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It's Baaaack!

(Newsletter Notes)

I had a feeling this wouldn't last... Things were looking grim there for a while, but one of you finally came through. Doug Eaton WN6U has volunteered to take over the secretary's post from me, and as promised, I'm going back to being the editor.

As of this writing, Doug actually hasn't started yet, but I'm confident that's merely due to logistics. The main point is that we now have both a secretary *and* an editor!

The *SCCARA-GRAM* has been published continuously for many years, until now. It's a shame it had to come to this. I certainly hope we've already hit bottom and it's up, up, and away from here; not merely a last gasp on the way down. Only *you guys*, the membership, have the power to make it one way or the other.

Field Day

On another topic... This is June--the month for Field Day! Most of you have already received an information sheet and a sign-up form for SCCARA's participation in Field Day. If not, see elsewhere in this issue. Please consider joining SCCARA for Field Day!

Gary WB6YRU, Editor (once again)

Secretary Says

As the (outgoing) secretary, I must report some unfortunate news about SCCARA: At last count SCCARA has 68 dues-paying members. That's the lowest I've seen it since joining in 1990. It's been steadily declining for the last several years. Although it's no laughing matter, I recently joked to the board that if the current rate keeps up, we'll have zero members by 2003.

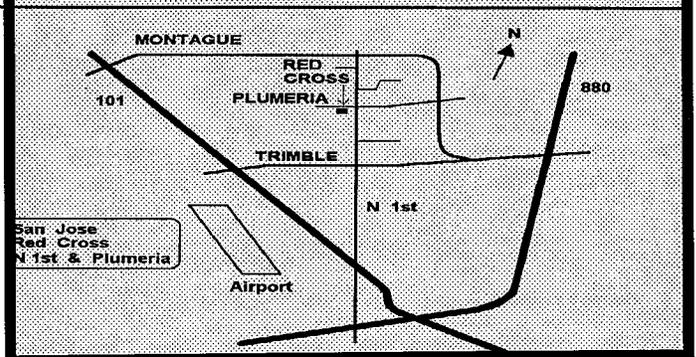
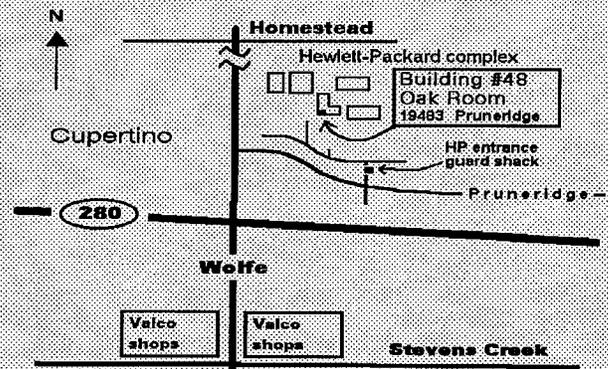
The topic of attracting new members has come up

Calendar

- 6/12 SCCARA General Meeting
- 6/19 SCCARA Board Meeting--(San Jose Red Cross, 7:30p, all are welcome)
- 6/23-25 Field Day

General Meeting:

Day: Monday, June 12, 2000
Time: 7:30 PM
Place: Hewlett-Packard's Oak Rm. Bld #48
Jim Maxwell W6CF, ARRL Pacific
Division Director. Also, Field Day



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SCCARA REPEATERS

SCCARA owns and operates two repeaters under the call W6UU:
 2 meter: 146.385 + PL 114.8 (none for basic use)
 70 cm: 442.425 + PL 107.2
 Phone auto-dial and auto-patch is available). The two meter repeater is located in the Mt. Hamilton foothills, Alum-Rock area. The 70 cm repeater and N0ARY BBS is located at the Alexian Brothers Hospital, North of 280 and 101.

SCCARA NETS

On our two meter repeater: Mondays at 7:30 PM, (not the second monday--our meeting night). Coordinator: Don K6PBQ. On ten meters, 28.385 MHz USB, Thursdays at 8:00 PM. Net control: Wally KA6YMD. Visitors welcome.

