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President's Prose

Should SCCARA have a historian? What would the SCCARA historian do? These are two questions that came up at the October board meeting and were not resolved. Let a board member know your opinions on this.

If you want to bid on the SCCARA FT-101E you must get your bid to Mike, KB6LCJ before the end of the break at the November meeting.

W6UW will be in both the CW and phone sweepstakes this year. See the note elsewhere in this SCCARA-GRAM.

The annual elections will be held at the November meeting. The ballot will have the names of the candidates from the nominating committee with space for write-ins provided. For the director positions vote for up to three candidates. The two candidates with the most votes will be elected to two year terms. The third place candidate will be elected for the remainder of WN6U's term (one year).

73, Don KC6WMM



Treasurer's Treatise

I have received 1994 dues from 26 people as of October 23rd. Ten of them sent their money for the Christmas dinner. It's not too early to get yours in.

Our equipment insurance is due. We use Wohlers at a cost of \$1.50 per \$100.00 of valuation. The current insured value of our capital equipment is nearly \$16,000 and may increase as much as

Calendar

11/8 SCCARA General Meeting--elections

11/6,7 Sweepstakes--CW portion

11/20,21 Sweepstakes--SSB portion

11/22 SCCARA Board Meeting--(San Jose Red Cross, 7:00p, all are welcome)

12/17 SCCARA General Meeting--dinner

12/27 SCCARA Board Meeting--(San Jose Red Cross, 7:00p, all are welcome)

Next General Meeting

Day: Monday, November 8, 1993

Time: 7:30 PM

<u>Place:</u> United Way Building

Agenda: Jim Singleton, WB6YKP will speak on his collection of

Swan radio equipment.

The United Way Building is about one mile South West from the San Jose Air Port. From I-880: take the Alameda turn-off going South for ½ block then turn left on McKendrie. From the South: go North on the Alameda, ½ block past Hedding turn right on McKendrie.

As soon as you turn onto McKendrie (heading East), turn right into the parking lot just behind the small church on the corner. It's best to park at the far end of the parking lot.

The entrance is up the steps at the South East corner of the building. There is wheelchair access at another door at the North East corner, but for security reasons, only one door is open at a time-someone will have to notify the guard if you need wheelchair access. Also, try not to be too late--the doors may be closed with nobody around to let you in.

The San Jose Red Cross is located at the East end of McKendrie, across the I-880 freeway (South) from the San Jose Air Port. From I-880, take the Colman turn-off, head South, turn left (East) at the first road-that's McKendrie. From the South, go North on Colman, just past Hedding turn right (East) on McKendrie.

\$2500 with our annual payment. The insurance costs us a few shekels but it also buys us peace of mind.

See you at the meeting.

73, Mike KB6LCJ, Treasurer

Meeting Minutes

Santa Clara County Amateur Radio Association General Membership Meeting, Oct. 11, 1993

Doug Eaton, WN6U, a SCCARA member, is our speaker tonight. His subject is the digital communications modes of AMTOR and PACTOR. Doug described both modes in detail and gave the advantages and disadvantages of each. Pactor is faster and it seems to be becoming the most popular form of HF digital communication. Doug also gave a demonstration of both modes with Stan, WA6VJY, at the other end at the club station at the Red Cross.

Brad Wyatt, K6WR, gave an update on pending legislation.

Jim marshall, WC6F, gave a campaign speech for his candidacy for Vice Director.

Business Meeting:

Nomination Committee report: Bob, KB6OHO, gave the report of those who are running for elected club office.

Motion that Board of Director's recommendation to supply 25 people for the HamShows be followed. Motion seconded and passed.

Motion that Board of Director's recommendation that dues remain the same be followed. Motion seconded and passed.

Don, KC6WMM, announced that the Yeasu FT-101 rig be sold by sealed bid at the November meeting.

Al, W6VZT, made a motion to contribute \$100.00 to Brad Wyatt's campaign for ARRL Director since Brad is a member of SCCARA and it has always been a tradition to support SCCARA

members who seek ARRL office. Motion seconded and passed.

Gary, WB6YRU: the storage locker is about 95 percent full.

9:23 Meeting adjourned.

