

SCCARA-GRAM

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Happy 1991



and congratulations to the new SCCARA
board members

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Special thanks also go to the outgoing
board members:

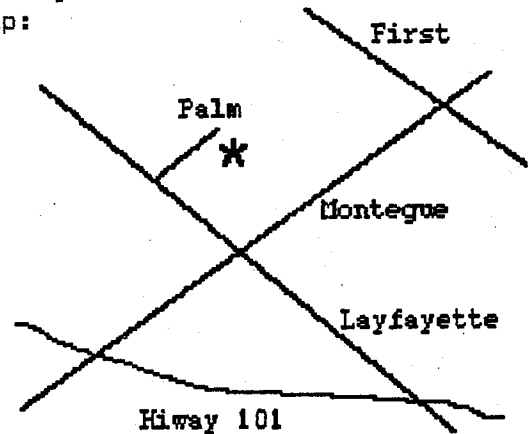
Vice President	Jim Okeefe	WE6V
Director	Bob Forster	N6PCG

Lets help make 1991 a banner year!

NEXT MEETING

Date: Monday 01/14/91
Time: 1930- 2200 approx.
Place: Agnews Facility. Located on

 Palm Avenue just a bit East
of the intersection of
Montegue and Lafayette.
Map:



This meeting will be our planning session for 1991

FROM YOUR TREASURER, KB6ICQ

It's that busy time of year for your treasurer. I have received a few renewals, but still need many more to maintain our membership. Get your money in now to avoid having your call listed in the March SCCARAGRAM as a delinquent member. If you wait until the last minute to send the money, I may not receive it in time to delete your call from the delinquent list.

As those who attended know, the December dinner was a success, but the procrastinators nearly did it in.

This was the second year the board of directors had to call all the members to ferret out who was coming but hadn't gotten around to sending in the money. This seems to be getting worse each year. I can tell you the officers and the board do not like to have to call each one of you just so we can meet the minimum turnout that we promised the hotel. This minimum is in a binding contract between SCCARA and the Le Baron, and if we don't meet the minimum, we still have to pay for them anyway. In 1989, we promised 60 and had no trouble getting 40, so in 1990 we signed a contract for 40. Well this year, we only had 15 reservations by November 19, and the deadline was set at December 1. Does this mean that next year we should only sign a contract for 15? Where are we going to find a banquet room made available for only 15 people???

REPEATER COMMITTEE COLUMN

01/04/91
WA6VJY

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This month I am pleased to report that Trish WA6UBE has completed the task of installing an emergency battery power system for the repeater.

Currently the system consists of a 105AH deep cycle RV battery, a "total cut-off" charger designed to maintain the RV battery at full charge (without overcharging), and a power transfer relay arrangement. Hopefully we won't have to find out how well it will work. Thank you for the fine work, Trish!

For those of you who wish to make use of the autopatch or autodial features of the repeater, they are available to all club members. If you wish to sign up for either, send me an SASE (with 40 cents postage on it). Mail it to the club post office box address shown on the back page of the SCCARA-Gram. Please enclose a photocopy of your license. Also, include a check for \$10.00 if you wish to obtain the autopatch codes. (Emergency agency AUTODIAL information is free to members) Make the check payable to SCCARA, and note on the check what it is for along with your call sign.

That's about all for this month. For those of you who have already sent in your checks, I will be mailing out the information shortly. Hopefully by the time you read this, you will already have received your packet of information. Please feel free to call me if you have any problems or questions regarding the repeater and its use. My answering machine will be happy to listen to you if I am unavailable to pick up the phone.
73 de Stan WA6VJY

CONGRATULATIONS TO ROD KB6ZV

According to the January 3 issue of the San Jose Mercury News, Rod Stafford, KB6ZV, has been elevated to the post of Judge of the Municipal Court in San Jose by the Governor. Rod has been a Court Commissioner (a step below a full Judge) since 1988.