N0ARY PACKET BBS

SCCARA hosts the packet BBS N0ARY (San Jose). User ports: 144.93 (1200 baud), 433.37 (9600 baud), telephone 408 259-8497, internet (by registration only, get info by sending e-mail to: info@n0ary.org). Sysop: Gary WB6YRU

TELEPHONE NUMBERS

SCCARA contact Clark KE6KXO: 408 262-9334
 ARRL/VEC Silicon Valley VE group: 408 243-8349
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from time to time over the last few years, but in my view that shouldn't be our primary focus. My experience has been that attracting members isn't very tough--hanging on to them is the hard part.

As a club, we could be more congenial to new members. Without pointing fingers at individuals, here are a few weak points that I've noticed, no doubt some of you could mention others: 1) The roster hasn't been properly maintained (mostly due to having no secretary). Because of this, new members don't get on the mailing list for the SCCARA-GRAM for several months, among other things. 2) Repeater codes are requested, but not delivered. 3) Club badges are ordered and paid for, but not delivered (some orders have been pending for three years). 4) We don't go out of our way to make new members feel welcome. 5) We haven't provided any amateur radio classes for years. 6) Aside from meetings, our only amateur radio activities are Field Day and the weekly radio net.

Don KO6HH recently told me that he hasn't been extremely active lately. He went on to point out that if (on the average) each member were about as active as he is now, SCCARA would be in really good shape.

Don's right, folks! Collectively, if a lot of people contributed a little something just once in a while, it would really add up. And not just "work," there are plenty of amateur radio related things. Let me know if you'd like some ideas.

Gary WB6YRU, outgoing Secretary

Meeting Minutes

Since the *SCCARA-GRAM* hasn't been published for a while, rather than fill this issue with minutes, I thought it would be better to publish only the most recent set. If anyone would like to see the minutes of earlier meetings, contact the secretary. Or, if there is interest, I will publish the rest (installments?).

General Meeting, May 8, 2000



Meeting called to order at 7:33 by president Barbara KD6QEI
 Self introductions

Barbara KD6QEI: Our speaker, Stan WA6VJY backed out.

Gary WB6YRU, Don K6PBQ, and Wally KA6YMD reported on the work done at the antenna part at John Tanner's house.

Barbara KD6QEI: Hammer school, not much new to report.

Alexian site, haven't been able to reach our contact.

Secretary's report, WB6YRU: Field Day info and sign-up were mailed out.

Treasurer's report, KD6FJI: \$7369.94 savings, \$1096.19 checking.

Repeater report, KA6YMD: nothing new to report.

Field Day: Doug WN6U is chairman. There will be a Field Day meeting for anyone interested in joining the set-up crew, Thursday May 18, at 6:30 PM at Carrow's (Hwy 17 and Camden Ave). Barbara: Mt Madonna Park folks have not responded to my questions about repairs of the BBQ equipment, etc.

Lloyd KD6FJI, Henry WD6CGI, and Wally KA6YMD upgraded to Extra class.

Doug WN6U volunteered to take over as secretary from Gary WB6YRU, who will go back to being editor. Vote: passed unanimously. This will become effective at the Board meeting.

Don KO6HH: Jim Maxwell (ARRL director) will speak at the next general meeting, plus we will discuss Field Day.

Lloyd KD6FJI "may" volunteer to be SCCARA's web-master, he's still thinking about it.

Don K6PBQ: Thanks to all the SCCARA members who helped out at the M.S. walk.

Lou WA6QYS: SVECS is hosting the Flea Market this Saturday, volunteers are welcome.

Adjourned 8:23 PM

Gary Mitchell, WB6YRU, Secretary

Board Meeting, May 15, 2000



Present: Barbara, KD6QEI; Wally, KA6YMD; Don, K6PBQ; Lou, WA6QYS; Gary, WB6YRU; Lloyd KD6FJI.

Meeting called to order at 7:47 PM by president Barbara KD6QEI.

Discussion of antenna tower work that still needs to be done at John Tanner's place. Don K6PBQ checked out two of Tanner's radios: Kenwood TS440 (needs work, no TX, weak RX) and ICOM 736 (works well).

President's report, KD6QEI:

Hammer school -- I talked to Ray Waltrip (maintenance person for the school district). He will find out about adding outlets, etc. and will get back to us.

Alexian -- Paul Tucker (facilities manager) hasn't been responsive.

Field Day -- meeting this Thursday, May 18, 6:30 PM at Carrow's (Hwy 17 & Camden). Repairs to Mt. Madonna site are being made. Next year will be at Hammer school.

