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HAPPY NEW YEAR

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OUR PREZ SEZ

I hope that you all had good holidays and that your New Year is a good one. As your new president I've been trying to think of what we can do to make sure that the club continues to fill our needs and entices new blood. Have you any ideas?

Bob, N6PCQ, our new V.P. has been very sick since November. At this writing I still have not found a speaker for our next meeting. Please come prepared to discuss ideas for the year's activities. I would have the entire club involved in planning what we do.

Field Day seemed to be the activity that got most of us excited. I would like to enter this Field Day running many many QRP stations built by none other than ourselves. I have been thinking of having a meeting or perhaps several, where we bring soldering irons and get at it. There are simple kits and many printed articles describing how to build simple QRP rigs. It would be fun to get a lot of homebrew stations on the air. If we can decide on a common design, maybe we could get good parts discount. If we all run low power, we won't have interference problems, and everyone can get a lot of time on the air. Just think, wire antennas and batteries strewn all over the place!!!!

I was also thinking of perhaps develop products that the club could sell for fund raising. There are a few such products on the market now that do rather well. Some of my ideas include Packet software, Emergency packet software, Antennas for repeaters, Antenna Controllers for repeaters. . . Sounds crazy, but if you are interested and have time, we could learn a lot and have fun at the same time.

The club, thanks to the efforts of Shorty raised a fair amount of money from the convention. I am looking for a few people to form a committee that decides how to spend it. Remember we are a non-profit organization and should therefore spend it to benefit the greatest number of people. I have been warned that this is a very sticky subject causing many problems in the past. I personally want to make sure we help those that need it. Please notify me if you can help on this committee.

See you at the next meeting. Come fired up with some new ideas!

de Allen, N6NOY, Prez.

NEXT MONTHLY MEETING: Monday, Jan. 11th, 1988, at 0730 pm, ISAAC NEWTON CENTER, Santa Clara County Administration Bldg., 70 W. Hedding St., Civic Center, San Jose. (more page two)

NEXT MONTHLY MEETING (continued)

Probable program will be on "QRP".

Our continued housing status at the County is very shaky at best. The same card entry system as at 1555 Berger Dr. will shortly be installed at 70 W. Hedding St. When it is, we are thru unless some change of heart occurs. At this point our alternatives are not too good. Your help is requested. This, too, will be a prime subject at our business meeting.

Remember the fancy name and call badges with the logo we had at the 1986 Convention? We have ten to be given as prizes this month along with the usual goodies. If won by someone already having one, that number will be redrawn. This is an incentive for your attendance.



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QRZ

de Bob, KB6OHO



JACK RUSSELL - WA6IER

Jack is primarily a 2-meter operator. His main rig is a Kenwood 2600 A, which he uses around town and assisting at public events - such as police olympics, "Firecracker 4th of July" race in Milpitas, and the FINDER program. Jack is also a member of ARES/RACES 146.115 and the VIP fire patrol. The majority of his air time is with the HT used in mobile. Jack commutes daily to S.F. to his job as Northwest Assistant Area Supervisor of office machine and computer repair for the State of Calif. At home the HT is connected to a J-pole. When he occasionally works HF, Jack turns on his Tempo 2020, running it into a Hustler 4-BTV. During his 28 years of hamming - with the last 10 in SCCARA - Jack has enjoyed experimenting with various antenna designs and building kits, including a keyer. Later, when he has more time, Jack plans to get into packet and ATV as well as to up-grade from his present technician class. Another project is to make hamming an entire family affair in the Russell home. Having already helped his son and daughter to acquire their ham licenses, Jack is now encouraging the XYL to get her ticket. His pet peeve is hearing people say "73's" instead of the correct 73.

SCCARA CHRISTMAS PARTY

SCCARA did itself proud at the Rinconada Country Club, thanks to Host Al Gaetano. When you have the whole dining room and staff at your disposal, you've got it made. The setting was superb, particularly with each table being decorated with a Xmas centerpiece made by Joan Hastings, KB6LFZ, and XYL Bonnie Russell. These became featured door prizes along with our Xmas music tapes, sixteen ham call hats, and the grand prize, a Kenwood TH-31 BT 220 MHz HT. The biggie was won by none other than Roy Metzger, K6VIP1. Perhaps it was sabotage, but I understand it quit firing after two bleeps, and when Roy returned it to H.R.O. for replacement, XYL Virginia, K6IUU, found the nicest H.T. that just fit her purse.

