

# SCCARA-GRAM

**Santa Clara County Amateur Radio Association**

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello to all. Nominations for the 1993 board will take place at the October meeting. Our election committee composed of Don KC6WMM, Stan WA6VJY, Doug WN6U and Gene W6LYG are hard at work and will have a proposed slate. In addition, the October meeting is where nominations can be made from the floor.

The November meeting is the actual election of officers with installation taking place at the December dinner meeting. This is an important time because the board determines the direction in which the club should be going.

Several items were discussed at our last board meeting. Don K6PBQ proposed that the club open the Red Cross station for the Boy Scout Jamboree on the Air. This event is scheduled for October 17 and 18. Yes it is Pacifcon weekend also. Our October speaker will be Bob Arasmith N0ARY who will give a presentation on the operation of his packet bbs. The board also voted (the previous month) to make up to \$300 available for upgrading the security system at the Red Cross Radio Room. The work in this area is spearheaded by Scott KB6UOO. Doug WN6U gave a presentation on the addition of a 2 meter all mode radio to complement the Red Cross HF station. A supporting article can be found elsewhere in the newsletter. Our December dinner is scheduled for Friday December 18. Put this on your calendars and watch next months Sccaragram for signup info. It will be a good one!

Congratulations to Tony K6MOB who was the lucky winner of the dinners and overnite stay at the Pacific Convention

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

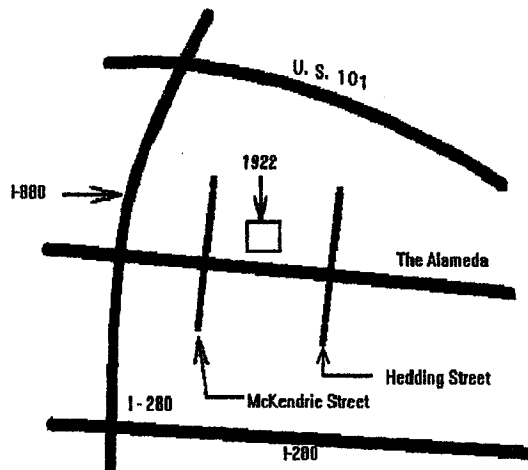
10/07	Yom Kippur
10/12	SCCARA General Meeting
10/16-17	Pacifcon '92 ARRL Pacific Division
10/26	SCCARA Board of Directors Meeting
10/31	Halloween

## **Next Meeting**

**Date: Monday October 12, 1992**

**Time: 1930 - 2200, Approximately**

**Place: United Way Building  
1922 The Alameda, San Jose**



## **Agenda**

### **October Speaker**

Bob Arasmith N0ARY has agreed to give a real time demo of his bulletin board system. The viewing should be great with the use of the large screen projection system at the United Way. Bob's BBS has many unique features plus can be accessed on 2 meter, 440 and via a modem. The BBS is a great place for new (and not so new) hams to find out what's going on. Please join us for a most interesting evening.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (Continued)

in Concord.

Our 10 meter net is still going strong on Thursday evenings. It starts at 2000 PST on 28.385. Wally KA6YMD is usually net control. Why not join us.

Doug WN6U has conducted several seminars on the new HF capabilities at the Red Cross. Contact him at net time or on landline if you would like to learn about AMTOR etc.

The last Foothill Flea Market for 1992 has come and gone. It was a good year for us. We cleared about \$1100 and our monthly booth. Not bad. Thanks go to Gary WB6YRU and Don KC6WMM for all their help in this area.

Lastly, our weekly classes at the Santa Clara Adult Education are doing fine. Contact Jim WE6V for particulars.

That's it for now. See you at our October meeting and don't forget Pacifcon '92 in Concord.

73, Mike, KB6LCJ

## MINUTES

### GENERAL MEETING SEPTEMBER 14, 1992

Tonight, the "Featured Event" is a spaghetti dinner organized and worked on by our own members and friends. I will attempt to list; Stan, WA6VJY; Terry, KC6SOC; Dan, WM6M; El, K6ZYY; Bill, N6ZPC; Joan, KB6LFZ; Kathy, KB6ICQ; Susan, YL/XYL? Anyway, the results were very good. Mike started things off at 1905 hrs with a "Go get it, it's ready!!"

By the way, there were 19 (more or less) YL's/XYL's present! All it takes (to get 'em out), is a good meal (they don't have to prepare) and less Ham Radio talk!?!?!?

### SPEAKER OF THE EVENING

Lou, WA6QYS introduced George Washburn, WA6YYM, who is the RACES Radio Officer for the County and also, the ARES DEC (District Emergency Coordinator). He commended SCCARA for their maintenance of the Red Cross Radio Room and for the added improvements. He furthermore went on to outline the origins of both RACES and ARES organizations.

### VIDEO OF FIELD DAY

Bob, KB6OHO Productions, Inc with action shots, color and sounds! This is also Amatur Radio, Folks! Another example of innovation in technology today.

