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AUGUST MEETING MENU BOARD

AUGUST 12th at the regular meeting place, Dick Letrich, WB6WKM will be featured with a show and tell program, titled "BUYING THAT FIRST RIG RIGHT". Dick is well versed in this area with much expertise, having run the swapshop for the Northern California DX Club for over 5 years, not to mention selling equipment for one of our local vendors. Learn the do's and don'ts in this area that is so critical to your ham fun. We are trying to obtain suitable equipment for the program for Dick to point out. If you can bring a rig for the night, please call Ed Rawlinson. WD6CHD at 264-2988, after August 4th. For starters you might want to read an article in July QST, titled: "Equipping your first ham station". Tell a friend!

September 9th will be our "OLD TIMERS NIGHT" at Harry's Hoffbrau on Saratoga Ave. (Just south of Stevens Creek and HWY 280). Suitable program participants are even now being coerced to "tell all" at this almost annual event. We have reserved (Paid for) the large meeting room from 6:00PM to 9:30PM. Dinner for you and the XYL is your choice and on you. You go thru their wonderful Hofbrau Line. Mark this stupendous extravaganza on your calendar now! More details later.

October 14th Meeting features Bill Robinson, WB6OML, of the Silicon Valley Emergency Communications Repeater System, who will describe the part of Amateur Radio in fighting the recent Lexington Fire. This will be the composite story, illustrated by slides, of local hams in action, packet radio and all. Bring a friend.

Submitted by ED, WD6CHD V.P. (ed note: old reliable)

ARRL ACTIVITIES

Copied from ARRL Bulletin NR 59 From ARRL Headquarters Newington Ct. Jul 27, 1985 "Actions taken at the 1985 second Board of Directors Meeting. Our W6ZM was there.

"THE BOARD ADOPTED A REDUCED ARRL MEMBERSHIP RATE OF 6 DOLLARS AND 25 CENTS PER YEAR FOR YOUTHS UNDER 13 YEARS OF AGE. AND A RATE OF 12 DOLLARS AND 50 CENTS PER YEAR FOR UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE."

"THE ARRL EXECUTIVE VP IS TO SUBMIT TO FCC A PRELIMINARY PROPOSAL TO PROVIDE IT ASSISTANCE IN ASSIGNING AMATEUR CALLSIGNS".

"THERE IS SOME POSSIBILITY OF BETTER HF DX CONDITIONS IN LATE 1985 THAN WERE EXPERIENCED IN THE SAME MONTHS OF 1984. THAT WAS A TIME OF EXCEPTIONALLY LOW SOLAR ACTIVITY FOR LESS THAN 9 YEARS INTO CYCLE 21".

S.C.C.A.R.A. Field Day 1985 Report

S T A T I S T I C S

1. Total Number of Contacts.....	311.
2. Number of CW Contacts.....	97.
3. Number of Phone Contacts.....	214.
4. Number of States.....	44.
5. Number of ARRL Sections.....	57.
6. Total Number of Contacts on Saturday.....	215.
7. Total Number of Contacts on Sunday.....	96.
8. Number of Bands Worked.....	3.
9. Number of Contacts on 40 Meters.....	111.
10. Number of Contacts on 20 Meters.....	158.
11. Number of Contacts on 15 Meters.....	42.
12. Total Hours Worked.....	18.
13. Average Contacts Per Hour.....	17.3.

----- SoapBox -----

1. "Dupe Sheet? What's a Dupe Sheet?"
2. "Boy these beans Bob cooks sure are good -- I could have a third helping !"...."You do, and you'll be finding somebody else to log for you !"
3. Overheard on the Talk-in Frequency -- "Hey, where is everybody ? It is supposed to be at Henry Coe, isn't it ?" Frequency went dead for at least 30 seconds.
4. "You know, there's something funny looking about that beam."
It was put together wrong -- We got it right on the second try!
5. "Did anyone remember the key to the generator ?"

.....DE KA6R

I just finished checking into the SCCARA 2 Meter net this evening and it took less than 10 minutes total time to complete. A rather disappointing turn out, even for a summer night. If it wasn't for Joe, WA6DXP pulling the Net Control duties I wonder if the net would even keep going? No Officers checked in and nothing was really passed on to those that took the time to drop in. What new format will help to attract some of the club members? I don't know myself. One thing we can count on is that Joe makes sure that if he can't make the net that some one is there to keep it on sked. We need a few more willing to dig in just like Joe. Don't get me wrong, even I am not a regular and have missed at times for months. How about a few of you out there taking the time to just think about the net and give Joe some ideas. My thoughts go back to the very first SCCARA net, I can't remember the frequencies we had at the time, but there were precious few rigs that weren't crystal controlled which meant that almost everyone had to go out and buy the crystals just to get on the SCCARA Net. We used to get a pretty good turnout. I recall a checkin count that started at a 10 or so group and then it went up to 30 to 40 at a time! Oh you say, how do you know so much about? Well I conducted the very first 2 meter SCCARA Net and established a system of passing it around to various willing hams. In those days (1977-80) we didn't have to ask for help, most often someone approached an officer to offer his or her help. I'm convinced that it will happen again, But it will take your help. So PLEASE Jump right in and give us your thoughts, boy we really need them.

That brings up the subject of members attending the SCCARA meetings. Again I have to admit that summer is a low time for almost any club, but considering the number of paid up club members, the turn out should be alot better. V.P. Ed WD6CHD has provided us with really good programs. He takes his job very seriously and it shows. You deserve to see for yourself. The meeting room is much better then what we were able to get over the last 5 or so years and there is plenty of room and its nice and clean. Check it out for yourself. Oh by the way if you havn't been to one of the meetings you can't know that Ed, WD6CHD also sees to the raffel and finds some pretty darn good give-aways to raffel off. I can't speak first hand on how nice it must be to win as I am always an almost-win type, you know it was either the ticket before or after that wins, but I keep trying!

Well as you read this the Police and Fire Games are underway and from some of the early reports I have heard, the Hams are out in full force. I hope if you could spare the time that you were in the thick of things. Perhaps we can get a report of the event at a later date.

I don't have a lot to add at this time, but again I encourage you to take the time to call or drop me some thing that we can share with the rest of the club. I can promise you this, that things will get better around SCCARA as we have too many interested in its continuing future to allow it to slide down hill as it seems to have done in the immediate past. Do your part.

FOR SALE & WANT

Rules are that only SCCARA Club members in good standing may use this service. Only items directly involved with Ham Radio may be submitted. A suggested price must be stated. All items will run for one issue only, unless resubmitted. Both name and phone number to be included.

KENWOOD TS-830 S, with VFO-240 (has 830 dial added to match, also can be put back to match TS-530), and matching SP-230 speaker. Offered by Martin, KB6BW : (408) 988-1058 after 9:00AM until 12:00PM Only..... \$650.00

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Regular meetings are held the second Monday of each month at the City of
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Meetings start at 7:30PM Local.

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