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SCCARA Elections 2024

The next SCCARA meeting will be at 7:30 pm on Nov. 13, 2023 in room #3 at the San Jose American Red Cross. The main order of business will be the election of officers for 2024. The available positions are as follows:



5 Board Members have 2 year terms that are staggered so that there will be at least 2 members from the previous year. 2 Board Members are finishing their 2 year term: Lou Steirer WA6QYS and Wally Britten KA6YMD. Both will be running for re-election. 1 Board position has 1 year left on his term: Doug Owen N6DPO.

Board Vacancy 1 - Gary Mitchell WB6YRU running to finish this term. Board Vacancy 2 - Janet Motha KF6PUQ running to finish this term.

President Gregg Lane KF6FNA is running for a new term in his present position for 2024.

Vice President John Parks W6JPP is running for a new term in his present position for 2024.

Secretary Truman Lindsey N6TRU is running for a new term in his present position for 2024.

Treasurer Ned Tufekcic AC6YY is running for a new term in his present position for 2024.

Members who can't make the meeting may e-mail their vote to Secretary Truman Lindsey, n6truhamradio@gmail.com

I would like to thank all of the officers for their service in 2023.

73, Gregg KF6FNA, kf6fna@comcast.net

Club Station

SCCARA will operate the November Sweepstakes, both CW and SSB. CW is on Nov 4-6 and SSB is on Nov 18-20. From our club station at the American Red Cross, Sweepstakes is a great contest to operate. See you in November.



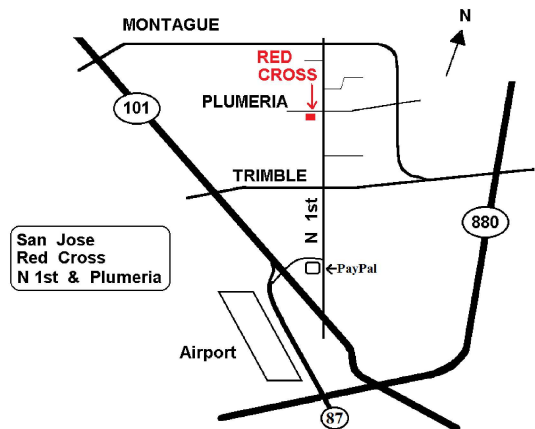
Don Village K6PBQ

Calendar

- 11/13 SCCARA General Meeting
- 11/20 SCCARA Board Meeting: On our 2 m repeater after the net at 7:30 PM)
- 11/25 Club Station open, 10 AM - 5 PM

General Meeting

- Day: Monday, November 13
- Time: 7:30 PM
- Place: San Jose Red Cross, meeting room 3
- Featuring: Club elections



WAS at W6UW

In some of the previous Club Station articles you may have noticed mention of the **Worked All States (WAS)** award. It's an award from the ARRL if you can verify making a contact with someone in each of these United States.

We're working on that! So far the SCCARA club station has



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The deadline for articles is the **last Monday of the month.**

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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 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 Village, K6PBQ. On ten meters, 28.385 MHz USB, Thursdays at 8:00 PM. Net control: Wally Britten, KA6YMD. Visitors welcome.

