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President's Prose

The radio clinic held at last month's meeting was, I believe, a success. It was a busy meeting, with a lot going on. Perhaps, it was too much for one meeting. I will try not to duplicate this mistake again. I want to thank Lou and Gwen Steirer for their help. They brought the pizzas, salad, and salad dressing. Thank you so much for your help in making the meeting a success.

Most of you know that I have decided to resign as president at the end of my term in December. Last month, Clark Murphy, KE6KXO, was nominated for president. He will make a good president. He has accepted the nomination. There were no other nominations for president. I expect he, and all the other nominees will be elected without any problems. I hope you will come and place your vote for your candidate.

The speaker for the November meeting is "Red" Vernier. He will talk about his last DXpedition. He will bring pictures and other items to demonstrate what it is like to go on such an event. It should be a very interesting meeting. I hope to see many of you there.

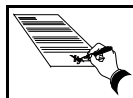
The Christmas luncheon sign-up sheet is in this issue. Please put your orders in as soon as possible so we can turn them in to the restaurant. I hope you will plan to attend this year. It will include: lunch, installation of officers, a gift exchange, and an afternoon with good friends. I hope to see you all there. This will be my last official meeting. I hope I get to be the one to install the new officers. Find out at the November meeting.

In the coming year I plan to do more for the SCCARA-GRAM than in the last 4 years. Gary has suggested someone in the club become a "reporter." I plan to offer articles about the members of the club so other members get to know other members better. This is something I have wanted to do for the past few years but, couldn't find the time.

I hope you all cast votes in the election. Your vote is your voice. Each vote counts. If you didn't vote, then don't complain about the way things are done or who got into office in our government. November is SCCARA's election too - Come to the meeting.

I hope everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving.

73 for now,
Barbara K. Britten, KD6QEI
President

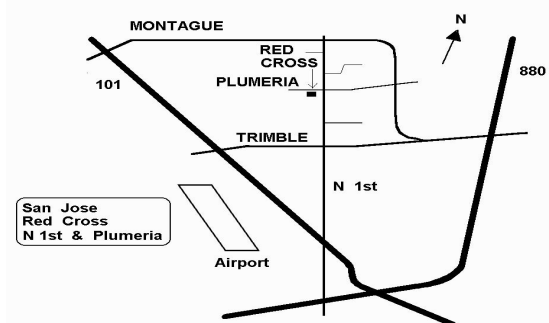
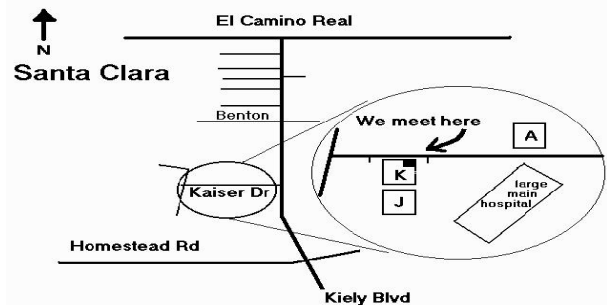


Calendar

- 11/8 SCCARA General Meeting--elections
- 11/15 SCCARA Board Meeting--(San Jose Red Cross, 7:30p, all are welcome)
- 12/18 SCCARA General meeting--luncheon

General Meeting:

Day: Monday, November 8, 2004
Time: 7:30 PM
Place: Kaiser Santa Clara, Bld K, Rm 1
Featuring: Dennis "Red" Vernier, W6ALC and Lily, will talk about their DXpedition



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SCCARA REPEATERS

SCCARA owns and operates two repeaters under the call W6UU:

2 meter: 146.985 - PL 114.8
70 cm: 442.425 + PL 107.2

Phone auto-dial and auto-patch is available. The two meter repeater is located at Eagle Rock near Alum Rock Park in the foothills of east San Jose. 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

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December Meeting

Our annual Christmas meeting this year will be a luncheon again instead of a dinner. It will be held on Saturday December 18 at the Jericho's Steakhouse (formerly Hungry Hunter) in Milpitas, (1181 E. Calaveras Blvd just off Hwy 680).

