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## ARRL News

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### FCC RESCINDS 146.52 MHz ADVISORY NOTICES

FCC Special Counsel for Enforcement Riley Hollingsworth has told five amateurs in Ohio and Michigan to disregard his earlier admonitions to avoid lengthy QSOs on 146.52 MHz. That's the generally recognized national simplex calling frequency and is endorsed as such by the ARRL's 2-meter band plan. Acknowledging, however, that some confusion exists within the amateur community as to whether 146.52 is a national calling channel or just another simplex frequency, Hollingsworth decided to simply rescind the five advisory notices he'd sent October 15.

"We made an error in issuing that Advisory Notice, and you may disregard it," Hollingsworth wrote October 23 in letters to the affected amateurs. Commenting to ARRL, Hollingsworth was blunt yet good-natured. "I goofed," he said. "If I were worried about making a fool of myself from time to time, I never would have become a lawyer in the first place."

Amateurs commenting to the FCC and on various newsgroups reportedly were bewildered by the FCC advisory notices. An ARRL error apparently contributed to the confusion. Hollingsworth did not find 146.52 MHz singled out as the national simplex calling frequency in his edition of *The ARRL's FCC Rule Book* (12th edition, 1st printing). The designation does appear in subsequent printings of the Rule Book, however, as well as in recent editions of *The ARRL Operating Manual* and *The ARRL Repeater Directory 2002/2003*.

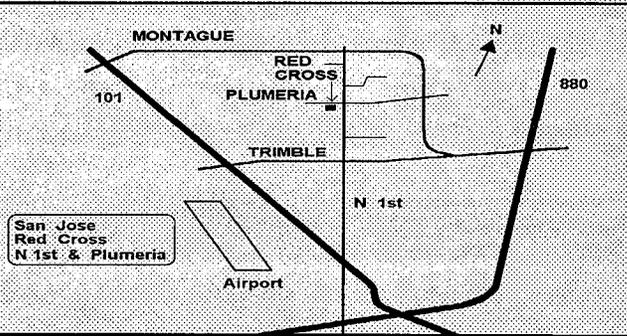
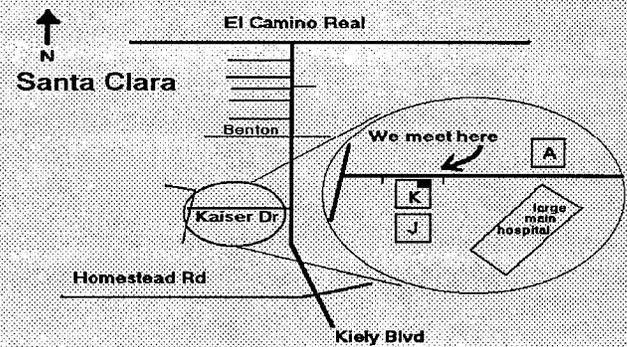
Hollingsworth says that operation that does not comply with a generally accepted band plan such as ARRL's is not illegal.

## Calendar

- 11/11 SCCARA General Meeting--elections
- 11/18 SCCARA Board Meeting--(San Jose Red Cross, 7:30p, all are welcome)
- 12/21 SCCARA Annual Meeting--Luncheon

### General Meeting:

- Day: Monday, November 11, 2002
- Time: 7:30 PM
- Place: Kaiser Santa Clara, Bld K, Rm 1
- Featuring: club 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 W6UW. 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  
 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 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

**TELEPHONE NUMBERS**

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|--|--------------|
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| <a href="mailto:me-ae6z@worldnet.att.net">me-ae6z@worldnet.att.net</a> |              |

He points out, however, that band plans--to the extent that they're followed--do help to keep down friction among various users and make his job a lot easier.

"I don't consider it a big deal. I was just trying to raise awareness," he said, adding that the FCC has no intention of making band plan compliance mandatory.

Hollingsworth told ARRL this week that he had initially written four amateurs in Ohio and one in Michigan on the basis of complaints about lengthy contacts on 146.52 MHz in late September and early October. Those QSOs, he said, averaged 45 minutes and in some cases lasted up to an hour. Two of the amateurs who had received the October 15 advisories already have contacted Hollingsworth and agreed to cooperate with the original requests, now rescinded.