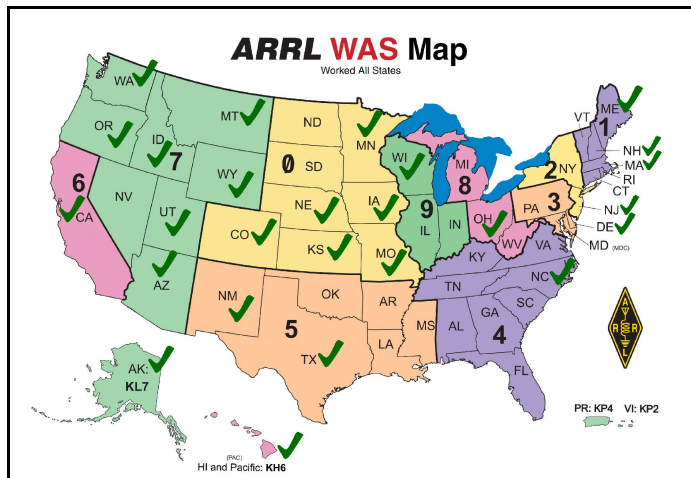
N0ARY PACKET BBS

SCCARA hosts the packet BBS N0ARY (connect to n0ary-1). User ports: 145.09 MHz at 1200 baud, 433.37 MHz at 9600 baud, and telnet sun.n0ary.org (login "bbs"). Sysop: Gary Mitchell, WB6YRU. For general packet info, see the NCPA web site ncpa.n0ary.org.

AMATEUR LICENSE TESTING

ARRL/VEC Silicon Valley VE group:
Morris Jones, AD6ZH: 408-507-4698

about half of them:



We still need to get:

Alabama	Arkansas	Connecticut	Florida
Georgia	Illinois	Indiana	Kentucky
Louisiana	Massachusetts	Michigan	Mississippi
Nevada	New York	N. Dakota	Oklahoma
Pennsylvania	Rhode Island	S. Carolina	S. Dakota
Tennessee	Vermont	Virginia	W. Virginia

When the club station is open, come on down and see if you can make a contact with a fellow HAM in any of these States. Our Station Trustee Don K6PBQ will be happy to get you started.

And there are several WAS variations. You can specialize in a particular band or a certain mode. What do you think, should we try for some of those too?

For more info about [WAS](http://www.arrl.org/was), see the ARRL web site <http://www.arrl.org/was>.



73, Gary WB6YRU

Origins of Silicon Valley Have Roots in HAM Radio

by Paul Wesling, KM6LH

Video: "Origins of Silicon Valley -- Roots in Ham Radio"

Paul Wesling KM6LH is a local retired engineer and a chronicler of Silicon Valley's early history. He gave a version of his IEEE Distinguished Lecture at the West Valley ARA's meeting in March -- one he had given for the ARRL Centennial Convention in 2014, the Palo Alto ARA, and the NCCC. He describes the early days of ham radio and how those activities (and people) led to what we now call Silicon Valley. This technology development and innovation began in 1909 around Stanford and involved Fred Terman 6AE/W6DI, Herbert Hoover Jr W6ZH, Bill Eitel 6UF/W6UF, Charles Litton 6AO, David Packard 9DRV, and others, resulting in trans-Pacific communications, the nation's first scheduled broadcast, Eitel tubes, klystrons, microwave radar, the silicon transistor, ICs, venture capital, new management practices, and more.

ARRL News

From *The ARRL Letter*, September 28, 2023

AMI Jamboree Scheduled for November

The 2023 [Amplitude Modulation International \(AMI\) Jamboree](#) will be held over the Thanksgiving weekend, starting at dusk on November 24 and ending at dawn on November 27. (<https://www.aminternational.club/ami-jamboree/>)



AMI Executive Director John C. McGrath, N9AMI, said the jamboree is not a contest but rather an AM-only operating event. "Everyone is welcome to participate, and there is a certificate available for those who contact 25 stations and submit a log," said McGrath. "Each class winner will receive a certificate, and a short biography will be posted on the AMI website. While the age of the equipment doesn't matter, there must be an AM mode selection on the radio," he added.

The preferred AM bands for operation are:
160 meters: 1.885, 1.900, 1.945, 1.985
80 meters: 3.870 to 3.890
40 meters: 7.175, 7.290, 7.293, 7.295
20 meters: 14.286 and the upper end of 20 meters

According to the club's history, AMI was formed in 1993. The name was taken from a west coast amateur radio club that was no longer in operation. AMI is now dedicated to the enjoyment, promotion, and preservation of AM. Club memberships include numbered membership certificates, an organization of 10 regions with directors, annual operating events, local club support, and the monitoring of activities that affect AM operations. While the FCC reduced the peak-envelope power measurement for AM, they also issued a statement in support of continuing the mode's important place in amateur radio.

