

SCCARA-GRAM

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Our next meeting will need YOUR inputs. Shorty sez that the local hotels are becoming more and more difficult to deal with. They want the club to make LARGE commitments which could be very costly. We need your help and opinions.....

We are also on the prowl for a new FIELD DAY spot. Our Mount Madonna spot is already taken. IDEAS???

TRAILER AT THE FLEA

The first flea market of the season will see SCCARA (with our trailer), BAYLARC and SVECS with adjoining spots. Lets make this a really fun time. Let me know (Mike KB6LCJ) if you can help out.

NEXT MEETING

Date Monday 03/13/89

Time 1930-2200 (approx.)

Place Agnews Facility. Talkin on 146.385+. Facility located on Palm Avenue. Take Montegue to Layfayette. North on Layfayette to Palm.

SPEAKER

No word received as to what our March program will be. If you have ideas for a speaker, please pass it along to George WA6D (our VP).

MEETING AGENDA

1. Field Day. Mount Madonna fell thru. Find out what the new site will be.
2. Flea Market. How did our trailer fare.
3. Pacificon. Shorty is having trouble with hotel rates etc
4. Anyone (besides me) interested in the club purchase of VHF and UHF gear?????????

THE PREZ SEZ

JUST BEFORE I MOVED TO THE WILDS OF WATSONVILLE, I GOT A PHONE CALL FROM FROM A MEMBER WHO SAID HE WOULD NOT BE RENEWING FOR 1989. HE DIDN'T LIKE OUR MEETING LOCATION AT AGNEW, MOSTLY FOR REASONS OF LOGISTICS. I CAN UNDERSTAND THAT THIS LOCATION MAY NOT BE IDEAL FOR ALL OF US, BUT, GIVEN THE FRUSTRATIONS OF TRYING TO SECURE A GOOD, RELIABLE AND FREE HOME FOR SCCARA MANY TIMES IN RECENT YEARS, THE CLUB IS FORTUNATE IN HAVING IT. THE FACT IS THAT THERE ARE LESS-AND-LESS PLACES AVAILABLE FOR MEETINGS THESE DAYS. BUSINESS CAN NOT AFFORD TO ALLOW A GROUP OF "STRANGERS" FREE ACCESS TO THEIR PLACE OF BUSINESS...AND WE'VE EXPERIENCED THE CUTBACKS OF CITY AND COUNTY GOVERNMENTS.

I'M NOT SUGGESTING SCCARA IS IN DANGER OF LOSING AGNEW, BUT I REQUEST THAT WE ALL KEEP OUR EARS AND EYES OPEN FOR OTHER MEETING LOCATION POSSIBILITIES. ANYTHING CAN HAPPEN! IF YOU HAVE A BETTER LOCATION AVAILABLE, PLEASE ADVISE ME OR ANY OFFICER/DIRECTOR, AND WE'LL BE GLAD TO LOOK INTO THE MATTER. GIVEN PAST MEETING PLACE PROBLEMS, WE WOULD WELCOME SUGGESTIONS...NO,...MAKE THAT SOLUTIONS TO THIS NEVER-ENDING DILEMMA. (KEEP IN MIND WE CAN NOT AFFORD TO PAY A RENTAL FEE). MEANWHILE, WE WILL PROCEED FULL-STEAM-AHEAD WHERE WE ARE. WE WILL ALSO HAVE A COUPLE OF MEETINGS AWAY FROM AGNEW DURING THE YEAR...A COUPLE OF DINNERS AND A POTLUCK.

I GOT A LETTER FROM A FELLOW FROM MY LAST NOVICE CLASS. HIS NAME IS LUDOVIC TANDI AND HE DOES NOT, AT THIS TIME, HAVE A CALL...BUT JUST WAIT! LUDOVIC WRITES THAT HE WILL LEARN THE MORSE CODE (BEING MULTI-LINGUAL SHOULD HELP) AND THAT HE LOOKS FORWARD TO OPERATING...ESPECIALLY TO HIS NATIVE ROMANIA. HE IS HAPPY TO BE IN THE U.S. AND IS A DETERMINED MAN. I SURE WE ALL WISH HIM SPEEDY SUCCESS.