Lloyd KD6FJI, Secretary

Moved and Seconded

September Board Meeting



The board approved \$281.41 premium for insurance of club property.

The board decided to spend \$250 for door prizes (half amateur related, half not), at the December dinner meeting.

The board approved of printing up to roughly 50 extra SCCARA-GRAMS to be given away for promotional reasons and possibly even more for special occasions.

Most of the officers and directors make considerable use of the packet BBS NOARY. Since many of us connect via "land-line," the board voted to donate \$50 to the NOARY PBBS to help put in a new phone line and for general expenses.

The club has agreed to sell several items from the estate of WA6VKY. The club will get 40% of the sale price. The equipment includes a 2M hand-held, 2M base station, HF receiver, etc. The stuff is not new (late 1970's) but seems to be in good condition. We may decide to keep (buy) the 2M rig for the club station.

Reportedly, Doc W6ZRJ has possession of a considerable amount of SCCARA's documents. One and a half years ago, Doc told the board he wanted to get rid of these documents. As a result, the club rented a second locker to house the club property--primarily these records. So far, despite requests, no documents have been turned over. The board discussed sending an "official" letter to Doc requesting the documents. The possibility of appointing a club historian to oversee these documents (as opposed to the secretary) was also

discussed. The consensus was that the club historian should be one of the longest time members of the club to supplement the records with a "living memory." The matter was tabled until the next board meeting. If any members have thoughts on the subject, they are encouraged to speak to any board member.

Flea Market

The flea market locker is pretty much full. It seems there was a flurry of donations just after the last flea market of this year. Perhaps much of the stuff came from the last flea market! :)

If anyone has something to donate, please hang on to it until after the next flea market in March.

73, Gary WB6YRU

Thank You



Doug WN6U demonstrates digital communications at the October meeting. The members look on at the main screen which parallels the computer monitor.

Ed Rawlinson, WD6CHD has generously donated his old copies of the SCCARA-GRAM from 1985 through 1991 for the club records. A filing system has recently been set up to store the newsletters as they are produced; however, issues of years past were not so fortunate. Thanks Ed, for helping to rectify this error.





The members enjoy the spaghetti dinner at the September meeting.



Special thanks to the many members who made it an enjoyable and delicious evening.

New Members

SCCARA would like to welcome these new amateurs to the club:





Sandra Buckingham KD6ZJM

Neal Pate KD6PBE



Randy Hasness David Barr David Cence N6VBI KD6WWS KD6TOC

Also:

Jack Ruckman, WB6IJY. Jack has helped out at both our classes.

The club has gained 24 new members so far this year.

New members: would like your picture in the SCCARA-GRAM? If so, please see the club photographer: Bob KB6OHO at any meeting.

If you have any questions, ideas, comments about SCCARA, any activities, or whatever, please don't hesitate to ask. There is a list of club "higher-ups" in each issue of the SCCARA-GRAM.

Contest at W6UW

SCCARA's club station will be in operation during the Sweepstakes contests this month. The station at the Red Cross will be open during the CW weekend (Nov. 6th-7th), and the Phone weekend (Nov. 20th-21th).

In case you're not familiar with Sweepstakes, the purpose is to contact as many stations as possible in the 77 ARRL sections. The contest is on the HF bands (excluding the WARC bands), and is open to all U.S. and Canadian stations. Sweepstakes is the oldest Amateur Radio contest, this year will be the 60th annual event. This is a good contest for beginners to get their feet wet as it's not quite as competitive as the major DX contests.

The club will be operating in the multioperator, single transmitter class during both weekends. The starting time is 2100 UTC (1:00 PM local) on both Saturdays. We will run until approximately 8:00 PM Saturday night and start again at 9:00 AM Sunday.

If you'd like more information about operating the club station during the contests call me at 408-377-3736 some evening. You're also welcome to simply show up at the club station and join us. The station is located at the Red Cross building on McKendrie St. in San Jose. Come around to the back of the building and look for the SCCARA sign on the door.

73 de Doug, WN6U.

