

SCCARA-GRAM



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Club Station

SCCARA has their club station at the Red Cross, located at the corner of 1st Street and Plumeria in San Jose.

We are normally there on the last Saturday of the month for general operating. We also come down for contests such as California QSO party and Sweepstakes (both CW and SSB).

We have also operated Field Day as well. We are able to operate two stations at a time on HF and a digital station as well.

Having our station is a good opportunity for your members who don't have HF capability to use our club station.

The station is also used for emergency communications by the Red Cross groups.



73, Don Village K6PBQ
Station Trustee

Treasurer's Treatise

Banking Summary for November
11/1/2024 through 11/30/2024

Income

| | |
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| Club Dues for 2025 | \$45.00 |
| Total Income | \$45.00 |

Expenses

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|----------------|----------|
| SCCARA-GRAM | \$32.81 |
| Trailer Tires | \$300.00 |
| Total Expenses | \$332.81 |

Overall Total -\$287.81

Checking account balance \$12,205.27



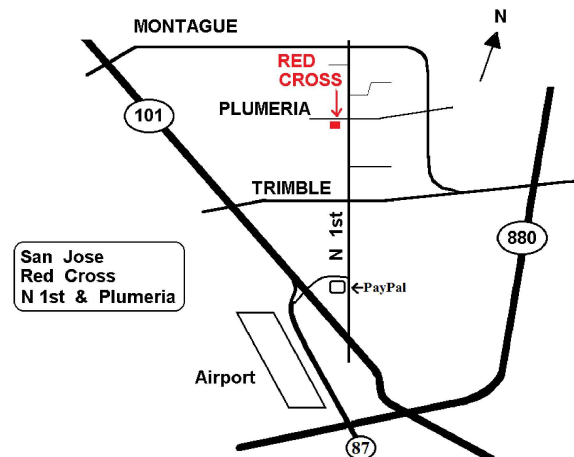
73, Ned Tufekcic AC6YY

Calendar

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| 1/13 | SCCARA General Meeting--dinner meeting |
| 1/20 | SCCARA Board Meeting: |
| 1/25 | Club Station open, 10 AM - 5 PM |

General Meeting

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| Day: | Monday, January 1 |
| Time: | 7:30 PM |
| Place: | San Jose Red Cross, meeting room 3 |
| Featuring: | {to be announced} |



Meeting Minutes

General Meeting, Dec. 9, 2024



{To the best of my knowledge no minutes were taken. President Gregg KF6FNA said a few words of welcome and we had a pleasant dinner. -- Editor}

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Permission to reprint articles is hereby granted, provided the source is properly credited.

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

Web page: www.sccara.org

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(officers are also directors)

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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

Board Meeting, Dec. 16, 2024



Pursuant to due notice, the Board of Directors of the Santa Clara County Amateur Radio Association met in normal session over the air on the W6UU 2 Meter Repeater.

The meeting was called to order at 7:39 p.m. PST by President Gregg Lane, KF6FNA, as Chairman.

Roll call was taken.

Officers:

President Gregg Lane KF6FNA was present. Vice President John Parks W6JPP, Treasurer Ned Tufekcic AC6YY and Secretary Truman Lindsey N6TRU were absent.

Directors:

Lou Steirer WA6QYS, Wally Britten KA6YMD, Gary Mitchell WB6YRU, Doug Owens N6DPO, Janet Motha KF6PUQ, and Station Trustee Don Village K6PBQ were present.

Guests were invited to check in:

Paul Gorny KK6HWN and Joseph Wickremasinghe KO6HDF both checked in as guests.

Gregg KF6FNA made the following announcements:

The club station will be open Saturday, December 28 from about 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Visitors are encouraged to make contact on the W6UU 2 Meter Repeater to confirm before heading to the Red Cross.

The SCCARA-GRAM deadline is December 30, 2024

The January General Meeting will be Monday, January 13, 2025

The January Board of Directors Meeting will be Monday, January 20, 2025

Officers Reports:

President, Gregg KF6FNA: Will cover topics elsewhere during meeting.

