

# SCCARA-GRAM

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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, Civic Center, San Jose. All licensed hams are welcome as well as those interested in becoming hams. Visitors are cordially invited.

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.

The March 11th Club Meeting will feature Paul Zander, AA6PZ, who will talk to us on "Nicads and Chargers for H.T.'s." Paul is a real expert, a charger he designed being written up in December '82 "Q.S.T.", and again proving itself as a classic by taking up several pages in the "1985 A.R.R.L. Handbook." This is a real opportunity to find out how to get the most out of your "Handy Talky." Pres. Keith, KN6K, will earlier update the membership on what has transpired "repeaterwise." Prize drawings will be conducted as usual. This will be good meeting, BE THERE!

The February 11th Club Meeting was a "doozer." Pres. Keith, KN6K, was concluding a report to the membership on moving the repeater and ordering controller components, when member Ed Mangan, KB6DLB, moved that SCCARA purchase a real controller/transmitter, such as a "state-of-the-art" SCR or Advance, offering to donate \$20 himself, and challenging SCCARA members to match his donation to underwrite the purchase. Considerable discussion ensued. Pres. Keith tabled the motion, pending advice from Craig Stewart, KF6SD, our "in-house consultant engineer", as to whether he had purchased the controller components to be used with the old transmitter, and also to the advisability of the proposal.

ARRL Pacific Division Director Bill Stevens, W6ZM, was introduced as our speaker. His topic on "How to prepare to visit and operate in foreign countries" was most informative and interesting. He explained how his DX'ing had really set up his trips for maximum enjoyment by meeting some of the hams he had QSO'd. Bill said that with help on the other end, temporary licenses are much easier to obtain. Bill also reported on the streamlining of the ARRL structure during the recent months. We are indebted to Bill for his excellent talk .....and the 1985 Callbook donated for our prize drawing.

After the drawing, which was also enhanced by a software text donated by Joe, WA6DXP, we returned to the "repeater subject", Craig not having shown up.

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After more discussion, an advisory vote of the membership was taken to proceed with the Mangan motion, subject to whether (1) Original order could be cancelled or returned, (2) Advisability after investigation and (3) forthcoming finances. At this point Pres. Keith again tabled the motion for further discussion and possible action at the SCCARA Board Meeting, Feb. 21st.

The Board Meeting, February 21st at EOC Blockhouse was called to order at 7:30 by Pres. Keith. In attendance were the officers, most of the directors, and several concerned members including Bill Stevens, Ed Mangan and Craig Stewart. Pres. Keith called on Craig as to the current status of the controller order. Craig reported the order placed, his check cashed, but the controller not yet received. After questions and discussion, Craig stated that if SCCARA could raise the funds that we would be much better off with the better equipment, recommending that we should so proceed. It was decided that (1) Craig would either cancel if possible, or return the controller ordered, (2) Research and develop sufficient specs to obtain at least two "state-of-the-art" complete controller/transceivers available in our price range by the next Board Meeting, progress to be reported to the Club Meeting. Mangan stated that he, too, would also obtain a quote(s). On that note the meeting was adjourned.

NEW SCCARA-GRAM EDITOR

We (that's Ed, WD6CHD) are most happy to report the recruitment of a SCCARA-GRAM Editor, everybody's "Elmer", Dick Letrich, WB6WKM. Our pleas must have gotten to him. Let's everybody sing those "hosannas" to his praise. Here's his opening gun:

CQ CQ CQ SCCARA MEMBERSHIP.....DE WB6WKM

Well it's been a long time since I have been around on an eye to eye basis, but my interest in SCCARA has always been to keep up with what was going on. I promise to become more active in the club affairs. Oh you say !! who the #\$(% is WB6WKM anyway? I'm sorry, the handle here is Dick, and the QTH is San Jose. Thanks to SCCARA I received my ticket in 1977, that's when we had use of the old Red Cross Building. I like to think of it as "The good old days", but with some of our membership going back to the 1930's, this makes me a newcomer. Never-the-less the club has seen better times. Have you attended meetings in the new location? You know the place, right across the street from the Police Station. Well my point is that it looks like the club is starting on its way up again to be the "In Place" to hang around for radio club activities. If you havn't been around for awhile, maybe you don't know what you're missing. Remember, a club is only as good as its membership. (That's you, turkey).

By now you either have decided that you're not missing a thing, or that you had better get it together and find out first hand...I hope that you will make it a point to show up at the next meeting and see for yourself.

