

SCCARA-GRAM

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PACIFICON IS ON

Well Shorty was able to "make a deal" with the La Baron and we are on track for Pacificon 89. More than ever we will need YOUR help to make this the best....

Lots of articles to read in this issue. PS Don't miss Docs column...

EDITOR.

THE PREZ SEZ

IT IS WITH A SAD NOTE THAT I BEGIN THIS MONTH'S COLUMN. SCCARA HAS LOST A GOOD FRIEND. BOB RICHMAN, N6KLQ WAS A DIRECTOR FOR THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS AND AS SO SERVED SCCARA WELL. I UNDERSTAND THAT MORE DETAILS CONCERNING BOB'S SUDDEN PASSING ARE TO FOUND

ELSEWHERE IN THIS ISSUE, BUT I'D LIKE TO OFFER MY PERSONAL REMEMBRANCES.

ALWAYS A QUIET MAN, MANY OF US NEVER GOT TO KNOW BOB VERY WELL; HOWEVER, THOSE OF US ATTENDING BOARD MEETINGS WERE

FREQUENTLY BROUGHT "BACK

TO EARTH" BY BOB. OFTEN WE WOULD DEBATE AN ISSUE TO PIECES...AND THEN BOB WOULD RAISE HIS HAND. ONCE RECOGNIZED, BOB

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Bob N6KLQ

NEXT MEETING

Date: Monday 04/10/89

Time: 1900 (earlier than reg. time)

Place: Little John's Dinner House.

1140 Hillsdale Ave.

San Jose, Ca.

Ph. 448-6550

Menu: See page 5.....

Nearest intersection is
Hillsdale and Almaden.

SPEAKER

Rod Stafford KB6ZV is tentatively our speaker for the dinner meeting. It is really nice having the Pacific Division Director also be a SCCARA member.

MEETING AGENDA

1. SCCARA is once again sponsoring Pacificon. Why not be a part of it this year. It really is fun and it puts SCCARA on the map.
2. Field Day is a little more than two months away.
3. There is "movement" in the repeater committee.

WOULD CALMLY OFFER HIS VIEW AND SOLUTION IN A STRAIGHTFORWARD MANNER. AND HE WAS USUALLY RIGHT! BOB WAS ALWAYS THERE FOR SCCARA AND MADE CONTRIBUTIONS THAT DO AND DON'T SHOW.

I HAVE WRITTEN A LETTER OF CONDOLENCE TO BOB'S ONLY KNOWN RELATIVE, AN AUNT IN NEW JERSEY. IN IT, I TRIED TO SHARE WITH HER AND THE FAMILY THAT WE HAVE INDEED LOST A VALUED FRIEND. IN BOB'S MEMORY, SCCARA WILL MAKE A CONTRIBUTION TO THE AMERICAN RED CROSS, SAN JOSE CHAPTER. BOB WAS ALSO HEAVILY INVOLVED WITH THIS GROUP AS WELL AS A FOUR- WHEEL-DRIVE ORGANIZATION. I AM SURE BOB WILL BE SORELY MISSED BY ALL HIS FRIENDS. WE WERE PRIVILEGED TO HAVE KNOWN HIM.

REPEATER COMMITTEE- I HAVE RESTRUCTURED THE REPEATER COMMITTEE WITH STAN GETSLA, WA6VJY AS CHAIRMAN AND NARC DELEGATE. ASSISTING STAN WILL BE KEITH BUTTS, KN6K: VICE CHAIRMAN AND NARC DELEGATE, WALLY BRITTEN, KA6YMD: TECHNICAL ADVISOR AND MESSAGE CONTROL, PATRICIA GIBBONS, WA6UBE AND NATE KIRSCHMAN, N6PHW: TECHNICAL ADVISORS. STAN DIDN'T WAIT LONG TO GET ROLLING. HE AND HIS COMMITTEE SPENT A LENGTHY STAY AT THE REPEATER SITE AND HAVE MADE SOME IMPORTANT OBSERVATIONS. I HAVE REQUESTED THAT STAN AND HIS GROUP EVALUATE THE CURRENT CONDITION OF THE REPEATER EQUIPMENT, ANTENNA, SITE, ETC. WE NEED TO KNOW: 1- WHAT EQUIPMENT DO WE HAVE AND WHAT IS THE CONDITION? 2- IF THAT EQUIPMENT IS BEYOND REASONABLE UPGRADE/FIXING, WHAT NEEDS REPLACING AND WHAT WOULD REPLACEMENT GEAR COST? 3- IF EQUIPMENT IS MARGINAL BUT FIXABLE,