Comment Deadlines Set on Proposed 60 - Meter Band Changes

A public period is open until October 30, 2023 for radio amateurs to comment on proposed changes to the 60 Meter band. ARRL is asking all radio amateurs to join in urging the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to continue the existing use of the band. ARRL is encouraging expressions of support to the FCC for the current 100 watt ERP power limit (instead of reducing the power limit to 15 watts EIRP) and continuing secondary access to the current channels. **An opportunity to reply to comments ends on November 28, 2023.** Comments should be submitted in FCC [Docket No. WT 23-120](#). (<https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/search/docket-detail/23-120>)

Currently, radio amateurs in the US have use of five discrete channels on a secondary basis on which they are permitted an effective radiated power (ERP) of 100 watts ERP. In the [Notice of Proposed Rule Making](#) the FCC solicits comment on reducing the secondary allocation to 15 kHz of contiguous spectrum between 5351.5 - 5366.5 kHz with a power limit of 15 watts EIRP (equivalent to 9.1 watts ERP). The lesser spectrum and reduced power limit was adopted by the 2015 World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC-15). (<https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/FCC-23-26A1.pdf>)

The federal government is the primary user of the 5 MHz spectrum. The National Telecommunications and Information

In attendance was Steve Wozniak ex-WA6BND, co-founder of Apple Computer, who shared some of his early experiences in the Valley. He says, "Radio was a so important part of my life. If I hadn't been a ham, I don't know if I would have ever got to Apple."

See the video of this presentation on YouTube at youtu.be/dHS4xj3k9CA to find out how our Silicon Valley happened and why it depended on hams. (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dHS4xj3k9CA&feature=youtu.be>)



Steve "Woz" Wozniak, ex-WA6BND with Paul Wesling, KM6LH at the WVARA meeting. (photo courtesy Paul Wesling, KM6LH)

Note: Bill Eitel was one of the early members of SCCARA, 6UF and 6ZAT at the time. He is listed in our 1926 roster. It's quite possible he is in our 1925 film! If you would like to see if you can spot him, here's what he looked like 30 years later. - Editor



December Holiday Dinner Meeting

Monday, December 11, 2023 at 6 PM. The location is Denny's, 333 S. Abbott St., Milpitas (near Hwy. 237 and Calaveras.) From San Jose go 880 North, exit Calaveras (east), then right (south) on Abbott. Follow around to Denny's at 333 S. Abbott. We'll be in the back room.

This will be a Family Dinner so bring the family with you. We'll each order from the menu and get separate checks.

Gregg KF6FNA



Administration (NTIA), the federal government's spectrum regulator, has argued that the WRC-15 proposals should be implemented as written. Doing so would result in amateurs losing four of the discrete channels they have been using on a secondary basis and having the maximum permissible power reduced by more than 10 dB, from 100 watts ERP to 9.1 watts ERP.

In 2017, [ARRL petitioned the FCC](http://www.arrl.org/files/file/Regulatory/Petition%20for%20Rule%20Making%205%20MHz%20FINAL%20January%2012,%202017.pdf) to keep four of the current five 60-meter channels -- one would be within the new band -- as well as the current limit of 100 watts ERP. "Such implementation will allow radio amateurs engaged in emergency and disaster relief communications, and especially those between the United States and the Caribbean basin, to more reliably, more flexibly and more capably conduct those communications [and preparedness exercises], before the next hurricane season ...," ARRL said in its petition. ([http://www.arrl.org/files/file/Regulatory/Petition for Rule Making 5 MHz FINAL January 12, 2017.pdf](http://www.arrl.org/files/file/Regulatory/Petition%20for%20Rule%20Making%205%20MHz%20FINAL%20January%2012,%202017.pdf))

ARRL said that years of amateur radio experience using the five discrete 5-MHz channels demonstrated that amateurs coexist well with the primary users at 5 MHz. "Neither ARRL, nor, apparently, NTIA is aware of a single reported instance of interference to a federal user by a radio amateur operating at 5 MHz to date," ARRL said in its 2017 petition.