IT WAS A GIANT DISAPPOINTMENT TO LEARN THAT THE MOUNT MADONNA CAMPGROUND WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE FOR SCCARA FIELD DAY USE THIS YEAR. THIS IS NO ONE'S FAULT, JUST A FACT OF COMPETITION FOR A VERY DESIRABLE LOCATION. I'M SURE WE'LL FIND ANOTHER FINE SITE SOON AND HAVE A GREAT EVENT. THIS SHOWS THAT WE DO NOT DARE BECOME COMPLACENT ABOUT ANYTHING THESE DAYS. LET US NOT BECOME COMPLACENT ABOUT BELONGING TO SCCARA. THIS IS A VERY COLORFUL GROUP WITH A RICH AND VARIED HISTORY. ONE THING THAT HAS APPARENTLY NEVER VARIED WAS THE DETERMINATION (THERE'S THAT WORD AGAIN!) OF THE MEMBERS TO KEEP THE CLUB GOING...EVEN IN THE WORST OF TIMES AND CIRCUMSTANCES. IT IS A CREDIT TO THOSE OLDTIMERS AND FORMER MEMBERS...MEMBERS MOST OF US NEVER KNEW...THAT ENABLE US EVEN TO HAVE A CLUB TODAY.

THAT'S ALL FOR NOW. I'LL SEE YOU AT THE NEXT MEETING!
73 DE DAN,WM6M

TREASURERS TRINKETS

This month has been a busy month for me again. One of these days I'll get all caught up, I hope!! My projects are coming along, slowly but surely.

Lou, WA6QYS, has "volunteered" to see if he can find the 1980 list of assets on the Apple II disks. He hasn't found it yet, but there are about 25 disks to go through. I hope he can find it before going through all the disks.

New members to welcome include Fran (WBOMMR) and Terry (WA0VUI) Goyer. They are neighbors that Dan met as he was moving out of his house in San Jose. What a time to meet them, Dan!! Also new are Don (W6GJF) and Cathy (N6SFC) Gaubatz, our February meeting speakers. (If you weren't at the meeting, you missed a VERY interesting talk about their trip to China, including their visit to a Chinese amateur radio station.)

We are planning to print the new membership roster and send it with the April SCCARAGRAM. Please let me know of any changes that are needed so your information will be correct.

February also brought more renewals.

Please check your mailing label (expiration date) to see if your 1989 dues have slipped your mind. Those members whose dues are not received by March 17th will be sent a formal letter reminding them. PLEASE use the form in this newsletter to renew TODAY and save SCCARA the cost of mailing you the letter. The new roster will contain current members only. Also, the SCCARAGRAM is only sent to current members. We sure don't want to lose YOU

as a member of SCCARA, so send your dues TODAY, before it slips your mind. 'Nuf said, OK?

SCCARA now has a safe deposit box for all of SCCARA's important papers. I will be getting together with Joe (WA6DXP) to transfer our stock certificates to the new box.

I have some bad news about field day. Art (KG6PY) tried to reserve the Manzanita group campsite at Mt. Madonna Park for Field Day weekend and found someone had beat us to it by a week!! Not only does the county not have any other parks with the right facilities but they wouldn't give us a special use permit to set up at another park. The board is looking into alternative sites and needs your input. If you know of a site, please contact an offices or board member.

If you attended February's meeting, you know that SCCARA is taking the trailer and HF station to the flea market in March. We will have four booths in conjunction with Bay Area Young Ladies Amateur Radio Club (BAYLARC), Silicon Valley Emergency Communication System (SVECS & WB6ADZ repeater) and the San Jose Red Cross. Please contact Mike (KB6LCJ) or myself if you can work at our booth. Even if you can't commit to working the booth, please come and say hi anyway. This promises to be a fun morning. To find the booth, just look for the tower.

