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## UPCOMING EVENTS

JULY, 1988

SCCARA MONTHLY MEETING, JULY 11th,  
7:30 PM, at Agnews Developmental Center, featuring "Transistor Amplifiers". Remember, easy way to get to meeting: North on Lafayette, beyond Montague Expressway, to Palm Ave. Turn right driving to Circle Drive & park. Meeting Place is 2nd floor of auditorium. SCCARA BOARD MEETING will again be a 6:00 PM Dinner Meeting, preceding the above at Tasman Street Cafe at N/E corner Tasman & Lawrence Expressway.

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Field Day was even better this year. Mike did an excellent job of organizing the activity, and as usual the food was great Herb! It was especially nice to see everyone work so well together. The tower folks did a super job on repairs and upgrades. We really have something for which we can be proud.

I would like to have a field day debriefing while everything is still fresh in our minds. Let's capitalize upon what everyone seems to enjoy, & plan to have an even better time next year. Let's also try to think of similar activities that we can set up.

This month's meeting will be on "transistor amplifiers". So come and get "educated".

73 de N6NOY

## FIELD DAY '88

Well, Field Day has come and gone. I feel that this was a time that our club can really feel proud of. All three of our stations were under cover this year. Special thanks to Ed, WD6CHD (CW Trailer), Dave, N6QDY (Novice Trailer), and yours truly, (Phone RV).

We had an excellent turnout, forty estimated, and most who so desired to operate had the opportunity. The whole event went rather smoothly with only a couple of minor problems. The CW Station needed direction from the Phone Station regarding the relationship of the antenna element. This may be the start of a tradition since last year the Phone Station was the guilty party. (or was it revenge?-Ed) And there was the raising of the phone tower mast, (a tower is what we needed . . . it's unbelievable it went up at all, practice makes perfect - ED). New this year was the Computer Logging (thanks, Dan, WM6M), a hearty work group that went up Friday night, and Operator Signup Logs at one-half hour increments. Thanks to all we doubled our points from last year . . . and still had fun!

Let's set a goal for '89.

Mike Hastings, KB6LCJ, Field Day Chmn.

