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JUNE MENU:

SCCARA HAM FLEMARKET, Sunday June 2nd, starting at 0800 AM at the parking lot of Qument Electronics, 1000 S. Bascom Ave., San Jose. Buyers: FREE; Sellers: \$5/space, or 2 spaces/ \$8. Tell a friend and come yourself.

SCCARA MEETING, June 10th, 7:30 PM at San Jose City Health Dept, Auditorium, Civic Center on San Pedro street just north of Mission Street. After a short business meeting we well have a much awaited program from Craig Stewart, KF6SD, (Yes, the same Craig that's putting our Two-Meter Repeater back together at the new location), Craig will talk to us on Antennas for a small San Jose Lot and Budget. He is most knowledgeable in this field and this is your opportunity to get a new outlook and solution to your problems. Don't miss this one!

ARRL FIELD DAY, June 22/23, Mt. Madonna, Manzanita Campground. SCCARA again returns to this neat park. Bring the family and make a day of it. For those that wish, we will caravan from our Meeting Place parking lot on San Pedro St, starting about 0830 AM. Talk-in on Club repeater, until out of range, then Simplex. Chef BOB HUDGENS, WA6KUC, has again volunteered to officiate at a mid-afternoon Steak N'Beans Orgy with all the trimmings, provided (seriously) that he gets a little help. If you can assist, give him a phone call at 264-2434, NO HELP-NO ORGY! Plan to stay overnight if you can, bringing all your own fixings. SCCARA will supply COFFEE, you bring whatever else you want. Fixings includes bedding, etc. Plans will be discussed in greater detail at the June 10th meeting. P.S. Price of orgy is \$3.00, SCCARA to subsidize balance.

WHAT'S NEW:

(amongst the mail at our house)

CQ-THE LOVE BOAT, San Antonio Travel is presenting a special HAM Tour to several Mediterranean Ports, September 4-17th, 1985. Remember Dick Barrett took one a few years back, then told us about it? Betcha Bill Stevens, W6ZM could book you on this, too!

Watch for a new Aussie Electronics store in Redwood City to open in June, you can reserve a new 100 page catalog by writing them as follows: Dick Smith Electronics Inc. P.O. Box 2249 Redwood City, Ca. 94063.

Submitted by Reporter and all around Good Guy Ed, WD6CHD(Editor comment)



Presidents Comments

This is your President speaking...The new repeater is coming closer all the time. Craig and Bob report that the transmitter and receiver units are just about ready and the RC-85 will be ordered soon. there installation and testing will follow and the new machine will be ready for use. By the way the present repeater will be retained where it is now and will serve as a stand-by in case of need. It is my understanding SCCARA still has a 440 MHZ Sanction from NARC in effect. The club may wish to make use of this sometime in the future. Also ICOM will give us a 1200 MHZ repeater free if 15 SCCARA members buy IC-120 1200 MHZ radios at the same time, who knows??? Field Day is coming and Old Timers night is in the works as well as many fine programs brought to you by ED WD6CHD, V.P. & meeting Chairman. So see you there! Keith, KN6K

DART

We received the following from our Goodwill Ambassador, Frank Glass. It is rather lengthy so I will give you the story by Frank and if you are able or interested please call Frank for the details. (A good way to repay for your hobby) DL-o-o-o-

The Los Gatos Dart Team (Disaster Aid Response Team), is looking for volunteers to join it. You must be 18 years old or over and have a willingness to prepare for emergency service by attending monthly DART Unit meetings and training sessions in the team that you join.

You don't have to live in Los Gatos to join, just live close enough to be able to respond to a call-out within a 30 minute period.

Candidates will be people with experience, training, or a high level of interest in the following areas:

Rope rescue Medical intervention Scuba diving Radio communications Traffic control

Specialty teams are formed with members of similar backgrounds for search & rescue and disaster assistance. Once a Dart member, training classes and excises are held to expand the areas in which you may help, if you are so interested.

It's a good activity for hams, especially in the communications team. Why not join up! 73 de Frank, K6RQ (408) 356-1026 or Officers Ken Berry/John LaVoy, (408) 354-5257