ARRL will continue to advocate to maintain the 100-watt limit for 60 meters, continued authorization for the four channels outside the WRC allocation that are being used today, and adoption of the new 15 kHz allocation with the same 100-watt power limit.

In the NPRM, the FCC recognizes that Canada adopted rules equivalent to those proposed by the ARRL. "Finally, we note that Canada has essentially implemented the same rules as ARRL has requested," the Commission wrote.

The FCC seeks comment on the proposed 15 kHz of contiguous spectrum, but also on whether the existing channels should remain allocated to amateur radio on a secondary basis, and whether the maximum power limitations should be reduced from 100 to 9.1 watts ERP. The FCC also requested comments on whether the power limitation should be expressed as EIRP as the WRC-15 recommends or as ERP as in the current rules.

*{By the time you read this the deadline on comments has passed, but you can **reply** to comments through November. -- Editor}*

From *The ARRL Letter*, October 26, 2023

FCC to Vote on Removing Symbol Rate Restrictions

ARRL welcomes news of a scheduled vote by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to [consider removing symbol rate restrictions](https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/DOC-397992A1.pdf) that restrict digital modes, foster inefficient spectrum use, and dampen incentives for innovation. In the draft Commission decision, the FCC would replace the current HF restrictions with a 2.8 kHz bandwidth limit. The Commission also announced that it will consider a Further Notice in which it will propose eliminating similar restrictions where they apply in other bands and consider relying on signal bandwidth limits. If both actions are adopted by the Commission, there will be a period for public comment on the Further Notice issues. (<https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/DOC-397992A1.pdf>)

In announcing the proposed Commission actions, FCC Chairwoman Jessica Rosenworcel said that "We're bolstering amateur radio. We will vote on a proposal to incentivize innovation and experimentation in the amateur radio bands by

removing outdated restrictions and providing licensees with the flexibility to use modern digital emissions."

ARRL requested and strongly supports replacing the symbol rate limits on the HF bands with a 2.8 kHz bandwidth limit. ARRL also supports eliminating the symbol rate limits in favor of the already-existing bandwidth limits where they apply on the VHF and UHF bands and eliminating the similar limits 2200 and 630-meter bands.

ARRL Director of Emergency Management Josh Johnston, KE5MHV, said the changes will result in a tremendous time savings during disasters, when every second counts. "We will be very pleased to have the FCC remove the restrictions on symbol rate for the amateur bands. This will eliminate the need for temporary waivers during an event and provide the ability to train and exercise using the higher symbol rate, allowing increased data capability to our served agencies and partners."

[Congresswoman Debbie Lesko \(AZ-08\) introduced The Amateur Radio Communications Improvement Act \(H.R. 3241\) on May 11, 2023](https://www.arrl.org/news/congresswoman-lesko-reintroduces-bill-to-replace-symbol-rate-limit-with-bandwidth-limit), to require that the FCC eliminate the obsolete HF digital symbol rate limit with a 2.8 kHz bandwidth limit. (<https://www.arrl.org/news/congresswoman-lesko-reintroduces-bill-to-replace-symbol-rate-limit-with-bandwidth-limit>)

The Congresswoman subsequently addressed the issue with Chairwoman Rosenworcel in a Congressional oversight hearing. The changes are supported by many state emergency management officials.

ARRL will continue to engage on this matter.

{I've objected to that provision for a long time. The FCC had considered changing it before, but never did. It's surprising it takes the introduction of an Act of Congress to get FCC moving on this. -- Editor}

Video: Amateur Radio STEM Education Takes Center Stage at Pacificon

ARRL Education and Learning Manager, and IARU Region 2 Youth Coordinator, Steve Goodgame, K5ATA, gave the keynote address at the 2023 ARRL Pacific Division Ham Radio Convention, also known as Pacificon.

Goodgame was a public-school teacher for 21 years. He carries his experience of bringing ham radio into the classroom into his role at ARRL. "It is safe to say I've learned a thing or two about reaching youth along the way," he quipped.