That's all for this month, hope to see you at the flea market, March 11, and at the meeting, March 13.

73 de KB6ICQ

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR MONTH ENDING 2-28-89

Bank of the West (1-31-89) \$1401.42

Deposits:

Dues Received	672.00
ARRL Dues Received	25.00
1988 Coffee Profits	41.00
Jan 1989 Raffle Deposit	24.00
Feb 1989 Raffle Deposit	39.00

Expenses:

Feb 1989 SCCARAGRAM	<41.26>
Feb Raffle Prizes	<22.11>
ARRL Dues Paid	<23.00>
(\$25.00 less \$2.00 commission)	
Check printing	<30.15>

Chkbook add errors (1988) 31.90
Void 1988 stop-payments __611.00
(Never deducted in checkbook)

Bank of the West (2-28-89) \$2451.80

SF Federal Savings (1-31-89) \$2772.65
Deposit stock dividends ___41.83

SF Federal Savings (2-28-89) \$2814.48

Petty Cash (1-31-89) \$ 50.00
Postage expense ___<15.00>

Petty Cash (2-28-89) \$__35.00

TOTAL CASH \$5301.28

Reminder: If you join or renew with ARRL, please print "Club Code = 1802" next to or above your name so SCCARA will get the commission on your ARRL dues. Also let me know if there is a change to your ARRL membership status. SCCARA must have at least 50% ARRL members to remain an ARRL affiliated club and I need this information for reporting purposes.

GOT AN ARTICLE FOR THE NEWSLETTER?????

There are several ways to get articles into this newsletter. Here are they are...

1. Packet I reside on the N6IIU-1 BBS. It works very well. .
2. Modem Ron Bardarson has offered us the use of his BBS. Here are the vitals:
PH 408 432-0821, Baud rate 300-1200-2400, 8 bit, no parity. Use the APPLY command to get a signon.
3. Floppy 360K IBM format will do it.
4. Typed A pain but usable. Prefer two column page.
5. Written Well beggars can't be choosers but I am a poor typist and not particularly a translator either. Be nice to your editor Mike KB6LCJ.....

SCCARA BOARD BOARD MEETING 02/16/89

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 PM by President Dan Dietz WM6M at the Red Cross Comm. Centerx

Present were Kathy and Stan Getsla, Ed Rawlinson, Lou Steirer Mike Hastings, Dan Dietz, and Don Village.

Field Day: Mt. Madonna is taken. Kathy is trying to find info on Grant Ranch. Lou will contact Casa De Fruita and P.O.A.

Our Historian - Dick Barrett W6CFK need to find a replacement.

Ed Will pick up the materials.

Stan Getsla will go the next NARC meeting and renew our membership.

It was Approved to purchase the repair manuals for our generator.

David Keller- extend his membership for 1989 to cover a mistake in not sending him th SCCARA GRAM in 1988.

Ron Bardarson - Give honorary membership for the use of his bulliten Board.

Question: should we require SCCARA membership in SCCARA classes?

Christmas Party: We should be making reservations now. Every Board membership to come up with suggestions by March Board Meeting.

Flea Market in March. 2nd Saturday in March. Should be their between 6 - 7 AM to set up. Ends around Noon.

Club Trailer. Ed will get it weighted before thinking of mtg. the generator on it. Also find out if Brakes are required.

Mike Hastings brough up a item. Should we aquire a 2 meter, 220 and 440 rigs for use at the Red Cross, special events and Field Day.

Also a phone answering machine for wand line for the Red Cross.

Don Village suggested we send visitors the next months SCCARA GRAM with join form.

Convention: Ed reports that things are moving along and waiting for written word from the La Baron Hotel. A room is about \$55.

