

# SCCARA-GRAM



## Santa Clara County Amateur Radio Association

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## President's Prose

I was very disappointed in the loss of the Hammer School radio and storeroom. At first I took it personally, but realized after some discussion with other club members, that none of it was my fault. The school had a need and reclaimed the use of their property. Now, we must move forward with other projects that may give us the same thing, or even better.

I have instructed Wally Britten, KA6YMD, repeater chairman, to devote more of his time and energy to the radio room at Regional Medical Center. He needs to get moving on the things that need to be done to make the radio room operational, even if it means taking time from work. If he can't do it, I have asked him to honestly tell me so, and I will then reassign the task to someone who has both the knowledge and the time to take the task to completion.

Meanwhile, he is doing the repeater removal from Trish Gibbons home on Saturday, October 28, and installing it at the Kaiser/Santa Teresa Hospital on Sunday, October 29. He has surveyed the site and is sure things will work using our existing cabinet. There is enough room in the cabinet to hold our 2 meter repeater and the hospital's existing repeater. The placement of the SCCARA repeater will be of benefit to the hospital for their emergency purposes, as well as SCCARA's. The new repeater site, per report from Wally, is easier to get to than the Regional Hospital repeater. SCCARA has access to the repeater site whenever we need through the maintenance or security departments. I hope this new site will work well. Testing of the new site will have to be done to assure we are not interfering with any other areas, once things are in place.

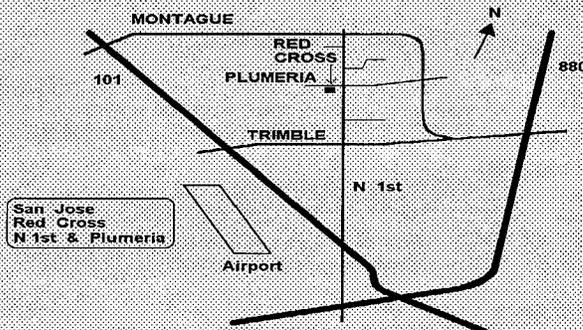
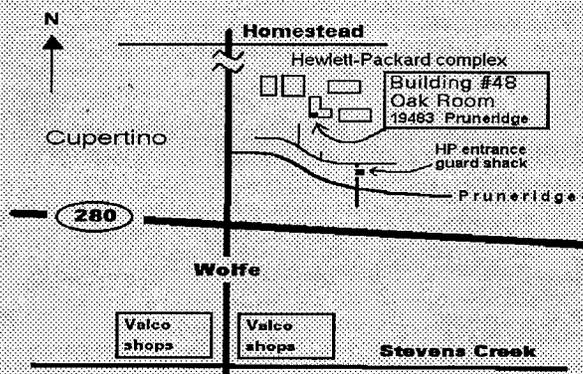
The fact that we have no working secretary has caused some problems to the club. 1) Legally, we have to have one. 2) The work that the secretary does is vital to the club. There has been much information that has slipped through to a black hole causing an overall bad reflection on the club. In an effort to curb this, I had offered to become secretary if someone would take over the presidency. I made this offer a year ago. So far, no one has stepped forward to

## Calendar

- 11/13 SCCARA General Meeting--Elections
- 11/20 SCCARA Board Meeting--(San Jose Red Cross, 7:30p, all are welcome)
- 12/9 SCCARA General Meeting--Luncheon

### General Meeting:

**Day:** Monday, Nov. 13, 2000  
**Time:** 7:30 PM  
**Place:** Hewlett-Packard's Oak Rm. Bld #48  
**Featuring:** Elections



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SCCARA was formed in 1921 and became a non-profit corporation in 1947. SCCARA is an affiliate of the American Radio Relay League (ARRL). The club station is W6UU. Web page: <http://www.qsl.net/sccara>.

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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](mailto:info@n0ary.org)). Sysop: Gary WB6YRU

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be president or to be secretary. Elections are coming in November. Even after elections are held and there is someone who comes forward to take the president's position, I will resign (if elected president) and take over the position of secretary. I have also offered to pay the dues for the coming year of the person who agrees to be secretary. My offers still stand.

The coming year promises much. We will have a repeater on Santa Teresa hospital medical building and will be building a new radio room at Regional Medical Center. This will give us greater access to radio equipment that any of SCCARA's members can use any time they are available to operate the equipment. New hams who have not yet purchased their own equipment will be able to use several types of radios and can then decide what they want before they buy it. I am hoping that the new stations will let more of the club members use the radios to enter contests or just use them, period. The radios are there for club members to use them. I would like to see more members using the equipment.