Vice President, John W6JPP: (Absent)

Secretary, Gregg KF6FNA for Truman N6TRU: The minutes for the November 4 General Meeting and the November 11 Board of Directors meeting were published in the SCCARA-GRAM.

Gregg asked for any comments or corrections. None noted. Minutes deemed approved by acclamation.

Treasurer Ned AC6YY: (Absent)

Trustee's Report, Don K6PBQ: Club station will be open on December 28. Nothing additional to report.

Editor's Report, Gary WB6YRU:

Sent year end statement to the board.

Advised that \$15.00 fee for a mailed copy of the SCCARA-GRAM no longer covers the cost and noted that we have not raised dues either. Sent several other documents to the board for review. Property List - Please review and advise of any changes. Several other documents including *Welcome-to-the-Club* and a few others that have been updated. Sent the roster backup database, requested official copy from Truman.

BBS Update Gary WB6YRU: System is rebooting but the BBS software is not restarting afterward.

Repeater Report, Wally KA6YMD (Goetz Brandt K6GKB not present): No change from a month ago.

Webmaster's Report, Doug N6DPO: Website functioning well.

Old Business, Gregg KF6FNA:

We will have a work party to remove our current beam antenna a install a Cushcraft A3 with a 40 meter kit. This 4 band 3 element beam will give us better gain performance. Gregg will be reaching out to get the work party scheduled.

Logbook to the World: Doug targeting end of year.

Insurance Policy is work in progress. ARRL likely the best vendor WB6YRU suggests we go ahead with ARRL affiliated policy.

Doug N6DPO moved that we move ahead with ARRL affiliate. Lou WA6QYS seconded.

Lou WA6QYS, Wally KA6YMD, Gary WB6YRU, Janet KF6PUQ, Don K6PBQ and Gregg KF6FNA vote to approve. Motion carries

New Business, Gregg KF6FNA:

Gary WB6YRU has design recommendations on the website and will send to Doug.

Gregg KF6FNA gaveled the meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Recorded by Doug Owens N6DPO

Packet Pieces

Downloaded from the BBS packet network:

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Date: 2 Apr 2020 21:53
From: GM3YEW@GB7YEW
To: HUMOUR@WW
Subject: jokes 3/4

A black man has been shot with a starting pistol. Clearly it's race related.

Apple has scrapped plans for the new children's iPod after realizing that iTouch Kids is not a good product name.

There's an Iraqi clothing shop nearby. I was banned from it after asking to look at some bomber jackets.

I just put a deposit down on a brand new Porsche and mentioned it on FaceBook. I said "I can't wait for the new 911 to arrive!" Next thing I know 4,000 people with Arabic sounding names added me as a friend.

The Red Cross knocked on our door asking if we could help towards the floods in Pakistan. I said we would love to, but our hose only reaches to the bottom of the garden.

The rain was pouring down. There, standing in front of a big puddle outside the pub was an old Irishman, drenched, holding a stick, with a piece of string dangling in the water.

A passer-by stopped and asked, "What are you doing?"

"Fishing" replied the old man.

Feeling sorry for the old man, the gent says, "Come in out of the rain and have a drink with me."

As they sipped their whiskies the gentleman couldn't resist asking, "So, how many have you caught today?"

"You're the eighth." he says.

Conflicting Proverbs

Actions speak louder than words.
The pen is mightier than the sword.

Look before you leap.
He who hesitates is lost.

Many hands make light work.
Too many cooks spoil the broth.

A silent man is a wise one.
A man without words is a man without thoughts.

Beware of Greeks bearing gifts.
Don't look a gift horse in the mouth.

Clothes make the man.
Don't judge a book by its cover.

Nothing ventured, nothing gained.
Better safe than sorry.

The bigger, the better.
The best things come in small packages.

Absence makes the heart grow fonder.
Out of sight, out of mind.

What will be, will be.
Life is what you make it.

Cross your bridges when you come to them.
Forewarned is forearmed.

