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ARRL News

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ARRL Volunteers Obtain Ham Exemption to Pennsylvania Handsfree Law

ARRL volunteers in Pennsylvania have successfully protected the legal right to use amateur radio while operating mobile within the state. A handsfree distracted driving bill had worked its way through the legislature over the past several years, and ARRL Atlantic Division Director Bob Famiglio, K3RF, successfully advocated for an exemption for licensed radio amateurs. "The bill survived until just before the latest vote, which stripped out our exemption but left in exemptions for commercial drivers, including truck drivers, bus drivers, and public transportation [drivers]," he wrote in a message to ARRL members in Pennsylvania.

In April, the exemption was stripped from the bill, sending Pennsylvania hams into a state of worry. ARRL members in the state rallied, contacting their state legislators to explain the benefit that licensed operators provide to the state. The bill also was going to remove the ability for first responders, such as volunteer firefighters, to use radios in their personally owned vehicles. "Hundreds of emails then went out to legislators and such and back to me. We also helped our volunteer emergency responders who were in the same boat as us with radio use from their personal cars. Many members are also emergency responders as well, and they picked up on this too," said Famiglio.

This week, the Pennsylvania House of Representatives voted in favor of accepting the bill with the exemption. The senate passed it last summer. The bill is now on its way to Governor Josh Shapiro's desk, where he is expected to sign it. Mobile use of amateur radio will continue in Pennsylvania, thanks to ARRL advocacy and government relations carried out by member-volunteers.

{Will we have to worry about this whenever we drive across a State line? It seems to me this shouldn't be a State-by-State exemption, it should be in Part 97. -- Editor}

Meeting Minutes

General Meeting, June 10, 2024

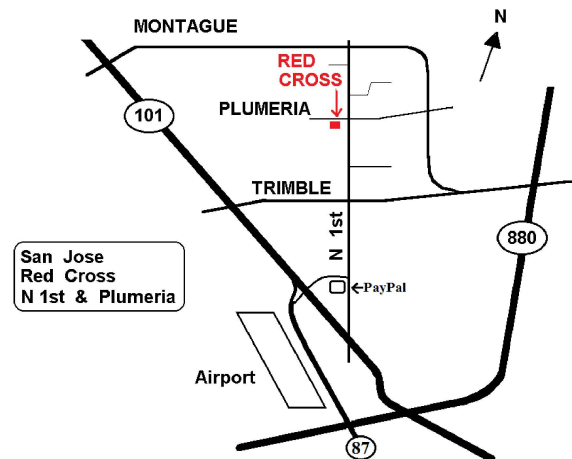


Calendar

7/8 SCCARA General Meeting
7/15 SCCARA Board Meeting:
7/27 Club Station open, 10 AM - 5 PM

General Meeting

Day: Monday, July 8
Time: 7:30 PM
Place: San Jose Red Cross, meeting room 3
Featuring: {to be announced}



San Jose Red Cross, 2710 N. First St.

Meeting called to order by President Gregg Lane KF6FNA at 7:45 pm.

Customary self introductions.

President Gregg KF6FNA:
The SCCARA 2 m net is on Mondays at 7:30 pm on the W6UU

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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 m: 146.985 - PL 114.8

70 cm: 442.425 + PL 107.2

Phone auto-dial and auto-patch is available. The 2 m 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 2 m repeater: Mondays at 7:30 PM, (not the second Monday--that's our meeting night); net control: Don Village, K6PBQ. On 10 m, 28.385 MHz USB, Thursdays at 8:00 PM; net control: *{to be announced}*. Visitors welcome.

NØARY PACKET BBS

SCCARA hosts the packet BBS NØARY (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

repeater except for SCCARA General Meeting nights.

The SCCARA 10 m net is on 28.385 MHz every Thursday at 8:00 pm.

The Board of Directors meeting is being held on the W6UU 2 m repeater on June 17th.

Field Day 2024:

SCCARA's Field Day will be held from Saturday, June 22nd at 11:00 a.m. (local time) to 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, June 23rd at the San Jose Red Cross at 2710 N. First Street.