I will be easing into the job of putting the SCCARA-GRAM out in the coming months, after all I owe the club something for getting me started in the best damn hobby around, have you paid your dues?, and I don't mean \$\$\$\$.

COMM-ON DOWN!  
The Pres. and Officers are planning a year of interesting activities. Field Day is just around the corner and the Annual Flea Market just to name a few. Got any favorite ideas? If so, let KN6K, Keith, our president know, he's willing to listen to any good ideas. So that will wrap it up for me this month. I hope to return from a trip in time to make the meeting of March 11th. I hope to meet you then. Let's get reacquainted.

73  
Dick, WB6WKM

LOW VOLTAGE SECTION

It is our pleasure to report Bill Walters, W6MKE, past President of SCCARA, up and about, his "plumbing repaired." Bill particularly wants to express his gratitude and thanks to his many volunteer chauffeurs, especially Al Gordoy, K6LHQ, during Bill's recent illness. Bill was able to attend our February Board Meeting.

VOLUNTEER EXAMINATION SCHEDULE:

Following is a list of ARRL VEC examinations currently scheduled in No. Calif. Area. Others will undoubtedly be added. Those amateurs wishing to upgrade should obtain and complete an FCC Form 610, and mail with their check for \$4 made out to ARRL-VEC, together with a copy of current license to person named. You will be asked for the original copy of your license at the examination. FCC Form 610 available from Bill Stevens, Quement's, FCC. Ed Rawlinson will have a few at meeting.

| <u>date of exam</u> | <u>sponsoring organization</u>      | <u>contact</u>   |
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| March 30            | Novato-Marin ARC                    | Nels Lecklinker, N6AQY, 415/897-8950<br>10 Equestrian Ct., Novato, CA 94947        |
| March 30            | Pioneer-Amador County ARC           | David Carlson, KE6EN, 209/296-4771<br>P.O.Box 735, Pine Grove, CA 95665            |
| April 17            | Reno, NV - Sierra Nevada, ARA       | Gary Grant, K7VY, 702/851-3719<br>11040 Broken Hill Rd., Reno, NV 89511            |
| April 20            | Monterey - USN Post Graduate ARC    | Keith Beard, KA6VSE, 408/649-8766<br>9 Cielo Vista Terrace, Monterey, CA 93940     |
| April 21            | Napa - Silverado ARS                | Virgil McCluskey, W6DNY, 707/224-1530<br>2065 Lone Oak Ave., Napa, CA 94558        |
| April 27            | Castro Valley - Alameda County RC   | Diane Brickers, N6DOD, 415/886-6303<br>2245 Star Ave., Castro Valley, CA 94546     |
| May 3/4             | Pleasant Hills - Mount Diablo ARC   | Guy Coryman, WD6D, 415/837-3080<br>2443 Dos Rios Dr., San Ramon, CA 94523          |
| May 4               | Hollister - Gavilan ARC             | Donald Brice, W6ONO, 408/637-2824<br>1378 Gloria Dr., Hollister, CA 95023          |
| May 10              | Sacramento - VE Group               | Glenn E. Koropp, W6YFW, 916/483-0551   |
| May 11              | *see below                          | 1980 Santa Maria Way, Sacramento, CA 95864   |
| May 23              | San Leandro - Mount Diablo ARC      | Guy Coryman, WD6D, 415/837-3080<br>2543 Dos Rios Dr., San Ramon, CA 94583          |
| June 8              | Ridgecrest - Murray Jr. High VE Gp. | Lloyd Brubaker, W6KZV, 619/375-7245<br>235 East Kendall Ave., Ridgecrest, CA 93555 |
| July 13             | ditto above                         |  |
| July 20             | Monterey - USN Post Graduate ARC    | Keith Beard, KA6VSE, 408/649-8766<br>9 Cielo Vista Terrace, Monterey, CA 93940     |
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| *May 11             | Zephyr Cove - Tahoe ARA             | Richard E. Frost, NF7V, 702/265-4135<br>P.O.Box 1508, Minden, NV 89423             |

We have a bunch of dates for Hawaii area if you are interested. Make sure you phone contact noted to confirm date and space. Later dates will be printed in a future issue.

FOR SALE: Heathkit SB104A, complete with Power Supply, console and mobile mount with power hook-up. Asking \$ 400. Call Joe, WA6DXP, phone 408/371-0959

FINIS - last issue by Ed, WD6CHD, tnx for ur ears!

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