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President's Prose

Field Day preparations this year have been an exercise in futility. At first, the Lake Cunningham park site looked like a good thing. It was hoped that the city location would make it easier for more club members and the public to see what Field Day is all about. Instead, the park imposed more and more restrictions, and a fee to go with every new requirement. Quite at the last minute, it became clear that SCCARA would not be going to Field Day at Lake Cunningham this year. So we had to rely on Mt. Madonna. I am very disappointed that we did not have Field Day at Lake Cunningham Park. It would have been an interesting challenge. It was not meant to be. I am going to write a letter to the City expressing my complaints and regrets regarding all the roadblocks the Park imposed after telling us they were really interested in having SCCARA use the park. It looks like they were not as interested as they first seemed. The City has lost out on an excellent PR experience. The public should know of our existence and the service we provide in an emergency, and Field Day is the training session for an emergency, or Heaven forbid, a catastrophic disaster like 9/11. After Field Day was over, awards are being given out for the number of contacts made by one operator and first timers who participating in Field Day. Everyone who participated in Field Day will be getting an ARRL Field Day 2002 button. Next year, we are going to look around for another site closer to the San Jose city limits, so that more of SCCARA's members can participate. Mt. Madonna is a bit far for some members to get to.

The ball is in the court of Regional Medical Hospital regarding the cable installation for the radio station. They have to approve a path for the cable installation. The original thought was to put the cable through an existing pipe from the penthouse down to the basement. That pipe is already overloaded with cable. There is no timetable when this will be done.

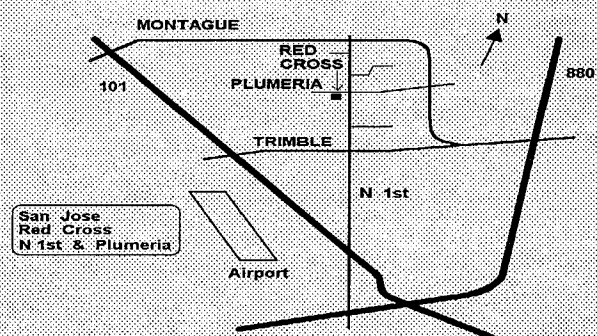
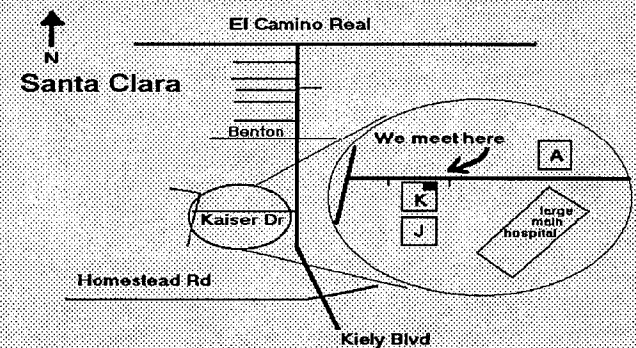
I am back to work as of 6/5/02. I am glad! I was not able to get as many things done, as I wanted to due to physical limitations. The healing process is progressing well.

Calendar

- 7/8 SCCARA General Meeting
- 7/13 Foothill Electronic Flea Market
- 7/15 SCCARA Board Meeting--(San Jose Red Cross, 7:30p, all are welcome)
- 8/12 SCCARA General Meeting

General Meeting:

Day: Monday, July 8, 2002
Time: 7:30 PM
Place: Kaiser Santa Clara, Bld K, Rm 1
Featuring: {To be announced}



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SCCARA REPEATERS

SCCARA owns and operates two repeaters under the call W6UU:

2 meter: 146.385 + PL 114.8 (none for basic use)

70 cm: 442.425 + PL 107.2

Phone auto-dial and auto-patch is available. The two meter repeater is located at the Santa Teresa Hospital, south-west San Jose (near IBM). The 70 cm repeater and N0ARY BBS is located at the Regional Medical Center (formerly Alexian), east of downtown San Jose (north of 280 and 101).

SCCARA NETS

On our two meter repeater: Mondays at 7:30 PM, (not the second monday--our meeting night). Coordinator: Don K6PBQ. On ten meters, 28.385 MHz USB, Thursdays at 8:00 PM. Net control: Wally KA6YMD. Visitors welcome.