Preparation will commence on Saturday at 10:00 a.m. We're operating Class F from the Red Cross Radio Room.

We will have a voice station, digital station, CW station, and perhaps a GoTA station (subject to changes).

The Red Cross has graciously allowed the club to operate here. Please stop by if you are able!

Editor Gary WB6YRU:

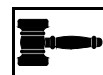
I have modified the Field Day handouts for this year to be more appealing to visitors. Please take a look and tell me what suggestions, comments, etc. you have.

The topic of SCCARA's June General Meeting was preparations for Field Day 2024.

Meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Truman M. Lindsey N6TRU, SCCARA Secretary

Board Meeting, June 17, 2024



Held verbally on our 2 m repeater W6UU/R

Meeting called to order by President Gregg Lane KF6FNA at 7:42 PM

Attendance:

President Gregg Lane KF6FNA, VP John Parks W6JPP, Treasurer Ned Tufekcic AC6YY, Secretary Truman Lindsey N6TRU, Directors Lou Steirer WA6QYS, Gary Mitchell WB6YRU, Janet Motha KF6PUQ, Doug Owens N6DPO, Wally Britten KA6YMD

Excused absence: Station Trustee Don Village K6PBQ

Visitors: Robert KB6OHQ, Paul KK6HWN

Announcements:

Gregg KF6FNA:

SCCARA-GRAM deadline is 24th of this month

Field Day is this weekend, June 22 and 23, we'll be at the club station at the Red Cross

President's Report, Gregg KF6FNA: Thanks who showed up at the Red Cross Saturday to help get things ready. Lou WA6QYS, Ned AC6YY, Doug N6DPO, Gary WB6YRU.

Vice President's Report, John W6JPP: Nothing new to report

Secretary's Report, Truman N6TRU: Nothing new, except I'm still working on transcribing last meeting's recording. And I'll be coming and going today on the radio.

Gregg KF6FNA:

The May 13 general meeting minutes were published in the SCCARA-GRAM. Any corrections? (none heard)

Approved by acclamation

The May 20 board meeting minutes were published in the SCCARA-GRAM. Any corrections? (none heard)

Approved by acclamation

Treasurer's Report, Ned AC6YY: We have a total of \$13054.43 in the bank.

Editor's report: Gary WB6YRU: In the June edition there wasn't anything about Field Day. Even if there were some details yet to be settled, something is better than nothing. We really need to make a greater effort with those things.

BBS Sysop's report, Gary WB6YRU: The user internet port has been fixed, everything should be working now.

Repeater Chairman's report: Wally KA6YMD: No problems known with the repeaters.

Webmaster's report, Doug N6DPO: The new web design is close to being complete. You can see a preview at sccara.com. It's still a work in progress, so please don't give corrections at this time.

Old Business:

Gregg KF6FNA: We need to put in another antenna for the club station at the Red Cross, but that will happen after Field Day. Watch for request for volunteers later.

John W6JPP: Some schools will be interested in an amateur presentation in the fall, various grades. That's still in the works.

Doug N6DPO: About the log book of the world: I think they've got everything straightened out, but I haven't gotten back to that recently. It's unknown whether we need that for reporting Field Day scores.

Paul KK6HWN: Field Day logs go to the ARRL, not the Log Book of the World.

On another topic, if we have a GOTA station on the Red Cross patio, we should have a canopy to provide shade. Last year it was hot and too bright to see the radio. Their pergola just doesn't cut it.

John W6JPP: I'll bring my 10x10 canopy, so we're "covered" on that.

Gregg KF6FNA: The personnel for Field Day are:

Doug N6DPO, HF Phone station captain

Ned AC6YY, CW/Digital station captain

John W6JPP, GOTA station captain and BBQ/food captain

Discussion followed about having certain supplies ready.

New Business:

Doug N6DPO:

I make a motion that we use our www.sccara.org URL in our literature, advertising, and outreach.

The registration costs is less than \$20 per year. It's easier for everyone to remember than our qsl.net/sccara URL, it looks better, and it won't change even if we switch web hosts. We should use it.