CQ CQ CQde WB6WKM

I have started to write this small column several times in the last month and keep having to scrap them as so much is happening..FIRST of all the response for help with article info has not been wasted, in fact I have not been able to get everything in this time that I wanted to, as we have the return and results of the recent survey! That doesn't mean that I don't need your input only that if you have sent something in and you don't see it now, I still will try and get it in the next issue if its not time dated. (Keep the faith Rod), Dan has done a great job and all you have to do is read the results to know some of the areas that we do well in and also where we can try and improve. Since so few took the time to return the survey one can conclude that 3/4 of the club membership is simply pie-faced happy with the way things are going. But on the other hand, most don't come to meetings or take part in any of the club activities, and thats a shame as they are just as much the club as anyone else and we hope you will come around and give us your input in person. Look for info on the repeater elsewhere. Pres, Keith has a handle on it OK. Craig how about a line or two next month? Heard from our gal Fran Elliott K6UUS, who reminded me that I have not been putting club meeting info in the SCCARA-GRAM..thanks to Fran I have changed my ways and I'll keep it on the last page of each issue, see what a great help you are! all of you, it just takes a call or a note. We do care as this is your club & paper. Jose as his better half refers to him ,WA6DXP is brushing up on his Spanish, by going there!! Hope to hear all about hamming from the other side on his return..so 73 for now and TNX

GOOD INFO !

Received to late for the last issue, but still very interesting, Frank Glass, K6RQ wrote. "1 week after 1985 Bermuda (VP9) contest, I worked over 25 VP9 stations and all on 2 meters! Cecelia & I vacationed in Bermuda and I got K6RQ/VP9 as a call by showing my license (USA) to telecommunication office in Hamilton. Took all of 5 minutes. VP9AX/R repeater was located in hotel next to our Time Share Condo! Met 3 or 4 VP9's, Enjoyed beautiful island and friendly people there." Thanks for the input Frank, I bet Cecelia wouldnt let you take your HF Rig HI HI.

ONE BY THREE CALLS FOR YOU!!!

The W5YI REPORT says the FCC has said that they will be issuing W-by-3 calls after the N-by-3 letter calls are used up. The implementation of this is cloudy. In any event, group "C" N-calls will not be running out for a least another 8 years at the present rate of issuance!

MORE STUFF FROM YOUR TREASURER...

Thanks to all who have paid their dues. SCCARA now has 160 members including 5 LIFE and 3 HONORARY members.

My main topic is to report results of our recent SCCARA SURVEY. This should help Dick fill out the SCCARAGRAM this month. Lots of info, so let's begin.

#1-SCCARA MEMBER?

27 responses..all from current members.

#2-SCCARA MEMBER SINCE?

1921=1; 1923=1; 1935=1; 1947=1; 1948=2; 1960=1; 1974=1; 1975=2; 1976=2

1977=2; 1978=1; 1979=1; 1980=1; 1982=2; 1983=2; 1985=1.

This totals 405 years of accumulated hamming for 27 members...an average of 15 years.

#3-IF NOT A CURRENT MEMBER,WHAT CAUSED YOU TO LEAVE THE CLUB?

Since every respondent was an current member, this question did not serve its purpose. One member did report he left the club because it "wasn't fun"

#4-IF YOU ARE NOT A CURRENT MEMBER, WHAT FACTORS WOULD MOST STRONGLY INFLUENCE YOU TO JOIN/REJOIN?

NO RESPONSES

#5-WHAT CHANGES WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE IN CLUB MEETINGS?

NO RESPONSE=20

"More info on upcoming local activities"

"More order in meetings"

"Less chitchat DURING meetings"-2 responses!

"Keep meetings informal"

"Allow for more visiting time"

"Have guest speaker(s) first..before the business meeting"

"Start meeting/speaker on time"

"Need better location. How about returning to the Red Cross building?"

"More attendance"

"Group building projects"

"Opportunities for hands-on demonstrations of gear/techniques"

"The board refer all except minor business to the membership as it was originally intended"

"Discuss computer communications"

#6-WHAT TYPES OF PROGRAMS WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE?

NO RESPONSE=15

"Ham radio related to inspire newcomers"

"Ham travel"

"Ham specialties such as RTTY, AMTOR, DX, etc."

"Any topic close to ham radio"

"Adventure radio"

"Technical"

"Club programs to further ham radio as in days past"

"...like the packet radio talk"

"Audience participation type"

"Speakers"

"How to use your transceiver with a computer"

"Anything to help me become a better on-the-air operator"

#7-DO YOU HAVE A TOPIC YOU WOULD CONSIDER PRESENTING TO THE CLUB?

NO=24 YES=3

Earthquake safety and survival..Red Cross version.-Bob Richman,N6KLR

RTTY for computers.-Dick Letrich,WB6WKM

General technical level.-Frank Glass,K6RQ.