Packet Pieces

Downloaded from the packet network:

Date: 24 Oct 93 23:51 From: W5YI@N5AUX To: ALL@ALLUS

Subject: NEW FCC PROPOSED RULE

The following press release was issued Oct. 22, 1993

PR Docket 93-267 (report DC-2517, action in docket case)

The FCC proposed amending the amateur service rules to extend temporary operating authority to persons who pass the examination for a new amateur operator license.

Action by the Commission October 21 by NPRM (FCC 93-480).

This proposed rule making would allow issue of a temporary call sign at time of passing exams valid until actual license is issued and received.

Date: 7 Oct 93 18:51 From: WB5FIX@KE6LW To: ARRL@ALLUSW

Subject: ARLB103 STATION LOCATION DROPPED

QST DE W1AW

ARRL BULLETIN 103, FROM ARRL HEADQUARTERS
NEWINGTON CT OCTOBER 7, 1993
TO ALL RADIO AMATEURS

STATION LOCATION DROPPED

Effective November 15, 1993, the FCC will no longer require that a station location be shown on amateur license applications, now on applications for reciprocal operating permits.

The Commission, in an order adopted September 24, said that because portable and mobile equipment is now so often used by amateurs, a station's location often changes, sometimes even daily.

The FCC also said that deleting the station location requirement would expedite the processing of license applications. They said that since this rule amendment is not likely to be controversial and that it is a "non-substantive" change in licensing procedures, no notice and comment period was needed.

The amended FCC rule "Section 97.21 mailing address" will be:

"Each application for an amateur service license and each application for a reciprocal permit for alien amateur licensee must show a mailing address in an area where the amateur service is regulated by the FCC. The mailing address must be one where the licensee can receive mail delivery by the United States Postal Service."

Date: 11 Oct 93 05:12 From: KI7AE@KI7AE To: HUMOR@ALLUS Subject: Disorder in the Court!

Most language is spoken language, and most words, once

they are uttered, vanish forever into the air. But, such is not the case with language spoken during court room trials, for there exists an army of court reporters whose job it is to take down and preserve every statement made during the proceedings.

Court is now in session, and here are the transcripts, all recorded by America's keepers of the word...

Q: Did you stay all night with this man in New York?

A: I refuse to answer that question.

Q: Did you stay all night with this man in Chicago?

A: I refuse to answer that question.

Q: Did you stay all night with this man in Miami?

A: No.

Q: James stood back and shot Tommy Lee?

A: Yes.

Q: And then Tommy Lee pulled out his gun and shot James in the fracas?

A: (after a hesitation) No sir... just above it.

Q: Doctor, did you say he was shot in the woods?

A: No, I said he was shot in the lumbar region.

Q: What is your name?

A: Ernestine McDowell

Q: Are you married?

A: No, I'm divorced.

Q: What did your husband do before you divorced him?

A: A lot of things that I didn't know about.

Q: How did you happen to go to Dr. Cheney?

A: Well, a girl down the road had several children by Dr. Cheney and said that he was really good.

Q: Mrs. Smith, do you believe that you are emotionally unstable?

A: I used to be.

Q: And how many times have you committed suicide?

A: Four times.

Q: Doctor, how many autopsies have you performed on dead people?

A: All my autopsies are on dead people.

Q: Officer, what led you to believe that the defendant was under the influence?

A: Because he was argumentative and couldn't pronunciate his words.

Q: Mrs. Jones, is your appearance this morning pursuant to a deposition notice which I sent to your attorney?

A: No, this is how I dress when I go to work.

Q: When he went, had you gone and she, if she wanted to and were able, for the time being excluded all the restraints on her not to go also, would he have brought you and she with him to the station?

DEFENSE: Objection... that question should be taken out and shot!

Q: Please state the location of your right foot immediately prior to impact?

A: Immediately before impact, my right foot was located at the immediate end of my right foot.

Q: Where were you on the bike at the time?

A: On the seat.

Q: I mean where in the street?

Q: What can you tell us about the truthfulness and veracity of this defendant?

A: Oh, she'll tell the truth. She said she was going to kill the son of a gun and she did.

Q: Just what did you do to prevent the accident?
A: I closed my eyes and screamed as loud as I could.

And finally, this exchange involving a child...

Q: Gary, all your responses must be orally, OK?

A: OK.