His presentation, to a packed audience, was a highlight of the convention. Goodgame's passion and vision for promoting youth involvement in the hobby shined in his speech as he discussed STEM education and the importance of inspiring youth and teachers to engage in amateur radio and wireless technology.

[Watch "A Vision of the Future of Amateur Radio"](https://youtu.be/FTi8LDz4dS4?si=GQfSd3k2BS__ERMMy) on the ARRLHQ YouTube Channel to learn how to grow the next generation of radio amateurs from one of the leaders in the space. (https://youtu.be/FTi8LDz4dS4?si=GQfSd3k2BS__ERMMy)

Meeting Minutes

General Meeting, Oct. 9, 2023



San Jose Red Cross, 2710 N. First St.

Meeting called to order by President Gregg Lane KF6FNA at 7:43 PM

Customary self introductions.

Announcements:

President Gregg KF6FNA:

The SCCARAgram deadline is October 30th. That is the cut-off date! The sooner the better.

For October, SCCARA's club station will be open 10:00 am to 5:00 pm on October 28, 2023.

Please check in on SCCARA's 2 meter repeater to make sure we're operating.

For September's club station day, 10 meters was very active! It was a lot of fun!

New business:

VP John W6JPP: Pacificon is October 20th through October 22nd at the San Ramon Marriott. Rooms are sold-out. Neighboring hotels have very few rooms. They are still looking for volunteers.

President Gregg KF6FNA: I received an email saying parachute mobile operations will be going on during Pacificon. Keep on the radio to see if you can get any contacts.

Editor Gary WB6YRU: Lance Ginner K6GSJ with BAY-COMM passed away recently. He was the controller for the N0ARY BBS's Mount Umunhum site. Many radio stations are on Mount Umunhum, it's a great site for radio.

President Gregg KF6FNA: We still want to do so some maintenance of our HF Antennas at the Red Cross. Thanks to George for being there for us as liaison to the Red Cross.

George N6NKT: For an additional antenna, tuning for voice band is a priority for the Red Cross. A digital station is also a priority.

President Gregg KF6FNA: 2023 Elections

Offices up for Election:

President, incumbent is Gregg KF6FNA.

Vice President, incumbent is John W6JPP.

Treasurer, incumbent is Ned AC6YY.

Secretary, incumbent is Truman N6TRU.

Director (2 year term), incumbent is Lou WA6QYS.

Director (2 year term), incumbent is Wally KA6YMD.

Director (1 year term), position is vacant.

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President Gregg KF6FNA:

Regarding the Webmaster position, Wally KA6YMD said he needs to back down from it with his eyesight hindering him. It's worth noting that Webmaster is not an elected position, so it doesn't need to be given to a Director or Board member. Also, Wally KA6YMD hasn't spoken as to whether he'll run for Director again.

Lastly, as with previous elections, we will allow nominations to continue until the official election meeting (November 2023).

2023 Elections - Nominations

Secretary: Ned AC6YY nominates Truman N6TRU, seconded by

Janet KF6PUQ.

Treasurer: John W6JPP nominates Ned AC6YY, seconded by Ben KK6CCU.

VP: Ben KK6CCU nominates John W6JPP, seconded by Lou WA6QYS.

President: John W6JPP nominates Gregg KF6FNA, seconded by Ben KK6CCU.

Directors:

2-year: Wally KA6YMD nominated by Lou KA6YMD, seconded by John W6JPP.

2-year: Lou WA6QYS nominated by Ben KK6CCU, seconded by Truman N6TRU.

1-year: Janet KF6PUQ nominated by John W6JPP, seconded by Ben KK6CCU.

1-year: Gary WB6YRU self-nominates, seconded by Ben KK6CCU.

President Gregg KF6FNA: If anyone else is interested in positions, nominations will be kept open for the meanwhile. Also, Don K6PBQ still wants to be Trustee despite stressors.

Editor Gary WB6YRU: Regarding the Trustee position, it has an indefinite term.

New Business:

John W6JPP: I've found a weak spot on the tarp covering the antenna trailer. There have been no more break-ins for the antenna trailer as of now. Additionally, the beam at the American Legion Post needs to be retuned. It would be nice to form an antenna party for that.