John W6JPP: Second

W6JPP, AC6YY, N6TRU, WA6QYS, KA6YMD, WB6YRU, KF6PUQ, N6DPO all voting YES.

Gregg KF6FNA: The motion passes.

John W6JPP: After Field Day we need to do an inventory of the antenna trailer.

On another topic, Ned and I were talking about having a camp out sometime after Field Day, lasting for maybe 3 days, and probably near the coast somewhere. Watch for an announcement on that later.

Meeting adjourned at 8:19 PM

Gary Mitchell WB6YRU, recording for the Secretary

Packet Pieces

Downloaded from the BBS packet network:

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Date: 18 Mar 2020 23:23
From: GM3YEW@GB7YEW
To: HUMOUR@WW
Subject: A Benefit Of Being Older

Because they had no reservations at a busy restaurant my elderly neighbor and his wife were told there would be a 45-minute wait for a table. "Young man we're both 90 years old" the husband said. "We may not have 45 Minutes."

They were seated immediately.

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Date: 21 Mar 2020 23:24
From: GM3YEW@GB7YEW
To: HUMOUR@WW
Subject: jokes 22/3

Norman and his blonde wife live in Calgary. One winter morning while listening to the radio, they hear the announcer say, "We are going to have 8 to 10 centimetres of snow today. You must park your car on the even Numbered side of the street, so the snowplow can get through." Norman's wife goes out and moves her car.

A week later while they are eating breakfast, the radio announcer says, "We are expecting 10 to 12 centimetres of snow today. You must park your car on the odd numbered side of the street, so the snowplow can get through." Norman's wife goes out and moves her car again.

The next week they are having breakfast again, when the radio announcer says "We are expecting 12 to 14 centimetres of snow today. You must Park..." then the electric power goes out. Norman's wife is very upset, and with a worried look on her face she says, "Honey, I don't know what to do. Which side of the street do I need to park on so the snowplow can get through?"

With the love and understanding in his voice like all men who are married to Blondes exhibit, Norman says, "Why don't you just leave it in the garage this time?"

Tickets

Sarah was reading a newspaper while her husband was engrossed in a game on TV. Suddenly, she burst out laughing. "Listen to this, there's a classified ad here where a guy is offering to swap his wife for a season ticket."

"Hmmm," her husband said, not bothering to look away from the game.

Sarah said teasingly, "Would you swap me for season ticket?"

"Absolutely not," he said, "season's more than half over."

Strange Human Facts

The strongest muscle in the body is the tongue.

It takes about 20 seconds for a red blood cell to circle the whole body.

The average human will eat an average of 8 spiders while sleeping.

The average woman consumes 6lbs of lipstick in her lifetime.

On average, a 4-year-old child asks 437 questions a day.

Only 7% the population are lefties.

The average person's left hand does 56% of the typing.

A human brain weighs about 3lbs.

1/4 of the bones in your body are in your feet.

You blink over 10,000,000 times a year.

When you sneeze, all bodily functions stop... even your heart.

If you yelled for 8 years, 7 months and 6 days you would have produced enough sound energy to heat one cup of coffee.

Collectively Americans eat an average of 18 acres of pizza a day.

If you farted consistently for 6 years and 9 months, the methane gas produced would equal the energy of an atomic bomb.

The human heart creates enough pressure when it pumps out to the body to squirt blood 30 feet.

Koala and humans are the only animals with unique fingerprints.

The scent of apples and/or bananas can help you lose weight.

The average person falls asleep in seven minutes.

Children grow faster in the spring.

On average a human will spend up to 2 weeks kissing in his or her lifetime.

A one-minute kiss burns 26 calories.

Spelling

The holiday break was over and the teacher was asking the class about their vacations. She turned to little Pauly and asked what he did over the break.

"We visited my grandmother in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania," he replied.

"That sounds like an excellent vocabulary word," the teacher said. "Can you tell the class how you spell that?"

Little Pauly thought about it and said, "You know, come to think of it, we went to Ohio."

