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Deadline for materials is the Third Monday of the Month.

Santa Clara County Amateur Radio Association normally meets on the Second Monday of each month at 7:30 PM in the City Health Building, N.E. Corner of San Pedro and Mission Streets, San Jose. All licensed hams are welcome as well as those interested in becoming hams. Visitors are cordially invited. The December Meeting will be at Moffett Field as otherwise described herein.

A Two Meter Repeater Net is scheduled every Monday night at 7:30 PM on the above frequencies, except for the second Monday which is Club Meeting Night. A net is also conducted at 7:30 PM every Wednesday night on 28.620 MHz by KD6SB.

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THE NOVEMBER 12th CLUB MEETING was opened by SCCARA Pres. Dave, WD6CZY, who called on ARRL Pacific Coast Director Bill Stevens, W6ZM, to report on his last meeting attended. The main item of interest reported was the continuing problem of Headquarters Station W1AW being heard in Alaska, Washington, and the Northwest Territory. This has provoked talk of moving all or part of ARRL Hq. West, which event is highly unlikely per Bill, but we are willing to bet that something happens soon. Bill also noted that the colored picture on page 11 of the November '84 issue of "Q S T", (taken and submitted by our own Keith Butts, KN6K) was of the very first Volunteer Examiner Program at our convention in Santa Clara, last September 1st. Also that the NEXT VOLUNTEER EXAMINATION (VEC) will be Saturday, January 12, 1985 at Stanford Linear Accelerator Auditorium. Those amateurs wishing to upgrade, should obtain and complete an FCC Form 610\*, and mail with your check for \$ 4 made out to ARRL-VEC, together with a copy of your current license to Emmett Freitas, AE6Z, 481 Ferly Ave., San Jose, CA 95117, no later than Dec. 12, 1984. You will be asked for the original copy issued to you of your current license at the examination.\* A copy of FCC Form 610 can be obtained by sending a SASE to either AE6Z above or Bill Stevens, W6ZM, 2074 Foxworthy Ave., San Jose, CA 95124. Sometimes they are available from Quements. The Novice Code and Theory Class was reported on by Instructor Wally Britten, KA6YMD, who noted attendance problems, and the absolute necessity of not being absent to cover the required course material.

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NOVEMBER 12th CLUB MEETING (continued)

REPEATER RELOCATION was reported on by Bob Wharton, W600Y, Trustee, who said that a new controller had not yet been located at an acceptable price. Dave, WD6CZY, noted that the new antenna on order was scheduled for delivery, and to expect a work party call the Saturday after Thanksgiving. Preliminary tests performed from the Alexian Bros. Hospital site indicate that we will have vastly improved coverage and less interference.

OFFICERS FOR 1985. Pres. Dave called on Joe Quirantes, WA6DXP, to report on the Nominating Committee's recommended slate of officers for 1985. He reported as follows: For President : Keith Butts, KN6K Directors: (two year)  
Vice-Pres : Ed Rawlinson, WD6CHD George Allen, WA60  
Secretary : George Fujii, K6DEZ Louis Steirer, WA6DYB  
Treasurer : Dan Dietz, KA6DXN Bob Richmann, N6KIQ  
Directors : Bob Hutgens, WA6KUC Herb Himmelfarb, KA6ABC  
(2nd year) Al Gordoy, K6LHQ

No nominations forthcoming from the floor, the nominees were unanimously elected. Installation will take place at the December 10th Xmas Party, otherwise noted.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS followed, at which time new licensee, Eric Rogoyski, KB6GNM, was introduced and welcomed.

COFFEE BREAK followed, after which drawing was held for floor prizes, winners being:

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| Frank Glass, K6RQ    | Herb Himmelfarb, KA6ABC  | John Tanner, K6EJF     |
| Bob Wharton, W600Y   | Bill Stevens, W6ZM       | Jose Bocanegra, WA6YRU |
| Roy Anderson, KA6AQT | Suzanne Wilbanks, KA6AFK | Wally Britten, KA6YMD  |
| Bob Richman, N6KIQ   |                          |                        |

A film, obtained by Pres. Dave, titled "Defensive Driving" was a roaring success. Somehow, the "X-Rated" version, designed to thoroughly awaken viewers, was mistakenly loaned to us. Try again (from the same file), Dave!

LOW VOLTAGE CORNER: At press time Bill Walters, W6MKE, was reported confined at Kaiser Hospital. Our best wishes, Bill, for a quick recovery ! !

BOARD MEETING, November 13th, S.F, Savings & Loan (last time here, know of another?)

Pres. Dave called the Board to order at 7:30 PM, first order of business was discussion on the Repeater, particularly the new controller needed before the repeater can be reinstalled. It has been found that potential exists with most controllers to have an autopatch (phone), ability to reach CHP, Road & Weather Reports, ARC, police, fire and ambulance. We are still looking for the bargain that fits our pocketbook, but the above abilities will be considered along with cost. Hopefully if we can obtain such a controller, our future efforts and funds can be directed toward such goodies if the membership desires.

Treasurer Fran Elliott, KA6UUs, reported that the new dues cards for 1985 had been received, and that she would accept any 1985 dues forthcoming. Dues are \$10/year, \$15 for family membership, and are due January 1, 1985....Send your check to the SCCARA return address on this newsletter.