N0ARY PACKET BBS

SCCARA hosts the packet BBS N0ARY (San Jose). User ports: 144.93 (1200 baud), 433.37 (9600 baud), telephone 408 259-8497, internet (by registration only, get info by sending e-mail to: info@n0ary.org). Sysop: Gary WB6YRU

TELEPHONE NUMBERS

SCCARA contact Clark KE6KXO: 408 262-9334
ARRL/VEC Silicon Valley VE group: 408 243-8349
me-ae6z@worldnet.att.net

I just have to slow down (who me?) and let the healing process continue.

Speaking of healing, I am not the only one with aches and pains. Gwen Steirer had surgery to repair a torn rotator cuff in her right shoulder. She has her arm in a sling and is healing slowly.

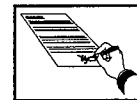
Many of our club members went to the funeral of Velma Ponce, wife of Henry Ponce, last Friday, 6/14/02. Velma died 6/7/02 from an inoperable brain tumor. Family and friends will miss her. There were many pictures for visitors to see. She seemed to have had a very good life.

Happy Father's Day to all you great Dad's and Grand dad's.

I plan to write a letter to Bob Arasmith regarding the BBS Bulletin Board and ask him if there is anything SCCARA can do to help him get the BBS up and running again.

That's it for this month. See you at the Flea Markets, and out and about.

73, Barbara K. Britten, KD6QEI



Meeting Minutes

General Meeting, June 10, 2002



{No minutes received by the deadline. --Ed.}

Board Meeting, June 17, 2002



{No minutes received by the deadline. --Ed.}

Field Day Prep's

The club tower trailer is stored at the Don KO6HH residence and gets used once a year for Field Day. The club is lucky to have such a generous soul since storage does not come cheap. Thanks Don.

Stan WA6VJY agreed to let us do the trailer cleanup at his residence on Saturday 06/15. Don KO6HH towed it to Stan's. Yes, Don also tows the trailer to Field Day etc.

On hand were Lloyd KD6FJI, Stan WA6VJY, Gary WB6YRU, Don KO6HH, Eric KC6SPV, Marilyn KD6CXS, Mike KB6LCJ, and Joan KB6LFZ.

Don, Mike, and Lloyd picked up the generator from

our locker and with the help of Stan, changed the oil, and cleaned the spark plug. The hit of the day was Mike's pressure washer. We cleaned everything in sight. The trailer looked good.

Eric and Marilyn came back the next day to repaint the parts of the trailer needing it.

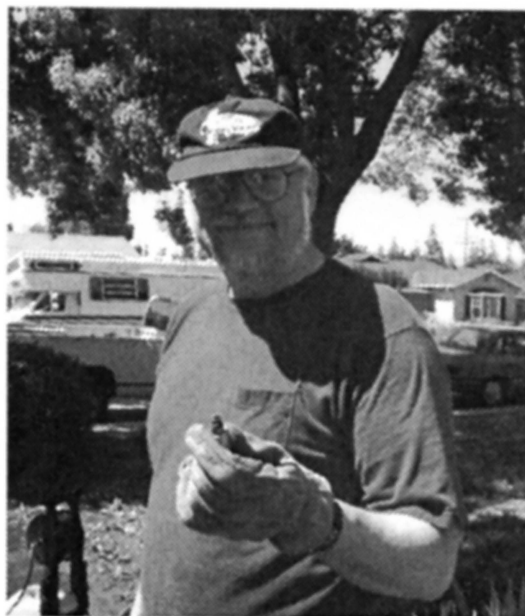
Stan hauled out his barbecue and we had hamburgers, potato salad, chips, watermelon, soda, and so on. Much of it was "extra" stuff that Stan had. Double thanks to Stan.

All I can say is if the Field Day turns out as well as the cleanup, we're in good shape.

73.. Mike KB6LCJ



Don KO6HH and Lloyd KD6FJI pick up our generator from the storage locker



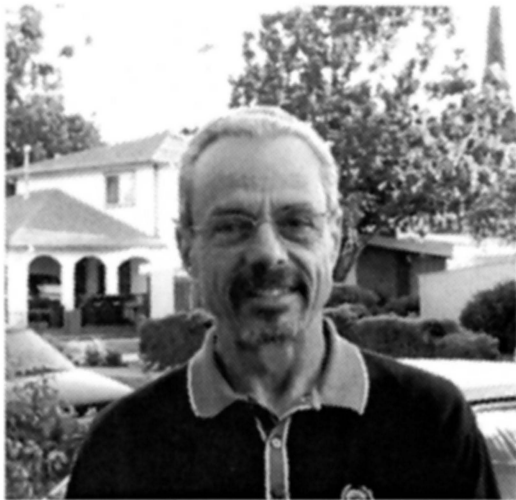
Stan WA6VJY checks the generator's spark plug



Eric KC6SPV uses Mike's power washer to clean our antenna trailer



Lunch time!



