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MERRY CHRISTMAS



SCCARA MEETING MENU BOARD

DECEMBER 9th : "SCCARA CHRISTMAS PARTY", at 6:30 pm at CPO Club, Moffett Field, just outside the Main Gate. Like our parties of years past, a No-host Cocktail Party starts at 6:30 pm, preceding the 7:30 pm Christmas Dinner, arranged for us by Merrill Card, KB6TO. Xmas music will not be live as planned, our fellow ham, Sheldon Bennett, W6HVL, having just had a coronary by-pass, and most likely not up to playing. We will have sutable taped music. The \$ 5 gift exchange will continue, along with opportunity to help (cash)either Mexican and Columbian, or local relief efforts via Red Cross. After dinner, awards, prizes galore and seating of our new officers will follow. Our new ARRL Director Rod Stafford, KB6ZV, (as of Jan. 1) will do the honors on the officers. Reservations have been coming in rapidly, 53 as of 11/25, tops being 90. Get yours in now before cutoff . . . or the XYL will never forgive you. Reservation forms were in the Novemmer SCCARAGRAM, and will probably be repeated in this issue.

HOME SWEET HOME

SCCARA is about to put down roots (radials) at last! As reported earlier, Red Cross was contacted by SCCARA Director Bob Richmann, N6KIQ, a meeting being arranged with Rex Painter, Red Cross's Director of Emergency Services, Bob and Ed, WD6CHD. Facilities were inspected and our needs discussed. Our needs were outlined by letter, which Bob informs us has been approved, subject to yearly renewal options. Their written approval had not been received by press time, but we are assured it is forthcoming.

As of January first we can plan on adequate meeting and class facilities, and make a going concern of the almost abandoned Communications Room. Nothing has been asked of SCCARA in return, but we should be ever thoughtful of assisting Red Cross programs as we can in return for their "good turn".

CONVENTION NEWS

"Shorty" Freitas, AE6Z, reported at the Board Meeting that Convention Plans have been firmed up. The Pacific Division ARRL Convention will be held October 3, 4 and 5th, 1986 at Le Baron Hotel on North First Street, San Jose. The entire third floor has been reserved to accomodate our convention sessions, exhibits and dinner/breakfasts. Top notch Ham Subjects and sessions, along with a convocation of the mysterious "Wolf-haung" Society are in the planning stage, along with an excellent XYL Program. Your program committee has and will be hard at it to come up with a "best ever" Pacific Division Convention. If you belong to SCCARA, plan to help - - you'll be needed. A prize oriented registration sign up is in the works to be announced in the near future.

S. C. C. A. R. A.

Minutes of Regular Meeting

November 11, 1985

The November meeting of S.C.C.A.R.A. was held at the Empire Library Community Room at 491 E. Empire Street.

The program for the evening featured Rusty Epps, W6QAT, and Robert Vallio, W6RGG, and their excellent presentation on Clipperton Expedition. With the showing of many fine slides accompanying their excellent narration, the program was thoroughly enjoyed by the audience estimated to number about 40.

Following the program, a brief business meeting was called to order by President, Keith Butts, KN6K, at 9:16 P.M.

Due to the absence of Treasurer Dan Dietz, no treasurer's report was given.

Craig Stewart reported that he had gone up Saturday to check on the status of the repeater setup and found that the telephone line had not been put in. It appears that the authorization for the installation of the telephone line had been lost and a new one had to be made. It was reported that other than retuning the duplexer and the installation of the telephone line, the repeater is about ready to go on the air.

Bill Walters, reporting for the nominating committee, presented the committee's selection of the nominees for the new S.C.C.A.R.A. cabinet as follows:

President	Ed Rawlinson, WD6CHD
Vice President	Art Furtado, KB6PY
Treasurer	Dan Dietz, WM6M
Secretary	Jose Bocanegra, WA6YRU
Director	Clarence Dodge, KB6DLG
Director	Harry Wijtman, AE6M

All nominees, as presented by the nominations committee, were approved and elected on a white ballot. The official installation of the new cabinet will take place at the S.C.C.A.R.A. Christmas party on December 9.

In regard to future meeting place, it was reported that Bob Richman and Ed Rawlinson had contacted the Red Cross and that there is a very good possibility that we would be meeting at the Red Cross after the first of January 1986. A letter, which had been requested by the Red Cross, was drafted by Ed Rawlinson and signed by President Keith Butts, KN6K.

A report on the Convention was given by Convention Chairman Emmett Freitas who reported having difficulty in finding a convention site. It was mentioned that there appears to be strong competition from Silicon Valley since the hotels appear to prefer conventions where most people stay at the hotel.

The next meeting of the S.C.C.A.R.A. Board of Directors is scheduled for Thursday November 21 at 7:30 P.M. The meeting will be held at the Block House.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

George Fujii, K6DEZ, Secretary

~~SECRET~~

FROM YOUR TREASURER....