Rod has also "puts in his time" for Amateur Radio. His accomplishments are:

He is currently an ARRL Vice President.

Prior to that he was our Pacific Division Director.

And prior to that he was our Section Manager for Santa Clara Valley.

Editors Note.. I am proud to say that Rod is also a SCCARA member and follows a club tradition of serving Ham Radio. Good going Rod.....

WELCOME & CONGRATULATIONS

We welcome two new members to SCCARA this month. **Lindsay Even, KC6PLO** and **Jenna Mandis, KC6PLG** have joined the club as a family. Both have technician licenses.

And congratulations to **Tom Hambleton, N6WIJ** for his upgrade from advanced to extra. No need to learn a new call for him though, as he says he likes the one he has and will keep it.

GOOD & WELFARE
de Herb, KB6ABG

I'm very disappointed! No one calls or writes. How can I write a Good & Welfare column if no one provides information? My number is still 226- 2919; call and leave a message, even if we're not there.

As you probably read elsewhere in this issue, the year end dinner was a huge success. We even raised \$215.00 for the food bank. Although they could not attend the dinner, Renie KC6NBS and Jim N6ZRK contributed a carton of canned goods for the food bank. SCCARA has a heart.

Editors Note: Herb has a good point. Seems to me that there is no lack of "stuff" going on within the club. For instance, I heard from Frank AA6LL that JD K6YKG was in (and back out) of the hospital with a case of pneumonia.

An excellent forum for getting this info to the membership is our weekly Monday nite check-ins. We have a decent number of check-in but often no QSTS or news.

ARRL BULLETIN 54 ARLB054
FROM ARRL HEADQUARTERS
NEWINGTON CT DECEMBER 13, 1990

TO ALL RADIO AMATEURS

FCC announced on December 13 that new Technician Class license applicants will not have to demonstrate Morse code proficiency in order to have all privileges above 30 MHz. Implementation is expected by

February, 1991. Techs who obtain their licenses prior to that date will be grandfathered, meaning they will continue to have their present HF privileges.

The codeless Technician written exam will have 55 questions. New Technicians wanting HF privileges will be required to hold a CSCE for element 1A, that is 5 WPM, which must be administered by three accredited VEs. There will be no call sign designator to indicate whether or not a Technician has passed a code test, but FCC will have records of who has passed.

More details will be forthcoming in February QST.

Editors Note (again):

Reading between the lines you will note that "above 30 MC" means that the new licensee will not have HF privileges, particularly the popular 10 meter phone.

It also is not clear how the "non-coders" will be identified. Keep tuned to packet and QST magazine for details.

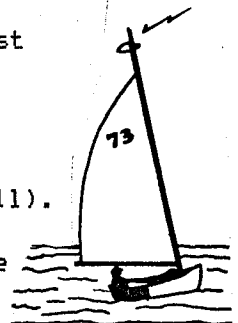
Sccara Novice Class

There is a move afoot to start up a Novice Class in the month of February. We have a good lesson plan to follow from the ARRL. Frank (AA6LL) and JD (K6YKG) are looking for a few good instructors.

Do you have talent (even undiscovered) in this area. If so please let them know.

Naval Post Grad Winterfest

Date: January 19, 1991
Time: 0800-1500
Place: Indoors at the Monterey Fairgrounds (Salinas Hall).
Cost: Free to buyers
\$20 to sellers w/o table
\$25 to sellers w table



Several Sccara members went to last years event. The affair is somewhat a mix of the Foothill Flea Market and Pacificon. It is a pleasant drive down

1991

SCCARA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January

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January

- 14 7:30pm SCCARA MONTHLY MEETING
- 19 WINTERFEST AT NAVAL POST GRAD IN MONTEREY
- 24 7:30pm SCCARA BOARD MEETING (ALL INVITED)