Lunch is at 12 noon. Please note that on Saturday, there isn't a regular bar, but you will be able to order a bottle of wine for the table.

This year we will not be having the raffle prize drawings. Instead we will have a gift exchange. The way it works is that everyone brings a wrapped gift suitable for a man or woman costing about \$8-\$10. This type of gift exchange is always a lot of fun to participate in.

Reservations need to be in by Friday Dec. 10 (see sign-up sheet). Talk-in will be on our repeater, W6UU, 146.985 - (simplex if you can't hit the repeater). Why not renew your membership at the same time?

I'm looking forward to seeing all of you there!

73, Don K6PBQ

Sweepstakes Phone Weekend

November 20-22, 2004

1200 UTC Nov. 20 - 0300 UTC Nov. 22
(1 PM Sat. to 7 PM Sun. PST)

This year SCCARA will operate the phone weekend of the ARRL sweepstakes contest on Saturday only from our club station at the Red Cross on First St.

This is a great contest with plenty of practice in handling traffic. It's always a lot of fun to operate as a club. Our antenna was tuned last month for the CA QSO party, so it should be in good shape this month.

Please mark your calendars for Nov. 20. Please contact myself or a board member to sign up or info.

Let's all make this a great activity for SCCARA.

73, Don Village, K6PBQ

Picnic 2004

On Saturday Sept. 25 SCCARA held their annual picnic at Mary Gomez Park in Santa Clara. Our thanks to Lou WA6QYS and Gwen KF6OTD for providing the bingo game and to Barbara KD6QE1 for running it.

We had three HF stations set up, Don K6PBQ brought his dipole set-up along with the Yaesu FT757 club radio. We worked a lot of stations for the Texas QSO party along with a couple of stations in Finland. Good DX for dipoles only 15 feet high. Clark KE6KXO and Don AE6PM brought their rig along to test their new buddi-pole antenna's.

A great afternoon was had by all. Special thanks to Barbara KD6QE1 and Wally KA6YMD for bringing the rigs, batteries, and all the sodas, etc.

73, Don Village, K6PBQ





At the picnic we had games (bingo)...



Toys to play with (radios etc)...



And fine company.

Meeting Minutes

General Meeting, Oct. 11 2004



Attendance: 19, including 2 visitors.

Members present (in alphabetical order): Donald R Apte, KK6MX, Barbara Britten, KD6QEI, Wally Britten, KA6YMD, Jeannie Felix, , Del Harbold, K6JPX, Roy Metzger, K6VIP, Virginia Metzger, K6IUU, Gary Mitchell, WB6YRU, Clark R Murphy, KE6KXO, David Paul, AE6MV, Tom Root, KF6NEW, Don Steinbach, AE6PM, Gwen Steirer, KF60TD, Lou Steirer, WA6QYS, Fred Townsend, AE6QL, Douglas Turner, K6COM, Don Village, K6PBQ.

Visitors: Scott Petersen, KG6SPF, Joan Village, XYL - K6PBQ.

President Barbara Britten, KD6QEI, opened the meeting at 19:30:00, following a Pizza festivity.

Introduction included a visitor, Fred Townsend, AE6QL, who is listed above as a member because he joined the Club before the end of the meeting.

The speakers are Donald R Apte, KK6MX, and Gary Mitchell, WB6YRU, who brought equipment to provide a radio clinic for those attending. The general portion of the meeting was held next, to allow Don and Gary time to complete their setup.

Nominations were made for club positions to be voted on at the November meeting. Nominated were:

- President: Clark Murphy, KE6KXO
- Vice-President:
- Secretary, David Paul AEMV,
- Treasurer, Lloyd Devaughns, KD6FJI
- Director: Wally Britten, KA6YMD
- Director: Donald R Apte, KK6MX
- Director: Don Steinbach, AE6PM
- Trustee: Don Village, K6PBQ

It was moved and passed that the nominations be closed (Murphy/Village).

- The minutes of the last meeting were read with no corrections.