### TICKETS AND DRAWING

Drawing the winning ticket is Tony Sanchez, K6MOB! It's an all expense trip to the Concord Pacifcon Convention! Adjourned at 2055 Hrs.

Submitted for members' approval.

Gene, W6LYG, Secretary

## LAST FLEA MARKET OF THE YEAR

### Loading up for the Last Flea Market



## FLEA MARKET REPORT

### SEPTEMBER

Well, the last Foothill Flea Market for this year is over. Unfortunately, this was the slowest one of the year for us. After expenses, we only made \$79.06 this time. The best part of it for me was that we managed to sell some rather bulky items--which helped make room for more valuable stuff.

Again, Don KC6WMM and I were out there by our- selves. Don tells me he probably won't be able to help out too much next year. If you would like to get more involved, consider this: the flea market effort is a major fund raiser for the club. Let me know if you are interested. Thanks Don, for all your help this year!

According to my records, this is what the flea market efforts did for us (monthly figures are net):

March	\$ 115.26	
April	306.97	
May	281.91	
June	0.00	We hosted this one--no regular booth
July	168.58	
Aug	134.26	
Sept	79.06	
\$ 1086.04		Total take for the year
(491.54)		Cost of storage locker for the year
\$ 594.50		Grand Total

So, that's nearly \$600 for our repeater fund! This is good, but it could be better--keep those donations coming.

73, Gary WB6YRU



**Gary, WB6YRU & Don, KC6WMM "Watch the Store"  
While Potential Customers Look over the Offerings.**

**A New Ham Among Us.**

Congratulations to Imre Takas who is now Imre KD6MZM. I know it means a lot to him. He has been a regular at our meetings and events including Field Day. Good for you, Imre and keep up the good work!

73, Mike KB6LCJ



**Imre Takas (foreground), Now KD6MZM Logging  
for Lloyd DeVaughns, KD6FJI at Field Day.**

**Hi Herb and Cynthia**

I received a nice letter and photos from Herb KB6ABG. That's their new RV. Herb sez it's a 1990 Safari Serengeti and is 34 foot long. Their mailing address is;

101 Rainbow Drive #2582,  
Livingston, Texas 77351-9300

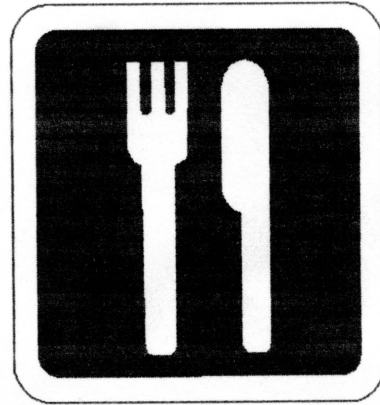
The board meetings are just not the same without you. If you get down this way, by all means give us a call. Happy RV'ing from your friends at SCCARA.



**Cynthia and Herb Himmelfarb, KB6ABG at the Door of  
Their New RV : Proving Dreams Really Do Come True!**



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## **REPEATER COMMITTEE REPORT**

10/3/92

de WA6VJY

The following QST was received by the club. I thought there might be some club members who might be interested.

QST

PL (subaudible tone access) will be implemented on the 145.23(-) repeater beginning the first week of December 1992. The PL will be 100 Hz. The Palo Alto 145.23 repeater will continue to be an open repeater, welcoming all hams to share the use of the machine. The purpose of this QST is to provide an adequate notice to Bay Area hams that may not now have PL capability on their rigs to acquire that capability before PL access is implemented so that the 5.23 repeater will still be available to all radio amateurs.

The Palo Alto machine presently TRANSMITS a 100 Hz subaudible tone to enable hams with tone squelch to listen only to this repeater. This has proved helpful in eliminating cable TV interference and propagation from the Sacramento area.

Most of the new two-meter radios have PL built in. Implementing PL may be just a matter of rereading your users' manual and following the instructions therein. For radios without PL, there are a number of companies who sell miniature PL boards. These are about the size of a postage stamp, so they will fit into most HTs. These can be purchased for less than \$30.

After the first week in December, access to the emergency agencies via the 5.23 autopatch will require the use of 100 Hz PL tone.

de W6APZ

### **QST TEENAGE HAMS**

A net of teenage hams meets every Thursday evening from 8 to 9 PM on the 145.230(-600) Palo Alto repeater. All hams in that age range are encouraged to check in. At 8 PM Thursday call KC6WPJ, Virginia, who is usually net control.

de W6APZ

Now for news regarding the SCCARA repeater relocation. We are still awaiting formal acceptance by the City of San Jose of the city-wide comm system installed by Motorola prior to being allowed access to the Alum Rock repeater vault. Our relocation to that site is also dependant on whether there is a possibility of our repeater causing any intermod products (3rd, 5th, and 7th) which might interfere with radios existing there currently. I know we have been talking about this move for over a year. Unfortunately, we will have to wait a little longer for this acceptance process to be complete.

