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President's Prose

It was good to see so many of our members at the meeting last week. Dick Barrett, W6CFK was a great speaker, and so much information. It must have been great to be a part of a blossoming communications industry, and amongst the many people who had the knowledge and skills to make it all happen. Many of the people he talked about were the pioneers of many the facets of the communication and technology age. I hope you all enjoyed the meeting as much as I did. The second phase of the SCCARA history lesson will be in April. Jim Maxwell, W6CF, Pacific Division Director, will be our April speaker. He has a video tape of SCCARA's early days. I am going to ask Short Freitas, AE6Z to join Jim as co-speaker. Together, Jim and Shorty's knowledge of the beginnings of SCCARA should make for another enjoyable evening. I hope many of you will be able to join us again. I am also trying to get a CHP Officer and a representative from the US Coast Guard to be speakers for future meetings.

The wounds are healing quite nicely. I am not putting a dressing on the right leg anymore. The doctor and I have decided that there will not be any plastic surgery done on the scar of the right outside leg. I am willing to live with whatever healing God gives me. I see the scar as a blessing from God, as He saw fit to leave me a lower leg to be able to see a scar on. There is going to be another type of surgery on April 23, at Kaiser Santa Teresa for problems that existed before the spider bite problem. I expect to be out of work until June 1, 2002.

The Board will address the possibility of purchasing a new controller for the repeater at the meeting on 3/18, 2002. Clark Murphy, KE6KXO, Gary Mitchell, WB6YRU, and Wally Britten, KA6YMD were the committee selected to select a new controller for the repeater. The original is really out of date. A newer model will take the club further into the future than the old one would.

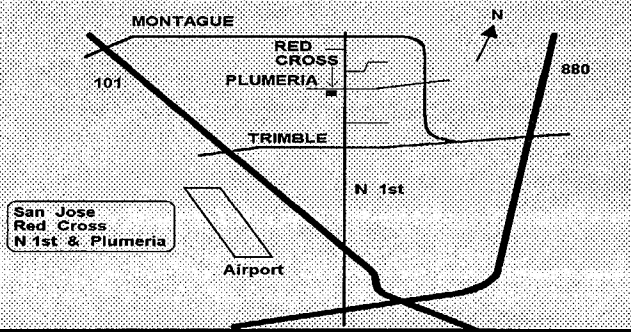
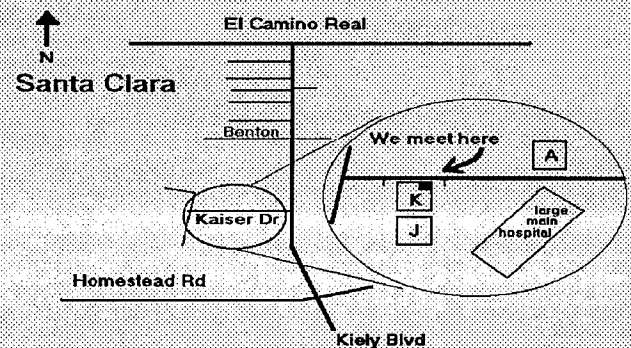
A few days ago, Imre Takacs came by our house. He is selling his local house and he had some electronics items that he donated to the club for the flea market. Wally will

Calendar

- 4/8 SCCARA General Meeting
- 4/13 Foothill Flea Market--WE HOST!
- 4/15 SCCARA Board Meeting--(San Jose Red Cross, 7:30p, all are welcome)

General Meeting:

- Day: Monday, April 8, 2002
- Time: 7:30 PM
- Place: Kaiser Santa Clara, Bld K, Rm 1
- Featuring: Jim Maxwell W6CF will talk about the beginnings of 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 at the Santa Teresa Hospital, south-west San Jose (near IBM). The 70 cm repeater and N0ARY BBS is located at the Regional Medical Center (formerly Alexian), east of downtown San Jose (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 K6PBO. 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

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ARRL/VEC Silicon Valley VE group: 408 243-8349
me-ac6z@worldnet.att.net

make a list of what was donated for income tax purposes. He doesn't get to the meetings because the commute is too far. He expressed a desire to be at Field Day in June. It all depends on his work schedule and other time constraints for that weekend.