Activities:

- The Club recently participated in the California QSO contest: we received two stations in Finland one in Japan, and ZK1JD in the South Cook Islands. Don, Lou and Don participated.

- The recent annual Club Picnic was lots of fun, with Bingo lasting for 2 hours.

- The Antenna party held the morning before the Calif QSO had a good turnout. Lou, Wally and Scott participated. The R5 was taken down, tested, and is now fine on all bands. The mystery dipole was removed and taken to Clark's house. It was then adjusted (last weekend): it is a 40/80 dipole. We need a new balun, which can be had for \$24.95. It was moved and seconded that the club purchase a new balun for the dipole (Village/Paul): the motion passed unanimously.

- The Sweepstakes phone section will be Nov 20 (11:20 13:00 11:21 19:00) (and CW Nov 6-7, same hours). The club plans to

participate, but only in the phone section. For the sweepstakes, one of the items exchanged is the year first licensed the club was first licensed in 1926.

- For the Saturday of Pacificon, Don Village, K6PBQ, will run JOTA for Boy Scouts, from his house.

Old Business:

Clark spoke regarding the need for battery cases for the club's batteries. Clark will bring up the topic at the upcoming Board Meeting.

Beginning at 20:18, Don and Gary provided the promised Radio Clinic. Equipment they used included a signal generator, an extremely-accurate signal generator, frequency counters, a watt meter, an oscilloscope, a Service Monitor multi-mode transceiver, a spectrum analyzer, and other equipment.

- The speakers at the next meeting will be Dennis (Red) Vernier, W6ALC and his friend Lily, who will tell us about their recent DXpedition. The November meeting will be held Monday November 8th, at 19:30, Bldg K, Kaiser Santa Clara.

Don Village, K6PBQ, reminded us that December 18 is the annual Holiday Luncheon, at Jericho's Steakhouse (ex-Hungry Hunter Milpitas). Get your reservations in!

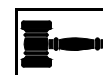
Lou reminded us that the SVECS Breakfast will be October 23, at the usual place. All should seek a new site for this important quarterly meeting of SVECS, as the current site will become unavailable in early 2005.

After further discussion, David AE6MV moved that the meeting be closed, it was seconded by acclamation, and the President adjourned the meeting at 20:56.

The Radio Clinic continued on.

David Paul, AE6MV, Secretary

Board Meeting, Oct. 18, 2004



President Barbara Britten, KD6QEI, called the meeting to order at 19:43:10. A quorum was present.

Attendees: Barbara Britten, KD6QEI, President; Clark Murphy, KE6KXO, Director; Don Apte, KK6MX, Director; Don Village, K6PBQ, Station Trustee and Director; Lou Steirer, WA6QYS, Director; Wally Britten, KA6YMD, Director; Gary Mitchell, WB6YRU, Editor; David Paul, AE6MV, Secretary; Gwen Steirer, KF60TD, XYL

President Barbara Britten, QEI, welcomed everyone to the meeting. She said that Lloyd would not be present, but left checks with her to pay the bills,

- the storage is paid through December,
- she will call Kaiser and reserve the meeting room for 2005,
- the SVECS Breakfast Meeting is coming up,
- the Sweepstakes contest will be 11/20 for Phone, and 11/6-7 for Code,
- an Antenna party will be held again 10/30 or 10/31.

Gary Mitchell commented, with regard to the recent general meeting, that it is hard to eat pizza and host a radio clinic at the same time.

Don Village reported that the radio at the discovery museum was grounding out, and the situation is now corrected the (newer) rotating camera system was contacting the antenna.

Lou Steirer reported, regarding the roof of Red Cross, that the vertical has six guys, but is ten feet high, that we need more UV-stable polystyrene rope, about 75 feet, and that the coax isn't long enough perhaps it was cut to length?

Clark suggested more rope might be needed, for the dipole. He has found the replacement dipole at HRO for \$24; Clark recommends SS eye-bolts, so they won't rust.

Wally Britten moved, and Don Village seconded a motion that \$50 be authorized to pay for the needed rope and balun.