The other thing I would like to see happen next year is for SCCARA to hold classes so that more people could become amateur radio operators. Regional Medical Center has already agreed to provide with space at the hospital for that purpose. We have several members who have agreed to be the instructors. The class equipment is in the storage locker. All we need are dates to hold classes. It has been said, "if you build it, they will come". Okay, put your money where your mouth is, and let's DO IT!

I hope many of you were able to attend this year's Pacificon. Wally and I were there. Except for the inconvenience of hip pain due to bursitis, we did have a good time. We didn't win as many prizes as last year, but we had a good time anyway. I hope those that went had an enjoyable time and learned something new.

There is going to be a statewide hospital drill on Thursday, November 9, from 9 AM to about 11 AM. With any luck, the participants could be home by 1 PM. They are going to need amateur operators at the various hospitals. I plan to be at Regional Medical Center for that drill. The other hospitals participating will be: Kaiser Santa Teresa, Valley Medical, Kaiser Santa Clara, El Camino Hospital, St. Louise in Gilroy (not sure of this one), and maybe San Jose Medical. I hope that you can be a participant that day. I learned a lot from the last one they held in July. The drill enables the hospitals and the participants to test their skills and work out the bugs before the real thing happens. Earthquakes are an inevitability in California. The other possible scenarios that could take place are a large hazmat incident or a terrorist attack. These drills also help to prove to the federal government the need to keep certain parts of the spectrum allocated for amateur radio uses. If we don't prove we need to use them, we might lose them to cell phones (oh horrors), or some other area that thinks they need it more than we do.

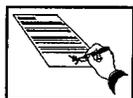
I noticed that more people participated in the weekly net last week. GOOOOOD! If you can't get to a meeting, at least you are checking on the nets to keep abreast of

what's going on in the club on a weekly basis. The more the merrier. **HELP!! WE NEED MORE TEN METER ACTIVITY (28.385 MHz 8:00 PM Thursdays).**

Roy Metzger was in the hospital for a brief stay. He is home now and doing fine. His problem has escaped the doctors diagnosis.

There were two anniversaries this month. Bob Wharton W6OOY, and wife celebrated their 50th. Joan and Mike Hastings KB6LCJ, celebrated 33 years. Congratulations!

I hope to see many of you at our next meeting (election of officers) and wrap up for the year 2000. See you there.



Barbara K. Britten, KD6QEI, President.

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## December Meeting

Our annual Christmas meeting this year will be a luncheon again instead of a dinner. It will be held on Saturday December 9 at the Hungary Hunter in Milpitas, (Calaveras Blvd just off Hwy 680, old yellow house location).

Lunch is at 12 noon. Please note that on Saturday, there isn't a regular bar, but you will be able to order a bottle of wine for the table.

This year we will not be having the raffle prize drawings. Instead we will have a gift exchange. The way it works is that everyone brings a wrapped gift suitable for a man or woman costing about \$8-\$10. This type of gift exchange is always a lot of fun to participate in.

Reservations need to be in by Friday Dec. 1 (see sign-up sheet). Talk-in will be on our repeater, W6UU, 146.385+. Why not renew your membership at the same time?

I'm looking forward to seeing all of you there!

73, Don K6PBQ

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## Meeting Minutes

### General Meeting, Oct. 9, 2000



Introductions of members present. Number present: 21.  
Speaker for the evening: Art Furtado, W6FS Topic: Radio Controlled Models

Committee/Officer Reports

#### A) President:

Hammer Elementary School: The school was officially closed to SCCARA as of 9/13/00. The school needed the space for their own use. We have received a letter stating this. Barbara Britten has contacted Ron Edwards, Superintendent of the San Jose Unified School District, by e-mail to request that we are still interested in being a part of the school district for the purpose of providing emergency communications. He will start looking for a new location to build a radio room. Barbara does not feel this process is going to be speedy. Meanwhile, we will need to continue with our current storage facility.

The equipment in the storage locker has been checked and put into three categories: 1) Valuable to SCCARA and should be kept with the club. 2) Saleable, at a flea market, and is now in the hands of Don Hayden. He has assessed what each item should be sold for. 3) Junk, nothing good for anyone. The list is to be published in the SCCARA-GRAM.

Don Hayden has been talking to Jim Maxwell about a special item in the locker that is an antique, and needs to be restored. It has historic value.

B) Vice President (Pro tem): Don Hayden - He has no speaker yet for the November meeting.

C) Treasurer: Lloyd Devaughns. No figures presented. The president asked for a written report for the November meeting that will be printed in the next SCCARA-GRAM.