Speaking of the flea market, SCCARA's time on deck will be in April. Lou Steirer, WA6QYS, has agreed to spearhead it for SCCARA. He needs all the help he can get. There are always several shifts to sign up for. If you have not signed up yet, it's not too late. The date: April 13, 2002.

The No Code Tech class had a fairly good success. About 18 people started the class. 9 people took the licensing test, and 6 passed. For those persons that passed and decide to become members of SCCARA, the dues for their first year membership was waived. As of this moment, I do not know how many took SCCARA up on the offer.

Thanks to all of you who came out to the last meeting and for checking in on the Monday night nets. I hope to see more of you in the future.

CORRECTIONS:

1.) Apologies that the "Considerate Ham" statement was run in February without the acknowledgment 'courtesy of World Radio'.

2.) The renewal information regarding the mail label showing 2001 or 2002 last month was in error as the information was never added when the labels were made. Lapsed memberships may be addressed elsewhere in this issue.

Happy Easter. Happy Passover. Happy Spring.



Barbara K. Britten, KD6QEI

Forgot to renew?

All SCCARA memberships expire January 1 of each year. Here are the calls of those who did *not* renew their SCCARA membership for 2002. Please consider renewing now (renewal form is on the back cover).

If your call appears below and you *did* renew, then please contact the secretary or president soon, or you'll miss the next **SCCARA-GRAM**.

K6CAY AD6EC KG6ELU W6EOA K8ERL
KG6FCT AC6FU KG6FZA KG6GGO KG6HJE
N6HM N6HN K6IXF KB6LFZ K6MOB
KF6NEW AA6ON KE6OUG AD6QV KB6RSB
N6SWC W6SXO WA6UWF WB6VXA KE6WBQ
KE6WQI KK6ZE

Meeting Minutes

General Meeting, March 11, 2002



W6CFK Dick Barrett is the Speaker.

Hans OZ2HNS from Denmark is visiting us. He is retired and had a back injury at work. He used CB's at first and then a neighbor talked to him about hams and asked him to join the local club. He has been licensed for 6 years now. He also uses ilink to communicate from his apartment since he cannot use any external antennas.

Dick Barrett is a member since 1932 and is now 92 years old. He was a columnist for the Mercury News.

Treasurer Report - LLoyd Savings \$5,816.88, Checking \$1,147.58

Secretary Report - Willie Meeting minutes to be changed to the correct name of the hotel. Vendome Hotel.

President Report - Barbara
Leg is healing quite well, but with a small scar. April 23 is the date for another surgery.

John Kerner is at VMC with some cancer problems and will be there for the next 5 days.

Bob Forester is still not feeling very Well.

Barbara is going to send out cards this week.

Repeater Chair - Wally Scheduling an appointment this week to plan the repeater installation regarding the cabling.

SCCARA-GRAM and BBS - No Report

Mike Hastings - Field Day Cunningham Park is the primary and Mt. Madonna is a back up per Don K6PBQ.

Clark found a diesel generator.

Controller - Clark has gathered some information.

Ham Class - Don 18 started, 9 tested and 6 passed Barbara is going to offer memberships to those who pass for the remainder of this year.

NEW BUSINESS

Lou Steirer - Flea Markets has 150 vendors. Second Flea Market is April 13. First shift is at 4 am. Cashier is needed. Tickets are needed. Block off two entrances with rope. 100 feet for each entrance. Cost to get in is \$2 parking which

SCCARA will reimburse for parking. Bring quarters for the parking meter.

SVEC breakfast is on April 27.