Adjorn 10:00


Don Village K6PBQ Sec.

JDS CODE CLASS !!!

I the Great JD take key in hand to tap out a report of the SCCARA morse code class. About three years ago at a club meeting, the subject of code classes came up. I stepped forward and took the problem in hand (handkey). Mickey N6ODN was able to get two rooms at the county offices so I started with a tape player. Originally it was to be an upgrade class to assist Novices and Techs to get to 13WPM code speed. Some of the early grads were Frank McCormick AA6LL, Bill Oliver WB6ORU, Tony Sanchez K6MOB, Joe Bocanegra WA6YRU, Larry Cummings KB6HRN, Alan Levin N6NOY and many others. After a year or so, the county decided to charge us \$25 per hour for the rooms. This prompted the class to move. Frank McCormick AA6LL invited us to his mobile home recreation area for the summer. Sometimes there would be only one student. FRANK..... The rec room was OK except for the pool sharks so we finished out the summer in Bills WB6ORU back yard. Lou Steirer WA6QYS and his wife Gwen located another spot at the Wilson adult Education Center in Santa Clara. The first night in the room was a pain since the loud speakers echoed so bad that no one could copy code. Well more help was on the horizon. Roy K6VIP made up plug-in boards, Wally KA6YMD donated 24 headsets and Bill WB6ORU donated four more plug in boards. That solved the echo problem. Frank and Allen went on to extra class and Bill and Tony to Advanced. Frank was so happy to make extra that he volunteered to help with the class and for sure we needed him by

this time as the attendance had swelled to a max of 15. Thanks to the plugins and headsets we were able to keep three to four code speeds going at one time. We also had a theory instructor who got his extra while there. Dell?? Also later in the year Don and Cathy Gaubatz W6GJF and N6SPC got their extra class tickets. Don helped to make up some very nice fliers that have really helped with recruiting new people for the class. At the present time, we are still running more mixed speed but the class is becoming more of a novice class. Last Night we had 10 students at the novice table, 2 at 13WPM, and 2 on 20WPM. Frank McCormicks work forced him to move to a swing or mid shift. He chose the mid shift so he could continue to help. That is a big sacrifice and I THANK HIM FOR THAT.

We do not emphasize the theory or written part of the novice test as it is mostly memorization. We do have about 30 minutes after the code class for review of questions from the text books. We do recommend that the students get their own books and tapes for practice at home. SCCARA fliers are available and the club had picked up a few new members...

What we need now is a student club member who can explain basic electronics and operating procedures etc. for 30 minutes or so after the practice session. We have a good man now, Bill Rausch who is the president of the Ford Aerospace club but it would be nice to have a SCCARA member to help out. Jim Okeefe WE6V helped out for a while but his work got in the way. I should also mention Al W6KIN who

generated many test tapes at all speeds. He did it for no charge. That was a great service to all prospective hams plus those that were upgrading. Better QRT for now before the QSB gets us. So 73 DE K6YKG SK BT

Great Job JD. Hey you forgot to mention that I was also in your early class and passed my General with ease. This is an admirable thing that JD is doing and SCCARA should be proud to have such an energetic person in our midst. Please make time in your schedules to stop in, help out if you can and let the word be known that SCCARA has the best ham class around..... The Editor

TRAILER TO VISALIA??

EVENT: THE INTERNATIONAL DX CONVENTION

LOCATION: VISALIA, CA

DATE: APRIL 21, 22 & 23.

THE INTERNATIONAL DX CONVENTION IS DEVOTED TO DXING AND CONTESTING AND STARTS FRIDAY AFTERNOON, APRIL 21ST. THRU NOON SUNDAY. THERE HAD BEEN SOME TALK ABOUT A CONTINGENT FROM SCCARA BRINGING THE TRAILER UP. ANY TAKERS??