D) Secretary: Not present at meeting. Minutes to be submitted by president for printing in SCCARA-GRAM.

E) Repeater: Wally Britten has been given the task of working with Paul Tucker, Head of Engineering at Regional Medical Center, to get the radio room there started. The first step is to have a meeting with Paul to discuss the length and type of coax to be used for the radio room. Then a crew from SCCARA must go in and work with one of their engineers to do the work involved. Wally explained the difficulty involved is finding the time during the day, during the weekday to do this.

Trish Gibbons, read a letter to the club giving background on the RACES and SCCARA two meter radio repeater currently at her home:

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October 9, 2000

TO: President, SCCARA

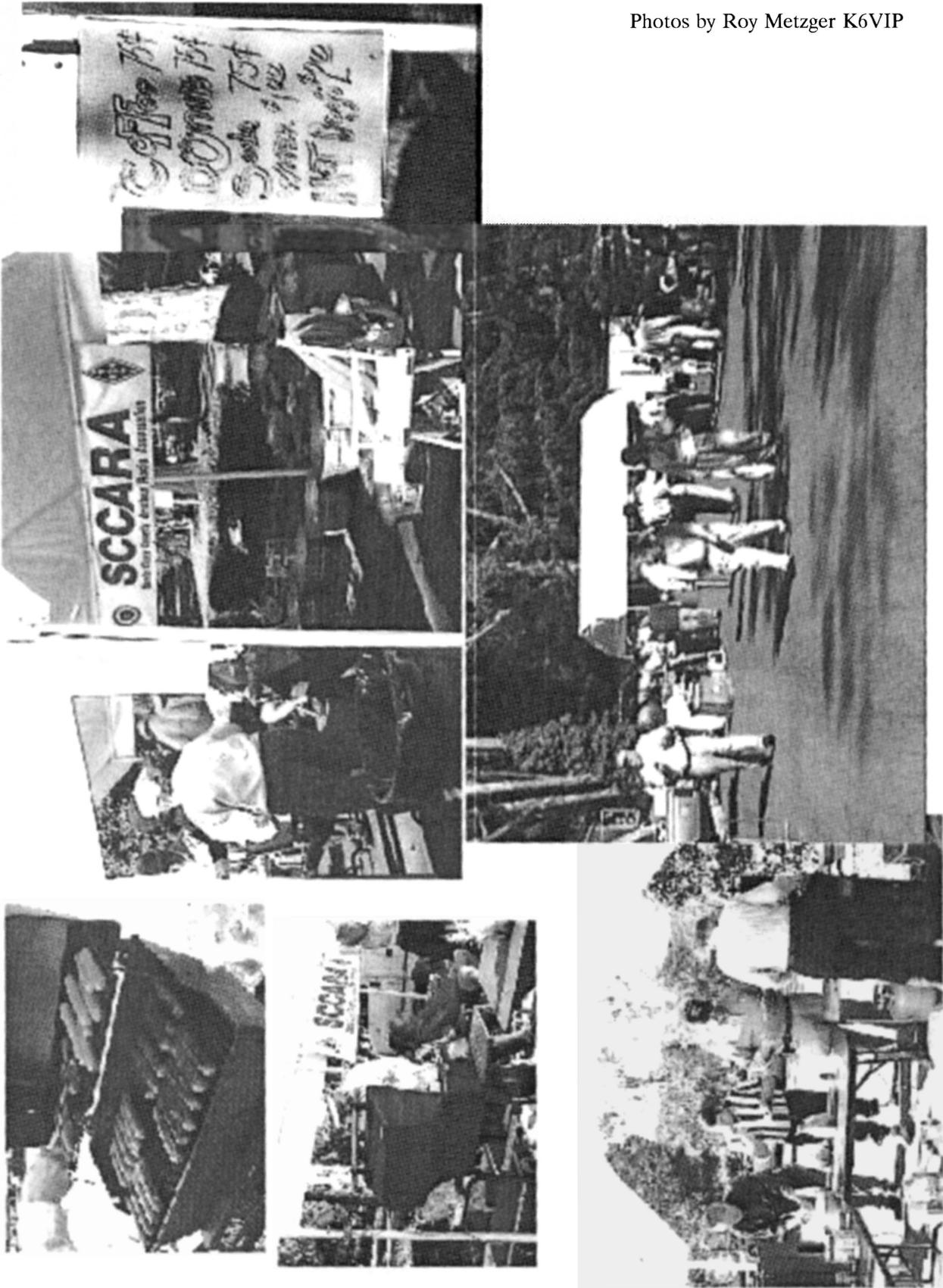
From: Trish Gibbons, Carla Satra

Dear Sir or Madam:

