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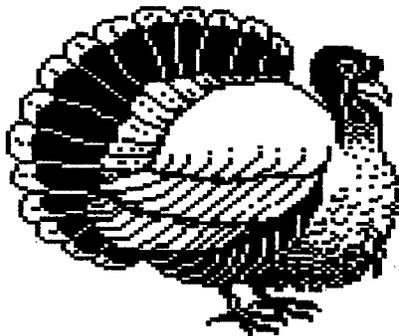
## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The holidays are rapidly approaching. Can you believe that some stores are already stocking Christmas items? Well SCCARA will once again have their annual Christmas party at Renzos. Elsewhere in this newsletter is the 1993 dues and dinner sign-up form. Good news!!! Our dues will remain unchanged and in addition, our Christmas dinner will remain at \$15.00. That is a real bargain. Seating will be limited to 70 people. We had a full house last year so get your reservations in early. The November meeting will be election of officers. The slate for 1993 is listed in a separate article. At this meeting, nominations will be taken from the floor and then on to the vote.

SCCARA was named in the Last Will and Testament of Mr. Al Gordoy, K6LHQ. I may have particulars by meeting night. That's it for now. See you at the meeting.

73... Mike KB6LCJ

**Happy Thanksgiving!**



## **IMPORTANT DATES**

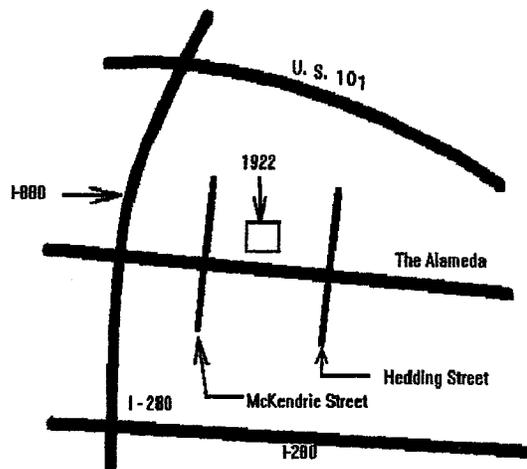
11/09	SCCARA General Meeting
11/11	Veteran's Day
11/23	SCCARA Board of Directors Meeting
11/26	Thanksgiving Day

## Next Meeting

**Date:** Monday November 9, 1992

**Time:** 1930 - 2200, Approximately

**Place:** United Way Building  
1922 The Alameda, San Jose



## Agenda

Election of Officers

November Speaker

Scott Hensley, KB6UOO will speak on the subject of Cellular (Radio) Telephony. This should be a good overview of how this technology is organized.

**MINUTES**

**GENERAL MEETING OCTOBER 12, 1992**

Mike, KB6LCJ called the meeting to order at 1930 hrs. He welcomed all of those present. Self introductions followed as is the custom.

Speaker of the evening: Mike introduced the speaker for the evening, Bob Arasmith, N0ARY. Bob said, "Packet Radio is like other forms of Amateur Radio; there is more to it than you can afford to do on your own". Bob went on to explain Packet modes range from the simplest keyboard to keyboard to Bulletin Board System (BBS) modes. There was much information available from this gentleman, so if you missed the meeting, better get on Bob's BBS and ask him about it. Telephone access to Bob's BBS is available via 408-749-1950. Protocol is 8 bits, no Parity. When you get the "login" prompt, type "bbs", in lower case letters. Then when prompted for it, type in your callsign, hit the carriage return and you're in! Bob welcomed everyone to use the BBS.

2nd Speaker of the evening: Brad Wyatt, K6WR Vice Director, ARRL Pacific Division. Brad spoke of his busy schedule and then asked the newest callsign in the Club. It was answered by KD6MZM. Brad explained he is just tracking the latest callsigns being issued by the FCC.

Brad spoke next about HR73 & SB1372. The bad news is: both bills are dead in the current session of Congress. However, the good news is; we had 213 co-sponsors in the House of Representatives and 33 co-sponsors in the Senate. The end result is; we have the FCC's attention. In addition, SB218, the "Frequency Auction" is DEAD. Finally, the FCC is beginning to work with Hams to clean up the bands by recommending fines of from \$10,000 to \$12,000 which is enough to get a prosecutor to act.