Badges -- WB6YRU made up a list of pending badge orders. Mike KB6LCJ apparently hasn't made any since taking over from Bob KB6OHO (deceased) in 1997. Barbara will stay on top of this.

Gary WB6YRU passed out samples of a "welcome package" for new members, asked for comments by the board.

Adjourned at 9:35 PM.

Gary Mitchell WB6YRU, Secretary

Packet Pieces

Floating around the internet:

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This will make you feel old...

Each year the staff at Beloit College in Wisconsin puts together a list to try to give the faculty a sense of the mindset of that year's incoming freshmen. Here is the list they put together for the Class of 2003:

1. The people who are starting college this fall across the nation were born in 1980.
2. They have no meaningful recollection of the Reagan Era and did not know he had ever been shot.
3. They were prepubescent when the Persian Gulf War was waged.
4. Black Monday, 1987 is as significant to them as the Great Depression.
5. There has been only one Pope. They can only really remember one (US) president.
6. They were 11 when the Soviet Union broke apart and do not remember the Cold War.
7. They have never feared a nuclear war. "The Day After" is a pill to them, not a movie.
8. They are too young to remember the space shuttle blowing up.
9. Tianamen Square means nothing to them.
10. Their lifetime has always included AIDS.

11. Bottle caps have always been screw off and plastic.
12. Atari pre-dates them, as do vinyl albums.
13. The expression "you sound like a broken record" means nothing to them.
14. They have never owned a record player.
15. They have likely never played Pac Man and have never heard of Pong.
16. Star Wars look very fake to them, and the special effects are pathetic.
17. There have always been red M&M's and blue ones are not new. There used to be beige ones?
18. They may have heard of an 8 track, but probably never have actually seen or heard one.
19. The Compact Disc was introduced when they were 1 year old.
20. As far as they know, stamps have always cost at least 32 cents.
21. They have always had an answering machine.
22. Most have never seen a TV set with only 13 channels, nor have they seen a black-and-white TV.
23. They have always had cable.
24. There have always been VCR's, but they have no idea what BETA is.
25. They cannot fathom not having a remote control.
26. They were born the year that Walkman were introduced by Sony.
27. Roller-skating has always meant inline for them.
28. The Tonight Show has always been with Jay Leno.
29. They have no idea when or why Jordache jeans were cool.
30. Popcorn has always been cooked in the microwave.
31. They have never seen Larry Bird play, and Kareem Abdul-Jabbar is a football player.
32. They never took a swim and thought about Jaws.
33. The Vietnam War is as ancient history to them as WWI, WWII or even the Civil War.
34. They have no idea that Americans were ever held hostage in Iran.
35. They can't imagine what hard contact lenses are.
36. They don't know who Mork was or where he was from.
37. They never heard: "Where's the beef?", "I'd walk a mile for a Camel," or "de plane, de plane!"
38. They do not care who shot J.R. and have no idea who J.R. is.
39. The Titanic was found? I thought we always knew where it was.
40. Michael Jackson has always been white.
41. Kansas, Chicago, Boston, America, and Alabama are places, not groups.
42. McDonald's never came in styrofoam containers.
43. There has always been MTV ...

...Makes you feel old, doesn't it?

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 Subject: Is your computer a "SHE" or "HE"?

From: Allan K Chapman <a.k.chapman@juno.com>

Ships are addressed as "she" or "he", which raised the question of what gender one uses in addressing their personal computer. To answer that question, two groups of computer experts were asked to decide whether computers should be referred to in the feminine or masculine gender. One group was all women, and the other all men. They were asked to give 4 reasons for their recommendation.

The ladies reported that computers should be referred to in the masculine because:

1. In order to get their attention, you have to turn them on.
2. They have a lot of data but are still clueless.
3. They are supposed to help you solve problems, but half the time they are the problem.
4. As soon as you commit to one, you realize that, if you had waited a little longer, you could have had a better model.

The men, on the other hand, concluded that computers should be referred to in the feminine gender because:

1. No one but the Creator understands their internal logic.
2. The native language they use to communicate with other computers is incomprehensible to anyone else.
3. Even your smallest mistakes are stored in long-term memory for later retrieval.
4. As soon as you make a commitment to one, you find yourself spending half your paycheck on accessories for it.