WHAT WOULD BE NECESSARY AND WHAT WOULD IT COST? I'M CONFIDENT THAT WE WILL SOON HAVE A REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE.

CLUB HISTORIAN- WE THANK DICK BARRETT, W6CFK FOR HIS MANY YEARS AS SCCARA HISTORIAN. THE NEW CLUB HISTORIAN IS DOC GMELIN, W6ZRJ ASSISTED BY SAM TERESI, W6EDA. DOC SAYS HE HAS A LOT OF SCCARA "STUFF" IN HIS COLLECTION. IF YOU HAVE ANY SIGNIFICANT HISTORICAL ITEMS, PLEASE CONTACT DOC SO WE CAN GET IT ALL IN ONE PLACE. SPEAKING OF "ONE PLACE", WE PREFER TO STORE THIS MATERIAL IN A SAFE STORAGE PLACE. SINCE SCCARA HAS BEEN AROUND FOR 60+ YEARS, I IMAGINE THAT SEVERAL BOXES OF NEWSLETTER, CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER DOCUMENTS EXIST. WE DON'T WANT TO LOSE THIS MATERIAL. IF YOU HAVE SOME EXTRA ROOM IN A STORAGE UNIT (LOCKER), LET DOC KNOW. I HAVE ASKED DOC TO WRITE AN OCCASIONAL ARTICLE ABOUT SOME PAST EVENT OR MEMBER. SCCARA IS RICH IN HISTORY AND LORE, SO WE SHOULD LOOK FORWARD TO READING ABOUT SCCARA HISTORY SOON.

FIELD DAY- THIS YEAR SCCARA WILL VENTURE TO THE POLICE OFFICER'S ASSOCIATION CAMPGROUND NEAR SARATOGA. A BIT NEARER THAN MOUNT MADONNA, I HOPE THAT MANY WILL VISIT AND PARTICIPATE. HERB HIMMELFARB, KA6ABG PROMISES TO AGAIN PUT ON AN EXEMPLARY CULINARY REPAST...I.E, SOME GREAT EATS! I HAVE JUST SENT OFF FOR A PC FIELD DAY LOGGING PROGRAM. COMPUTER LOGGING REALLY WAS GREAT LAST YEAR EVEN IF WE DID LOSE SOME IMPORTANT DATA. WE LEARNED AND WE SHOULD DO BETTER THIS

YEAR. WE NEED ANOTHER PORTABLE (!)
PC/CLONE FOR FIELD DAY. I HAVE A COMPAQ
PORTABLE WE CAN USE, BUT WE NEED AT
LEAST ONE MORE. STAN IS GOING TO RUN A
TEST WITH THE CLUB GENERATOR TO SEE HOW
WELL IT GETS ALONG WITH A PC.

MISCELLANEOUS- MANY TOPICS ARE
BEFORE THE BOARD. WE PLAN ON HAVING A
PRESENTATION ABOUT DIRECTION FINDING
AND HOW TO BUILD A SIMPLE DIRECTIONAL
ANTENNA FOR YOUR 2-METER RIG. WE WILL

LATER HAVE A
T-HUNT. WE ALSO
PLAN ON HAVING
A T-HUNT AT
PACIFICON '89
ALTHOUGH ON A
LARGER SCALE.
I'VE NEVER
PARTICIPATED IN
ONE BUT LOOK
FORWARD TO
LEARNING HOW TO
DO IT! DO YOU
HAVE ANY IDEAS
FOR CLUB
ACTIVITIES? LET
US KNOW AS WE
WANT TO OFFER
ACTIVITIES THAT
WILL SATISFY
YOU!