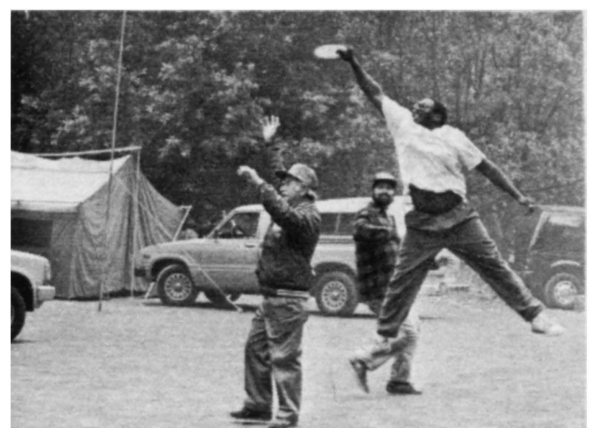
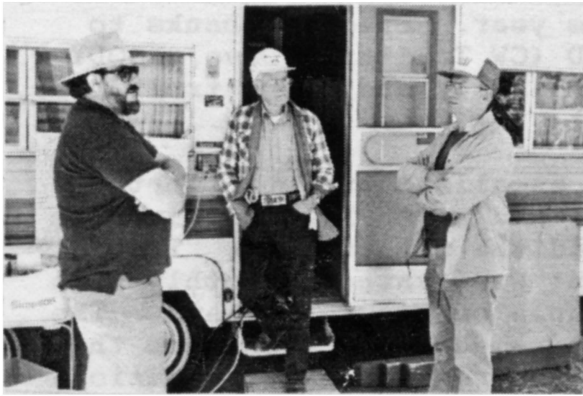
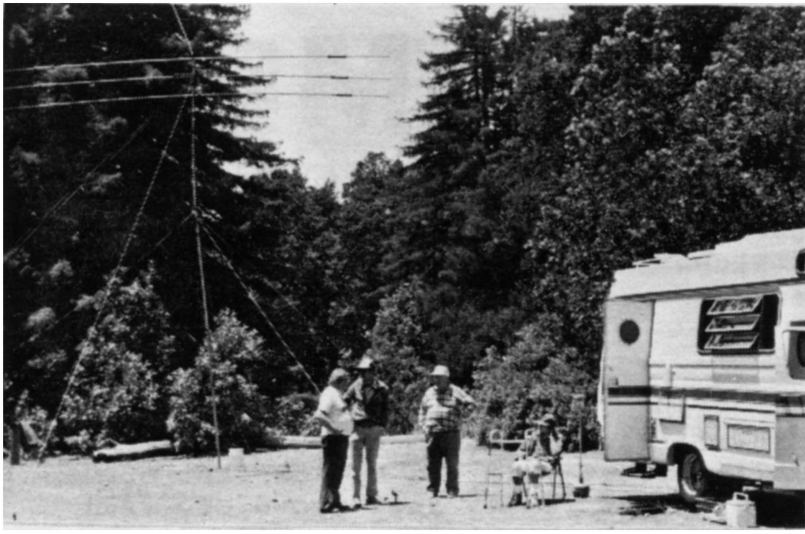
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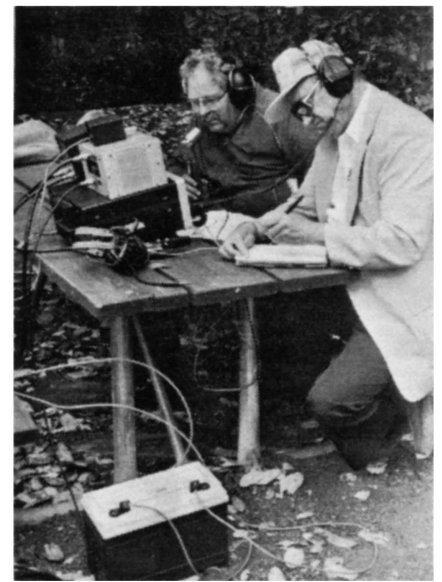
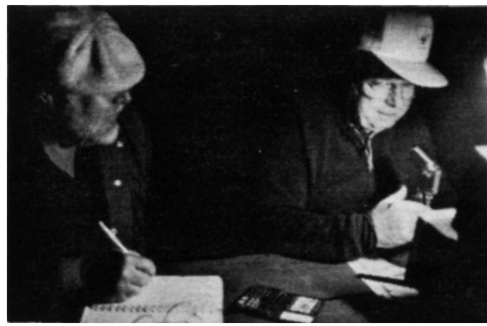
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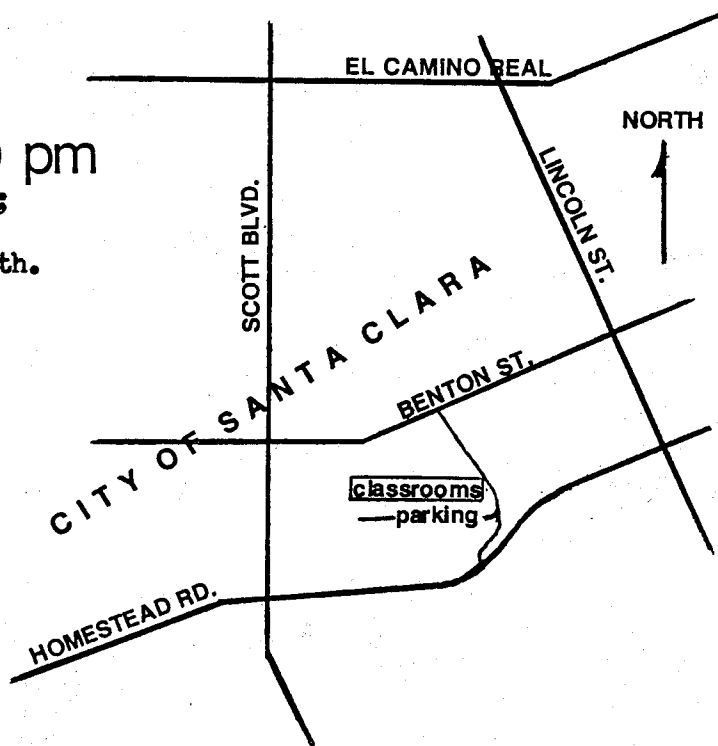
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## SECRETARY'S MINUTES

MINUTES OF SCCARA GENERAL MEETING  
HELD AT AGNEW DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER  
ON JUNE 13, 1988

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 PM by President Allen Levin, N6NOY, who then called for a self-introduction of the 40+ members, visitors and guests in attendance.