February

- 11 7:30pm SCCARA MONTHLY MEETING
- NOVICE ROUNDUP FEB 11-15 (SEE JAN QST)
- 28 7:30pm SCCARA BOARD MEETING (ALL INVITED)

March

- 11 7:30pm SCCARA MONTHLY MEETING
- 28 7:30pm SCCARA BOARD MEETING (ALL INVITED)

April

- 8 7:30pm SCCARA MONTHLY MEETING
- 25 7:30pm SCCARA BOARD MEETING (ALL INVITED)

May

- 13 7:30pm SCCARA MONTHLY MEETING
- 23 7:30pm SCCARA BOARD MEETING (ALL INVITED)
- 27 MEMORIAL DAY

June

- 10 7:30pm SCCARA MONTHLY MEETING
- 22 FIELD DAY 1991 JUNE 22+23
- 27 7:30pm SCCARA BOARD MEETING (ALL INVITED)

July

- 4 INDEPENDENCE DAY
- 8 7:30pm SCCARA MONTHLY MEETING
- 25 7:30pm SCCARA BOARD MEETING (ALL INVITED)

August

- 12 7:30pm SCCARA MONTHLY MEETING
- 22 7:30pm SCCARA BOARD MEETING (ALL INVITED)

September

- 2 LABOR DAY
- 9 7:30pm SCCARA MONTHLY MEETING
- 26 7:30pm SCCARA BOARD MEETING (ALL INVITED)

October

- 14 7:30pm SCCARA MONTHLY MEETING
- 24 7:30pm SCCARA BOARD MEETING (ALL INVITED)

November

- 11 7:30pm SCCARA MONTHLY MEETING
- 28 THANKSGIVING DAY

December

- 9 7:30pm SCCARA MONTHLY MEETING
- 25 CHRISTMAS

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and a fun day.

I spoke with Frank (AA6LL) about whether SCCARA would have a booth there. Frank indicated that he needs more donated (quality) items to bring down. Can you help Frank out???

For Sale

Collins KMW380 with speech processor. Excellent condition. \$1,100 or offer.
Yaesu HT207R Big Stick Antenna with leather case, speaker mike and deluxe NC2 charger. \$100
Hygain TH6DXX Beam with new coils \$150
Call Richard Goo (K6IAG) 408 248-4155 for more info.

HAM STATS
Here is the age distribution from the FCC callsign database of 11/1988

License Class	Total # Licenses	Percentage of Total	Median Age	Average Age
Novice	95,750	19.94%	42	42.19
Technician	109,192	22.74%	48	48.43
General	122,959	25.61%	57	55.70
Advanced	104,253	21.71%	56	56.26
Extra	47,937	9.98%	51	52.81
All Classes	480,101	100.00%	51	51.19

If you plot the previous numbers you'll find that the distribution is bimodal with peaks at the WWII ages (smaller peak) and the Sputnik crowd (larger peak). The immediate population is not a problem, but the fact that only 3% of all hams are 20 years of age or less may prove troublesome in the next 20 years of so.

On the other hand, there was a piece that made the rounds on packet, WorldRadio, etc, to the effect that since the number of hams has been growing at a faster rate than the population as a whole there is no problem. That type of analysis is faulty in assuming that society as a whole has remained at the same level of technology. I think that ham radio has definitely declined in importance due to technological advances across the board.

de rick, N0LOX

Individual	\$15.00
Student >18	5.00
Family	20.00
Autopatch	10.00

Date _____

Join SCCARA

First	Last	Call	Class
Address		City	St Zip
Home Ph.	Arr1 Member? yes no	Serve as Officer? yes no	
Family Names, Calls and License Classes			
Interests and Other Hobbies			

Mail To: Sccara Dues, P.O. Box 6
San Jose, Ca. 95103

Note Please add \$3.00 to your dues if you desire first class postage.

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440	442.425+ (PL) 107.2

Nets are held every Monday evening at 1930 sharp, except for the second Monday which is our meeting night.

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