73 DE DAN, WM6M

Nice article
Dan..The Editor



MARCH 89 FLEA MARKET

APRIL MEETING- APRIL'S MEETING WILL BE
A DINNER MEETING AT LITTLEJOHN'S
RESTAURANT. LITTLEJOHN'S IS LOCATED AT
ALMADEN AND HILLSDALE. WE WILL USE THEIR
BANQUET ROOM (BACK ROOM). SERVICE IS BY
WAITER/WAITRESS SO WE SHOULD TRY TO GET
TOGETHER A BIT EARLIER...7PM. I HOPE WE
HAVE A GOOD TURNOUT AS MANY WIVES ACCOMPANY
THEIR MATES TO THESE EATING EXCURSIONS.

TREASURERS TRINKETS

Well, another busy month!! Does
this job EVER slow down, Dan?? You
didn't tell me there was SO MUCH TO
DO!!

If you've read Dan's column, you
know our sad news this month. We'll
all surely miss Bob, N6KLQ, a lot.
Seemed like whenever something needed
doing, he was always there to help.

We do have a bunch of new members to welcome this month. They are Vince (N6UMC), Tran (KC6CEH/KT), Byron (KB6ETA), Eric (KC6BZY), Syd (W6QWK), Diane (KC6BWL/KT), David (N6TFX), Randy (KJ6PD), David (N6UEZ), and Mike (KB6PDA).

Byron Bommarito, KB6ETA, has asked for a packet elmer who can help him during the day (he works swing shift). If you can help him, please call him at 247-6181 after 9:00 AM.

If you were at the flea market in March, you probably couldn't help but see the SCCARA booth. Yes, we took the tower trailer and set up an HF station.

Unfortunately, the solar flares were playing havoc with conditions and we didn't make a whole lot of contacts. However, Larry, KB6HRN, did get himself a new country (Yugoslavia) while he was at the mike. Also, many members stopped by to say hi and we got to introduce the club to many others. BAYLARC, SVECS and the Red Cross also did well with their booths. I know that BAYLARC and the Red Cross will be out in April. How about us?? Are we going out Red Cross will be out in April. How about us?? Are we going again?? If you are interested, let me know so we can plan for it. Otherwise, I will probably see you at the BAYLARC booth in April.

While I am writing this, Stan, WA6VJY, and his committee are at the repeater site tweaking away and trying to see just exactly what shape our repeater is in. I understand they will be gathering all the information together so they can come up with ways to improve the repeater.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 03-31-89

Bank of the West (3-1-89) \$2451.80
Income:

Dues 615.00
Meeting Prizes 37.00

Expenses:

Safe deposit box rent <15.00>
March SCCARAGRAM printing <88.70>
Petty Cash reimbursement <37.00>
Jan & Feb hotline phone <17.61>
March prizes <33.26>
Postage stamps <25.00>

Bank of the West (3-31-89)

\$2887.23

SF Federal Savings (3-1-89) \$2814.48

SF Federal Savings (3-31-89)

\$2814.48

Petty Cash (3-1-89) \$ 35.00

Expenses:

Flea market booth <7.00>
Flyer printing <15.00>
Reimbursements: ___37.00

Petty Cash (3-31-89)

\$__50.00

TOTAL CASH \$5751.71

Reminder: If you join or renew with ARRL, please print "Club Code = 1802" next to or above your name so SCCARA will get the commission on your ARRL dues. Also let me know if there is a change to your ARRL membership status. SCCARA must have at least 50% ARRL members to remain an ARRL affiliated club and I need this information for reporting purposes.

73,

Kathy, KB6ICQ

REPEATER NEWS

Repeater Committee Report By Stan
Getsla WA6VJY

The committee spent the better part of 7 hours in a windy and rather cold hallway today (3-25). We made some basic sensitivity measurements of the system and some adjustments to the



2m side of the machine. The transmit deviation levels were checked and adjusted. It was determined that a new crystal for the 2m receiver is needed to bring it onto frequency. The part has been ordered and should be in our hands to be installed within a month. This should be of some help for marginal signals. The repeater committee will be meeting in the next 2-3 weeks to discuss various courses of action for improving the existing machine. I see a number of different things we can do to upgrade our machine ranging from essentially doing nothing (less than \$20) all the way to buying a new commercial repeater with all the bells and whistles (in excess of \$3500). In between are a number of

different options. The costs will be evaluated and presented to the board of directors for review and presentation to the membership in the months to come.

