

# SCCARA-GRAM

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## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

The health and vitality of a club or organization can be determined by the percent of members who are actively involved in club functions. All too often we see individuals in leadership roles "burn out" because they get very little or no help carrying out their responsibilities. Not so in SCCARA!

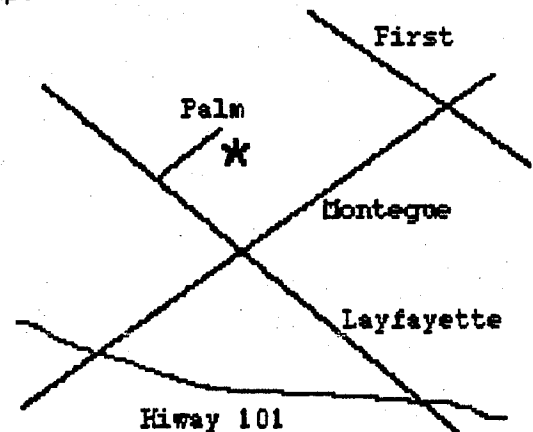
SCCARA is very fortunate to have a nucleus of people who routinely do things to make the club better and more enjoyable for everyone. People like Bob Keller, KB6OHD who takes pictures for the SCCARA-GRAM. Or Mike Hastings, KB6LCJ who publishes the SCCARA-GRAM for us. And there's Joe Quirantes, WA6DXP who, in addition to hosting our Monday Night Net, maintains and updates our membership database and makes membership badges. Frank McCormick, AA6LL and Jim O'Keefe, WE6V assemble donations and run our booth at the Foothill Flea Market. They also work together on our ham training classes. Lou Steirer, WA6QYS is our Field Day Chairman again. And Herb Himmelfarb, KB6ABG (welcome back, Herb) is again doing us the honor of coordinating and cooking the Saturday BBQ at Field Day. Stan Getsla, WA6VJY, is not only the Chairman of our Repeater Committee, but he also gets the cookies and brews the coffee for our monthly meetings. Kathy Getsla, KB6ICQ also serves a dual role as both Treasurer and Membership Chairperson. Which brings us to the point of this message.

SCCARA still needs a person to be Membership Coordinator. The job can be easy and fun for the person who has no other Club responsibilities. So, if you've been wanting to get more involved in SCCARA, here's your chance. Please see me at the May Meeting.

## NEXT MEETING

Date: Monday 05/14/90  
Time: 1930- 2200 approx.  
Place: Agnews Facility. Located on Palm Avenue just a bit East of the intersection of Montague and Lafayette.

Map:



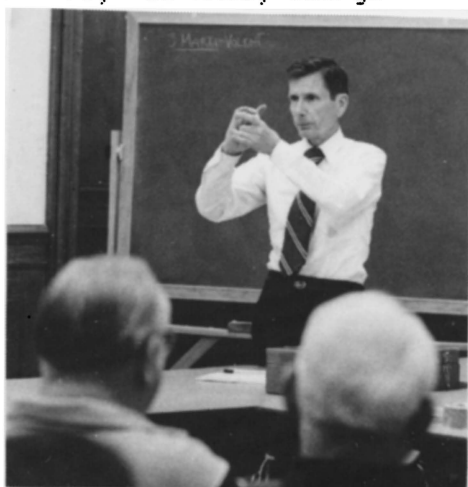
## SPEAKER

Our speaker this month is First Lt. Brian Perkin N6RSW. Brian is a search and rescue officer for the **Civil Air Patrol**. A slide presentation and talk on **Search and Rescue Techniques** with some attention paid to **Radio Direction finding** will ensue. Hope to see you there....

## MEETING AGENDA

- \* Field Day Update
- \* Pacificon
- + Repeater Status

I look forward to seeing you there.  
73, de WA6DQ, George



Our April speaker was S. Marti-Volkoff. He is a representative from the FCC and gave a talk on his experiences tracking down ILLEGAL RF EMISSIONS. If you missed this meeting, you missed a good one...

