

# SCCARA-GRAM

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## Seasons Greetings



### THE PREZ SEZ....

Merry Christmas!! Let's Party!! I hope you made reservations, as this gala event will be the highlight of the SCCARA year. Don't forget... there's **NO REGULAR MEETING IN DECEMBER** Instead, we have the party at Renzo's in Campbell. Hope you will be there to enjoy the food, the fun and the installation of officers.

In case you missed the November meeting, the following people were elected to the SCCARA Board for 1992;

Pres. - Mike Hastings, KB6LCJ  
Vice Pres.- Bill Brothers, N6ZPC  
Secretary - Gene Duckett, W6LYG  
Treasurer - Stan Getsla, WA6VJY  
Director - Gary Mitchell, WB6YRU  
Director - Don Village, K6PBQ

Congratulations to you all!

Wally Britten, KA6YMD had a record check-in recently, on SCCARA's Thursday Nite 10 meter net. Seems that all the officers present at the combined meeting of the 1991 and 1992 boards took time out from the meeting to check in. Boy was

## Next Meeting

Date: Friday 12/13/91  
Time: 1830- 2200 approx.  
Place: Renzos---see map on page 2

A fun Christmas party is coming up. I hope you all can make it.

*Well as you probably know, your editor will be become president and your president will become editor. Hey, it has really been fun. Many thanks to my regular contributors to the newsletter. In particular my thanks go to Stan WA6VJY, Kathy KB6ICQ and Lou WA6QYS for their regular articles and help with putting the newsletter together, George WA60 for the Prez Sez, Bob KB6OHO for the great photos, Doc W6ZRJ for the thought provoking writings, Don K6PBQ and Doug WN6U for the meeting minutes and Tony K6MOB our mailman. As you can see, it is truly a team effort. You made my job easy and allowed us to have a well balanced group of articles. Thank you..*

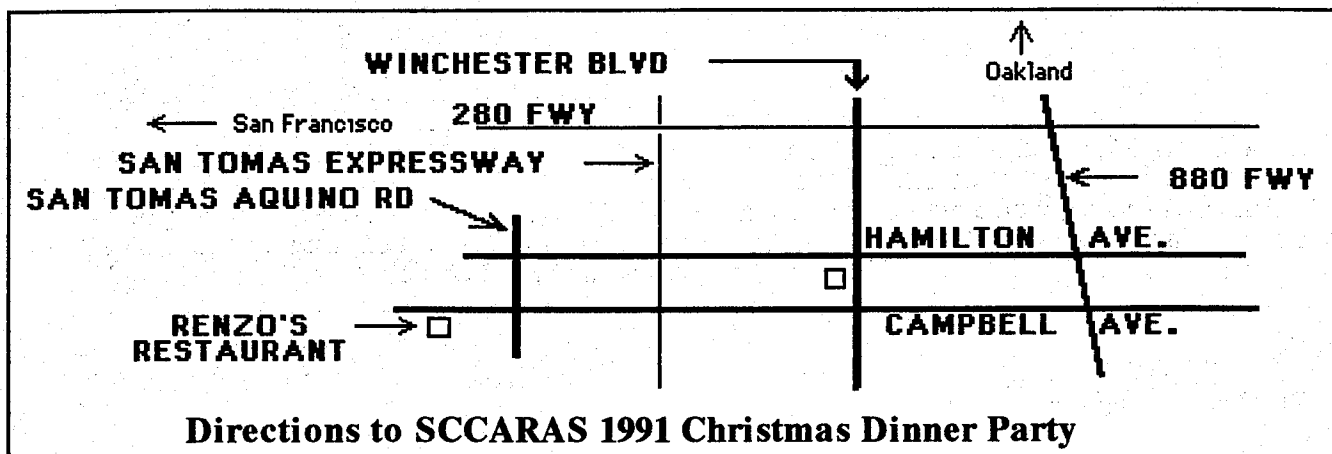
I sincerely hope that you all will give George WA6O the excellent support which I have received as editor.

And as for me... "As my mom used to say, " it's out of the pan and into the fire".

### Important Dates

12/13 SCCARA Annual Christmas Dinner  
12/25 Christmas  
12/26 SCCARA Board Meeting cancelled  
01/13 SCCARA Monthly Meeting





Wally surprised! Do you know what would really be nice? If there were so many regular check-ins that Wally didn't notice the few extras. The frequency and time are; 28.385 Mhz on Thursdays at 8:00 PM PST. The net is hosted by Wally, KA6YMD. Why not listen and surprise him by checking in!

We are currently in the process of checking out the possibility of SCCARA sponsoring one of the Flea Markets at Foothill. We wrote a letter asking for consideration. So, please stay tuned for details as they unfold.

The first meeting of the Technical Committee was held on November 26th. Details of what took place are elsewhere in this publication. I am also pleased to announce that Don Apte, KK6MX has volunteered to be Chairman of the Membership Committee. Thank you, Don.