Committee members and visitors present were: Wally KA6YMD, Trish WA6UBE, Bob KB6OHD, Bob N6PCQ, Nate N6PHW, Larry KB6HRN, and myself.

73,

Stan WA6VJY

THE MENU

MENU FOR APRIL DINNER MEETING AT
LITTLE JOHN'S

Choice of one of the following:

Rib Eye Steak

Roast Beef

Fish & Chips

Grilled Snapper

Sauteed Chicken Breast

Teriyaki Chicken Breast

Chef's Salad All dinners cost

\$8.00/each and come with soup or salad, potato & vegetable, bread & butter, and your choice of coffee, tea or soft drink.

BOARD MEETING

SCCARA BOARD MEETING, 03/16/89

Meeting was called to order at 7:45 pm by Pres. Dan Dietz, WM6M at the Red Cross Community Center.

Present were Pres. Dan, WM6M; VP George, WA6O; Directors Herb, KB6ABG; Forster, N6PCQ; Richman, N6KLQ; Ed, WD6CHD, & Lou, WA6QYS. Guests Shorty, AB6Z; Stan, WA6VJY; Editor Mike, KB6LCJ.

Absent was Don Village, K6PBQ.

Reported seriously ill were Frank Quement, W6NX, at home; and Paul Tibbs, W6WGO, at Watsonville Community Hospital. Frank was SCCARA's first president and good friend over the years. Paul was president several years running, also in the early days. Please hold good thoughts for their early recovery. *(Silent Key 3/27)

Pres. Dan reported Secty. Don unable to make this meeting and requested WD6CHD Ed to take minutes. Dan said Don had reported the Three Flames Restaurant available, but hadn't been able to contact the Bold Knight as yet. Le Baron Hotel was also suggested. Decision deferred to Don to be reported on next meeting.

Secty Kathy reported \$2671 in Bank of West, \$2814 in S.F. Federal and Telephone Co. stock certificates now valued at approximately \$2760, just picked up from Joe, WA6DXP, and put into new safe deposit box at SF Fed. We have 197 members currently listed of which 167 have paid their dues. (Time is running out if you want to remain on the Roster!)

Field Day was next discussed. Our normal site, Mt. Madonna not being available Kathy, Lou and Ed have been trying for alternates. Other suitable county facilities are not available overnight. Casa de Fruta would accomodate us either in a developed or undeveloped site depending on whether we wanted to run generator. Best reported was site of Santa Clara County Peace Officers' out of Saratoga. Ed, WD6CHD, was directed to confirm our reservation at once. (This has been done) The site will be checked for trailer access, station location, camping facilities, etc. to be reported on at next meeting.

Herb, KB6ABG, was again appointed Field Day Cook. \$10 will take care of your chow on the outing. Details will follow so you can include your spouse.

This brought up the trailer. Frank McCormick is making wheel locks. A

level is needed if anyone can volunteer one. CHP has stated that trailer can weigh up to 3000# without brakes, as long as the towing vehicle can stop within prescribed limits, so we can mount more equipment. Further, trailer value was declared as \$5000. George, WA6O, volunteered to get insurance quote.

PACIFICON '89 was reported on by Shorty, AE6Z. After much negotiating agreement has been reached for about the same as last year. Rooms to be \$55+ tax, banquet about \$25, based on 100 convention room rentals. This will give us Le Baron Suite and other facilities as before, plus certain 9th floor areas. Failure to rent 100 rooms subjects us to \$1000 plus. penalty. Agreement will be signed on receipt. Shorty further cited need for ideas on entertainment; a leader for Wouf Hong if we have one; a photo committee. He is hoping to promote a "Fox Hunt", and would like to promote youth interest by having a Youth Chairman. He also said Exhibits would be opened to public 10 am, Sun. A 1200 MHz Repeater Club Prize is again being considered.