TREASURER'S COLUMN  
de KB6ICQ

Another month gone by and still we don't have the money for the stocks. However, the papers have been filed for all but two companies. Those two companies just had a stock split and we must wait to receive the certificates before we liquidate those. Also AT&T is taking their time about sending info about replacing the certificates for the original 15 shares purchased in the 1950's. Hopefully by this time next month we will have received the checks for the other four companies.

By now, you should have received a new roster and the 1989 Treasurer's Report. The roster is only as good as the information you provide to me. Be sure to get your changes to me, so the roster will be correct. Also my sincere apologies to Bob Forster N6PCQ.

I don't know how it happened but somehow his name was dropped by the computer. You can add his info to your copy of the roster. His address is 268 Kellogg Way, Santa Clara, 95051 and phone is 408-296-5509. Again Bob, I don't know how it happened and I'm sorry.

Hey Bob... If you need the name of a

good attorney..... EDITOR

REPEATER COMMITTEE REPORT

5/03/90

de WA6VJY

As of this writing, ALL our long lead time hardware has been ordered and received with the exception of the new antenna. It is due to be delivered the week of 7 May. It is in Hayward and an appropriate date and time of delivery next week has been arranged. We now need to really get down to business designing interface circuits, assembling interconnecting cables, and installing the hardware. As work is done on the repeater, it will be off the air from time to time. These times will mostly be on weekends and hopefully will be of short duration. I hope all the users can bear with us through those down-times.

The last NARCC meeting was interesting in that one of our past members was elected to the board of directors. Craig (Alan?) Stewart KF6SD being on the board will put a San Jose voice in the repeater coordinating council for this area.

Field Day this year looks to be really fun! We will be back at Mt. Madonna again. We ought to do much better than last year considering the terrain around the campsite where we will be this year compared to where we were last year. If you visited us last year, you know what I'm talking about. W6UW will be on the air for Field Day as an extra band on packet. Look for us on the normal packet channels on 2 meters calling CQ FD. The first packet contact is worth 100 points!

73, Stan WA6VJY

WELCOME & CONGRATULATIONS  
de KB6ICQ

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Scott KB6U00 manning the Primavera bike tour.

#### Helping Out

Scott Hensley KB6U00 was one of the many hams that helped out with the Primavera Century Bike Tour. Twenty HAMS manned four rest stops, a command center at Ohlone College plus several sag wagons. Sags travel the route and assist bikers as needed. Bob KB6OHQ was up there taking pictures, Mike KB6LCJ was with sag 1, Joan KB6LFZ was at the Bridgeport rest stop and Scott KB6U00 was at the Grant Ranch rest stop. I also saw Sharon N6MWD, Weo WN6I, Mike KB6PDA plus many others. So why bother?? Well for one, we provided a REAL AND MUCH APPRECIATED SERVICE. There were three courses, a 25 miler, a 100 meter and the 100 miler.

Reliable communications make the ride safer, more fun etc. The people you meet are really nice and are most interesting. I find it refreshing listening to people with other hobbies than mine plus the potential is there for a convert or two. Joan KB6LFZ and yours truly attended the APPRECIATION DINNER held at Mission Gardens in Fremont. We (along with other volunteers) were treated to a great meal, a slide show and a 20 minute video tape. It was fun and.... didn't cost an arm and a leg... So why not check in on the SVECS net and find out where the action is. SVECS

stands for Silicon Valley Emergency Communications System. The Frequency is 146.115+ and a net is held every Tuesday at 2000. I think you will find it most rewarding. EDITOR

#### A SLIGHT JOKE

Son: Can you believe this. That old guy ahead of us is going 15 in a 35mph zone.  
Mom: Just be patient. Say look. Those are HAM plates on his car..  
Son: Yeah, he's probably a novice!!!

#### FOOD FOR FIELD DAY 1990

Come one, come all! Now is the time to make your reservations. Field Day, 23 June 1990 is rapidly approaching. Because the weather up there can turn cold by 5 or 6 PM, we will be eating earlier this year, about 1 or 2 PM.