As my tenure ends, I want to thank everyone who participated in SCCARA's activities. Everyone who takes part in any activity, makes a contribution: from the check-ins on our nets to taking an active role in leadership. Every individual member contributes and makes SCCARA great. I feel very honored to have been chosen to lead such a great group of people for these past two years. In a different sense, I am grateful for having had the chance to meet and work with so many wonderful people. So, please; look around you and

congratulate each other. You're really great!

This is my final message to you as President of SCCARA. Therefore, it is with deep regret that it must include the announcement of the resignation of Carla Watson, W06X from the Board of Directors. On behalf of SCCARA, Carla, please accept our thanks for your contribution and our sincere best wishes for the future.

73, George, WA60.

### MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 11 SCCARA MEETING de Don K6PBQ

The meeting was called to order at 7:36 PM by President George Allan WA60 at he United Way. Attendance was 45 with 4 visitors.

Our program was Steve Wilson, Section Manager for the Pacific Division of the ARRL. Steve gave us a talk on how the ARRL functions on the national, international, and local levels. Thanks for a good program Steve.

Secretary minutes were approved as written in the SCCARAGRAM.

The following officers were elected by affirmation (white ballot) for 1992:

\*\*\*see presidents message\*\*\*

Motion was made and seconded to form a committee to expand our list of officers. This motion was voted down.

Ed WD6CHD reopened nominations seconded by Mike K8ERL to appoint Doc Gmelin W6ZRJ as Station Trustee. Motion was passed. The board meeting will be Nov. 21 at the Red Cross. The Technical committee will meet on Nov. 26 at the Red Cross. Our Holiday Dinner will be at Renzo's in Campbell on Dec. 13 at 6:30.

Everyone is encouraged to join the 10 Meter net on Thursday evenings at 8:00 PM. The net meets on 28.385 KHz.

This months raffle winners were: KB6ABG, KB6LCJ, WB6YRU, WE6V, N6YJD, WA6IER, and WA6O.

The meeting adjourned at 9:33 PM. Don Village K6PBQ, Secretary.

### TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

MEETING WAS HELD TUESDAY  
 NOV. 26, 1991 19:30 HRS.  
 PRESENT WERE: RON BARDARSON  
 N6VUW, MIKE HASTINGS KB6LCJ,  
 GEORGE ALLEN WA6O & MIKE MARNERIS  
 K8ERL.

SUBJECTS PENDING, DISCUSSION AND ACTION:

1. FRANK QUEMENT W6NX MEMORIAL STATION.
2. V.H.F. TO H.F. LINK, (THIS MAY BE A HOT ONE).
3. 1.2 GHZ. REPEATER, (USE IT OR ?? LOSE IT) ?
4. CLUB LAPTOP COMPUTER, (12V DC).
5. EMERGENCY POWER FOR THE RADIO ROOM.
6. TRANSMISSION LINE/CONTROL CABLE RACEWAY.
7. DISBANDING THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE.
8. OTHER SUBJECTS TO SENSITIVE TO MENTION IN THIS COLUMN.

THE FOLLOWING ARE ON THIS COMMITTEE: DON KK6MX, RON N6VUW, FRANK K6RQ, TRISH WA6UBE, DOUG WN6U, BILL N6ZPC, MIKE K8ERL, STAN WA6VJY.


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IF YOU WANT TO HEAR THE DETAILS OR BE A PART OF THE OUTCOME, ATTEND YOUR NEXT CLUB MEETING. RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED.

73, MIKE MARNERIS K8ERL

Editors note: This was a good though not well attended FIRST MEETING for the technical committee. Your inputs are important so join in....

December 1990



Merry Christmas

A rumor is floating around, that, if it develops, is going to mean a darn good thing for amateur radio as a whole, tho it will be a little "tuff" on some of our fone hams. That is, that any amateur operating solely on phone, and not doing any CW work, be required to take a code test before his license will be renewed. That would eliminate a lot of these birds who operate on fone simply because they can't copy, and will make the rest keep up their code speed.

This is merely a rumor, but it may go into effect, and anyone who really has the best interests of amateur radio at heart will welcome it as a step forward. Let's hope it becomes a rule.

Thought some of you might like this article from the Oscillator. Some things really don't change. Editor....

### Good and Welfare de Herb KB6ABG

- \* SCCARA would like to offer its condolences to Stan WA6VJY and Kathy KB6ICQ on the death of Stans mother, Bea.
- \* Shorty AE6Z is scheduled for eye surgery very soon.

### IS IT 1004 OR QSL?

Part 2

By Doc Gmelin, W6ZRJ

Last month I discussed the misuse of Q signals on the phone bands, in particular the misuse

of "QSL".

As I noted, the one place I hear "QSL" misused is on the 2 meter band on any one of a number of repeaters. In this particular case "QSL" seems to be used as a kind of replacement for the radio term "ROGER", which comes from the CW "R" which means "received".

If "ROGER" is used as a statement it seems to mean, "I copied everything you said."

If "ROGER" is used as a question, that is with the proper voice inflection, then it means "Did you copy everything I said?"