Gary: I was talking to Don K6PBQ regarding the digital station. A set-up sheet would be very, very helpful to have with the digital station setup. It would allow Don K6PBQ or anyone else to operate the station easily.

George: The white binders in the cabinet would be a good place for instructional material.

Editor Gary: A copy could be put there, yes.

President Gregg KF6FNA: Also, please remember the Christmas Party's in the works as well.

Meeting adjourned at 8:38 PM

Truman M. Lindsey N6TRU, Secretary

Board Meeting, Oct. 16, 2023



On SCCARA's W6UU 2 meter repeater in lieu of an in-person Board Meeting.

Meeting called to order by President Gregg Lane KF6FNA at 7:36 PM

Attendance:

President Gregg Lane KF6FNA, VP John Parks W6JPP, Secretary Truman Lindsey N6TRU, Treasurer Ned Tufekic AC6YY, and Station Trustee Don Village K6PBQ. Directors: Lou Steirer WA6QYS, Wally Britten KA6YMD, and Doug Owens N6DPO.

Absent: Ben Shuford KK6CCU.

Visitors: Editor Gary Mitchell WB6YRU, Goetz K6GKB, and

Paul KK6HWN.

Announcements:

President's Report, Gregg KF6FNA: The deadline for SCCARAGram submissions is Monday, October 30, 2023. Please turn in before that date.

Also, the club station will be open on Saturday, October 28, 2023 from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Please check the 2m repeater to ensure we're there. There have been good band openings lately.

Also, remember that there's SCCARA's 2m net every Monday at 7:30 PM, and SCCARA's 10m net every Thursday at 8:00 PM.

SCCARA's Holiday Party will be December 11, 2023 at 6:00 PM at the Denny's in Milpitas, CA. We've gone here before. Approximately at 880 & Calaveras, a map will also be in the SCCARAGram as before.

Pacificon 2023 is from Friday, October 20, 2023 to Sunday, October 22, 2023.

Vice President's Report, John W6JPP: Regarding speakers and presenters, we are still looking for some for further meetings. We've found some who prefer Zoom, while some prefer in-person. It's a work in progress.

Secretary's Report, Truman N6TRU: I'm hoping to get the General meeting minutes submitted for approval by October 20, 2023.

President Gregg KF6FNA: Any corrections for the September 11 General Meeting minutes?

No corrections - approved by acclamation.

Any corrections for the September 18 Board Meeting minutes?

No corrections - approved by acclamation.

Treasurer's Report, Ned AC6YY: Balance is as follows:
checking = \$11,823.61 cash = \$87.04

Trustee's Report, Don K6PBQ: Remember that the Sweepstakes are upcoming. The Sweepstakes span 2 weekends in November, the CW portion is from November 4th through November 6th, and the SSB portion is from November 18th through November 20th.

Standing Committees

Editor's report, Gary WB6YRU: The newsletter should contain election details for November 2023 election.

BBS Sysop's report, Gary WB6YRU: Recently, the user ports weren't working. I went up there and the antenna is broken, as well as a previously built PVC armor for the antenna. The PVC armor was built around 15 years ago.

John: How much will it cost to replace the antenna?

Editor Gary WB6YRU: I'm unsure of the antenna's exact price. The current antenna is a Comet brand. I would estimate the total cost to be between \$100 and \$200.

Repeater chairman's report, Wally KA6YMD: Nothing to report, it's working well.

Repeater host, Goetz K6GKB: I haven't been keeping track, honestly. I'm hoping to replace the batteries on Tuesday, October 17.

Old Business:

President Gregg KF6FNA: John still wants to form a work party for the beam at the American Legion. We can't do a work party on the weekend since the American Legion Post is busy on weekends.

Also, the antenna trailer still needs repair. VP John W6JPP & I have worked on it somewhat. More steel cables to tie it down are likely needed.

VP John W6JPP: We'll also need new padlocks.