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Allan K. Chapman
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Downloaded from the packet network:

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 Date: 27 Mar 94 03:51
 From: KC4JMF@KF4OJ
 To: QUOTES@USA
 Subject: DEMOCRACY'S REAL TEST

Democracy's real test lies in its respect for minority opinions.

Roberto Casas

The concept of two people living together for 25 years without a serious dispute suggests a lack of spirit only to be admired in sheep.

A. P. Herbert

It requires wisdom to understand wisdom...the music is nothing if the audience is deaf.

Walter Lippmann

You can close your eyes to reality but not to memories.

Francisco Ivan Prada

From the Happy Club,

73 de Armando, KC4JMF@KF4OJ.#ARCFL.FL.USA.NOAM

Date: 4 Dec 93 07:04

From: KB4CTL@KF4OJ

To: JOKES@USA

Subject: CONSUMER ADVICE

It's time for "CONSUMER ADVICE FOR NORMAL HUMANS," the popular feature that has been endorsed by top consumer authorities including Ralph Nader, Consumer Reports, Mister Rogers, Gen. Norman Schwarzkopf and Queen Elizabeths I & II, because it answers the questions of real consumers, defined as "consumers who frequently have to open "childproof" aspirin bottles with their teeth."

We'll start with the most common consumer question, namely:

Q: Is there anything I can do about the irritating light on my VCR that has been flashing "12:00" since the first term of the Reagan administration?

A: You have several options here. Our wife, following the recommendation of leading electronics experts, makes the light go away at night by draping a standard hand towel over the VCR. However, a friend of ours named Hannah informs us that you can obtain more permanent results by covering the light with a piece of black electrician's tape.

Q: What if I don't know any black electricians?

A: You know what we mean, you idiot!

From the Happy Club,

73 de Felly, KB4CTL @ KF4OJ.#ARCFL.FL.USA.NOAM

Need Help?

Amateurs have a long history of helping each other. An experienced amateur who helps another is traditionally called an "Elmer." If you have a question or problem, you are encouraged to ask one of SCCARA's Elmers. Below is a list of topics including who to contact for each.

If you consider yourself to be reasonably competent in at least one area of amateur radio and would be willing help others, please ask the club secretary for an Elmer survey form and fill it out.

Antennas, feed-lines, tuners:

WB6EMR, AC6FU, K6PBQ, WB6YRU

Lightning protection, grounding: WB6YRU

Station set-up, equipment: AC6FU, K6PBQ

TVI/RFI: WB6YRU

Homebrew projects, construction: AC6FU, KD6FJI, WB6YRU

Computers: KB6NP; IBM PC: WN6U, WB6YRU

Packet Network (BBS, forwarding): WB6YRU

Other digital modes (AMTOR, RTTY): WN6U

Code operating and installations:

WB6EMR, AC6FU, K6PBQ

DX (long distance/propagation): WB6EMR

Emergency operating/preparedness: WA6QYS

FM (VHF/UHF, repeaters): WA6VJY

HF operating techniques (SSB, CW):

WB6EMR, AC6FU, K6PBQ

Mobile operating: WN6U

NTS & traffic handling:

QRP (HF low power, all modes): WN6U

TEN-TEN (10 M only): AC6FU

Classes/license upgrading: W6ACW, AC6FU

Legal/FCC rules: WB6YRU

SCCARA (club inner workings):

KO6HH, K6PBQ, WA6VJY, WB6YRU, WA6QYS

Math applications: AC6FU

Children's Discovery Museum, volunteer operator: K6PBQ

W6ACW, Ed Hajny, (408) 739-6105

WB6EMR, James D. Armstrong, Jr.,
evening & msg: (408) 945-1202

KD6FJI, Lloyd DeVaughns,
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packet: home BBS KB6MER

AC6FU, Jack L. Ruckman, (408) 379-4846

KO6HH, Don Hayden, (408) 867-4643
packet: home BBS NOARY

KB6NP, Jon Dutra, day & msg (408) 428-2058
evening (408) 867-8654
packet: home BBS NOARY
internet: jad@aol.com

K6PBQ, Don Village, (408) 263-2789

WA6QYS, Lou Steirer, (408) 241-7999
packet: home BBS NOARY

WN6U, Doug Eaton, (408) 377-3736
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ARRL Pacific Division Update

June 2000

Update on California S.1714

As has been mentioned in past issues of this Update, legislation has been introduced in the California State Senate with the objective of providing relief to many California hams who live in communities with highly restrictive antenna ordinances. Senator Brulte of Rancho Cucamonga introduced the legislation, S.1714. In April the bill was assigned to the Senate Local Government Committee (SLGC) for hearing. The chair of the SLGC is Senator Richard K. Rainey, of Contra Costa County. Senator Rainey is the former County Sheriff, and was responsible for establishing the Sheriff's Amateur Radio Reserve in his county.