Charles Herrold story, broadcastings forgotten father. KQW broadcast station. The first scheduled commercial broadcast here in San hose. His wife was the first disc jockey.

Don Village K6PBQ - MS Society is on Saturday, April 6.

adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Board Meeting, March 18, 2002



7:45 PM

Lou, Don, Lloyd, Barb, Clark Wally Willie

Barb - wrote the president prose already. In by the board meeting.

Speaker for Month of May. Jim Maxwell will be the speaker for May and has a video tape that was taken of early SCCARA pioneers and talk about some of the people that he knows about. Barb will try to get Shorty Freitas about co-speaking on May and lend more knowledge about people in the video that Jim has.

Barb has made a list of all the ham numbers that were readable. Shorty will check with ARRL to get more names.

First commercial broadcast video may be the program for the April meeting. Lou will bring the tape, and Barb will obtain permission to use the VCR and TV.

CHP and Coast Guard are possible speaker.

Lloyd Treasurer 5876.88 savings, 1147.58 Checking.

Secretary No Report

Wally repeater chair. No information

Clark, we need to get a controller for the radio that the city has for us. Roy K6VIP has helped Clark out a lot. S-COM is a one man company. Link Communications, RLC-Club \$599.99 plus \$75.00 for the case. www.link-comm.com

Motion by Lou to buy the RLC-Club controller. Don seconded. All are in favor and none opposed.

Flea Market:

Wally to be on site late Friday. He will block two of three

gates. Wally may also act as gatekeeper. Lou WA6QYS will coordinate again. More help needed per Lou.

SVECS Breakfast noted to be 4/27 Speaker to be CDF representative.

Field Day:

Barbara needs to sign papers on Tuesday to apply for use of Cunningham site. These were not offered on the look over visit. She will also ask how long the approval may take. The contacts at City Lenniger center are 'Trish' & at Cunningham, Angie Martinez. Application fee is expected to be about \$25.00

MS Walk:

SCCARA members will be supporting communication with Don K6PBQ as liaison.

Adjournment 9:15 PM

ARRL News

From *The ARRL Letter*, March 1, 2002

FCC PROPOSES WRC-RELATED RULES CHANGES

The FCC has proposed changes to the Part 97 Amateur Service rules as a result of actions taken at recent World Radiocommunication Conferences. In a Notice of Proposed Rule Making in ET Docket 02-16, released February 7, the FCC proposed to delete Section 97.401(b) from the rules along with references to international footnote S.5120.

Section 97.401(b) states that when normal communication systems are overloaded, damaged or disrupted because of a natural disaster in an area not regulated by the FCC, a station providing "essential communication" and "facilitating relief actions" may only do so in accord with ITU Resolution 640, which, under S.5120, specified use of the 80, 75, 40, 30, 20, 17, 15, 12 and 2-meter bands. Resolution 640 was eliminated at WRC-97, and S.5120 at WRC-2000. The FCC said US amateurs can continue to communicate with foreign stations in disaster areas under Section 97.111(a)(1) and Section 97.101(c).

In a footnote, the FCC pointed out that WRC-2000 deleted international footnote S.5124, which had allocated the band 3950 to 4000 kHz to the broadcasting service for domestic use in Canada. "Once the Canadian Government has implemented this allocation change, the band 3500-4000 kHz will be allocated exclusively to the amateur service in Canada," the FCC said.

Packet Pieces

Downloaded from the packet network:

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Date: 17 Aug 99 16:48
From: DG8NGC@DB0SIF
To: HUMOR@WW
Subject: Little Johnny

Little Johnny is at it again.

A new teacher was trying to make use of her psychology courses. She started her class by saying, "Everyone who thinks you're stupid, stand up!" After a few seconds, Little Johnny stood up. The teacher said, "Do you think you're stupid, Little Johnny?" "No, ma'am, but I hate to see you standing there all by yourself!"