President Gregg KF6FNA: We have some padlocks as club property. I'll get them to you. Also, after taking inventory of the antenna trailer with John W6JPP, there's no coax inside. Note that we still need to update the inventory further.

Editor Gary WB6YRU: That's surprising. There should be a lot of coax in there.

President Gregg KF6FNA: We've taken some out for Field Day before. The coax might've gotten separated any number of ways.

Also, we're still wanting to test Zoom at the Red Cross. We have been unable to do so previously. I'm grateful to Doug N6DPO for helping us with that.

Editor Gary WB6YRU: Regarding Zoom, I've received notice that the West Valley club (WVARA) had success with Zoom at the Red Cross. I suspect it'll work well.

President Gregg KF6FNA: Next, we're still looking at forming a work party for the Red Cross antennas pending good weather.

Trustee Don K6PBQ: Last time I tested it, the beam was working excellently! I could help listen in on the radio, but I can't go on the roof.

New Business:

President Gregg KF6FNA: Elections are due to be held at the November 13, 2023 General meeting. Nominations were held at SCCARA's October General meeting on October 9, 2023. Nominees are as follows:

President - 1 nominee - Gregg KF6FNA (incumbent)

Vice President - 1 nominee - John W6JPP (incumbent)

Treasurer - 1 nominee - Ned AC6YY (incumbent)

Secretary - 1 nominee - Truman N6TRU (incumbent)

Director (2 year term) - 1 nominee - Wally KA6YMD (incumbent)

Director (2 year term) - 1 nominee - Lou WA6QYS (incumbent)

Director (1 year term) - 1 nominee - Janet KF6PUQ

Director (1 year term) - 1 nominee - Gary WB6YRU

The fifth Director position will be up for election in 2024. The incumbent for the fifth seat is Doug N6DPO.

President Gregg KF6FNA: Also, there will be an opening for the Webmaster position since Wally KA6YMD will be retiring from that post. The Webmaster does not need to be an officer.

Trustee Don K6PBQ: Someone good at computers would be a good fit for Webmaster.

President Gregg KF6FNA: Also, there was a request for instructions for the digital station to be made and kept at the club station.

Trustee Don K6PBQ: Having Ned AC6YY demonstrate would be better for me.

Treasurer Ned AC6YY: I'm creating the sheet and Gary WB6YRU will laminate it later.

President Gregg KF6FNA: John W6JPP was contacted by a local elementary school about holding a ham radio demonstration. Is anyone interested in helping out if we were to do so?

Trustee Don K6PBQ: I'd be willing to help with that.

VP John W6JPP: I've known the school for more than 36 yrs. We've done demonstrations in the past with HTs and the WIN SYSTEM. Kids liked talking to Las Vegas! If we were to do another demonstration, it'd be done during lunch rather than during class time.

President Gregg KF6FNA: Regarding membership, since Pacifcon's coming up, there was mention about posting flyers for SCCARA for new hams. Is that something we could do, John W6JPP?

VP John W6JPP: I think it should be possible, yes.

President Gregg KF6FNA: Could you confirm for certain?

VP John W6JPP: I think it should be fine. I don't suspect there'd be any problems.

President Gregg KF6FNA: I recall that Gary WB6YRU has made flyers for SCCARA previously.

Editor Gary WB6YRU: There are 2 types of flyers I've made. One more generic, one for brand-new hams.

President Gregg KF6FNA: In the past there's typically no Board meeting for December 2023.

Are we going to hold a Board meeting for December 2023? I'll conduct a poll. Keep or cancel?

Cancel: John W6JPP, Truman N6TRU, Lou WA6QYS, Wally KA6YMD, Doug N6DPO, and Don K6PBQ.

Keep: (none)

Abstain: Ned AC6YY.

VP John W6JPP: Recently, I was contacted by San Jose RACES. They want to use the American Legion post and want to coordinate with SCCARA to use the antenna trailer. It's not an immediate matter, it's still very tentative.