Attached is a copy of some detailed background information  
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SCCARA hosting the October  
Foothill Electronic Flea Market

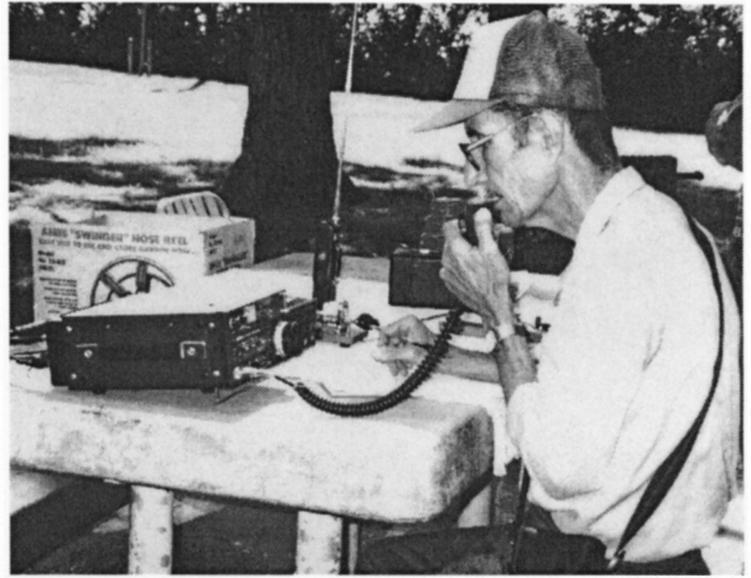
Photos by Roy Metzger K6VIP



# SCCARA Picnic 2000 / Special Event Station

A special thanks to Hugh KD6EFL for reserving our picnic spot for us at 5 AM! That is beyond the call of duty to SCCARA. We're sorry they were unable to attend our picnic. Our thanks to everyone who attended to make it a fun activity. Don K6PBQ brought his ICOM 720A and with help from Lou WA6QYS and Don KO6HH, set up a 10-15-20 dipole on top of a 15ft tri-pod. We were able to work England and Poland. A great time was also had with our bingo games hosted by Gwen KF6OTD and Joan KA6LFZ. We also thank Wally KA6YMD and Barbara KD6QEI for bringing all the supplies.

73, Don K6PBQ



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related to the history of SCCARA's VHF Amateur Radio Repeater.

Due to various circumstances, it appears that the relocation of the W6UU repeater to the City's Radio Site has reached an impasse, the current situation being the ACC model RC95 repeater controller that was picked up by Roy Metzger and delivered to Wally Britten. Wally was to program the appropriate autodial and autopatch codes into the controller. After its return, the city's Motorola MSR2000 VHF repeater, which has been configured with a new WACOM duplexer, was to be set up at the City's radio site at Alum Rock Park, set for 15 watts ERP and be connected to a roof-mounted antenna. A second coverage test was then to be planned to verify if the co-channel users in Manteca and Sacramento would not be impacted with the station at the new location, running at lower ERP.

Wally has now had possession of the RC95 controller for over a year's time and it has not been returned, even after repeated messages being left with Wally and other SCCARA Club members instructing him to return the controller.

The W6UU repeater was installed at 10958 Mt. Hamilton Road in October 1990, with the verbal understanding between Stan Getsla and other members of SCCARA that the installation was to be considered temporary for up to two years time.

As outlined in the enclosed attachment, various proposals have been put to the SCCARA organization to relocate the SCCARA repeater to alternate locations if the City's radio site was not a workable solution. Patricia Gibbons has had all of the responsibility for the repeater maintenance for what is now a decade of daily operation of this equipment. Patricia Gibbons and Carla Satra have also provided for the operating expense for PG&E power and telephone services during most of this 10-year period. We are no longer willing to provide space for the repeater on a donation basis, but will allow SCCARA to continue the repeater in operation at our location, on a rental basis as outlined below.

Patricia Gibbons will no longer do maintenance or repair to the SCCARA repeater. Any work which may be necessary is the responsibility of the SCCARA club and/or

SCCARA repeater committee. If SCCARA elects to keep the repeater at our location on a rental basis, a key for the closet in which it is housed will be provided to SCCARA. Stan Getsla also has a key for the closet, which houses the W6UU Repeater. The City of San Jose will remove the SCCARA-owned Celwave Antenna from the radio site at Alum Rock Park. After removal, the City of San Jose Radio Shop will contact SCCARA. SCCARA can then make arrangements to pick up the antenna by contacting Mike Will, the Park Facility Supervisor. The Park Office telephone is 277-4539.