David Paul, AE6MV, presented the minutes of the last Board meeting; no corrections were suggested.

Wally YMD reported no change to the repeater. It cuts off the first syllable the short ID but transmits its entire long ID, Ben Vickers suggested a simple solution of adding a couple of spaces before the ID.

Newsletter Editor Gary Mitchell reported that the recent newsletter omitted some information, but he mailed a supplement.

BBS chairman Gary Mitchell reported that the BBS is now answering its phone (its control line). He thinks it may have just missed hanging up a call. Another BBS, Los Gatos N6LDL, will shut down. So a single LAN will remain in the Bay Area, centered in Albany. It has only a few remaining users.

Old Business

The Pizza for the last meeting cost \$74.61, and we collected \$51, so the Steirers need a payment of the difference, \$23.61.

Gary Mitchell suggested that in addition to the Letter to New Hams, we need to send a package to new members. Lou suggested that it contain a history of the Club. Others suggested that it contain repeater information, repeater codes, BBS information, times and dates of the nets, and a Welcome to the Club letter from either the President or Secretary. It was suggested that Doc Gmelin knew the club history best.

Clark Murphy reported that the trailer is stored in a fenced area at Irwin Electrical, thanks to John Irwin. The combination for the gate, and home phone and cell phone of John Irwin are <omitted>.

Lou Steirer asked about the plan to connect Echolink to the 70cm machine? Don Apte is trying to find the time, but needs Xtals. Don as programmable Commercial radios, Moto HT 600's, but needs programming cables. It was suggested that Trish might know.

Lou added that Gwen has been asking to see the year-to-year treasury numbers; Barbara added that Lloyd is working on that right now.

Lou inquired regarding Jeannie's work on a new club QSL Card design; Barbara replied that she has been busy, but is working on it.

Lou noted that evidently no new licenses were received, so none of the Letter to New Hams were mailed.

Gary Mitchell asked that the Secretary send a new Club Roster by email.

New Business

Clark noted an urgent item of new business heavy rains are forecast and the antenna trailer has yet to be covered with its tarp.

Don Village reported that a friend wants to buy a second radio as a backup. Don also noted that the club holds eight HF radios: the station 757, the new radio, two 520's, one Kenwood TS440, an ICOM 736, 735 and 745, plus the Collins. Don volunteered to take them home one at a time and check them out, then report next month. The Club could then have the information needed to decide which to keep and which to sell. Don Apte added that we might be guessing high on what they are worth, since a 703 is only \$399; a multi-band multi-mode radio was seen at Pacificon early in the morning for only \$150. Don Village suggested that we keep only the 12V equipment that can be run from battery so we don't need a big generator for Field Day. Clark suggested that we sell the oldest rigs first, as they will just continue to drop in value as newer rigs come to market. Don Apte recommended that we purchase filters for the 736 while we still can. Don will try to get all the radios checked by the next meeting.

No further business was brought up.

Don Apte moved that the meeting be adjourned, and Barbara agreed. The meeting was adjourned; the Secretary failed to note the time.

Upcoming Meetings:

- Clark wants anyone available to drop by his house after the SVECS meeting Saturday, to rig and secure the tarp over the antenna trailer.

- The Club will have an Antenna Party at the Red Cross, Saturday October 30 or Sunday October 31, to replace the dipole antenna atop the Red Cross building.

- The November General Meeting will be held Monday November 8 at 19:30, in Bldg K, Kaiser Santa Clara.

- The next Board Meeting will be Monday November 15 at 19:30 at the San Jose Red Cross HQ.

- The Club will participate in the Sweepstakes contest (Phone) on November 20, from the Club Station at the Red Cross HQ.

- The annual Christmas Luncheon will be Saturday, December 18, at Jericho's Steakhouse (ex-Hungry Hunter Milpitas), including a gift exchange, and as usual, Barbara will present each attendee a gift.