What's new, Hugh?

Hugh Collis KD6EFL has a rich history with SCCARA. He was on the SCCARA board and became president of SCCARA. He was also a regular at our meetings and outings. The early morning camp-out at Mary Gomez park was accomplished for several years by Hugh and his sons and many SCCARA activities were "family affairs" for the family.

This Collis family is moving to Redding, CA on Field Day weekend. They have purchased a home there. His younger son Andrew will start his Sophomore year at Shasta High School in Redding and his five year old daughter Sophie will be enrolled in Kindergarten this fall. Paula, Hugh's wife plans to be a stay at home mom.

Hugh plans to keep his job at Cadillac of Menlo Park and commute on weekends. The job situation in Redding is not the best, especially in the pay area and he is on good terms both people wise and salary wise down here. His oldest son, Chris KF6APF graduated from Santa Clara High and plans to go to college in the bay area. Probably at Mission College.

Hugh still owns his 52' Chevy truck which he always drove to Field Day but has also purchased a new Chevy S10 for the commute.

A bit of good news for the club is that Hugh is hoping to make it to the meetings and gave me a check to get him activated with SCCARA. We wish he and his family the best with the "big move" and look forward to seeing him at our meetings.

And, oh yes, Hugh gave me a couple boxes of SCCARA "stuff." Most notable are several of the big SCCARA badges.

73.... Mike KB6LCJ

Packet Pieces

Downloaded from the packet network:

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Date: 23 Jun 2000 02:34

From: G4YQQ@GB7TJZ

To: HUMOUR@WW

Subject: CELEBRITY COMPUTER VIRUSES

Woody Allen Virus: Bypasses the motherboard and turns on a daughter card.

Hillary Clinton Virus: Instantly turns 1K of disk space into 1MG.

Lorena Bobbit Virus: Turns your hard disk into a 3.5 inch floppy.

Ollie North Virus: Plays a patriotic .WAV while it shreds your files.

Michael Jackson Virus: Preys on child processes.

Ronald Reagan Virus: Saves your data, but forgets where it's stored.

Jane Fonda Virus: Attacks your hard drive's FAT.

Oprah Winfrey Virus: Your 20 GB hard drive suddenly shrinks to 80 MB, and then slowly expands to 30 GB.

BT Virus: Every three minutes it tells you what great service you are getting.

Cable Virus: Every three minutes it reminds you that you're paying too much for the BT virus.

Politically Correct Virus: Never calls itself a "virus," but instead refers to itself as an "electronic micro-organism."

Love you Virus: Activates every component in your system, just before the whole darn thing quits.

Arnold Schwarzenegger Virus: Terminates and stays resident. It'll be back.

Government Virus: Nothing works, but all your diagnostic software says everything is fine.

Bureaucrat Virus: Divides your hard disk into hundreds of little units, each of which does practically nothing, but all of which claim to be the most important part of your computer.

Adam and Eve Virus: Takes a couple of bytes out of your Apple.

Westminster Virus #1: The computer locks up, screen splits erratically with a message appearing on each half blaming the other side for the problem.

Westminster Virus #2: Runs every program on the hard drive simultaneously but doesn't allow the user to accomplish anything.

British Airways Virus: You're in Dallas, but your data is in Singapore.

Freudian Virus: Your computer becomes obsessed with its own motherboard. Or becomes very jealous of the size of your friend's hard drive.

Mark Thacther Virus: Your programs can never be found again.

Tyson Virus: Claims it feels threatened by the other files on your PC and erases them in "self-defense."

O.J. Virus: Claims that it did not, could not, and would not delete two of your files and vows to find the virus that did.

73 Alan G4YQQ...

Need Help?

Amateurs have a long history of helping each other. An experienced amateur who helps another is traditionally called an "Elmer." If you have a question or problem, you are encouraged to ask one of SCCARA's Elmers. Below is a list of topics including who to contact for each.

If you consider yourself to be reasonably competent in at least one area of amateur radio and would be willing help others, please ask the club secretary for an Elmer survey form and fill it out.