Q: How old are you?

A: Orally.

73, Don KI7AE @ KI7AE.OR.USA.NA

Date: 20 Oct 93 22:32 From: KD6SKA@KB6ZBI To: JOKES@ALLUS

Subject: "R" RATED RADIO FUNNIES

***** WARNING *****

THIS JOKE MAY BE CONSIDERED A LITTLE "OFF COLOR" BY SOME. IF THAT MAY BOTHER YOU, THEN STOP READING NOW.....

Three women were sitting in the obstetrician's office for a check-up. The first woman turned to the other and said "Well..do you know what it's going to be yet?" The second woman replied "Well, I haven't had an ultra-sound yet, but I know it's going to be a girl, because I was on the bottom..."

The first woman said "Oh yes, I'm going to have a boy, because I was on top." The third woman suddenly burst into tears... The other two women rushed over and said "Oh my! can we help you? Is anything wrong?!"

The third woman replied "Yes...something's wrong...(sob)...I'm going to have a puppy!"

73! DE BRUCE / KD6SKA

Keep smiling! :) 73, Gary WB6YRU

Newsletter Notes

Just a reminder that articles must be in by the last Monday of the month. So far, I'm not exactly being overwhelmed with articles...

How about projects? Has anyone built anything lately that turned out well? Why not share it with the rest of us?

73, Gary WB6YRU, editor

Elections

Don't forget: our elections will occur at the November meeting.

So far, all officer position are running unopposed: Doug Eaton WN6U for president, Don Hayden KC6WMM for vice president, Lloyd DeVaughns KD6FJI for secretary (incumbent), Mike Hastings KB6LCJ for treasurer (incumbent), and Stan Getsla WA6VJY for station trustee (incumbent). These are all one year terms, but we like to maintain the station trustee as long as possible since this person must be registered as such with the FCC.

So far, there are four people running for three director positions: Don Village K6PBQ (incumbent), Gary Mitchell WB6YRU (incumbent), Don Apte KK6MX, and Dan Dietz WM6M. These are normally two year terms; however, one position will be opening up which is only half completed. The director candidate who comes in third will finish out the position being vacated by Doug WN6U (pres. candidate).

Last minute nominations will be accepted before the vote is taken. If you would like to run for office, this is your last chance. ARRL PACIFIC DIVISION UPDATE, November 1993 by Charles P, McConnell, W6DPD, Director ARRL Pacific Division. 1658 W. Mesa Ave. Fresno, CA 93711-1944. 209-431-2038. Packet W6DPD @N6ZGY.#CENCA.CA.USA.NA

Do you want to become a Ham? Call 1-800-32NEWHAM (1-800-326-3942). You will get how to information, a list of clubs, a list of instructors, and a list of volunteer examiners in your zip code area.

Do you want to take an Amateur Exam? Call the ARRL VEC hotline, 408-984-8353 for exam information.

Station Location Dropped From Amateur License. Effective November 15, 1993, the FCC will no longer require that an applicant for an Amateur license indicate the station location on the application form or on a reciprocal operating permit form. However, the mailing address must be where the applicant can receive mail delivery by the U. S. Postal Service.

Legislative Update. S.J 90/H.J 199. As of October 4, 1993, 96 Representatives are cosponsors of H.J. 199 and 16 Senators are cosponsors of S.J. 90. Congratulations to the Amateurs in Hawaii on having 100% of their Senators and Representatives as cosponsors. If you have not written your Senators and Representatives, please do so now. Urge them to support S.J. 90 or H.J. 199. Please send copies of your letters to Perry Williams at ARRL HQ.

H.R. 2623. There are 12 Representatives signed as cosponsors of H. R. 2623, <u>The Amateur Radio Volunteer Services Act of 1993,</u> with none from the Pacific Division. This act would protect Volunteer Examiners and Amateur Auxiliary members from personal financial responsibility for doing their jobs according to the guidelines of the position. Please send letters to your Representative urging support and cosponsorship. Remember to send copies to Perry Williams at ARRL HQ.