The committee hearing was held on May 3, in Sacramento. Five hams attended: Dave Leeson, W6NL, Jim Maxwell, W6CF, Mike Mitchell, W6RW, Dean Straw, N6BV, and Harry Styron, K6HS. Prior to the committee hearing the group met with Sen. Brulte in his office. It developed that discussions between Sen. Brulte's staff and the SLGC staff had revealed that the committee would not vote the legislation out of committee due to the specific height limitations given in the proposed statute. We were informed by Sen. Brulte that the committee would accept an amended bill which included the following major elements: a section that would place the essential language of PRB-1 into California law, plus a provision that would require the State Office of Planning and Research to develop a model ordinance, with amateurs participating in the development of that ordinance. Those of us present at the meeting felt that the compromise was the best deal we could get at this time.

The amended bill was then passed handily based upon a verbal agreement of the amended contents; a formal, written version did not exist at that time. However, last week the official text of the amended version of S.1714 became available. A copy of the text is included at the end of this Update. A careful reading reveals some discrepancies with our May 3 discussions. Subsequent investigation has revealed that some text was inadvertently left out of the version now published. Steps are now being taken to correct the error. Several of us will be tracking the bill very carefully to ensure that the corrections are made.

The bill is now awaiting action by the Senate Appropriations Committee. You may follow the progress of this bill by going to <http://www.leginfo.ca.gov> and following the links to "subscribe" to the bill by number. You will then receive email notice whenever any action takes place.

Meanwhile, letters to your Senator and Assemblyman will still be helpful. If you're not certain who your Senator or Assemblyman is, go to <http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/yourleg.html> to locate them.

VECs Bugged Down with Applications

Most who applied for license upgrades on April 15 and later are still waiting for their licenses. Where are they?

Well, the ARRL VEC was hit with over 16,000 examinations between April 15 and April 25. In spite of extra staff and lots of overtime, there are still many to be processed. Most should be handled by the end of the month, however. Patience, please! This is a one-time aberration caused by the immense interest in the new license restructuring program.

The W5YI VEC has been experiencing similar problems.

Both the ARRL and W5YI VECs urge all not to write or call for a status report: answering phone calls or email requires the attention of a person, whose time could otherwise be spent chipping away at the pile of applications.

ARRL Foundation Scholarships

The ARRL Foundation has announced recipients for Year 2000 academic scholarship awards. Congratulations to these scholarship winners in the Pacific Division:

The ARRL Scholarship to Honor Barry Goldwater, amounting to \$5000, goes to Derrill Dabkoski, AC6UY, San Francisco, CA.

Two General Fund Scholarships of \$1000 each go to Trent E. Drenon, KF6BUY, Burney, CA, and Sandy C.H. Liang, KH7VV, Honolulu, HI.

Congratulations to the winners!

Applications for the Year 2001 scholarships can be downloaded from <http://www.arrl.org/arrlf>. They may also be obtained by mail from The ARRL Foundation Inc, 225 Main St., Newington, CT 06111. The deadline for applications is Feb. 1, 2001.

Thanks, ARRLWeb.

ULS Filing Now Available Over the Web

ULS users now can file applications and notifications via the Internet for all services previously only available by dial-up connection to the Commission's Wide Area Network. To access the new capability, visit the ULS home page <http://www.fcc.gov/wtb/uls> and click on "Online Filing." (Users may ignore the on-line survey.) Applicants must first be registered with ULS and use their ULS password to log onto the system.

The ULS--the FCC's interactive on-line licensing application, modification and renewal system for wireless

telecommunications services--was deployed for the Amateur Service last August 16. ULS also lets users research the status of applications filed in ULS and licenses issued by the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau.