SCCARA may elect to keep the W6UU machine at its current location for a space rental amount of \$250.00 per month, inclusive of power usage, payable in advance, on a quarterly basis, such rental to begin on October 1, 2000, with the first quarterly rental payment due on November 1, 2000, and subsequent payments due at the beginning of each quarter, i.e. Jan 1, April 1, and so on. This rental figure shall continue in effect for two years time, after which time Gibbons and Satra may elect to increase the rental price to compensate for a "cost of living adjustment," not to exceed 8% per year. If payments for space rental for the repeater fall in arrears for a 30-day period, the W6UU repeater will be disconnected, and removed from its space, and the repeater will be available for pick up by the SCCARA Repeater Committee or other members as designated by the SCCARA Repeater Committee.

If SCCARA plans to accept this rental agreement, SCCARA, at its sole expense, will have an additional telephone service installed so that autopatch service will be available for members of SCCARA. Patricia Gibbons agrees to allow 30 days time for installation of a new service by SCCARA before disconnecting the service (408 923 7314) now in use by the repeater.

Sincerely, Carla Satra, Patricia Gibbons

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Repeater Relocation Planning  
Submitted to SCCARA Board January, 1998

In 1990, Stan Getsla and Patricia Gibbons obtained equipment and components in order to assemble a new 2-meter repeater station for the use of SCCARA and San Jose RACES.

The new station, a substantial donation of skilled technical labor by Gibbons and Getsla, was to be installed at the City Radio Site at Alum Rock Park in order to provide additional radio coverage and emergency back-up power.

At the time of the repeater upgrade/replacement, The City of San Jose was in the midst of a major upgrade of the City's 2-way radio networks. Because of this project, the SCCARA repeater move was deferred until an official systems-acceptance by the City of San Jose, of its new citywide infrastructure.

As an interim measure, Gibbons offered the use of space at her location on Mt. Hamilton Road in order to provide greater radio coverage than the existing site at Alexian Brothers Hospital.

This location was offered as a temporary expedient. Specifically, Patricia Gibbons and Carla Satra offered the SCCARA Repeater Committee a donation of space for 2 years which was accepted. The Repeater Committee offered reimbursement for telephone and PG&E power. This was also accepted by Gibbons and Satra.

Over the next several years, Gibbons and Satra accumulated additional possessions which meant that the store room space used by the repeater station would now be needed for secure storage of items.

In October 1996, Gibbons gave notice to SCCARA Officers that we were no longer willing to provide store-room space for the machine. At this meeting, it was requested that SCCARA draft a formal proposal and provide to the City of San Jose regarding the relocation and operation of SCCARA's repeater from the City Radio Site at Alum Rock Park. The availability of another radio site location was presented by Gibbons and Satra, which included panoramic photos of the Santa Clara Valley from a site on private property owned by Jeff Siegfried on Clayton Road. This location was at an even higher elevation than the City site at Alum Rock Park and would provide a substantial increase in radio coverage in comparison to the repeater's current location. At this October meeting, Gibbons and Satra requested that SCCARA contact and make arrangements with Jeff Siegfried regarding use of his property. Siegfried's only requirement to use of his property was assistance from SCCARA members so that he could learn necessary electronic theory, rules, and regulations in order that he could obtain a no-code Technician license. In essence, Siegfried requested the assistance of an "Elmer".

In late May/early June of 1997 a final draft proposal for use of the SCCARA repeater at the Alum rock radio site was submitted to the City by SCCARA. This draft was forwarded to the Office of the City Attorney for approval as to form.

In mid-November 1997, Gibbons provided written notice to SCCARA requesting that the completion of a move of the SCCARA repeater to Alexian Brothers Hospital by the end of January, 1998 if a formal approval of the repeater move to Alum Rock Park is not received from the City of San Jose by the end of December 1997.

Operation of the SCCARA repeater from Alexian would mean, of course, that the radio coverage would diminish to pre-1990 levels. This could be an inconvenience for some users.