After introductions, Allen, N6NOY, turned the meeting over to Field Day Chairman Mike Hastings, KB6LCJ. Mike led a discussion covering the Field Day rules, our operating class and modes, giving the club some details on our actual preparation, and asking for volunteers to supply additional necessary equipment and time. Dan Dietz, WM6M, made a video presentation of our Field Day activities last year, which included some humorous excerpts from various sci-fi movies. The video was very entertaining, and hopefully sparked some interest in Field Day. (Thanks, Dan!)

After the videotape, field day discussion, and a ten minute break, the Treasurer's Report was called for. Dan, WM6M, reported no May deposits, disbursements of \$169.04, with an ending balance of \$5,680.58. Dan also reminded those members that have not paid their dues, that if they do not do so soon, their names will be removed from the mailing list and roster.

The raffle was conducted next, the winners being WY6G, KB6LCU, Jim Basinsky, K6PBQ, WA6UBE, KF6SD & KB6OHO.

After the raffle, a report was called for from the Repeater Committee. At that time, Trish, WA6UBE, announced that she had received formal written permission to borrow test equipment from her place of employment in order to test & align the Club's repeaters.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:18 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Tom Server,  
KB6LUC, SCCARA Secretary.

# Editorial



Market Street Looking South — 1890

I think San Jose would still have its "Tower of Light" could its usefulness have been prolonged . . . or Ham Radio further developed!

But, they don't, and we have our antenna trailer that we are now so proud of. Its value, too, is contingent on being displayed and used.

Now that Field Day is behind us, and the trailer a proven asset, thought should be given to furnishing it with an operating position suitable for public display at Fairgrounds, convention, Foothill Fleamarket, Quement's or what have you!

WD6CHD and KB6LCJ

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## TREASURER'S REPORT

Welcome back member Craig Stewart, KF6SD.

The report on 1988 membership is interesting. As you'll recall, in the last SCCARAGRAM I listed names of members who had not paid for 1988 and would be dropped if not paid by June 15th. Well, I've been so busy recently that only today (July 4th) have I been able to go over the membership records. Even with this additional period of grace, few have seem fit to renew. Today I dropped 86 of you from membership. The by-laws state that I should drop any member not renewing by March 31st.

Our current membership is 167 including life members and honorary members.

Why should any club lose 1/3 of its membership? Has the club not met the needs or interests of the membership? Have we not provided a variety of activities and enough activities? There is a normal attrition due to moving away, loss of interest, etc., but the high drop rate alarms me. I accept responsibility for not producing a Novice class recently. Novice classes usually introduce many new members to SCCARA. But then, "JD" is busy with his weekly classes and he ought to be satisfying many needs.

Tom, KB6LUC informs me that he spoke to many of you regarding what you like or dislike about SCCARA. Seems that many newcomers want someone to help them get a Novice license, some want to extensively use repeaters and we know that while our repeater is working better than before, it is a low-level machine and can not provide the full-service communication capabilities found on other repeaters. But then, we have never pretended to be a repeater group!

What about the positive side of SCCARA membership? While the number of members is somewhat down, the enthusiasm of the active members continues. Witness Field Day. More visitors to Mount Madonna than in recent years. More contacts than in recent contests. How about the antenna trailer project? It certainly is something to see. The new FT757 rig? The upcoming convention? We can go on and on, but, what makes a club successful is the members and their involvement in club activities.

A club needs a focus...some project to make having an organization worthwhile. Just meeting for the sake of tradition is not enough! Let's hear from our membership on what we can and should do to improve the club and amateur radio at large.

Our club provides for a no fee re-instatement. Should you decide to join/re-join the club, dues from today thru the end of 1988 are 1/2 the regular amount. Regular membership will be \$7.50 and family membership is \$10.00. Not a bad deal for what you get!

Until next time....73 de Dan, WM6M, SCCARA Treasurer



# "PACIFICON '88"



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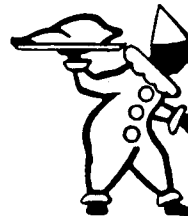
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