Pres. Dan next brought up status of our repeater. He announced new Repeater Committee assignments as follows: Stan Getsla, WA6VJY, Chmn & Narc. co-chairman
Keith Butts, KN6K, Vice-Chmn, Narc. co-chmn.

Wally Britten, KA6YMD, Message Control
Trish Gibbons, WA6UBE, Tech. Advisory.
Nate Kirschmann, Tech. Advisory.

Pres. Dan said that he would like an immediate report on status of repeater, its needs, immediate and future, and recommendations for correction. Also, he particularly wanted us represented at the next NARC. Committee, so that our frequencies could be kept intact.

Regarding the April 8th Fleamarket at Foothill College approved rental of space up to \$14 if enough persons were interested, Frank McCormack to chair committee.

Board also approved purchase of flowers or suitable memorial up to \$50 (at direction of President) should occasion arise in future.

Past Historian Dick Barrett, W6CFK, having indicated he would like to be relieved of files, Pres. Dan appointed Sam Teresi, W6EOA, and "Doc" Gmelin W6ZRJ, Co-Historians. Above files and those held by "Doc" and others, are to be merged and cataloged, to be a base for a history of SCCARA to be written by "Doc". Suitable containers are to be obtained and cataloged files to be stored in a safe place, mini-storage if necessary.

No further business coming before board, meeting adjourned at 1010 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Ed Rawlinson, WD6CHD, for Don Village, Secty.

HEALTH AND WELFARE

Bob Wharton W600Y, is retiring from a long public service career in the County Communications Department.

Silent Keys

Bob Richman N6KLQ, passed away Thursday, 17 March. Bob was an active member of SCCARA, and a Director. He was also a member of the Four Wheel Drive Club, a Rock Hound specializing in Opals, and a volunteer at the American Red Cross where he was Vice Chair of the Emergency Services Volunteer Committee. In addition, he was V.C. of the Direct Disaster Services Committee, and instructor of the Committee's Training Class, the Shelters and Mass Care Committee, and the Disaster Action Team (he worked as a dispatcher for the team). Bob took an active part in the '83 Alviso Flood, '84 Morgan Hill Earthquake, '85 Lexington fire, and the '86 Gilroy Flood. Burial took place in the family plot in New Jersey on 26 March. A memorial was held at the Red Cross on 28 March.

Paul Tibbs W6WGO, passed away on 27 March. Paul was a Past-President of SCCARA, the Santa Cruz and Sacramento Radio Clubs. As a long term member he was instrumental in founding the TVI committee in the late '40s and was involved in emergency work in the clubs and with his employer, the telephone company. He was also in the Mission Trailer Group, and the Loma Pioneer Club. Paul is survived by his wife Thelma and a son, Paul, Jr.

FIELD DAY FOOD

As I write this, the dates for Field Days are 24 and 25 June. We do not have a site yet, being preempted from Mt. Madonna Park.

You probably remember last year's steaks, beans, salad and french bread; to which we added chicken and potatoes, along with turkey ham, eggs and cereal for breakfast. All of that is now our regular order.

What's new for this year? We'll take orders in addition to the above. Fish, other meats, etc. However you must have your special order called in to me by 1 June. If you are going ^{TOWARD} anything from last year's dinner; steak or chicken and/or potatoes, the cut-off date is noon on 10 June. We need two weeks to get things ready.

Call us at 226-2919. If we're not able to answer, leave a message: your name, call and what you want. This year we're charging \$10.00, food prices have risen. Any money left over will be refunded on an equal share basis, or you can donate your share to the Club treasury.

Herb Himmelfarb

P.S. Wish I could report something for Good and Welfare. Noone talks to me about anything.

AND THE ANSWERS ARE

Well how did you do on the puzzle last month? Here are the answers:

1. Sandbox
2. Man overboard
3. I understand
4. Reading between the lines.
5. Long underwear
6. Cross road
7. Tricycles
8. Downtown
9. Split level
10. 3 degrees below zero
11. Neon light
12. Rings under your eyes
13. High chair
14. Paradise
15. Touchdown
16. Six feet underground
17. Mind over matter
18. He's beside himself
19. Backward Glance
20. Life after death

DID ANYONE WIN??

