC exams (see below).

To register for the class, please email [licensing@hmbarc.org](mailto:licensing@hmbarc.org) (or if you have questions). See [www.hmbarc.org](http://www.hmbarc.org) for more info,

We will also hold an in-person FCC Licensing Exam on Saturday May 23, 2026 from 11:30 AM until 2 PM at the HMB Library. All three license class exams will be offered and it is not required that you attend the Licensing class.

To register for the exam, please do so before May 16 using this link: [2026 FCC Exam](#)

Once licensed, amateur ("ham") radio allows you to communicate over long distances without relying on the internet or the cell phone network. It is great for emergencies, outdoor communications, fun and experimentation!

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If you have an event you'd like posted in the Coastsider Communicator, please send to: [kj6ogl@arrl.net](mailto:kj6ogl@arrl.net)

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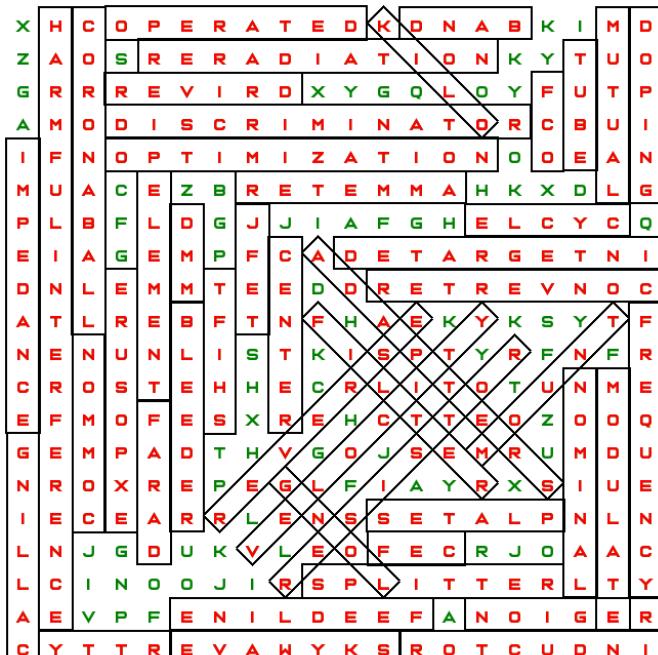
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## ANSWER TO JANUARY'S PUZZLER



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## HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY



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## 2026 CARC MEETING/EVENT SCHEDULE

Date	Event
Jan 14 <sup>th</sup>	CARC Meeting - 2026 Event Planning
Jan 24 <sup>th</sup> - Jan 25 <sup>th</sup>	Winter Field Day
Feb 11 <sup>th</sup>	CARC Meeting - 2025 Agenda Final - APRS Presentation
Mar 8 <sup>th</sup>	Daylight Savings Time Starts
Mar 11 <sup>th</sup>	Zoom Meeting - Invite Will Be Emailed
Apr 8 <sup>th</sup>	Pizza Meeting - TBD
Apr 26 <sup>th</sup>	HMBARC Dream Machines - HMB Airport
May 13 <sup>th</sup>	CARC Meeting - Field Day Planning
June 10 <sup>th</sup>	CARC Meeting - Final FD Planning
June 14 <sup>th</sup>	Flag Day
Jun 27 <sup>th</sup> - June 28 <sup>th</sup>	ARRL Field Day - Location TBD
Jul 8 <sup>th</sup>	CARC Meeting
Aug 12 <sup>th</sup>	CARC Meeting
Sep 9 <sup>th</sup>	CARC Meeting - Fog Fest Planning
Sep 26 <sup>th</sup> - Sep 27 <sup>th</sup>	Pacific Coast Fog Fest - Palmetto Ave., Pacifica - 10am - 6pm
Oct 14 <sup>th</sup>	CARC Meeting - 2027 Nomination of Officers
Oct 16 <sup>th</sup> - Oct 18 <sup>th</sup>	Pacificon 2025 - San Ramon Marriott
Nov 1 <sup>st</sup>	Daylight Savings Time Ends
Nov 14 <sup>th</sup>	CARC Election Banquet - Election of Officers - Location TBD
Dec 9 <sup>th</sup>	CARC Meeting - Holiday Potluck

\* All meetings are held at 7:30pm, in the **EOC Room**, **Pacifica Police Department, 2075 Coast Hwy, Pacifica**, unless otherwise posted. If possible, meetings will also have a Google Meet component.