David Paul, AE6MV, Secretary

SCCARA joins CA QSO party

On Saturday Oct. 2, a group of SCCARA members met down at our club station at the Red Cross building to run the CA QSO party. Earlier that day Scott KB6UOO, Lou WA6QYS, Wally KA6YMD, and Clark KE6KXO got together to fine tune our Cushcraft R5 vertical antenna. Great job fellows, as the antenna works great.

The following members: Don K6PBQ, Don AE6PM, Lou

WA6QYS, and Wally KA6YMD operated the party for a total of 40 QSO's. Lou WA6QYS got our DX award for the day by working Jim Z14JD in South Cove Islands.

Their was very little activity on the QSO party at first. We began to wonder if we were on the correct weekend. We operated 15 and 20 meters. The QSO party was more active on Sunday morning. I operated from my home station on 40 CW and made 25 + contacts in about an hour and a half.

It was a lot of fun to operate the QSO party as a club activity. We will try to run more contests out of our club station in the near future.

73, Don Village, K6PBQ

Treasurer's Treatise

Cash flow Report
1/1/03 through 12/31/03

INFLOWS

Interest Inc	15.52
Dues and Subscriptions	140.00
Other Inc	4,401.80

TOTAL INFLOWS **4557.32**

OUTFLOWS

BBS	81.19
NEWSLETTER	1,167.66
Bank Charges	20.00
Insurance	605.24
Misc	1,632.80
Miscellaneous, Bus	1,000.00
Postage and Delivery	279.74
FIELD DAY SITE	366.00
P.O. BOX	44.00
STORAGE	834.00
telephone	348.43

TOTAL OUTFLOWS **6379.06**

OVERALL TOTAL **-1,821.74**

Lloyd, KD6FJJ

ARRL News

From *The ARRL Letter*, October 15, 2004

FCC ADOPTS NEW BPL RULES, ACKNOWLEDGES ITS INTERFERENCE POTENTIAL

As expected, the FCC this week adopted revised Part 15 (unlicensed services) rules to specifically regulate broadband over power line (BPL) systems. Meeting October 14 in open session, the Commission adopted a Report and Order in ET Docket 04-37. In comments before voting, three members of the Commission, including Chairman Michael Powell, specifically cited the concerns of Amateur Radio operators and expressed either assurances or hope that the new BPL rules will adequately address interference to licensed services. Republican

FCC Commissioner Kevin Martin mentioned Amateur Radio's and broadcasters' interference concerns in a written statement. ARRL President Jim Haynie, W5JBP, said he was encouraged to see the Commission acknowledge interference to amateurs as a genuine issue in the proceeding.

"What the League has done in the last year and a half on this issue showed in the Commission's public meeting today," Haynie said Thursday. He cited the FCC's approval of three major points that the League had been pushing for: Certification of BPL equipment instead of verification, a requirement for a public BPL database--something the BPL industry did not want--and mechanisms to deal swiftly with interference complaints. Haynie conceded, however, that the devil is in the details of the R&O, which likely will not be made public for at least a few weeks.

Anh Wride of the FCC Office of Engineering and Technology (OET), acknowledged that Access BPL devices "pose a somewhat higher potential for interference to licensed radio services than typical Part 15 devices." But, Wride continued, "we believe the specific benefits of BPL warrant acceptance of a small degree of additional risk, and that this interference potential can be satisfactorily managed."

Commissioner Michael Copps, a Democrat, said he remains concerned about interference to Amateur Radio users. "I take the concerns of this community very seriously and believe that the FCC has an obligation to work hard to monitor, investigate and take quick action, where appropriate, to resolve harmful interference."

Copps said if interference occurs, "we must have a system in place to resolve it immediately," and he expressed the hope that the new rules would include such "rapid turnaround" provisions. Copps, who dissented in part with the R&O, raised the question of whether utility ratepayers should have to "subsidize an electric power company's foray into broadband."

The Commission's other Democrat, Jonathan Adelstein, said the interference question made the proceeding a challenging one because it had to accommodate concerns raised by Public Safety licensees, federal government users and Amateur Radio operators. "These are important services that we need to protect from harmful interference," Adelstein said.