A.R.R.L. V.P. Bill Stevens, W6ZM, presided over the installation of our new officers for 1988, who are:

President Allen Levin, N6NOY
Vice-Pres. *Bob Forster, N6PCQ
Secretary Tom Server, KB6LUC
Treasurer Dan Dietz, WM6M
Trustee Doc Gmelin, W6ZRJ
Board Members: Art Furtado, KG6PY
(two years) Ed Rawlinson, WD6CHD
*Ill, to be installed later.

The menu AND the food were great as agreed by all 60 members and guests. We concluded the evening with gift exchange and thank yous.

de WD6Chile Hot Dog.

AROUND AND ABOUT

If you think this issue of SCCARAGRAM lacks something, YOU are right!! It lacks the fine touch of our Editor! Shorty, AB6Z, is mending but still on the sick list. Any complaints could get you appointed ASST. EDITOR IN CHARGE

It was good to see Dick Barrett, W6CFK and XYL Gertrude at the Xmas affair. Now if we could just pump up Shorty...

Talking about conventions . . . is SCCARA going to do one in 1988????

ON LICENSE STUDY

The CODE CLASS conducted by Jim Daddysman, K6YKG, starts up again at Santa Clara Adult Education Center, 1840 Benton St., Santa Clara on 1900 PT (7:00 PM) again on Tuesday January 5th. The same equipment and types of transmissions used in the examinations are used in this class . . . plus there is a little theory thrown in to break the monotony of code. Call "J.D." at 227-2033 if you need more info.

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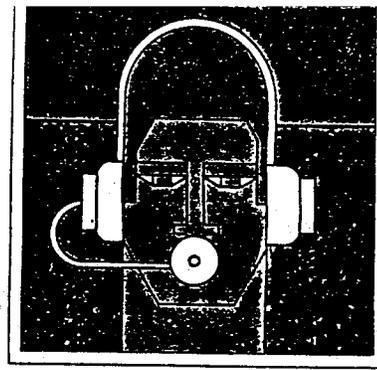
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FROM YOUR TREASURER...

1988 begins with a lot of promise. SCCARA has just had another fine year under the able and tireless leadership of Ed, WD6CHD. SCCARA numbers around 240 members, and I hope that this next year will see all current members renewing plus many new members joining...Gosh, this sounds like AND IS a reminder for YOU to send in your 1988 dues soon!

PACIFICON '87 was a smashing success. This not only gave the ham community notice that SCCARA is working to promote the hobby in an enjoyable, professional manner, but also spoke well of the resurgence of interest in ham radio as reflected in the large attendance. Not to mention that our financial situation was substantially improved as a result of convention profits. Since it is my duty as treasurer to handle the club finances, I must think back to the stories I've heard about the debacle when too much money made for a club split rather than improvement. Let's take a lesson from that and be cautious about how and where we spend our money. Sure, we all probably have some pet projects we'd like to see the club undertake, but remember, our funds are not inexhaustible nor are we rich. We can't do them all! I understand that a committee is forming to study and make recommendations as to the use of these funds. As Treasurer, I look forward to working on this pleasant dilemma.

For openers, I feel the club should get a newer HF rig...something that will work on 12VDC power. Not necessarily brand new but at least relatively current. The club tower trailer could really be made emergency-ready by the addition of a generator and some lights. How about a phone answering machine for members and interested persons to call to hear about current SCCARA activities? Remember, not everyone uses 2 meters! This would be handy for providing current info on classes, meetings and changes of meetings sites and/or dates, or any other pertinent info such as how to join the club, dues, etc. The ultimate wish would be for a permanent home for SCCARA with a nice shack...but that's certainly beyond our current means. Those are my ideas for now. What are your ideas?

Next month, I will provide a financial summary for 1987. We soon should be receiving our annual liability insurance statement from Albert Wohlers & Co. I can't anticipate what the premium will be, but it will likely be our biggest single expenditure for 1988.

A word about our last Novice class. Jim, WE6V and I plan on having the class on a quarterly basis in 1988. We also have discussed expanding the scope of the course to cover the element 3A material as well. This would prepare students for the Novice and Technician licenses. More on this later.

Another member survey will appear in a future SCCARAGRAM issue. The info we gathered last time helped in determining club direction. This time don't miss an opportunity to let your views be recorded. We also would like to know a bit about you. I congratulate Bob Keller, KB6OHO on the excellent photos and profiles of members in the SCCARAGRAM. We sure have some interesting members, don't we?

That's all for now. 73 de Dan, WM6M

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