As an alternative, Gibbons and Satra offer SCCARA further use of our site at Mt. Hamilton Road on these terms:

a: SCCARA to purchase a high-quality 10'x12' wooden

storage building ("Tuff-shed" or equivalent) delivered to our site by February 15th, 1998. A suitable wooden storage building, as described, will cost from \$2000-\$3000.

b: SCCARA to provide materials and volunteer labor to install repeater in shed with wiring, antenna, antenna cables, telephone line, grounding, etc and to do the same neatly and well. All work described to be completed by March 1st., 1998.

c: Gibbons and Satra to have use for storage of that part of the building not actually used by the repeater. SCCARA to also have keys to the building.

d: Bldg. and fixtures are to remain the property of SCCARA. After relocation of the SCCARA repeater to Alum Rock Park, SCCARA to either allow use of the storage building by Gibbons and Satra, or re-locate, or sell the storage building as SCCARA may see fit to choose.

e: This arrangement is offered by Gibbons and Satra until June, 2000 in the hope that relocation of the SCCARA repeater to the City radio site will be accomplished by then. In the event that unforeseen delays should occur in the good-faith completion of this move, Gibbons and Satra are willing to be flexible within reason with the understanding that we have no formal commitment or obligation to provide space for SCCARA equipment past June 2000.

f: Gibbons will provide technical advice regarding the SCCARA repeater and SCCARA members, as may volunteer, will familiarize themselves with the station equipment and perform all maintenance and repair as may be required.

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Wally explained that no one from SCCARA volunteered to be an Elmer for Mr. Zigfreid, so this was dropped. Barbara stated that she would go to Santa Teresa Hospital on Tuesday, 10/10, and talk with Tom Trich about moving the repeater to the hospital and report at the next net and to the board. Don Apte has a friend that has 6 repeater sites. Don will talk to him to see if he would be willing to let SCCARA use one of those sites. He will talk to his friend and report at the next board meeting.

F) SCCARA-GRAM: Gary needs articles from anyone other than himself. He announced that he has a new roster and will be making badges for those that ordered them. He has new blanks now to make them with.

G) BBS: Gary reports that the 220 port is dead, and that he will correct it.

#### OLD BUSINESS

A) Flea Market: It is this next weekend, 10/14. Volunteers are needed to man the booth for selling food starting at 4:30 AM. Things will close at about 1:00 PM. After that, we need to clean up. This is the last flea market for this year.

B) Badge Maker: Needs an updated list of members who have ordered badges, and their right call sign.

C) Election of Officers: Next month is the election of officers for 2001. Barbara Britten, president, and Lloyd De Vaughns, Treasurer, have agreed to run again. The officers that need to be filled are: Vice president, Secretary, and three Directors (a two year position). The ones up for reelection, if they agree to be reelected are: Don Village, Lou Steirer, and Clark Murphy. Also, Stan Getsla as Station Trustee.

#### GOOD and WELFARE

Birthdays: Barbara Britten 9/27, 54 yrs; John ?6??? 10/6, 66 yrs; Anniversary: Bob Wharton, 10/5, 50 yrs; Mike Hastings, 10/11, 31 yrs. Hospitalized: Roy Metzger was at San Jose Medical for a few days. They couldn't find anything wrong. He is home now, doing fine.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Event: Silicon Valley Marathon, Sunday, October 29, 2000. Pre event briefing @ 6 AM. Half marathon begins at 7 AM; Marathon begins @ 7:30 AM. Contact: Jey KQ6DK. Phone: 408-799-1272. E-mail: kq6dk@arrl.net

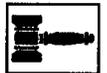
Christmas Party: December 9, @ noon, @ Hungry Hunter, Milpitas. Bring gift for gift exchange.

Meeting adjourned: 10:30 PM.

Reporting for the Secretary,  
Barbara KD6QEI

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## Board Meeting, Oct. 16, 2000



{Nothing received by the deadline. --Ed.}

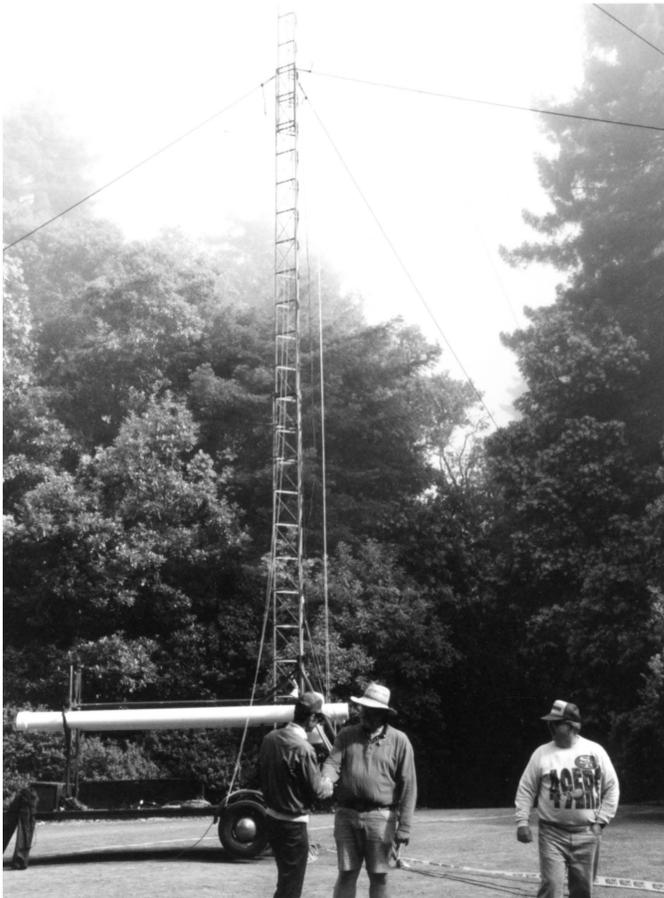
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## Newsletter Notes