New Business

Don, KC6WMM, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, announced the following slate of candidates;

PRESIDENT: MIKE MARNERIS, K8ERL  
VICE PRESIDENT: HAROLD WELCH, KK6ZE  
SECRETARY: LLOYD DeVAUGHNS, KD6FJI  
TREASURER: MIKE HASTINGS, KB6LCJ  
DIRECTORS: STAN GETSLA, WA6VJY  
LOU STEIRER, WA6QYS  
DOUG EATON, WN6U  
STATION TRUSTEE: DOUG EATON, WN6U  
SCCARA-GRAM EDITOR;  
GARY MITCHELL, WB6YRU

BY-LAWS, ARTICLE 1, Section 4 States that " Officers & Directors shall be elected at the meeting in November.

Mike invited Mike Marneris, K8ERL to speak to the club about purchasing an all mode 2meter rig to be installed in the radio room at the Red Cross. The concept was passed

nearly unanimously at the last board meeting. Mike moved that the club allocate up to \$ 1,200.00 for the purchase of an all mode 2 meter rig, similar to the 711. Motion was seconded after which one member commented that he has such a rig and has observed very little activity on 2M SSB or CW. He questioned the benefit such a rig would give and at such a great expense. Much discussion followed. Mike replied. Gary replied, "it's controversial". (The time is now past the published adjournment time). More discussion followed. Mike, K8ERL withdrew his motion. Protested as impossible, since person seconding the motion would not withdraw the second. Mike, KB6LCJ asked for a motion to table the original motion, followed by a protest of need for a second. Second was obtained and the matter was tabled.

*(AS SECRETARY, I REFER TO THE MINUTES OF THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 13, 1992 MEETING. A DISTINGUISHED MEMBER WHO HAS SERVED AS DIRECTOR (and Vice President, ed.) IN THE ARRL AND RESPECTED AS A PARLIAMENTARIAN. W6ZM, Bill Stevens, after a controversial matter had gone on long enough, TABLED THE MOTION. WHEN QUESTIONED ABOUT A SECOND, HE SAID IT WASN'T REQUIRED. AND SO IT RESIDES TO THIS DAY).*

Adjourned the meeting at 2150 hours.

Respectfully submitted for members' approval.

73, Gene, W6LYG.



**Bob Arasmith, N0ARY makes a point about Packet BBS**

## PACIFICON '92 de Mike, KB6LCJ

Pacificon was Great! It was sure nice to go to Pacificon and not have to work. Over 2300 people purchased tickets and both the dinner and room reservations were sellouts. The flea market was nice and in addition there was an area where they set up a special event station. Other specialty vehicles were there also (including Trish WA6UBE's militarized vehicle)

I found the talks interesting and well attended and the vendor area was always crowded. All in all the Diablo club did it up in style. Quite a number of SCCARA members attended. Trish WA6UBE gave a talk on Near Vertical Incident Skywave. It was well done. At one point, Trish had a group of slides to show but no projector. Several people simply took the opaque projector, moved it back 15 feet or so and showed them that way.

In another area, Gary WB6YRU was up with the birds on Sunday morn and was the winner of the 2 meter DF (direction finding) contest. Good going. No big prize winners from the club. Doug WN6U was our sole winner and his prize was a book. They did not have expensive prizes but they had a good quantity. As you might remember, SCCARA had a top prize of a Kenwood TS940.

We had two people upgrade at the convention. I am pleased to report that Barbara Britten (wife of Wally KA6YMD) passed her Tech as did Kirsten Brady (wife of George KC6DAD). Congratulations to both of you. George KC6DAD, by the way, is a temporary AE himself.

The dinner speaker was Gordon West WB6NOA. Gordon was a great speaker. He did the famous burning pickle performance.

We missed the Wouffhong ceremony since it was midnight PST. They had a full house and many new members.

Mike, K8ERL and many other American Legion members were there in force and did well with their Booth. So will I go again next year? You bet!! Next year I'll come up Friday nite also.