Adelstein also said that while it's clear that some BPL systems can co-exist with existing licensees, others "haven't fared so well." He said those systems shouldn't be deployed commercially until it's assured that they won't cause harmful interference.

Commissioner Kathleen Abernathy, a Republican, said the FCC had to "make some hard compromises" to deal with questions about interference. But she expressed confidence in "technical solutions."

Chairman Powell called it "a banner day" for communications in the US because, he said, BPL promises "ubiquitous service to all Americans at affordable rates." The chairman, a Republican, conceded that BPL will affect some spectrum users--including "all those wonderful Amateur Radio operators out there." Powell said the FCC has taken Amateur Radio interference concerns seriously from the start and has put protections in place "to allow that service to continue." At the same time, Powell implied that the FCC must balance the benefits of BPL against the relative value of other licensed services.

Powell said BPL's potential for the US economy "is too great, too enormous, too potentially groundbreaking to sit idly by and

allow any claim or any possible speculative fear" keep the Commission from promoting adoption of BPL technology.

ARRL CEO David Sumner, K1ZZ, suggested that Powell was overstating the necessity of yet another broadband pipeline. "It's astonishing to me that the chairman of the FCC can talk about needing a 'third way' to provide broadband to consumers when multiple technologies already are available, including wireless broadband," he said.

The United Power Line Council (UPLC) applauded the FCC's action, saying the new rules should encourage BPL deployment while protecting licensed services from harmful interference. "We didn't get everything we wanted," said UPLC President and CEO William R. Moroney, who called the R&O "the result of close cooperation and compromise" with the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) to address its concerns about potential interference.

For more information on BPL, visit the "Broadband Over Power Line (BPL) and Amateur Radio" page on the ARRL Web site <<http://www.arrl.org/bpl>>.

From *The ARRL Letter*, October 22, 2004

DRAFT BANDWIDTH PETITION, BPL FOCUS OF ARRL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Meeting October 16 in Dallas, Texas, the ARRL Executive Committee (EC) devoted much of its fall session to a discussion of comments received on ARRL's draft FCC petition seeking regulation of subbands by bandwidth rather than by emission mode. The EC also authorized the filing of a Petition for Reconsideration in response to the BPL Report and Order (R&O) in ET Docket 04-37, which the FCC adopted October 14. Drafting and filing the petition must await release of the actual R&O, which should happen in a few weeks. Responding to a synopsis of the bandwidth petition and proposed rule changes posted on the ARRL Web site, several hundred League members and others in the ham radio community offered comments and suggestions.

"The Executive Committee found considerable support for the concept of the petition," said ARRL CEO David Sumner, K1ZZ, "along with constructive suggestions to reduce both the impact of the changes on current amateur operations, as well as possible unintended consequences." Sumner's "It Seems to Us . . ." editorial, "Regulation by Bandwidth," in September QST addressed the bandwidth petition.

Earlier this year, the EC decided to make a synopsis and explanation of the petition available to ARRL members before filing it with the FCC. At this month's meeting, the EC agreed to submit several recommended amendments to the proposed rules changes to the ARRL Board of Directors for its consideration in January. These include:

- Retention of rules permitting automatically controlled digital stations (packet and other digital modes) in narrow HF subbands. The draft petition had proposed dropping these provisions.
- A rule prohibiting so-called semi-automatic digital operation (automatic control in response to a communication initiated by a live operator) on frequencies below 28 MHz where phone is permitted. This addressed a concern that "robot" digital stations might take over the phone bands.

- A segment for 3 kHz bandwidth (no phone) emissions at 10.135-10.150 MHz to accommodate existing and planned digital operations.

- Deletion of the word "continuous" from the description of test transmissions authorized on most frequencies above 51 MHz.

- Simplification of proposed changes to ?97.309 to clarify that FCC-licensed amateur stations may use any published digital code as long as other rules are observed.

"These recommendations are not intended to be the final word on the draft petition, but are intended to address the major issues raised to date," Sumner emphasized.