Just as last year, we are offering a dinner consisting of steak or chicken, baked potato or baked beans, green beans and salad. Let us know your choices. Also let us know if you will stay over for breakfast.

This year the cost is \$10.00 per person. Any monies left over will be

returned to you on an equal basis, or turned over to the club treasury, as you desire.

Call us with your selection at 226- 2919 at any reasonable time. Leave a message indicating your choices if we don't get a chance to talk to you.

We must have your reservation no later than 6:00 PM on Saturday 16 June. Unlike last year, we will not telephone the membership. If you do not make a reservation, you are welcome to join us, but you will need to bring your own food and cooking equipment.

Thank you and hearty appetite!  
de Herb KB6ABG and his XYL Cynthia

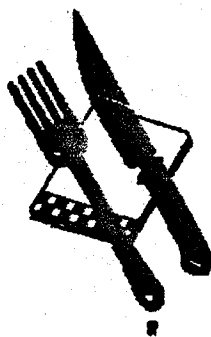
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### The Eternal QSO

Ever listened in (or been part of) a conversation like this?

Joe.. Well nice talking with you Moe. Got to run. Have a nice weekend. See you later. K6GAB- W6RAP 73...

Moe.. OK Joe. Nice talking with you also. Say hi to the XYL. Don't forget the Flea Market next week.  
73..W6RAP-K6GAB

About 10 seconds go by.....

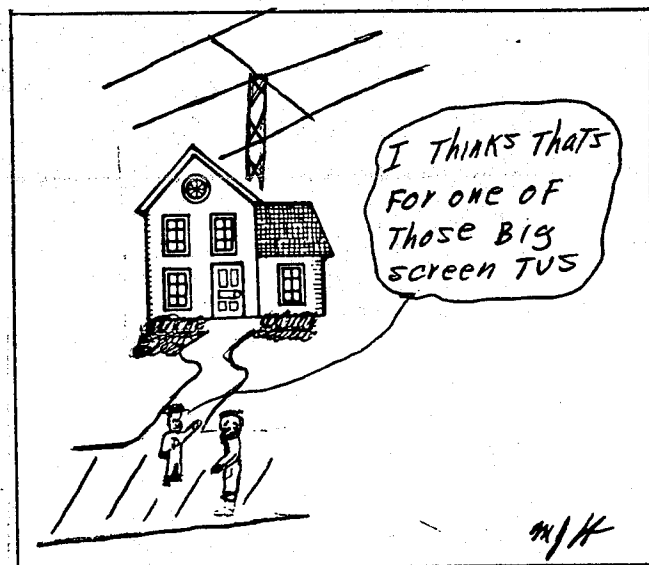
Joe.. Hey Moe, are you still there??

Moe.. Yup.

Joe.. What Flea Market??

Moe.. You know, the Foothill one.

Joe.. Oh yeah.. Well just pulled into the driveway so better run. Say, do you want to car pool to the Flea Market?? Back to you for your final. 73 and see you down the log. K6GAB-W6RAP



Moe..OK Joe. Not a bad idea. Who should drive??

Joe.. Gee, I don't know. How about me driving. Hey the neighbors looking at me funny. really gotta go.  
K6GAB-W6RAP.

Moe.. Sounds like a deal. Just pulling into the driveway myself. Better sign off. W6RAP- K6GAB

Joe.. 73

Moe.. 73

Moe (after several seconds). Say Joe...what time.....

# Field Day 1990

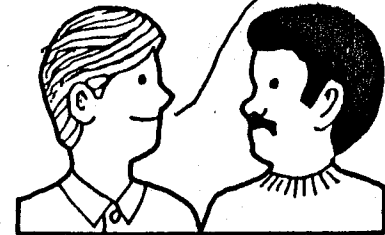
**Place: Mount Madonna**

**Date: June 23 and 24**

**Dinner: See Herb KB6ABG at the**

**next SCCARA meeting  
or call at 226-2919.**

**SEE YOU THERE**



Say... Lets  
Join The  
SCCARA  
Field Day  
This Year

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Nets are held every Monday evening at 1930 sharp, except for the second Monday which is our meeting night.

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