You bet your bippie.. Sharon N6MWD and Weo WN6I teamed up and had the answers in my mailbox almost before I mailed them. Jon KB6KEH not only had the correct answers but supplied me with some material for future issues. Well Sharon, Weo and Jon should be watching their mail boxes for their prize...

EDITOR.....

SVECS BREAKFAST

The quarterly SVECS breakfast is coming up this month. Besides a good breakfast, you will hear a speaker from the Palo Alto 911 center. This could be a most interesting topic for those of

you interested in the inner workings of 911 plus how they view us HAMS.

Date: 04/22/89 (Saturday)

Place: Agnews Facility (Large Hall)

Time: Breakfast at 0900

Speaker at 1000

Home by noon

Cost: Breakfast runs \$5.00

If you have wondered what ARES is about or simply want a GREAT BREAKFAST, please put April 22 on your calendar.

FOR YOUR INFO

Here are some stats from the 1988 Field Day. We would have fared considerably better were it not for our computer malfunction.

Field Day DE CHRIS KB6LJF

News Update

3A	SANTA CLARA VALLEY	COUNTY	ARRL SECTION
RANK	CLUB NAME	QSOS PWR HAMS	POINTS
CA 5	SAN MATEO RADIO CLUB		
USA 30	W6LHN (+KB6NYZ)	1608 150W 32	5572
SEC 1	SAN MATEO SAN MATEO	SAN MATEO	SANTA CLARA
CA 8	PALO ALTO AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION		
USA 46	W6OTX	1386 150W 31	4514
SEC 2	PALO ALTO	SANTA CLARA	SANTA CLARA
CA 11	SAN LORENZO VALLEY RADIO CLUB		
USA 64	N6RZ (+N6NLT)	2427 1KW 25	4022
SEC 3	SANTA CRUZ BEN LOMOND	SANTA CRUZ	SANTA CLARA
CA 16	COASTSIDE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB		
USA 113	WA6TOW	923 150W 14	2912
SEC 4	PACIFICA	SAN MATEO	SANTA CLARA
CA 20	SANTA CLARA COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB		
USA 132	W6UV (+KB6UPP)	790 150W 45	2680
SEC 5	CUPERTINO	SANTA CLARA	SANTA CLARA
CA 26	ESL Irregulars		
USA 233	KA6ASV (+KA6RDX)	211 150W 29	1520
SEC 6	SAN JOSE SAN JOSE	SANTA CLARA	SANTA CLARA
CA 29	SANTA CRUZ COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB		
USA 264	K6BJ (+KB6VOQ)	232 150W 14	1144
SEC 7	CAPITOLA	SANTA CRUZ	SANTA CLARA

RECOLLECTIONS OF SCCARA'S EARLY DAYS

By J. A. "Doc" Gmelin, W6ZRJ
Past President SCCARA and Honorary Vice
President ARRL

My first contact with SCCARA was in the spring of 1946 when I visited the cousin of a friend of mine who was a ham. His name was Ralph W6QLP. I had been somewhat interested in ham radio for a time, but during WWII, hams were not allowed on the air. At the time W6QLP was operating on 10 meter phone, which meant AM in those days, since single sideband suppressed carrier phone had not yet been developed in ham radio.

I made several visits to Ralph's QTH in east San Jose that spring and each time saw a new part of amateur operation. The first time I visited in the evening I was introduced to SCCARA through the 10 meter net that the Club sponsored. I found that there were a lot of hams in the San Jose area on 10 meters.

The 10 meter band was the only band available in the early spring of that year and other amateurs bands, 80, 40, and 20, were not opened up until a few months later. I don't remember the official net night for SCCARA 10 meter. I think some of the SCCARA gang were on the air on about 28,600 just about every night.

The 10 meter band was pretty well

open in the spring of 1946, but the long skip openings last only into the early evening hours as they are today. So operation in the later evening and throughout the night was pretty much limited to ground wave which went out about 40 miles or so. I learned a lot about ham radio in those visits to the shack of W6QLP.