Once again it is my pleasure to lead off with a big SCCARA welcome to new members Ed Walker-N8BXD, Marvin Moye-KB6KGN, Dennis Vernier-W6UBC and Lewis Soccio-KA6LWI..

-MEETINGS-

It's great to see such good turnouts. I'm sorry that I missed the last meeting, but I heard the place was packed. Here's hoping we can continue to have good programs and meetings. Ed-WD6CHD promises to do his part in '86 to keep SCCARA growing and energetic.

-CLASSES-

It seems that we have some interest in having a 13 WPM code class to help some Technicians move up to General or above.

There is a real need and genuine interest in education, upgrades and new licenses. It takes some effort to put on a class. I hope that an education panel be formed within SCCARA to meet this need. My idea is that the course could be divided so that several instructors be involved rather than one or two. It would then be a shared responsibility and each instructor would only have to teach two or three sessions or subjects. Let's think about it!

The current Novice session is nearing completion. There will probably be about 15 people taking the test, so let's wish them luck and hope for 100% passing of the test!!!

-CHRISTMAS DINNER-

This SCCARAGRAM should reach you just before the big evening. We understand that Sheldon-W6HVL will not be able to entertain us this year due to health problems so we will have some fine recorded Christmas music for you. Get well Sheldon! Reservations are coming in daily. As I write this (Nov. 23rd), I have 53 reservations and expect to fill out our estimated 80 person quota before long. It should be an excellent turnout and a good time!

-SOAPBOX-

You may notice that I emphasize new members. Why? Because I feel that a club that is growing is a healthy and vital organization. I also emphasize QUALITY members...members that will take an active interest and serve and contribute their time and ideas when asked rather than take a passive attitude. SCCARA has been around a long time thanks to many of you oldtimers...It's up to all of us to keep the proverbial ball rolling. I spoke with Frank Quement-W6NX recently and he asked about the membership of the club. He had heard it was about 170 strong. I told him that we had over 190 members now and he was very pleased. Incidentally, Frank is donating two prizes to be given away at the Christmas Dinner. He never fails to support SCCARA..even though he doesn't come to many meetings, he is intersted in what SCCARA is doing and its' future. Thank you Frank!

-1986 DUES-

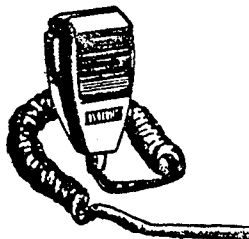
A reminder that it's that time again! DUES! The 1986 dues are due January 1, 1986 so please get it in the mail or to me in person in early January.

73 and Merry Christmas!....Dan-WM6M

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Sure hope that we get to see you at the Christmas Party. If you didn't send in your reservations, please do so right away. Contact Dan, WM6M and let him know your intentions. I really look forward to seeing all of the members that can't make the regular meetings. My wife Pat and I have rarely missed this annual get together of SCCARA. So see you there and don't forget to bring your gift exchange. (Santa, I'd like a new TS-940s for Christmas please).....Wow! it looks like I finally have the computer problems licked. I even got carried away and bought the matching new disk drive #1571 to go along with the C-128. Believe me it helps to do the SCCARA-GRAM a lot easier. I do use it for work also so this way I can keep it quite busy..... I am really excited that the club has been able to make arrangements to settle down to a meeting place for the next calendar year. Our new Pres. and others have worked quite hard to arrange with the Red Cross for the use of the facilities at our old stomping grounds. It is an arrangement for only one year at this point, but is very likely to be extended on a year to year basis. This way if it doesn't meet to either their or our best interests we can relocate. All the details are covered in another article by the new President Ed Rawlinson, WD6CHD.....Speaking of new President, we have a whole new slate of officers to guide the club in 1986. We owe the outgoing crew a round of thanks and to the new ones, lets give them the support that they deserve. Please be willing to accept at least one small job in 1986, even if its just to assist someone else who has agreed to head up a job. With the ARRL Pacific Convention being put on by the club in October, there will be lots of need for help. The more that you do, the easier the load will be for everyone, I knew I could rely you--THANKS.The Novice class is starting to wind down and should be over prior to Christmas. This group has been so adaptable to the changes of class locations, that it goes to prove that they have what it takes to make good Hams. If your a student or a Novice, be sure and come to the Christmas party, you know that your one of us and here will be a chance for the XYLS both ham and non-ham to meet.....This issue is planned to arrive a little earlier than usual so as to remind you of the Christmas party. If you prefer to receive the club paper early each month, then let me know and I will arrange to go to press a little earlier than the week before the meeting. No reason for the tradition of last minute that I am aware of so lets hear from you OK?.....With that I think that I'll close off for the last issue of the SCCARA-GRAM for 1985. Its been fun and I kind of have the lay-out nearly to what works for me. But the key is that its your Paper and I need your input on all subjects. What you like and dislike, things that you want to see in the paper, what you don't want to be bothered with, its all part of what I need to know to try and make it interesting enough that you don't just look at the pictures, but take the time to read all of it. So to those that I won't get a chance to see by Christmas=====MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR from all of us to you.....73 Dick Letrich



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