Hiram Percy Maxim Memorial Award. The ARRL sponsors the Hiram Percy Maxim Memorial Award (HPM) which is given to an Amateur under the age of 21 whose accomplishments and contributions are of most exemplary nature within the framework of Amateur Radio Activities, including but not limited to the following: 1) Participation or leadership in organizational affairs at the local or national level; 2) Technical achievement; 3) Operating record; 4) Recruitment and training of new Amateurs; and 5) Public relations activities. Nominations are made by the Section Manager. Nominations and supporting information, including endorsement of ARRL affiliated clubs and elected or appointed League Officials should be submitted to the Section Manager. Nominations should document as thoroughly as possible the Amateur Radio achievements and contributions of the nominee during the previous calendar year. Additional information concerning the character of the nominee should be as complete as possible. The HPM Memorial Award is intended to provide encouragement and a tangible award for an outstanding young Amateur. It should also bring Amateur Radio, and its many benefits to young people to the attention of the public. The winner receives a cash award of \$1,000, a plaque, and expenses to attend an ARRL Convention at which a formal presentation of the award is made. There are many young Amateurs who meet the criteria for the HPM Award, yet few are nominated. If you know a young Amateur who qualifies, please send a nomination.

COMING EVENTS.

- 1. <u>LIVERMORE SWAP MEET.</u> 1st Sunday of each month at Las Positas College in Livermore, CA. 7 AM to Noon, all year. Contact KC6QZK for information.
- 2. <u>FOOTHILL SWAP MEET.</u> 2nd Saturday, March-September. Foothill College, Los Altos CA.
- 3. ARRL November Sweepstakes CW Nov. 6-8, 1993
- 4. ARRL November Sweepstakes Phone Nov. 20-22, 1993
- 5. ARRL 160 Meter Contest December 3-5, 1993
- 6. ARRL 10 Meter Contest December 11-12, 1993
- 7. <u>WINTERFEST</u>. January 15, 1994. National Guard Armory on the campus of Monterey Peninsula College. Monterey CA. For information contact Doug McKinney, KC3RL, 408-663-6117.
- 8. ARRL International DX Contest CW February 19-20, 1994.
- 9. ARRL International DX Contest Phone March 5-6, 1994
- 10. <u>INTERNATIONAL DX CONVENTION</u>, April 15-17, 1994. Holiday Inn at Visalia CA.
- 11. Fresno Hamfest. May 7-8, 1994 Riverland Park at Kingsburg CA. Contact Pat Fennacy, W6YEP, at 209-222-3105 for information.
- 12. ARRL Field Day June 25-26,1994

December meeting

SCCARA will again have its December Christmas dinner meeting at Renzo's restaurant, 1700 W. Campbell Ave. (about one block West of San Tomas Aquino Rd.) in Campbell. The food is good and the price is right! We've had our December dinner meeting at Renzo's in recent years and it has always been very good.

The dinner includes a tossed green salad, tortellini supreme, potatoes, fresh vegetables, choice of beef brochette or chicken saute sec, strawberry-cream roulade, and coffee.

The full price per person is only \$15, the club pays the tax and tip. Please be sure to fill out the membership form--especially indicating which dinner you want (beef or chicken), and *please* get it to us before Dec. 1, so we can make accurate reservations.

This meeting will <u>NOT</u> be held on the usual Monday night. The day will be Friday, December 17th, with Cocktails at 6:30 PM and dinner at 7:30 PM.

Pretty much everything will be the same as last time. There's no strict dress code, but you might want dress nicely for this one (i.e. suit & tie). I hope to see you all there!