The meeting minutes in this issue are rather long because two documents were included. Normally I wouldn't have included the full text, but this is an important issue for the club and I felt should be fully reported.

As Trish makes clear, we've pretty much worn out our welcome. What should have been a temporary fix became a decade long semi-permanent set-up. I don't think anyone should blame her for finally putting her foot down...we've certainly been dragging ours.

73, Gary WB6YRU, editor



SCCARA Field Day  
at Mt. Madonna Park  
June 2000

Photos by Art Furtado, W6SF

Our crank-up scrapes the clouds!  
(well...the fog at least)



The VHF/Digital station



Setting up the tower

The antenna trailer is all set up.



The Code station

And of course the ever popular food table...



## 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, K6PBQ, WB6YRU  
Lightning protection, grounding: WB6YRU  
Station set-up, equipment: K6PBQ  
TVI/RFI: WB6YRU  
Homebrew projects, construction: KD6FJI, WB6YRU  
Computers: KB6NP; IBM PC: WN6U, WB6YRU  
Packet Network (BBS, forwarding): WB6YRU  
Other digital modes (AMTOR, RTTY): WN6U  
Code operating and installations: WB6EMR, K6PBQ  
DX (long distance/propagation): WB6EMR  
Emergency operating/preparedness: WA6QYS  
FM (VHF/UHF, repeaters): WA6VJY  
HF operating techniques (SSB, CW): WB6EMR, K6PBQ  
Mobile operating: WN6U  
NTS & traffic handling:  
QRP (HF low power, all modes): WN6U  
Classes/license upgrading: W6ACW  
Legal/FCC rules: WB6YRU  
SCCARA (club inner workings):  
K06HH, K6PBQ, WA6VJY, WB6YRU, WA6QYS  
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,  
day: (408) 299-8933, evening: (408) 225-6769  
packet: home BBS KB6MER

K06HH, Don Hayden, (408) 867-4643  
packet: home BBS NOARY

KB6NP, Jon Dutra, day & msg (408) 428-2058  
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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) 225-3736  
packet: home BBS NOARY  
internet: wn6u@aol.com

WA6VJY, Stan Getsla, day: (408) 738-2888 x5929, evening &  
msg: (408) 275-0735

WB6YRU, Gary Mitchell, msg (408) 265-2336  
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## ARRL Pacific Division Update

October 2, 2000  
Special Report

We have just learned that Governor Gray Davis vetoed California SB-1714 over the weekend. SB-1714 is the proposed California antenna legislation, similar to the federal PRB-1 preemption order. In vetoing, Governor Davis wrote:

*To Members of the California State Senate:*

*I am returning Senate Bill 1714 without my signature.*

*This bill would require the Office of Planning and Research to: (1) prepare and publish a technical assistance bulletin for use by local planners in the preparation of local ordinances regulating amateur radio antennas; (2) prepare a model ordinance suitable for local regulation of those antennas; (3) and report by July 1, 2001, regarding any recommendations for changes to the state statutes regarding regulation of amateur radio antennas.*

*This bill may encourage local officials to accommodate the needs of amateur radio operators when adopting ordinances. The cost of this bill however, is not included in the Budget Act of 2000. Additionally, this is a local rather than a state issue.*

*Sincerely, GRAY DAVIS*

We are disappointed, to say the least, of this decision by the Governor. We are also puzzled, for SB-1714 was passed unanimously by both the Senate and Assembly, and to the best of our knowledge had no organized opposition.

Our "1714" Steering Committee will be reviewing the decision and deciding on a course of action over the next few weeks.