The December 10th Xmas Party is rolling ever closer. Thirty reservations have been booked, entertainment and prizes finalized. As earlier reported it will be at the CPO CLUB, Moffett Field, just outside the gate where we have gone before. Driving there, get on Hwy 101, taking the offramp marked Moffett Field from either North or South. Cocktail Hour Socializing starts at 6:30 PM, followed by dinner and program at 7:30 PM. Sheldon Bennett, W6HVL, and his ten piece orchestra will be there. As before, we will have gift exchange (bring a \$5 value gift marked for man or woman, whichever you are, Christmas wrapped) An interesting and entertaining program is planned to include awards, quicky installation, and recognition of past leaders, and Christmas stuff. Send your check to Fran Elliott, 5450-7 Monterey Highway, San Jose, CA 95111. (phone 408/226-6214). Make check to SCCARA, marking your selections: Stuffed Fillet of Sole @ \$12/plate or Prime Rib of Beef at \$14.50. Reservations must be received by December 1st. Fran says no sales at the door, and even worse, money must be up front. Mail your check now ! ! !

TERRY HANSEN, EX-W6KG, SILENT KEY

One of SCCARA's earliest members, Terry Hansen, ex-W6KG, died at home November 12th at age 92. I spent many depression evenings at Terry's shack on McKendrie Street, a small frame building where he built my first two ham transmitters out of the goodness of his heart and the enjoyment of making equipment, which he had a gift for.

I remember he told me that as a teen-ager he put up a 100-foot antenna mast in Evergreen in 1909. He attended Prof. Charles D. Herrold's radio school on South First Street, along with the late Willis Clayton, W6JTE, a former SCCARA President and Secretary who died in the last year. He also helped out at "Doc" Herrold's pioneer broadcast station atop the Garden City Bank Building at First and San Fernando Streets, which aired the first regularly scheduled programs in the world.

Terry's father was a sea captain of Norwegian ancestry, but Terry was living on a chicken ranch off Aborn Road in those early days. He left San Jose in 1912 and went to San Francisco where he took the commercial radio exam from an inspector named Cadmus. Terry flunked the code test the first time around because he wrote down "San Francisco", the examiner actually sending "San Quentin." Cadmus told him to run around the block and try again, and Terry made it on the second effort. Cadmus tried to trick him on the technical quiz also, but Terry passed that easily. He became a skilled radiotelegraph operator.

Terry served as "Sparks" on the S.S. Isthmian, sailing to Latin America, and on the Ventura to Australia. He remembered that his banana boat was plying down the Mexican coast when the captain of a Swedish boat sent a message that he thought Terry's ship was off course. Terry reported it to his captain at dinner. The captain exploded and said the Scandinavians didn't know anything about navigation. About 4 o'clock the next morning there was a crash and the ship was hung up on a rock off Cedros Island. The captain had Terry send the SOS, and a Navy destroyer hauled the ship free.

On the Ventura he served with an operator named Kenneth Ormiston, who later was a broadcast engineer for Aimee Semple MacPherson, the Los Angeles evangelist. On one trip they took along a couple of vacuum tubes and set them up in a receiver and invited other operators to listen when they got to Sidney. One of the Australians asked for a tube and Terry told Ormiston to give him one that was in a slight state of disrepair. On the next trip Ormiston came loaded down with tubes and quickly sold out. "That," said Terry, "was the first introduction of tubes to Australia."

When World War I arrived the Navy summoned Terry to San Francisco and told him he came well recommended, and sent him to Pearl Harbor. He established an arc station at Koko Head. The first effort was in a wooden building, but the iron nails got red hot from the RF, so a masonry building was put up and copper nails were used in the framing. Terry remembered that once when a workman was nearby that the magnetism from the rig pulled a wheelbarrow to it. On one of the ships on which Terry served a new operator came running to Terry and told him that when he pressed the key the rig had blown up. Terry went to investigate and found everything was OK. Those arc transmitters were noisy.

At the end of the war Terry sailed home, thinking he was done with operating. But the communications were being handled by some green operators just out of Harvard, and one them came to him and said things were in a mess. Terry served a four hour shift straightening matters out and found another experienced operator to take a shift.

After the war Terry became an electrician for the Pratt-Low Cannery in Santa Clara, confining his radio operating to home. Dr. Frank Breene, W6FQY, a dentist, who was lighting the lights with his pair of 852's at the home where he roomed off Park Avenue, moved his station to Terry's shack. He and Roy Pinkham, W6BPT, a motion picture projectionist and president of SCCARA at one time and this writer spent many evenings together in the shack working DX, chatting and joking with great camaraderie, keeping warm around an oil stove in winter.

Terry was laid off in the depression and became an outside salesman for Frank Quement for a time before going into business as an electrical contractor. After World War II he let his ham license lapse.

Frank Quement, W6NX, one of the founders of SCCARA in 1921; Sam Teresi, W6EOA; Ed Rawlinson, WD6CHD, and the writer, were SCCARA members at Terry's funeral on November 16th.

W6CFK

Note: Dick Barrett, W6CFK, a retired feature columnist for Mercury-News has been a "ham" most of his life. He became SCCARA's Historian when World War II broke out and everyone shut their rigs down. By default rather than election he has held the title ever since, only occasionally opening the doors of radio history when the right key is touched. When I asked him for a short piece on Terry at the funeral, I never dreamed that Terry must have been Dick's "Elmer". To read Dick's article is to have lived a little history.

Ed, WD6CHD, Asst. Editor.

THE EDITORS AND OFFICERS OF SCCARA-GRAM WISH ALL A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS! ! !

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