It was a *Banner* year

Iranian president Mahmud Ahmadinejad calls President Obama and tells him, "Mr President, I had a wonderful dream last night. I could see America, the whole beautiful country, and on each house I saw a banner that read 'UNITED STATES OF IRAN.'"

Obama says, "You know, Mahmud, I am really glad you called, because believe it or not last night I had a similar dream. I could see all of Tehran, it was more beautiful than ever, and on each house flew a large banner."

"What did it say on the banners?" Mahmud asks.

Obama replies, "I don't know, I can't read Hebrew."

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Date: 25 Mar 2020 02:24
From: GM3YEW@GB7YEW
To: HUMOUR@WW
Subject: jokes 25/3

John Travolta fell ill one weekend, but tested negative for corona-virus. Turns out it was just a Saturday Night Fever.

Plants

The teacher was telling the class about plants that have the word "dog" in front of them: dogrose, dogwood, dog violet. She asked the class if they could name another flower with the prefix "dog."

Steven raised his hand and said, "Sure, Miss Jones, a 'collie' flower!"

Be careful with texting.

Hi Bob

This is Alan next door. I'm sorry buddy, but I have a confession to make to you. I've been riddled with guilt these past few months and have been trying to pluck up the courage to tell you to your face, but I am at least now telling in text as I can't live with myself a moment longer without you knowing.

The truth is, I have been sharing your wife, day and night when you're not around. In fact, probably more than you, particularly in the mornings after you've left for work. I haven't been getting it at home recently, but that's no excuse I know. The temptation was just too much. I can no longer live with the guilt and I hope you will accept my sincerest apologies and forgive me. I promise that it won't happen again.
Regards, Alan.

Feeling anguished and betrayed Bob immediately went into his bedroom, grabbed his gun, and without a word, shot his wife twice, killing her instantly. He returned to the lounge where he poured himself a stiff drink. He took out his phone to respond to the neighbor's text and saw he had

another message:

Hi Bob

This is Alan next door again. Sorry about the slight typo on my last text, I expect you worked it out anyway, but as I'm sure you noticed, my predictive text changed 'WiFi' To 'Wife'. Technology huh?!? Hope you saw the funny side of that.

Regards, Alan.

Boss

You may think your boss is stupid, but remember, if he was smart you probably wouldn't have a job.

Salesman

"This house," said the real estate salesman, "has both its good points and its bad points. To show you I'm honest, I'm going to tell you about both. The disadvantages are that there is a chemical plant one block south and a slaughterhouse a block north."

"What are the advantages?" inquired the prospective buyer.

"The advantage is that you can always tell which way the wind is blowing."

Politically correct

Members of the cast of the "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" in Kent say that due to considerations of political correctness all mentions of "dwarfs" is out, and will now be referred to as "gnomes" or "guardians of the Forest".

This is in case the production offends people with restricted growth".

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Date: 27 Mar 2020 23:54
From: GM3YEW@GB7YEW
To: HUMOUR@WW
Subject: jokes 28/3

Quotes

When the white missionaries came to Africa they had the Bible and we had the land. They said 'Let us pray.' We closed our eyes. When we opened them we had the Bible and they had the land.

~ Desmond Tutu

America is the only country where a significant proportion of the population believes that professional wrestling is real but the moon landing was faked.

~ David Letterman

What do you call a celebrity with Covid-19? An influencer.

Those who jump off a bridge in Paris are in Seine.

Q: How do you kill a circus?

A: Go for the juggler!

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**

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Newsletter Notes

Field Day ended just one day before the deadline, so it's not a surprise that nothing was submitted about how we did. That report will have to wait for the August edition.

Until then, it seems to me we did significantly better this year. The HF Phone station has had a run of bad luck. Last year it had a defective antenna. This year it had a defective tuner, but once that was recognized and replaced we were off and running!



73, Gary WB6YRU, editor

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Name: _____ Call: _____ Class: _____

Address: _____ Licensed since (year): _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip+4: _____

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

E-mail: _____

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

☞ All 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.