73 and CUL, Stan WA6VJY

## **Capital Equipment List**

Many thanks to Gary WB6YRU for the time and effort spent locating and cataloging SCCARA's belongings. It is surprising what a club can collect over the years.

Thanks, Gary.

## **New Equipment**

At the SCCARA board meeting on Sept. 28 a motion was made, and passed, for the club to purchase a new VHF multimode transceiver. The brand and model have yet to be decided, but the new rig will allow all-mode operation on the 2 meter band, and possibly 440 as well. This new rig will allow club members to try some new modes of communication, including: Mode-A satellite operation, VHF contesting on SSB and CW, VHF packet radio, and DXing via tropospheric ducting. The rig would also be available for use during emergencies and natural disasters.

Mike Marneris, K8ERL, will give a brief talk at the regular club meeting Oct. 12 about the various rigs that are available and what each would cost and offer. The club will then vote on the purchase.

73 de Doug, WN6U.

## **C.D.F. Chili Recipe** **submitted by Barbra Britten**

- 1 lb. ground beef - browned and drained, placed in a large pot.
- 3 1 lb. cans of pinto beans including the liquid.
- 1 1 lb. can of kidney beans including the liquid.
- 1 large can of whole peeled/cut tomatoes including liquid.
- 1 jar of SALSA (this is where the spices come from. Use HOT or MILD, to suit.)

Bring to a boil for about 5 minutes, turn down to a simmer, and cover. Cook for at least 1 hour more, stirring occasionally.

This is the recipe for the chili Barbara made on Friday night prior to Field Day this year. It is very tasty and easy to prepare. A minimum of utensils and plates is used during the preparation (can opener, spoon, and a large pot) or at meal time (a coffee cup and spoon). Serves 6-12 depending on serving size.





**ARRL PACIFIC DIVISION UPDATE, October 1992**

by **Charles P. McConnell, W6DPD**, Director ARRL Pacific Division. 1658 W. Mesa Ave. Fresno, CA 93711-1944. 209-431-2038. Packet @ N6ZGY

**H.R. 73 - S. 1372 -- SPECTRUM PROTECTION ACTS.** Now is the time to mount a final push to get this legislation passed in Congress. The end of this Congressional Session is rapidly approaching. This legislation must be passed by the end of the session in December 1992 or it dies. Then new legislation would need to be introduced in the next Congress. Please inundate your Congressperson and Senators with letters. Let's really put on a push to get this legislation to the floor of Congress and passed. Check the July 1992 *QST* for the status of your Representative and Senators with respect to their support of H. R. 73 and S. 1372.

**STS 47 - SAREX AND SCHOOLS.** Two of the three schools in the U.S. scheduled for contacts with the *Endeavour* were in the Pacific Division. On Sunday September 13, 1992, 30 students in the Santa Cruz participated in a successful 8 minute contact. This group involved elementary through high school students. For this contact the entire operation was done by the student Amateurs with no adult Amateur help. This may be the first time this has happened. Questions were directed to Jay Apt by three young Amateurs. Thanks to Wayne Thalls KB6KN for information in this report. The second school contact in the Division was with students at McKinley High School in Honolulu, Hawaii. Mission Specialist Jay Apt, N5QWL, reports a successful contact with the students at McKinley High School.

If any school teachers want to become involved in Space Shuttle contacts for your school, contact Rosalie White, WA1STO, at the ARRL Educational Activities Branch, 225 Main Street, Newington, CT 06111 for information on the process to get your school scheduled for a SAREX contact. Rosalie will be at Pacificon '92, October 16-18, 1992 in Concord CA.

**CANADIAN AMATEUR RADIO GROUPS MERGE.** Members of the Canadian Radio Relay League and the Canadian Amateur Radio Federation have voted to merge. The new unified organization will be called *Radio Amateurs of Canada*. Their first executive meeting as the RAC was October 3, 1992.

**PACIFICON '92.** October 16-18, 1992 are the dates. Concord California is the place. There will be 30 commercial exhibits highlighted by ICOM and Kenwood. There will be forums Friday through Sunday. ARRL President George Wilson III, W4OYI, will attend as will ARRL First Vice President Rod Stafford, KB6ZV. Gordon West, WB6NOA, will speak at the banquet in addition to presenting forums. ARRL General Counsel Chris Imlay, N3AKD, and Educational Activities Manager Rosalie White, WA1STO, will be present. See you there.

**MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS:** Since the beginning of the DXCC conversion project on October 1, 1991, the DXCC desk has converted more than 2,800,000 country credits. When the computerization of the DXCC records, it was estimated that 3 million country credits would be converted during the first year. They are close to their estimate.

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except for the second Monday which is our meeting  
night.

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