ATLAS-DENTRON FIASCO

For those of you that haven't heard yet, and are STILL waiting to receive your HR2510 from Atlas Radio or the New Dentron, stop waiting and start writing!! The man that cashed your check or money order was arrested January 26th by postal inspectors, for mail and wire fraud. This man, Michael Harrison (or several other alleged aliases) is also being cited in a suit by Uniden.

What you need to do is to write a complete statement of all the pertinent facts; be sure this statement includes any attempts you may have made to contact either Atlas Radio or Dentron after purchase. Be sure to include photocopies (fron and back) of cancelled checks, money orders, receipts, etc.. Prosecutors would also like copies of any advertisements for the store (Atlas or Dentron) from which you made the purchase. Send these documents to: Martin T. Biegelman Postal Inspector PO Box 160 Hicksville NY 11802-0160 Your complaint will be added to the case currently being built by the Postal Department and Federal Prosecutors. Good luck!!

EXTRA CLASS QUIZ

INTERPRET THE FOLLOWING:

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P.H.D.
D.D.S. | 20. DEATH LIFE |

First three persons to get the correct answers to the editor at the March meeting will get a "small" prize.

FCC AMATEUR RADIO LICENSE CLASS

Classes are on-going and open to Hams and non-hams alike. Theory info will also be discussed as the need arises.

FREE

**BEGINNER (5 WPM),
GENERAL (13 WPM),
EXTRA CLASS (20 WPM)**



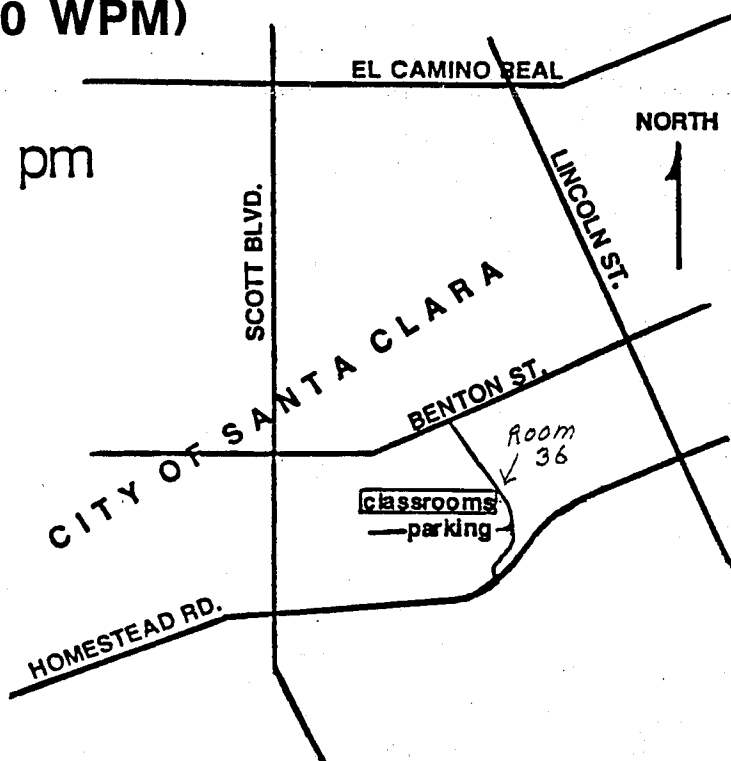
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FAMILY MEMBERSHIP. DUES ARE DUE ON JANUARY 1ST OF EACH YEAR.
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YES, I WANT TO JOIN. HERE IS MY \$.

I NEED MORE INFORMATION

I WISH TO TAKE A CLASS: (CHECK BELOW)

NOVICE TECH GENERAL ADVANCED EXTRA

NAME CALL

ADDRESS

CITY ST ZIP

PHONE # ARRL MEMBER? YES? NO?

MY LICENSE CLASS IS (CIRCLE): UNLICENSED NOVICE TECH
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73 FROM SCCARA!

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