Antennas, feed-lines, tuners: WB6EMR, K6PBQ, WB6YRU
Lightning protection, grounding: WB6YRU
Station set-up, equipment: K6PBQ
TVI/RFI: WB6YRU
Homebrew projects, construction: KD6FJI, WB6YRU
Computers: KB6NP; IBM PC: WB6YRU
Packet Network (BBS, forwarding): WB6YRU
Code operating and installations: WB6EMR, K6PBQ
DX (long distance/propagation): WB6EMR
Emergency operating/preparedness: WA6QYS
FM (VHF/UHF, repeaters): WA6VJY
HF operating techniques (SSB, CW): WB6EMR, K6PBQ
Classes/license upgrading: W6ACW
Legal/FCC rules: WB6YRU
SCCARA (club inner workings):
K06HH, K6PBQ, WA6VJY, WB6YRU, WA6QYS
Children's Discovery Museum, volunteer operator: K6PBQ

W6ACW, Ed Hajny, (408) 739-6105

WB6EMR, James D. Armstrong, Jr.,
evening & msg: (408) 945-1202

KD6FJI, Lloyd DeVaughns,
day: (408) 299-8933, evening: (408) 225-6769
packet: home BBS KB6MER

K06HH, Don Hayden, (408) 867-4643
packet: home BBS NOARY

KB6NP, Jon Dutra, day & msg (408) 428-2058
evening (408) 867-8654
packet: home BBS NOARY
internet: jad@aol.com

K6PBQ, Don Village, (408) 263-2789

WA6QYS, Lou Steirer, (408) 241-7999
packet: home BBS NOARY

WA6VJY, Stan Getsla, day: (408) 738-2888 x5929, evening &
msg: (408) 275-0735

WB6YRU, Gary Mitchell, msg (408) 265-2336
also (408) 269-2924
packet: home BBS NOARY
internet: wb6yru@aenet.net

Newsletter Notes

By the time you read this, Field Day 2002 will be over. Normally the *SCCARA-GRAM* is an accurate source of information as to what the club will do for Field Day and where. This year the information submitted to the Editor was, at best, a little "iffy" and inconsistent. On behalf of SCCARA, sorry about that. I hope no one experience any problems as a result.

This issue is being published on the last day of Field Day. Results of SCCARA's Field Day effort will have to wait for the next August.

Thanks to Mike KB6LCJ for the articles and photos submitted for this issue.

It's interesting to note that nary a piece of paper or film existed in the whole process until the camera-ready copy of this newsletter was printed. The camera was digital and the images were e-mailed to the editor as data files over the internet.

I know that isn't big news these days, but it's relatively new for the *SCCARA-GRAM*. If I recall correctly, the only other time that's happened is the most recent photos from our Christmas luncheon meeting.

It's worth taking a moment to look around and consider where we are in history, folks. It's all too easy to miss seeing the forest because of the trees. I'm absolutely convinced *this* generation has stepped over a major line in history, and the millennium new year was *not* it! ☺

73, Gary WB6YRU, editor

S.C.C.A.R.A. Membership Form for 2002

(Fill in name and address if there is no mailing label below; make corrections if the label is incorrect)

Name: _____ Call: _____ Class: E A G T+ T N

Address: _____ Licensed since (yr): _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ - _____ Licence Expiration
Date (mo/yr): _____

Telephone: () _____ ☐ New Member ☐ I'm also an
☐ Renewal ARRL member _____

E-mail: _____ Packet: _____

For family memberships (at the same address), please fill out a separate form for each. Indicate the "primary member" (for mailing purposes) name and call:

Annual membership dues are payable at the first of the year and expire the following December 31. New members joining on or after July 1, pay half the membership dues.

Annual Membership dues: ☐ Individual \$15 ☐ Family \$20 ☐ Student (under 18) \$5 _____

I want _____ SCCARA badges @ \$3 ea. Badge name & call: _____

Please send the repeater Auto-Dial/Auto-Patch codes (no charge, circle): Yes

WE MUST BE ABLE TO VERIFY YOUR AMATEUR RADIO LICENSE
BEFORE ANY REPEATER CODES WILL BE SENT

TOTAL: _____

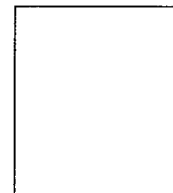
Give this completed form (or copy) with payment to the Secretary or Treasurer at any meeting or mail to the return address below:

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