Little Johnny watched, fascinated, as his mother smoothed cold cream on her face. "Why do you do that, mommy?" he asked. "To make myself beautiful," said his mother, who then began removing the cream with a tissue. "What's the matter?" asked Little Johnny. "Giving up?"

A Sunday School teacher of preschoolers was concerned that his students might be a little confused about Jesus Christ because of the Christmas season emphasis on His birth. He wanted to make sure they understood that the birth of Jesus occurred a long time ago, that He grew up, etc. So he asked his class, "Where is Jesus today?" Steven raised his hand and said, "He's in heaven." Mary was called on and answered, "He's in my heart." Little Johnny, waving his hand furiously, blurted out, "I know! I know! He's in our bathroom!!!"

The whole class got very quiet, looked at the teacher, and waited for a response. The teacher was completely at a loss for a few very long seconds. Finally, he gathered his wits and asked Little Johnny how he knew this. Little Johnny said, "Well...every morning, my father gets up, bangs on the bathroom door, and yells, "Jesus Christ, are you still in there?!"

The math teacher saw that little Johnny wasn't paying attention in class. She called on him and said, "Johnny! What are 2 and 4 and 28 and 44?" Little Johnny quickly replied, "NBC, CBS, HBO and the Cartoon Network!"

At Sunday School they were teaching how God created everything, including human beings. Little Johnny, a child in the kindergarten class, seemed especially intent when they told him how Eve was created out of one of Adam's ribs. Later in the week his mother noticed him lying down as though he were ill, and said, "Johnny what is the

matter?" Little Johnny responded, "I have a pain in my side. I think I'm going to have a wife."

Little Johnny's kindergarten class was on a field trip to their local police station where they saw pictures, tacked to a bulletin board, of the 10 most wanted criminals. One of the youngsters pointed to a picture and asked if it really was the photo of a wanted person. "Yes," said the policeman. "The detectives want very badly to capture him." Little Johnny asked, "Why didn't you keep him when you took his picture?"

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Date: 18 Apr 99 21:45
From: G4YQQ@GB7TJZ
To: HUMOUR@WW
Subject: The Brother..

Brother complaining to younger sister: "I thought I told you not to tell mom and dad how late I got home this morning!" "I didn't. I only said I was too busy setting the breakfast table to notice." came the reply.

73 Alan G4YQQ...

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: WB6YRU
Packet Network (BBS, forwarding): WB6YRU
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
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
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

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

WB6YRU, Gary Mitchell, msg (408) 265-2336
also (408) 269-2924
packet: home BBS NOARY
internet: wb6yru@aenet.net

Newsletter Notes

In the previous (March) issue, the *President's Prose* column instructed members to check the mailing label for an expiration date and if no date appeared, their membership had expired. That was in error.

That column was submitted after the deadline and barely made it in. I had no idea that statement was going to be there until I saw it and was not prepared for it. Even if I were, my copy of the database was somewhat obsolete at the time anyway.

Despite the article being late, I gave the president the chance to revise or delete that statement, but the offer was refused for some reason.

The production of the mailing labels is an automated process and not set up for expiration dates (although it can be reconfigured). We've never put an expiration date on the mailing label before--it isn't really necessary since everyone's membership expires at the same time (January 1). Instead, we've always published a list of those who haven't renewed (when an up-to-date roster is available).

Sorry for any confusion.

In this issue you will find the customary list of non-renewing members (according to the latest roster). Please look it over. If you find your call there and you **did** renew, then there was some mistake--please contact the secretary and get it cleared up before you are erroneously dropped from the roster.

73, Gary WB6YRU, editor

S.C.C.A.R.A. Membership Form for 2002

(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: _____

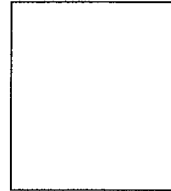
Give this completed form (or copy) with payment to the Secretary or Treasurer at any meeting or mail to the return address below:

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

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