73 Mike KB6LCJ

*PS..... I must also add that Tony K6MOB won the two tickes to Pacificon but his wife was unable to come, so Roy K6VIP went in her place. I believe they really enjoyed themselves.*

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT de Don, KC6WMM

The Nominations Committee has a slate of candidates for the 1993 elective positions. The slate is:

President, Mike, K8ERL  
Vice-President, Harold, KK6ZE  
Secretary, Lloyd, KD6FJI  
Treasurer, Mike, KB6LCJ  
Directors,  
    Doug, WN6U  
    Lou, WA6QYS  
    Stan, WA6VJY  
Station Trustee, Doug, WN6U.

A special thanks to Doc, W6ZRJ who has served as the Station Trustee and is giving up the position. Additional nominations can be made from the floor prior to the election at the November Meeting.

Two Directors, Gary, WB6YRU and Don, K6PBQ, have one year remaining on their terms. There are vacancies for appointive positions to be filled by the new board of directors, so see them if you are interested.

## INSTRUCTORS NEEDED

A meeting is set for Monday 11/16/92 at the San Jose Red Cross to discuss the feasibility of SCCARA doing a class. The meeting will start at 1930. As you know, we are already doing a regular code class on Thursdays at the Santa Clara Adult Ed Center. This class would be in addition and would have a distinct start and finish.

The exact type of course, the duration, who will it be aimed at will be discussed. There are two "likely" ways. One would be to teach a conventional six or eight week class on Thursday evenings. Another idea would be to do a compressed "weekend" class.

Come on down and lets see what we can come up with.



## SCCARA-GRAM ROTOGRAVURE



**At Left:**  
**Bob Arasmith, N0ARY**  
gave a really interesting  
talk at the October  
General Meeting. Here  
he makes another point  
about Packet BBS.

**At Right: Brad Wyatt, K6WR,**  
**ARRL Pacific Division Vice-**  
**Director** was also on hand  
at our October Meeting to talk  
about League Matters and  
Ham Radio in general. In this  
picture, Brad is talking about  
Pacificon '92, The ARRL  
Pacific Division Convention.



**At Right:**  
**Doug Eaton, WN6U**  
**Demonstrates AMTOR**  
**in a class held recently**  
**at the SCCARA Radio**  
**Room at the Red Cross.**



## **ARRL PACIFIC DIVISION UPDATE, November 1992**

by Charles P, McConnell, W6DPD, Director ARRL Pacific Division. 1658 W. Mesa Ave. Fresno, CA 93711-1944. 209-431-2038. Packet @ N6ZGY

**ARRL DIGITAL COMMITTEE RECONSIDERS.** The ARRL Digital Committee met with 5 members of the HF Autoforwarding STA. The Committee recommends that the part of the IARU Region 2 band plan that provides for digital forwarding be incorporated into the U.S. Regulations. The Committee recommends that the ARRL Board consider this as a potential petition for rulemaking with the FCC. The committee also recommended that the ARRL request an extension of the current STA for the period of time during which new rules are under consideration. The recommendation of the committee would allow for automatic operation while providing rules to protect non-automatic users of the bands. The committee prepared a tentative voluntary band plan for the digital parts of the MF and HF bands. The ARRL Board will probably consider this recommendation in January 1993. The ARRL is NOT against packet radio. When packet first appeared, the ARRL petitioned the FCC to allow ASCII on the Amateur Bands. The ARRL petitioned the FCC to allow unattended operation of packet stations on the VHF and UHF bands. The ARRL has been very supportive of new means of digital techniques for Amateur Radio.

**H.R. 73 and S. 1372 THE AMATEUR RADIO SPECTRUM PROTECTION ACTS.** With the adjournment of Congress these two pieces of legislation have died. It is too bad that they did not make it to the desk of the President. However, several goals were accomplished. Most of the 535 members of were introduced to Amateur Radio and were receptive to the presentations. There were 219 members of the House of Representatives who were cosponsors of H.R. 73. That is a majority of the House. In the Senate, only 35 Senators became cosponsors of S. 1372. The Amateurs did a super job of becoming active in the political process. We showed that we could wield some political clout, and it did not go unnoticed in Washington. Thanks to all who wrote letters and made other contacts with members of Congress. This Legislation may be introduced in the 103 rd Congress.