Replace "ROGER" with "QSL" and we have what seems to be the new statement in ham radio for the acknowledgment of a receipt of a transmission or a the question of the acknowledgment of receipt of a transmission.

We know that the term "ROGER" comes from "R" sent on CW but why is it "ROGER"? Well "ROGER" was the military phonetic for the letter "R" before and during World War II. In fact I learned about "ROGER" before I became a ham. That's what John Wayne and the other movie heros used in the war movies we watch before, during and after WWII. We knew what to use because we learned how it was used in those movies about our "fighting men."

An interesting aside is the fact that when the official military phonetics were changed during the early 1950s from "ABLE", "BAKER" and "CHARLIE" to "ALPHA", "BRAVO" and "CHARLIE", we didn't start to say, "ROMEO" for receipt of a message instead of "ROGER".

Which brings us to "TEN FOUR", or really "1004". How did

that get into the language, particularly CB?

Well, we can blame that on the actor Broaderick Crawford, or really I guess on the old TV program from the "50s" called HIGHWAY PATROL. I can still see Crawford in my mind standing next to his highway patrol car with his microphone in hand saying, "Ten Four, Sam, we'll catch him when he comes around this curve. Ten Four?"

Crawford's car looked suspiciously like a CHP car, but without the California logo. It was certainly official and the term "ten four" is used in real police work. Of course in the LAPD, they still use "ROGER."

Actually, the term "ten four" means "1004" and it's really just one of the so called "ten" codes. These were adopted by the police many years ago as a way to shorten transmission time and as a way to code messages so that the general public who might be listening in wouldn't understand what was being said.

The "ten code" really started out as the "nine code" in the 1920s and 30s and I can remember as a "kid" in the 1930s listening to San Jose PD station KGPA just above the AM broadcast band. There wasn't much VHF radio in those days and this was long before the present 150 MHz police band and FM repeaters.

The actual acknowledgment then was "ROGER", but I can remember that "901" meant an auto accident and that a "415" (from the Penal Code) was a fight. And "927" meant "What is your location?"



Well if all of us kids knew what the "nine code" meant, then certainly the "crooks" did, so they changed it to the "ten code" and "927" became "1027" and we get statements like "What is your 1027?"

That's an interesting statement. It means, "What is your 'what is your location'?"

Anyway, pretty soon everyone also knew the "ten code" including the crooks and Broaderick Crawford really helped in our education about the police and the "ten code". Certainly the CBers knew the "code". The "ten code" that is. If they knew the "CW" code they would be hams.

Of course we hams all know and use the Q signal "code" so I guess if you use "QSL" on every transmission, it really makes you a ham.

I wonder why we don't use "QSL" in "telephone" conversations? Repeaters are nearly like the "telephone". Maybe we should adopt the "Q" signals to our telephone conversations. That would tell everyone that we are "real" hams.

"QSL?"

## "W6FBI"

If you want to see a ham's idea of Heaven, just drop into Radio Supply in Los Angeles, and take a look at the station they have in operation there. It signs W6FBI, and has everything in it that most of us dream about.

Naturally, Rectobulbs and other W6-EX tubes predominate. The power supply is in two sections, employing mostly Thordarson parts, with a pair of R-81's supplying the oscillator, and a pair of R-10's supplying the rectifier of a crystal controlled, MOPA. The Oscillator is a 210, and the frequency doubler is the same. The final amplifier consists of a pair of 852's. The whole outfit is beautifully built up, with the best of parts, and enough meters on the panels to fit several ordinary ham transmitters. The receiver is one of the new Nationals, and a beautiful piece of work. We'll not tell you all about it—go see it for yourself. To top the whole thing off, there is a neat little Aero monitor on the table. All the incidentals to a first class station are there, too, but it is impossible to remember all the good things in this station. Our advice is for you to go in and see it. Oh, yes, it operates on fone, too.

But who couldn't have a keen station if all he had to do would be to go downstairs and take the parts off the shelf? Hi.

HMMM..... I wonder what all that stuff is?? Could it be HAM GEAR? Editor.. I suspect we have many members that remember.....

## Sccara Scuttlebutt

- \* Heard someone referred to as the "Pied Piper of 10-4 good buddy". I wonder who that could be?
- \* Say... after reading Mike K8ERLs Technical Committee column, maybe that Frank Qument Memorial Station will get on the air yet.
- \* Frank AA6LL has turned the reins for Flea Market chairman over to our leading salesman... Gary WB6YRU.
- \* Top salesman??? If you don't know what we're talking about?? Then you should have seen Gary out at Foothill Flea Market.
- \* Hope that everyone enjoyed the clippings (including the one in this section) from the December 1930 Edition of the Oscillator. Many thanx to Frank AA6LL who found the issue in our flea market stuff.

December 1930



**The Oscillator**  
extends to every "Ham"  
in "Hamdom"  
our 73 and  
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and a  
most Prosperous  
New Year



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except for the second Monday which is our meeting  
night.

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