WTB Chief Thomas Sugrue said this week that many ULS users had requested the ability to access ULS through the Internet in order to utilize their high speed Internet connectivity. He also addressed concerns about the security of transactions handled via the Internet.

"We now have the technology in place that assures the integrity and security of data transmitted over the Internet along with high speed connectivity," he said. "This is another step forward in the expanding functionality of ULS."

The FCC has told the ARRL that making online payments to file a vanity call sign application and pay on line, for example--requires that users be running the 128-bit encryption version of Netscape Communicator Ver 4.73 or later. The FCC says Netscape 4.7, 4.61 and 4.51 have been tested and are compatible with the ULS. While different browsers and platforms other than Windows-based systems may work for some ULS functions, the FCC currently supports only these recent versions of Netscape for online filing tasks. Netscape 4.6 and versions earlier than 4.51 are not compatible with ULS, however.

Filers should configure browsers to enable Java and Java Script and to accept all cookies. Users also will need to download and install Adobe Acrobat Reader 3.0 or later as a plug-in to their Web browser. Netscape and Acrobat are available free via the Internet.

ULS support for other browsers and platforms, such as the Mac, is in the works and should be available shortly. The FCC will continue to provide dial-up access to the ULS. Information on making a dial-up connection is available via the ULS home page by clicking on "Connecting to ULS."

Those experiencing problems logging onto the ULS should contact ULS Tech Support at 202-414-1250.--FCC

Thanks ARRL Letter.

Coming Events

- Foothill Flea Market - 2nd Saturday of each month from March to October at Foothill College, Los Altos Hills.
- Livermore Swap Meet - 1st Sunday of each month at Las Positas College in Livermore, 7:00 AM to noon, all year. Talk in 147.045 from the west, 145.35 from the east. Contact Cliff Chiba, KF6EII, (209) 835-6715, email larkswap@usa.com.

SECTION 1. Section 65850.3 is added to the Government Code, to read:

65850.3. Any ordinance adopted by the legislative body of a city or county shall not preclude amateur radio service communications. Any ordinance shall reasonably accommodate amateur radio service communications and shall constitute the minimum practicable regulation to accomplish the legitimate purpose of the city or county.

SEC. 2. On or before July 1, 2001, the Director of the Office of Planning and Research shall do all of the following:

(a) Prepare and publish a technical assistance bulletin suitable for use by local officials and planners in the preparation and adoption of local ordinances that regulate the placement, screening, and height of amateur radio service antennas. In preparing this bulletin, the director shall consult with individuals and groups with experience in amateur radio service communications and land use regulation, including, but not limited to, the American Radio Relay League, the American Planning Association, the California Association of Realtors, the League of California Cities, the California State Association of Counties, and the Federal Communications Commission.

(b) Prepare and publish a model ordinance suitable for adoption by the legislative bodies of cities and counties for the regulation of the placement, screening, and height of amateur radio service antennas.

(c) Report to the Legislature and the Governor regarding any recommendations for changes to the state statutes regarding state or local regulation of amateur radio service antennas.