73, Gary WB6YRU

S.C.C.A.R.A. Membership Form for 1994

Name:	Cal	1:	Class: E A G T+	T N
Address:	-		Licensed since (yr):	····
City:	State:	Zip:	Phone:	
I've been a SCCARA member since (year/new)	•	A.R	.R.L. Member: Y N	
For family memberships, please list other	name(s) a	nd call(s):		
Annual dues are \$15, \$20 for family (hams	at same a	ddress) or \$	5 for students (under 18):	
Send the SCCARA-GRAM by first class mail (additiona	1 \$3.50):	_	
Please send the Auto Dial repeater codes (no extra	charge):	(check):	
Please send the Auto Patch repeater codes	(telephon	e access, \$1	0, \$15 for family):	
YOU MUST INCLUDE A COPY OF YOUR LICE	NSE TO RE	CEIVE ANY RE	PEATER CODES.	
I want SCCARA badge(s) at \$3 each:				
Please print: Badge name or nickname:			Call:	
Badge name or nickname:			Call:	
Dinner reservations:				
For the Holiday dinner meeting in December	, sign me	up for	dinner(s) at \$15 each:	
Beef Brochette dinner(s)		***************************************	_	
Chicken Saute Sec dinner(s)				
FOR THE DINNER MEETING, WE MUST RECEIVE TH	IS FORM W	ITH YOUR DIN	NER CHOICE(S) BY DEC. 1, 19 GRAND TOTAL:	93.

The annual dues for the 1994 calendar year become due and payable Jan. 1, 1994. Please help make life a little easier for our treasurer by paying your dues before then. If you wish to attend the dinner meeting in December, we MUST have this form with your payment by Dec. 1, 1993 to make reservations.

Please give this filled out form (or a copy) and your payment to the treasurer or mail to:

SCCARA Treasurer P.O.Box 6 San Jose, CA 95103-0006

OFFICERS and DIRECTORS SCCARA REPEATERS SCCARA currently owns and operates two repeaters under the call W6UU: President Don Hayden, KC6WMM 867-4643 Vice President Harold Welch, KK6ZE 578-3273 Secretary Lloyd DeVaughns, KD6FJI 225-6769 2 meter: 146.385 +Mike Hastings, KB6LCJ 70 cm: 442.425 + PL 107.2 243-6745 Treasurer Station Trustee Stan Getsla, WA6VJY 275-0735 Phone patch capability is available with a small subscription fee. The Director Don Village, K6PBQ 263-2789 two meter repeater is located in the Mt. Hamilton foothills, Alum Rock area. Director Lou Steirer, WA6QYS 241-7999 The 70 cm repeater is located at the Alexian Brothers Hospital, North of 280 Doug Eaton, WN6U 377-3736 and 101. Director Stan Getsla, WA6VJY Director 275-0735 Director Gary Mitchell, WB6YRU 265-2336 SCCARA NETS STAFF Mondays at 1930, on our 2 meter repeater. Net control: Joe WA6DXP. Thursdays at 2000, on 28.385 MHz USB. Net control: Wally KA6YMD. Joe Quirantes, WA6DXP 371-0959 Database Editor Gary Mitchell, WB6YRU 265-2336 263-2789 **Facilites** Don Village, K6PBQ Members and visitors alike are encouraged to join in on the SCCARA nets. Wally KA6YMD usually conducts the ten meter net from the Mailman Tony Sanchez, K6MOB 296-6676 Bob Keller, KB6OHO 725-1034 SCCARA club station: W6UW, located at the San Jose Red Cross (just Photographer Ed Rawlinson, WD6CHD Welfare 264-2988 South from the San Jose Air Port).

IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS

SCCARA HOTLINE: ARRL CLASS HOTLINE: ARRL VEC HOTLINE:

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Extra

More photos were submitted than were actually published. Just for fun, here are the extras that weren't in the original SCCARA-GRAM:



Waiting for the scouts to show up at the Red Cross for JOTA (Jamboree on the Air): Dave KD6WWS, Don Village K6PBQ, Ed Bacardi (scout master), Bob WA6WHT

(all names are left to right)

Spaghetti dinner meeting in September:



Gwen Steirer KF6OTD, Doug Eaton WN6U



Doug Eaton WN6U, Stan Getsla WA6VJY



Serving: Dan Dietz WM6M, ? Jack Russell WA6IER (not sure), Gwen Steirer KF6OTD.

Far right being served: Tony Sanchez K6MOB



Barbara Britten KD6QEI, Frank McCormick AA6LL



Left table:

Jean "Doc" Gmelin W6ZRJ (not sure), Bill Stevens W6ZM, Joe Quirantes WA6DXP (not sure), ?, El Wirt K6ZYY, (not sure of the rest)

Right table:

front: ?, Bob Arasmith N0ARY (not sure), next row: Gary Mitchell WB6YRU, (not sure of the rest)