What's good for the goose is good for the gander.
One man's meat is another man's poison.

With age comes wisdom.
Out of the mouths of babes and sucklings come all wise sayings.

The more, the merrier.
Two's company; three's a crowd.

Teaching Math

In 1970: A logger sells a truckload of lumber for \$100. His cost of production is 4/5ths of the price. What is his profit?

In 1980: A logger sells a truckload of lumber for \$100. His cost of production is 4/5ths of the price, or \$80. What is his profit?

In 1990: A logger sells a truckload of lumber for \$100. His cost of production is \$80 and his profit is \$20. Your assignment: Underline the number 20.

In 2000: By cutting down beautiful forest trees, the logger Makes \$20. What do you think of this way of making a living? Topic for class participation after answering the question: How did the forest birds and squirrels feel as the logger cut down the trees. (There are no wrong answers)

In 2010: El hachero vende un camion carga por \$100. La cuesta de production es ...

In 2020: A logger sells a truckload of lumber for \$100. His cost of production is \$80. China is intentionally under-cutting him, selling lumber for half the price! What should our tariff be?

Love and Marriage

- * Why does a woman work ten years to change a man's habits, and then complain that he's not the man she married?
- * When a man says it's a silly, childish game, it's probably something his wife can beat him at.
- * Women love the simpler things in life - such as men.
- * Some say marriage is the triumph of imagination over intelligence. A second marriage is the triumph of hope over experience.
- * Grandchildren don't make a man feel old... it's the thought that he's married to a grandmother.
- * When a man goes on a date he wonders if he is going to get lucky. A woman already knows.
- * Only two things are necessary to keep one's wife happy. One is to let her think she is having her own way, and the other is to let her have it.
- * When a man steals your wife, there is no better revenge than to let him keep her.
- * All marriages are happy. It's the living together afterwards that causes all the trouble.

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Date: 4 Apr 2020 22:24
From: GM3YEW@GB7YEW
To: HUMOUR@WW
Subject: jokes 5/4

The light turned yellow just in front of him. He did the right thing, stopping at the crosswalk, even though he could have beaten the red light by accelerating through the intersection.

The tailgating woman was furious and honked her horn, screaming in frustration, because she missed her chance to get through the intersection and, at the same time, dropping her cell phone and makeup.

While she was still in mid-rant, she heard a tap on her window and looked up into the face of a very serious police officer. The officer ordered her to exit her car with her hands up. He took her to the police station where she was searched, fingerprinted, photographed, and placed in a holding cell.

After a couple of hours, a policeman approached the cell and opened the door. The tailgating woman was escorted back to the booking desk where the arresting officer was waiting with her personal effects.

He said, "I'm very sorry for this mistake. You see, I pulled up behind your car while you were blowing your horn, flipping off the guy in front of you and cussing a blue streak at him. I noticed the 'What Would Jesus Do' bumper sticker, the 'Choose Life' licence plate holder, the 'Follow Me to Sunday School' bumper sticker, and the chrome-plated Christian fish emblem on the trunk, so naturally I assumed you had stolen the car."

A Baptist minister was seated next to a Newfie on a flight to St. John's. After the plane was airborne, drink orders were taken. The Newfie asked for rum & Coke, which was brought and placed before him. The flight attendant then asked the minister if he would like a drink. He replied in disgust... "I'd rather be savagely raped by a dozen whores than let liquor touch my lips."

The Newfie then handed his drink back to the attendant and said, "I'll have that too, I didn't know we had a choice."

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Date: 5 Apr 2020 23:24
From: GM3YEW@GB7YEW
To: HUMOUR@WW
Subject: jokes 6/4

Teacher: If I gave you 2 cats and another 2 cats and another 2, how many will you have?

Johnny: Seven.

Teacher: Now, listen carefully. If I gave you 2 cats, and another 2 cats and another 2, how many will you have?

Johnny: Seven.

Teacher: Let me put it to you differently. If I gave you 2 apples, and another 2 apples and another 2, how many will you have?