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## COASTSIDE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

### Join the Coastsider Amateur Radio Club (CARC)

The Coastsider Amateur Radio Club (CARC) is a welcoming, ARRL-affiliated community of amateur radio enthusiasts. Since 1959, we've been serving Pacifica and the surrounding Bay Area providing vital emergency services to the City of Pacifica.

We invite you to join our monthly meetings, which are held on the **second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 PM** at the Pacifica Police Station, 2075 Coast Highway. Visitors are always welcome, so please stop by! We recommend checking the **Coming Events** page on our website, [www.coastsiderarc.org](http://www.coastsiderarc.org) for any schedule changes.

Membership dues are \$20 per year, which helps support the club and repeater system.

CARC maintains a robust repeater and digipeater system on the North Peak of Montara Mountain (1900 ft. elevation), providing excellent coverage for the Coastsider and beyond.

**2-Meter (Voice)**  
**Frequency:** 146.925 MHz  
**PL Tone:** 114.8 Hz

**Callsign:** WA6TOW/R  
**Offset:** -600 KHz

**APRS Digipeater**  
**Frequency:** 144.390 MHz

**Callsign:** WA6TOW-2

**70 cm (Voice)**  
**Frequency:** 441.075 MHz  
**PL Tone:** 114.8 Hz

**Callsign:** WA6TOW/R  
**Offset:** + 5.00 KHz

**CARC/Pacifica OES VHF Simplex:**  
**146.535 MHz PL 114.8 Hz**

### VHF Nets

The club sponsors a VHF net each Wednesday, with the exception of meeting nights, at 20:00 hrs. for membership check-ins, notices, and QST's.

### HF Net

The club sponsors a HF rag chew net on 3.852 MHz, or the first clear frequency up/dn, on Saturday at 09:00 hrs. with an alternate frequency of 7.228 MHz.

**Nets held on these repeaters must comply with the rules as set forth by the FCC, with at least two or more participants.**

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## COASTSIDE NETS

### Monday

7:00 PM on WA6TOW  
146.925 MHZ, PL 114.8  
Pacifica CERT Net

### Tuesday

7:30 PM on WA6TOW  
146.925 MHZ, PL 114.8  
Daly City Net  
8:00 PM on WA6TOW 146.925 MHZ, PL 114.8 and KC6ULT 146.865 MHz, PL 114.8 simultaneously, but not linked.  
San Mateo County ACS Net

### Wednesday

8:00 PM on WA6TOW  
146.925 MHZ, PL 114.8  
Coastside Amateur Radio Club Wednesday Night Check-in.

### Saturday

10:00 AM on WA6TOW  
146.925 MHZ, PL 114.8  
QCWA Ch. 11 NorCal. Net

### Sunday:

7:00-7:45 AM on WA6TOW  
146.925 MHZ, PL 114.8  
Knights of the Megahertz Net

**Note:** All 2m repeater traffic is recorded and may be replayed at [audiostickerburr.net](http://audiostickerburr.net).

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Newsletter Editor	Thomas Oliver	KJ6OGL
Newsletter Publisher	Paul Atkins	AI6BB
Website	Paul Atkins	AI6BB
Emergency Services		



### Meeting Notice:

**February 11, 2026, 7:30 PM – Pacifica PD EOC Room**

Watch for Invitation via E-Mail or Contact  
[CARC\\_INFO@COASTSIDEARC.ORG](mailto:CARC_INFO@COASTSIDEARC.ORG) to be added

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