**S. 218 THE FREQUENCY AUCTION BILL.** This bill would have auctioned government spectrum to the highest bidder in order to pay for other circuits for government use. Unfortunately Amateurs have secondary allocations on these Government frequencies. This bill died with the adjournment of Congress; however, it may be back in the 103 rd Congress in January of 1993. Thanks go to those Amateurs who wrote letters to their Senators opposing S. 218.

**ELMERING.** We have a responsibility to help our new Amateurs join our service. This should insure that the traditions of the Wouff Hong are preserved in our new members. With the recent increase in monetary forfeitures (fines) by the FCC we have an obligation to work to help our new members become aware of the ways of Amateur Radio. Our clubs are working well in this area. Keep up the good work.

**OPERATING EVENTS.** There are a number operating events during the months of November and December. Check the contest listing in any of the Amateur magazines for the listing of events and references to the rules. Good luck and good operating.

**Santa Clara County Amateur Radio Association  
1992 Elmer Survey**

**The following list of topics covers most areas of interest in Amateur Radio these days. If you have a desire to help fellow SCCARA club members, please indicate those topics you have some knowledge about and return the form to the club mailing address. We will be putting together an "ELMER" list from the responses to be handed out to all members who want it.**

- A - Antennas, construction and installation
- B - Homebrew projects and construction
- C - Contesting techniques
- D - DX interests
- E - Emergency operating/preparedness
- F - VHF/UHF FM operating (repeaters, etc.)
- G - TVI/RFI help
- H - HF operating techniques (SSB, CW)
- I - IBM/APPLE computers in the shack
- J - Mobile operating
- L - Lightning protection and grounding
- M - Morse operating and installations
- N - NTS and traffic handling
- O - Satellite operating (OSCAR, AMSAT)
- P - Packet (HF/VHF/UHF)
- Q - HF QRP (all modes)
- R - Other digital modes (AMTOR, RTTY, R/C)
- S - Study help for upgrading (theory or code)
- T - Television, fast and slow scan
- W - VHF/UHF weak signal operating (SSB, CW)
- X - Other areas not listed above (please describe below)

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ CALLSIGN: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ (DAYS) \_\_\_\_\_ (EVENINGS)

AREAS OF INTEREST (list by letter as shown above)

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**If you wish to share your knowledge with your fellow hams, please fill this in and return it to any club officer at a regular meeting or mail it to:**

**SCCARA Elmers  
P.O.Box 6  
San Jose, CA.  
95103-0006**

1993 DUES

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Call \_\_\_\_\_ License  
Class \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

ARRL member? Y N

For family memberships, please list other name(s) & call(s):

Dues Amounts are: \$15.00 for Individual  
\$20.00 for Family (hams at same address)  
\$ 5.00 for students (under 18)

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\_\_\_\_\_ I would like the 1993 Auto Dial Codes (no charge)

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like the 1993 Auto Patch Codes (\$10.00 for an individual and \$15.00 for a family)

DON'T FORGET TO INCLUDE A COPY OF YOUR LICENSE IF YOU ARE REQUESTING REPEATER CODES FOR AUTOPATCH OR AUTODIAL !!!

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\_\_\_\_\_ Please send my SCCARA-GRAM by First Class mail (\$3.50)

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HOLIDAY DINNER RESERVATIONS (DEADLINE IS 12-10-92)



\_\_\_\_\_ Beef Brochette Dinner(s)



\_\_\_\_\_ Chicken Saute Sec Dinner(s)

\_\_\_\_\_ Total number of dinners @ \$15.00 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ SCCARA Badge(s) Please PRINT Badge info below:

First name or Nickname \_\_\_\_\_ Call \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ Total number of Badges @ \$3.00/ea = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Membership Dues ----- \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Repeater Dues (with copy of license) -----  
First Class Mailing of SCCARA GRAM -----  
\_\_\_\_\_ Holiday Dinners @ \$15.00 each -----  
United Way Donation -----  
\_\_\_\_\_ SCCARA Badge(s) @ \$3.00/each -----

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED ----- \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Nets are held every Monday evening at 19:30 sharp, except for the second Monday which is our meeting night.

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