Johnny: Six.

Teacher: Good. Now if I gave you 2 cats, and another 2 cats and another 2, how many will you have?

Johnny: Seven!!!

A very angry Teacher: Where do you get seven from?!

Very angry Johnny: Because I've already got a bloody cat at home!

Gotta Love The Irish...

* Paddy was driving down the street in a sweat because he had an important meeting and couldn't find a parking place. Looking up to heaven he said, 'Lord take pity on me. If you find me a parking place I will go to Mass every Sunday for the rest of me life and give up me Irish Whiskey!'

Miraculously, a parking place appeared. Paddy looked up again and said, 'Never mind, I found one.'

* Paddy was in New York. He was patiently waiting and watching the traffic cop on a busy street crossing. The cop stopped the flow of traffic and shouted, 'Okay, pedestrians.' Then he'd allow the traffic to pass.

He'd done this several times, and Paddy still stood on the sidewalk. After the cop had shouted, 'Pedestrians!' for the tenth time, Paddy went over to him and said, 'Is it not about time ye let the Catholics across?'

* Gallagher opened the morning newspaper and was dumbfounded to read in the obituary column that he had died. He quickly phoned his best friend, Finney.

'Did you see the paper?' asked Gallagher. 'They say I died!'

'Yes, I saw it!' replied Finney. 'Where are ye callin' from?!'

* An Irish priest is driving down to New York and gets stopped for speeding in Connecticut. The state trooper smells alcohol on the priest's breath and then sees an empty wine bottle on the floor of the car.

He says, 'Sir, have you been drinking?'

'Just water,' says the priest.

The trooper says, 'Then why do I smell wine?'

The priest looks at the bottle and says, 'Good Lord! He's done it again!'

When you're from the country ~ your perception is a little different.

A Missouri farmer in his pickup, drove to a neighbor's, and knocked on the door. A boy of about 9 opened the door...
"Is your Pa home?"

"No sir, he isn't; he went to town."

"Well, is your Ma here?"

"No sir, she went with Pa."

"How about your brother, Howard? Is he here?"

"No sir, He went with Ma and Pa."

The rancher stood there for a few minutes, shifting from one foot to the other, and mumbling to himself.

"Is there anything I can do for you? I know where all the tools are, if'n you want to borrow one. Or I can take a message."

"Well," said the rancher uncomfortably, "I really wanted to talk to your Pa. It's about your brother Howard getting my daughter, Linda pregnant."

The boy thought for a moment. "You would have to talk to Pa about that. I know he charges \$500 for the bull and \$50 for the hog, but I don't know how much he charges for Howard."

Dangerous Dog

Upon entering a little country store, a stranger noticed a sign reading, "Danger! Beware of Dog" posted on the glass door. Inside, he noticed a Harmless old hound dog asleep on the floor besides the cash register. He asked the store manager, "Is that the dog folks are supposed to beware of?"

"Yep, that's him," he replied.

The stranger couldn't help but be amused. "That certainly doesn't look like a dangerous dog to me. Why in the world would you post that sign?"

"Because," the owner replied, "before I posted that sign, people kept tripping over him."



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:

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Newsletter Notes



Happy New Year Everyone!



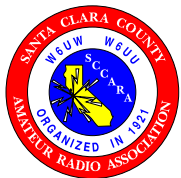
I was hoping for articles from most of the officers about the year ending and the coming year. Maybe next time.

Of the two we *do* have, one is from last month (it missed the December deadline), the other is a copy of our station trustee's article from years past. He asked that it appear each January.

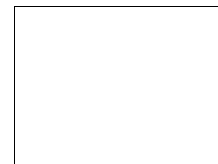
Elmers: If you're in our "Need Help" column, this is a good time to review your entry. Does anything need updating?



73, Gary WB6YRU, editor

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**FIRST CLASS****ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED****SCCARA Membership for 2025**

If renewing and none of your info has changed, please only fill in 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: _____

For delivery of the SCCARA-GRAM (pdf) and club announcements

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.