#8-MY INTERESTS ARE FIELD NUMBER PERCENTAGE

DX	11	41%
RAGCHEW	13	48%
NETS	3	11%
CONTESTS	3	11%
FIELD DAY	7	26%
CLASSES	4	15%
CONSTRUCTION	7	26%
ARRL	2	7%
HF	14	52%
VHF	8	30%
UHF	4	15%
RTTY	7	26%
SSTV/ATV	0	0%
OSCAR	0	0%
CERTIFICATES	2	8%
VE	5	19%
COMPUTERS	10	37%
TRAFFIC	1	4%
EMERGENCIES	1	4%

#9-DO YOU HAVE DXCC?
YES=5 NO=21

#10-NUMBER OF CONFIRMED COUNTRIES

Frank Glass must be our champ with 345 plus 231 mobile! Also up there is Brad Wyatt with 345. These were the highest reported totals.

#11-MY AGE IS:

NO RESPONSE	=1	4%
UNDER 20	=0	0%
21-35	=1	4%
36-50	=9	33%
51-65	=6	22%
65 PLUS	=10	37%

#12-I HAVE AN OPERATIONAL

HF STN 23/88% PORT/MOBILE 2M 22/81% EMER POWER SOURCE 10/38%

#13-I USE THE SCCARA REPEATER

FREQUENTLY 6/23% OCCASIONALLY 12/44% NEVER 7/27%

#14-WHAT PERCENTAGE OF THE TIME YOU SPEND OPERATING DO YOU SPEND ON

BAND	NUMBER	%	OVERALL %
160M	4	2%	1%
80M	13	50%	7%
40M	17	65%	17%
30M	2	.8%	.57%
20M	19	61%	22%
15M	14	54%	7%
10M	13	50%	8%
6M	0	0%	0%
2M	23	85%	32%
ABOVE 2M	4	4%	4%

#15-WHAT PERCENTAGE DO YOU OPERATE

CW 15/58% SSB 17/65% OTHER 12/44%

#16-WHAT 1985 SCCARA ACTIVITIES WILL YOU LIKELY ATTEND?

MEETINGS	18	67%
FLEA MARKET	16	59%
TEACH CLASS	3	11.5%
TAKE CLASS	3	11.5%
POTLUCK	9	35%
XMAS DINNER	13	48%
OLDTIMERNITE	7	27%
EXAM	4	15%

#17-TO WHAT OTHER AMATEUR ORGANIZATIONS DO YOU BELONG?

NONE	11	41%
AMRAD	2	8%
NCDXC	6	23%
NCDXF	1	4%
WVARA	3	12%
SCVRS	2	8%
SPECS	2	8%
SVECS	1	4%
IBM AR	1	4%
"OQS"	3	12%
LOMA PRIETA	2	8%
PPRS	1	4%
LE CUMBRE	1	4%
QCWA	1	4%

#18-DID YOU TAKE OR TEACH A CLASS?

NO RESPONSE 16/62% TOOK CLASS 9/35% TAUGHT CLASS 5/19%

#19-DO YOU HAVE A SUGGESTION FOR A 1985 SCCARA ACTIVITY?

NONE=20

We did get several good ideas from 6 respondents, and they deserve recognition:

"Have a contest for more upgrades than West Valley"-Jim Day,KG6QB

"Try to get more members in the club"-Joe Bocanegra,WA6YRU

"SCCARA was once known for its Hamfest...revive same?"-Shorty

Freitas,AE6Z

"A public service display and radio demonstration to promote ham radio"-Dick Letrich,WB6WKM

"Participate in a public service event such as the upcoming First World Police and Firemans Olympics in August"-Bob Richman,N6KLQ

Frank Glass had several suggestions:

"Club sponsor a Boy Scout Explorer post?...Two meter transmitter hunt a la NCDXC 'rubber duck'....Overseas amateur radio support via parts, books, info, etc."

There you have it. The complete results. Of the 1880 possible respondents

only 26 did! That's only about 9% or, if we use the 160 current members..it's not much better..about 17%.

While I'm up here on this paper soapbox, I'll remind you that most of us are usually content to sit back and let someone else carry the load. This is not a good situation...should the club fade away due to apathy, well, it's a damn shame! IT IS A POSSIBILITY, FRIENDS!

What can we do about it? Let's start something by talking about what we found out from this survey. Let's discuss what we can do and let's hear some ideas from YOU.

I suggest we take a hard look at the increasing age of our membership and do something about getting young people interested in ham radio. I know computers are the rage now...we can see that by our own members' interest

Let's show youngsters how computers can work with ham radio to bring new dimensions of fun to BOTH hobbies. Let's support our volunteer teachers who have taken their time and pounded theory and code into our skulls! Let's consider putting together a SCCARA exhibit...not the ARRL booth but our own booth so we can tell the SCCARA story whenever there is an opportunity. That's all I have to say...SCCARA is a good club,...let's work to make it a GREAT club!

73,

Dan,N6LXP

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