Paul KK6HWN: Regarding SCCARA's club station, we need to reactivate Logbook of the World (LoTW) so contacts can be logged. There are much less QSL cards being sent nowadays. SCCARA's former President Fred AE7QL (ex-AE6QL) set up the LoTW account. The account was set up a long time ago, it has since become inactive. It will need to be reactivated.

VP John W6JPP: I'll see what I can find out per ARRL. I'll ask the local Section Manager.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Truman Lindsey N6TRU, Secretary

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 and who to contact for each. If your topic isn't listed, ask one of the Elmers under the topic that comes closest and we'll ask around.

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 (available from the club secretary or on our web site).

Topics:

Antennas, feed-lines, tuners: **NV6W, W6JPP, K6PBQ**

CW (Morse code): **NV6W, K6PBQ**

DX (long distance, propagation): **NV6W**

EchoLink: **K6GKB**

Emergency operating, preparedness: **WA6QYS**

HF operating techniques: **NV6W, K6PBQ**

Homebrew projects, construction: **WB6YRU**

Legal, FCC rules: **WB6YRU**

License testing, new amateurs: **W6JPP**

Lightning protection, grounding: **WB6YRU**

Packet Network (BBS, forwarding): **WB6YRU**

SCCARA (club inner workings): **K6PBQ, WB6YRU, WA6QYS**

Station set-up, equipment: **K6PBQ, W6JPP**

TVI, RFI: **WB6YRU**

Contacts for the above topics:

K6GKB, Goetz Brandt, 408-259-7287

e-mail: goetz@ix.netcom.com

NV6W, James D. Armstrong, Jr.,
evening & msg: 408-670-1680

W6JPP, John Parks

e-mail: w6jpp@arrl.net

K6PBQ, Don Village, 408-263-2789

e-mail: donvillage7@yahoo.com

WA6QYS, Lou Steirer, 408-241-7999

e-mail: wa6qys@arrl.net

WB6YRU, Gary Mitchell, 408-269-2924

packet: home BBS N0ARY

e-mail: wb6yru@ix.netcom.com

Newsletter Notes



Platinum Anniversary Newsletter turns 70!



The earliest record we have of a SCCARA newsletter is a hand-written prototype called "The Junk Box" dated November 1953. (Back then it was common to have a box of misc. electronic parts for projects, typically called a junk box.)

We don't know when the first newsletter was actually mailed out, possibly it was November 1953. Aside from this prototype, the earliest known surviving club newsletter is November 1962. Before 1953 the only known mailed club communications was in the form of postcards letting members know of meetings. If there was a newsletter back then, it has been lost to history.

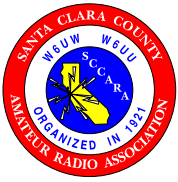
This "first" prototype newsletter is available in the [newsletter archives page](https://www.qsl.net/sccara/newsletter_archives.htm) of our web site (oldest at the bottom).
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And this is hard to believe... I've been the editor now for almost *half* that time.

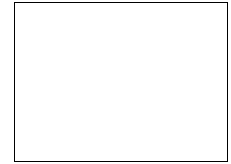


73, Gary WB6YRU, editor





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If renewing and none of your info has changed, we only need your name and call

Name: _____ Call: _____ Class: _____

Address: _____ Licensed since (year): _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip+4: _____

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

E-mail: _____

only for club communications and the SCCARA-GRAM newsletter (pdf)

Membership type and dues: Individual, \$20 Family, \$25 Student, \$10 (under 18)

Memberships start January 1 and expire December 31.

Family memberships (more than one member per household): please include the above info for each member, use separate forms.

New members:

Dues are prorated: dues x (11 - month) x 10% For example: July would be \$20 x (11-7) x 0.1 = \$8)

If joining in November or December: normal dues for next year, the rest of this year is included free.

I want the paper newsletter delivered by U.S. Mail for an additional \$15 per year

(Prorated, \$1.25 per month. That's \$13.75 if starting in February, \$12.50 if starting in March, etc.)

\$ _____ **Total** enclosed

Give this completed form and payment to the Secretary or Treasurer at any meeting or mail to the club address.