Some of the other SCCARA members I met on those 10 meter roundtable sessions were Jim Clemens, W2OFK/6 (later WA6WNM); Irv Rasmussen, W9FAV/6, (later W6YPM); Chuck Chapman, W6VHE; Frank Glass, W6MVL, (now K6RQ); Frank Quement, W6NX; Harry Engwhict, W6HC; Terry Hansen, W6KG, (he was the original holder of that call which Lloyd Colvin now holds); Terry Hansen, W6TAN; Al Gaetano, W6VZT; Bud Jacklin, W6IXJ; and I know there are others who were active on the net but not members of SCCARA.

From these sessions I learned about SCCARA and I attended my first meeting in August of 1946. I joined the club at that meeting and also became an Associate Member of ARRL through the Club. You had to have an amateur license to be a full member, and my first license was still 8 months off. As I recall, dues for the club were 25 cents a month or \$3.00 a year and a membership in ARRL was \$2.50. That spring I purchased my first ARRL

publication, the ARRL Handbook and I think price was \$2.00.

The club was meeting at Dunn Hall at the San Jose Civic Auditorium and at that first meeting it was announced that the Club was sponsoring a ham radio class to be taught by Bud Jacklin, W6IXJ who was the radio shop teacher for San Jose Technical High School. The classes were held in the upstairs radio shop at Hester Grammer School, the grammer school I graduated from in 1940.

The classes started in September of 1946 and I was at the first session, armed with my 1946 ARRL Handbook, my first issue of QST and a note pad. I was on my way to becoming a ham.

In those days there were only three classes of amateur license. They were: Class B, the basic, license which required 13 wpm code and a technical exam; Class A, which required a further and more complex written exam; and Class C, a test given by another amateur if you lived 125 miles or more from an FCC exam point. The Class C carried the same privileges as the Class B and had the same requirements.

Everyone had to go to an FCC exam point if they lived within the 125 miles radius, and if you held a Class C, you had to take the test at an FCC exam point if you moved into the 125 radius circle from a point outside. The 13 wpm code test of course was the big barrier, although the technical test was also difficult if you had no radio experience. But Bud Jacklin was

a great teacher and I talked to him over the air from W6QLP's station, so I sort of knew him before I met him in person.

So I started to learn the code (I found that learning 5 to 10 WPM was easy. The 11 to 12 wpm barrier was the problem) and I learned a lot of theory through the sessions of the SCCARA class that fall and winter. By February I felt confident enough to travel to San Francisco to take the test.

That's next months story.

END

Hey Doc... Not a bad article. There is significant history tied up with our club and many hams (like Doc) hold the keys. Lets keep the good information coming. If there are others that would like to share their experiences with SCCARA, please get in touch with Doc or myself (Mike KB6LCJ). I am also interested in photos. I was wondering what Doc looked like back there in 46. How about it Doc??? Any early photos?? As an aside, the Palo Alto Radio club is still expecting a talk concerning our trailer at their May meeting. Al W6VZT mentioned that the tower had originally been used for demos of television when TV was first being introduced. It was commercially available. Anyone have pictures, writeups or just knowledge??

Well this newsletter was a biggie. I must thank the many inputs via packet, floppy disk (and typed). It surely make life easier for your editor. Keep them coming.

1989-1990

SCCARA SCHEDULE

April 1989

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April

8 FOOTHILL FLEA MARKET
10 MONTHLY MEETING

May

6 EMERGENCY RESPONSE INSTITUTE
7 EMERGENCY RESPONSE INSTITUTE
8 MONTHLY MEETING
13 FOOTHILL FLEA MARKET

June

10 FOOTHILL FLEA MARKET
12 MONTHLY MEETING
24 FIELD DAY
25 FIELD DAY

July

1 MOFFETT AIR SHOW
2 MOFFETT AIR SHOW
8 FOOTHILL FLEA MARKET
10 MONTHLY MEETING

August

12 FOOTHILL FLEA MARKET
14 MONTHLY MEETING

September

9 FOOTHILL FLEA MARKET
11 MONTHLY MEETING

October

6 PACIFICON
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