Fried Heyn, WA6WZO, ARRL Southwestern Division Director. Jim Maxwell, W6CF, ARRL Pacific Division Director

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# December Luncheon Meeting Sign-up

Our annual December christmas meeting will be a luncheon this time; on Saturday December 9, at the Hungry Hunter in Milpitas, Calaveras Blvd just east of Hwy 680 (old yellow house location), we've been there before. Luncheon is at 12 noon. Please note that on Saturday there isn't a regular bar. You will be able to order a bottle of wine for the table.

We will have a choice of three entrees. The regular lunch is \$14 each, children's choices are indicated below. Reservations need to be in by Friday, December 1. Talk-in on our repeater W6UU, 146.385(+). I'm looking forward to seeing all of you there. Why not renew your membership (back cover) at the same time? See "December Meeting" article for information on gift exchange.

-- Don K6PBQ

For the annual meeting in December, sign me up for the following lunch(es):  
From the regular menu, \$14 each:

_____ Prime Ribs of Beef	_____ Forest Mushroom Chicken
_____ Salmon	

From the Children's menu:

_____ Deli Burger, \$7.50	_____ Chicken Strips, \$7.50
_____ Fried Shrimp, \$8.75	Total for lunches: \$ _____

Please renew your membership (over) at the same time--combine both payments here -- GRAND TOTAL: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Give this form (or copy) with payment to the Treasurer or mail to: SCCARA PO Box 6 San Jose CA 95103-0006

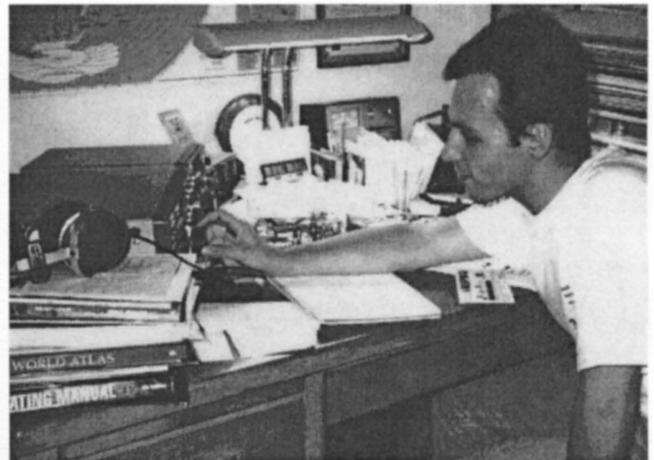
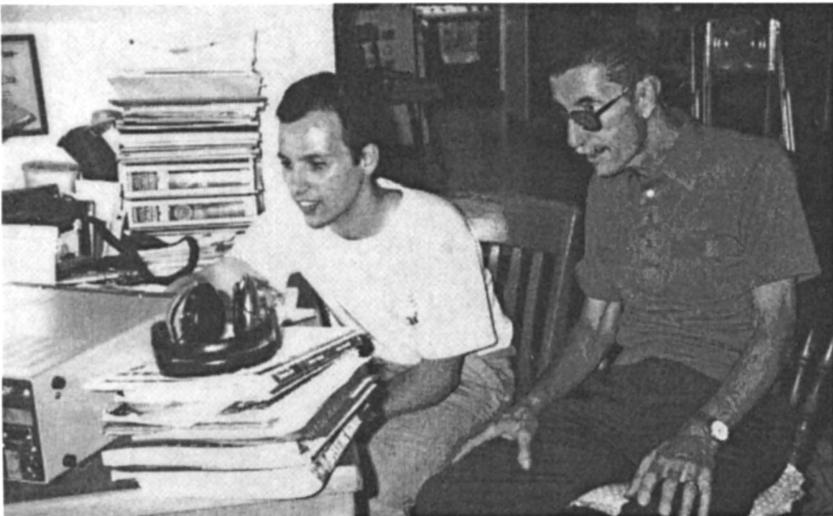
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## YO5OMQ Visits SCCARA

Eugen Moldovan YO5OMQ is over here in the USA visiting on his internship for three months with a computer hardware company. In Romania the phone costs so much money the Hams use two meters as much as possible. Their club in Romania have their meetings once per week. At present their club is unable to afford a HF rig for their club station. Clark KE6KXO brought Eugen over to Don Village K6PBQ station to see a typical HF setup.

We hope to hear from Eugen in the near future. Eugen left on Aug. 28 for Romania.

73, Don K6PBQ



# S.C.C.A.R.A. Membership Form for 2001

(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

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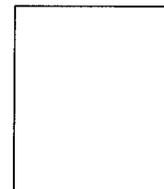
Give this completed form (or copy) with payment to the Secretary or Treasurer at any meeting or mail to the return address below:

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