The draft bandwidth proposals take into account the ARRL's prior "Novice refarming" petition to expand some HF phone bands, included in the "omnibus" FCC Notice of Proposed Rule Making in WT Docket 04-140.

The EC also authorized ARRL General Counsel Chris Imlay, W3KD, to "prepare to pursue other available remedies as to procedural and substantive defects" in the BPL proceeding.

Packet Pieces

Downloaded from the packet network:

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Date: 18 Feb 2004 09:04
From: KD4GCA@KD4GCA
To: HUMOR@USA
Subject: Grandparents

For those who are already grandparents and those who hope to be one.

---- What is a grandparent?? (taken from papers written by a class of 8-year-olds)

Grandparents are a lady and a man who have no little children of her own. They like other people's.

A grandfather is a man grandmother.

Grandparents don't have to do anything except be there when we come to see them. They are so old they shouldn't play hard or run. It is good if they drive us to the store and have lots of quarters for us.

When they take us for walks, they slow down past things like pretty leaves and caterpillars.

They show us and talk to us about the color of the flowers and also,

Why we shouldn't step on "cracks."

They don't say, "Hurry up."

Usually grandmothers are fat, but not too fat to tie your shoes.

They wear glasses and funny underwear.

They can take their teeth and gums out.

Grandparents don't have to be smart.

They have to answer questions like "Why isn't God married?", and "How come dogs chase cats?".

When they read to us, they don't skip. They don't mind if we ask for the same story over again.

Everybody should try to have a grandmother, especially if you don't have television, because they are the only grown ups who like to spend time with us.

They know we should have snack-time before bedtime, and they say prayers with us every time, and kiss us even when we've acted bad.

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Date: 18 Feb 2004 01:38
From: W1GMF@W1GMF
To: HUMOR@USA
Subject: HUMOR FOR TODAY 0202

Today's Joke

Seven Ages of the Married Cold

1st Year

The husband says, "Oh, sweetie pie, I'm really worried about those nasty sniffles you have! There's no telling what that could turn into with all the strep throat that's been going around. I'm going to take you right down to the hospital and have you admitted for a couple days of rest. I know the food is lousy there, so I'm going to bring you some take-out from Tosini's. I've already arranged it with the head nurse."

2nd Year

"Listen, honey, I don't like the sound of that cough. I called the doctor, and he's going to stop by here and take a look at you. Why don't you just go on to bed and get the rest you need?"

3rd Year

"Maybe you better go lie down, darling. When you feel lousy, you need the rest. I'll bring you something --do we have any canned soup around here?"

4th Year

"No sense wearing yourself out when you're under the weather. When you finish those dishes and the kids' baths and get them to bed, you ought to go to bed yourself!"

5th Year

"Why don't you take a couple aspirin?"

6th Year

"You oughta go gargle or something instead of sitting around barking like a dog!"

7th Year

"For Pete's sake, stop sneezing. Are you trying to give me pneumonia? You'd better pick up some tissues while you're at the store."

Daily Thoughts:

"When the inventor of the drawing board messed things up...what did he go back to?" Bob Monkhouse

"Potatoes are to food what sensible shoes are to fashion." Linda Wells

"Americans are getting stronger. Twenty years ago, it took two people to carry ten dollars worth of groceries. Today, a five-year-old can do it." Henny Youngman

Today's Story

The other day, I had one of those grocery store moments--I had my hands full of groceries, but turned around and my husband was gone with the cart.

So I looked around and I was relieved when I found him with the cart at the meat department. So I rushed over and dropped all the groceries in and was about to talk to him when I realized by the shocked look on the lady next to my husband that it wasn't his cart. He said, "Honey, Our cart is over there."

So, I went through the painstaking process of separating our groceries from hers and getting them into our cart. We all had a good laugh, but it was an embarrassing moment.

~ Joyce

Last Laugh

There was a woman in the grocery store with a three-year-old girl in her basket. As they passed the cookie section, the little girl asked for cookies, and her mother told her no.

The little girl immediately began to whine and fuss, and the mother said quietly, "Now Veronica, we just have half of the aisles to go through; don't be upset. It won't be long."