Jim Maxwell, W6CF
Director, ARRL Pacific Division

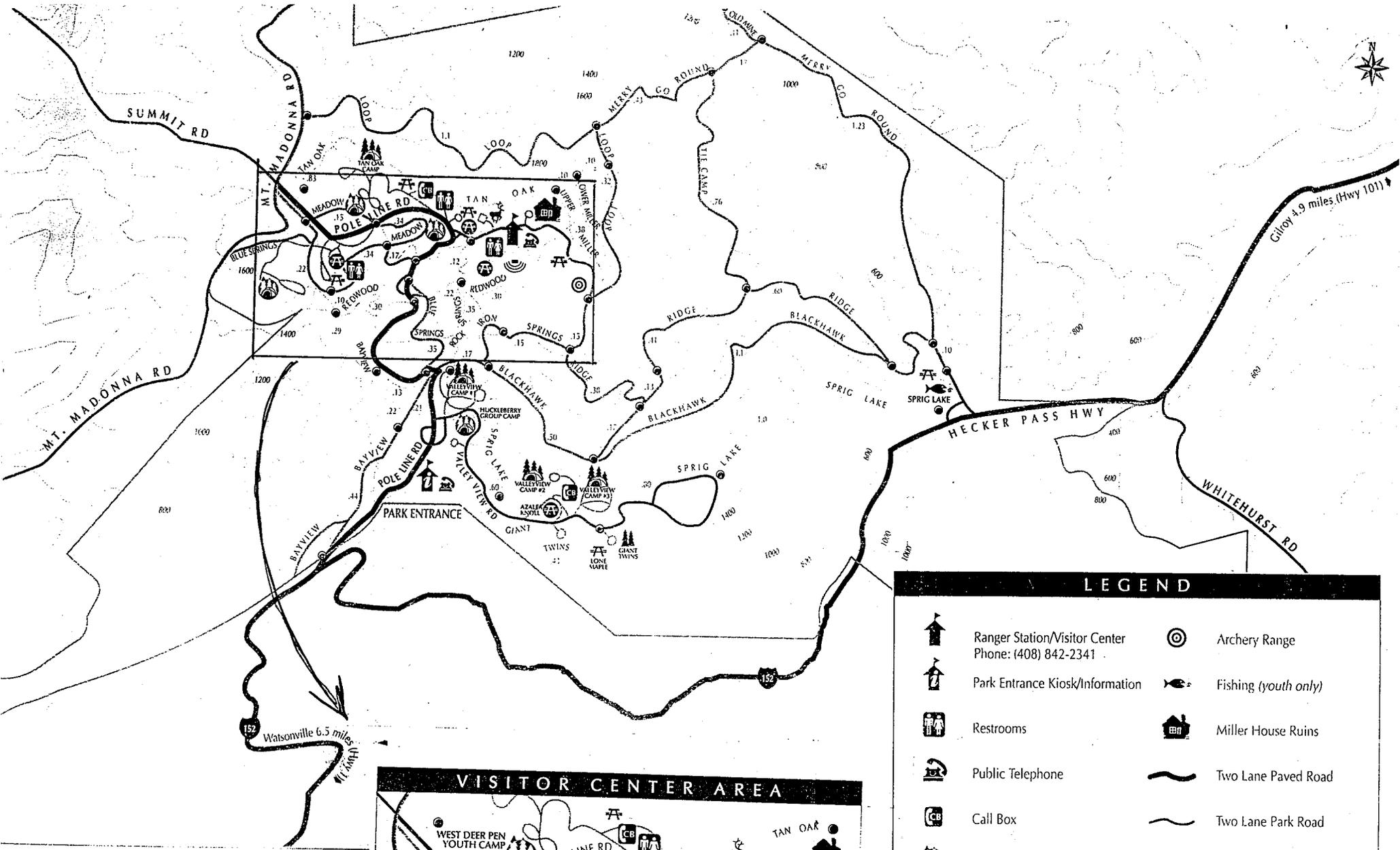
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Text of S.1714 as Amended

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT
AS FOLLOWS:



Watsonville 6.5 miles
Hwy 101

Enter the Manzanita
camp area at the upper
right.

WE WILL BE HERE



LEGEND

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|--|--|--|---------------------------|
| | Ranger Station/Visitor Center
Phone: (408) 842-2341 | | Archery Range |
| | Park Entrance Kiosk/Information | | Fishing (youth only) |
| | Restrooms | | Miller House Ruins |
| | Public Telephone | | Two Lane Paved Road |
| | Call Box | | Two Lane Park Road |
| | Reserved Campground | | One Lane Paved Road |
| | Campground | | Equestrian/Hiking Trail |
| | Reserved Group Picnic Area | | Footpath (hiking only) |
| | Picnic Area | | Elevation Contours (feet) |
| | Amphitheater | | Trail Distance (miles) |

Join SCCARA for Field Day 2000!

2000 Field Day contest weekend is June 24 & 25. Mark your calendars!

Field Day is one of the biggest amateur radio contests of the year, involving the U.S. and Canada. The underlying idea is to give amateurs practice making contacts under disaster conditions. This means the participants are encouraged to set up and operate portable stations powered by something other than PG&E. You can operate at home, but it's better (worth more points) to "setup shop" elsewhere. For the past several years we have been going up to Mt. Madonna County Park (Southern end of the county). We usually have a variety of stations and antennas. The stations have included phone, CW, digital, novice, solar, VHF, etc. The antennas have been: beams on towers (one is a sizable crank-up on a specially made trailer), a long wire, and miscellaneous dipoles and verticals. The more exotic the power source, the better. We usually use batteries, generators, and solar cells. We operate under a classification where several transceivers are on the air at one time. We are allowed a certain amount of time to set up--that's why some of us go up Friday afternoon. Once set up, we have 24 hours (starting at a specific time) to make as many contacts as possible. It's a lot of fun and a great way to hone those operating skills! Everyone is encouraged to participate. You can make a weekend of it or just show up for part of it, whatever you like.