Soon, they came to the candy aisle, and the little girl began to shout for candy. When told she couldn't have any, she began to cry.

The mother said, "There, there, Veronica, don't cry; only two more aisles to go, and then we'll be checking out."

When they got to the checkout stand, the little girl immediately began to clamor for gum and burst into a terrible tantrum upon discovering there'd be no gum purchased.

The mother patiently said, "Veronica, we'll be through this checkout stand in 5 minutes, and then you can go home and have a nice nap."

The bagger followed them out to the parking lot and stopped the woman to compliment her, "I couldn't help noticing how patient you were with little Veronica."

The mother replied, "I'm Veronica; my little girl's name is Jenny."

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 fill out an Elmer form from the club secretary.

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):

K6PBQ, WA6VJY, WB6YRU, WA6QYS
Children's Discovery Museum, volunteer operator:
K6PBQ

EchoLink: KK6MX

W6ACW, Ed Hajny, (408) 739-6105

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

KD6FJI, Lloyd DeV Vaughns,
day: (408) 918-4635, evening: (408) 225-6769
e-mail: lloyddevaughns@sbcglobal.net

KK6MX, Don Apte, (408) 629-0725
e-mail: kk6mx@aol.com

KB6NP, Jon Dutra, day & msg (408) 428-2058
evening (408) 867-8654
packet: home BBS NOARY
e-mail: 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
e-mail: wb6yru@aenet.net

Newsletter Notes

I'd like to thank Don Village, K6PBQ for being a regular contributor to the *SCCARA-GRAM*. He has been extra active this month. If most members contributed just a tiny fraction as much, this newsletter would be positively bursting!

Most of Don's articles are reports on activities that he or SCCARA has done recently or are about to do. That's all well and good; however, it'd sure be nice to get something on amateur radio itself.

Have you built any kits lately? Bought a new rig or antenna that you like... or don't like? Heard something new or interesting at Pacficon? Even an idea on what you'd like the club to do is welcome. How about sharing it with us? It won't hurt and it's not hard, just ask Don!

73, Gary WB6YRU, editor

December Luncheon Meeting Sign-up

Our annual December christmas meeting will be a luncheon this time; on Saturday December 18, at the Jericho's Steakhouse in Milpitas, 1181 E. Calaveras Blvd just east of Hwy 680 (old Hungry Hunter location), we've been there before. Luncheon is at 12 noon. Please note that on Saturday there isn't a regular bar. You will be able to order a bottle of wine for the table.

We will have a choice of four entrees. The regular lunch is \$15.00 each, children's choices are indicated below. Reservations need to be in by Friday, December 10. Talk-in on our repeater W6UU, 146.985 - (simplex if you can't hit the repeater). I'm looking forward to seeing all of you there. Why not renew your membership (back cover) at the same time? See "December Meeting" article for information on gift exchange.

— Don K6PBQ

For the annual meeting in December, sign me up for the following lunch(es):

From the regular menu, \$15.00 each:

_____ Prime Ribs of Beef	_____ Forest Mushroom Chicken	_____ Salmon	_____ Vegetarian Pasta
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From the Children's menu, \$7.50 each:

_____ Deli Burger	_____ Chicken Strips	Total for lunches: \$ _____
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Name: _____

Call: _____

Give this form (or copy) with payment to the Treasurer or mail to: SCCARA PO Box 6 San Jose CA 95103-0006

SCCARA Membership Form for 2005

(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: _____

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: ☐ \$15 Individual ☐ \$20 Family ☐ \$5 Student (under 18)

Please send the repeater Auto-Dial/Auto-Patch codes (no charge, circle): Yes
WE MUST BE ABLE TO VERIFY YOUR AMATEUR RADIO LICENSE
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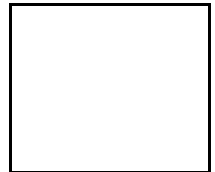
Give this completed form (or copy) with payment to the Secretary or Treasurer at any meeting or mail to the return address below.

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