The SCCARA Field Day weekend will again be held at Mt. Madonna County Park on June 24 & 25. If you join the set-up group going up on Friday, June 23 and stay through Sunday, helping with both setup and tear-down, SCCARA pays your camping fee! All others need to pay the camping fee of \$18.00 per night per vehicle. Those who won't be staying overnight will be responsible for paying the "day use" fee themselves at the Park entrance.

Doug Eaton WN6U is SCCARA's Field Day 2000 Committee Chairman. If you would like to get more involved, contact Doug: 408 225-3736.

The set-up group plans to meet for lunch on Friday, June 23 around 1 PM at Carl's Jr. at Branham and Almaden. We then take off in a convoy to Mt. Madonna, chatting along the way (this by itself is kind of fun). We'll be on our repeater 146.385(+), switching to simplex once we get into the mountains. Anyone may join the set-up group.

The club will be serving a BBQ dinner at 1:00 PM on Saturday and breakfast on Sunday morning. The Saturday dinner will be your choice of steak or chicken, all the "fix'ns" are included. Please indicate your choice on the sign up sheet. The cost of the dinner is \$11 per person and the Sunday breakfast is \$5 per person. You must pay for these meals in advance so we'll know how much food to buy--Monday, June 19 is the cutoff date (Board meeting). All other meals are pot-luck (nobody goes hungry) or fend for yourself if you wish. (Barbara will be bringing CDF Chili again...very popular.)

We're expecting a great Field Day this year, so please come join us!

Field Day Sign-Up

Name _____ Call _____

_____ Saturday steak dinner(s) (\$11.00 per person): \$ _____

_____ Saturday chicken dinner(s) (\$11.00 per person): \$ _____

_____ Sunday breakfast(s) (\$5.00 per person): \$ _____

Staying overnight? Remember, SCCARA pays the camp fee for the set-up crew:

Overnight camping fee (\$18.00 per night per vehicle): \$ _____

I will join the set-up group going up Friday, then help tear-down Sunday.

Total: \$ _____

Please fill out this sign up sheet (or copy) and get it to Barbara by Monday, June 19. Deliver it by hand at the next club meeting or mail it with your check (payable to SCCARA) to:

Barbara Britten, KD6QEI 585 S 14th ST San Jose CA 95112

Any questions? Call Barbara KD6QEI at 408 293-3847 or Doug WN6U at 408 225-3736.

S.C.C.A.R.A. Membership Form for 2000

(Fill in name and address if there is no mailing label below; make corrections if the label is incorrect)

Name: _____ Call: _____ Class: E A G T+ T N

Address: _____ Licensed since (yr): _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ - _____ Licence Expiration Date (mo/yr): _____

Telephone: () _____ New Member I'm also an
 Renewal ARRL member _____

E-mail: _____ Packet: _____

For family memberships (at the same address), please fill out a separate form for each. Indicate the "primary member" (for mailing purposes) name and call:

Annual membership dues are payable at the first of the year and expire the following December 31. New members joining on or after July 1, pay half the membership dues.

Annual Membership dues: Individual \$15 Family \$20 Student (under 18) \$5 _____

I want _____ SCCARA badges @ \$3 ea. Badge name & call: _____

Please send the repeater Auto-Dial/Auto-Patch codes (no charge, circle): Yes
WE MUST BE ABLE TO VERIFY YOUR AMATEUR RADIO LICENSE
BEFORE ANY REPEATER CODES WILL BE SENT TOTAL: _____

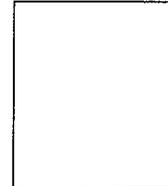
Give this completed form (or copy) with payment to the Secretary or Treasurer at any meeting or mail to the return address below:

===== PLEASE DO NOT TEAR OR CUT FORM =====

**SANTA CLARA COUNTY
AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION**

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