"In an ideal world, stations making initial contact on 146.52 MHz probably should move off to another accepted simplex channel to continue their conversation," Hollingsworth said. "The main thing is, we're all in this together, and the goal is to make Amateur Radio last 1000 years."

All ARRL band plans are available on the ARRL Web site <http://www.arrrl.org/FandES/field/regulations/bandplan.html>.

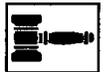
**Meeting Minutes**

**General Meeting, Oct. 14, 2002**



{No minutes received by the deadline. --Ed.}

**Board Meeting, Oct. 21, 2002**



{No minutes received by the deadline. --Ed.}

**Annual Elections**

SCCARA nominates officers and directors at the October meeting and holds election at the November meeting. As of this writing, one candidate has been nominated for each position except Vice President and Secretary. Nominations can be accepted right up to the vote. We can live without a V.P., but we *really* need someone to step forward for Secretary. So far, the nominations are:

Pres. Barbara KD6QEI

V.P. ---  
Sec. ---  
Treas. Lloyd KD6FJI  
Trustee Don KO6HH  
Dir. Don K6PBQ  
Dir. Wally KA6YMD  
Dir. Don KK6MX

Just because someone is already nominated for a position, don't let that stop you from trying for the same slot.

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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 21 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. 13 (see sign-up sheet). Talk-in will be on our repeater, W6UU, 146.385+ (simplex if you can't hit the repeater). 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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## Packet Pieces

### Floating around the internet

#### World's Funniest Joke

*Reported in the news and internet recently, this is the funniest joke in the world. It's good, but I don't know if I'd call it THE funniest. My comments are in italics. --Editor*

Two hunters are out in the woods when one of them collapses. He doesn't seem to be breathing and his eyes are glazed. The other guy whips out his phone and calls the emergency services. He gasps: "My friend is dead! What can I do?" The operator says: "Calm down, I can help. First, let's make sure he's dead." There is a silence, then a shot is heard. Back on the phone, the guy says: "OK, now what?"

*They claim it has elements that appeals to everyone, world wide. Americans and Canadians are reported to like "put-down" jokes, the kind that make you feel superior. Such as:*

Texan: "Where are you from?"

Harvard graduate: "I come from a place where we do not end our sentences with prepositions."

Texan: "OK, where are you from, Jackass?"

*People from the U.K. Australia, and New Zealand apparently like word-play jokes, such as:*

Patient: "Doctor, I've got a strawberry stuck up my bum."  
Doctor: "I've got some cream for that!"

*People in most European countries evidently like the strange or off-beat type, such as:*

An Alsatian went to a telegram office, took out a blank form and wrote: "Woof. Woof. Woof. Woof. Woof. Woof. Woof. Woof. Woof." The clerk examined the paper and politely told the dog: "There are only nine words here. You could send another Woof for the same price." "But," the dog replied, "that would make no sense at all."

*Reportedly, this all is in a new book by psychologist Dr Richard Wiseman, from the University of Hertfordshire. I didn't get the title, but it sounds like it might be worth getting. -- Editor*

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### Downloaded from the packet network:

=====  
Date: 23 Jun 2000 07:38

From: AB7RG@AB7RG

To: QUOTES@WW

Subject: QUOTES # 042 !!!  
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QUOTES 42:

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This is not a Quote, merely an illusion.

Is this bulletin real, or just a product of your imagination?

Reality sucks, so I just make everything up as I go along in my life.

Famous Last Words: "What "bridge out" sign? I didn't see it."

Running out of hard drive space? Type Format C: !

Second place is just the first loser.

Whoever said that winning isn't everything never won anything.

Don't even think about stealing one of my Quotes, especially the stolen ones...

Law of Stoplights: Green = Go. Red = Stop. Yellow = Go, very fast!

This Quote was cruelly tested on small furry animals.

Bad Day: When the cloud on the horizon has a mushroom shape to it.

Complaint? Feel free to write it in here: []

Ever just feel the need to come up with a new Quote for amusement?

Friends don't let friends drive Fords.

Real cars are made of fiberglass.

Assembler Command: SHS: Stop and Halt System.

Famous Last Words: "What's the worst thing that can happen?"

Bet you can't stop reading here... See, I told you so!

(A)bort, (R)etry, (F)ail, (T)hrow it as far as you can send it?

F.A.R.T. : Fat Annoying Rude Toad.

Interesting Fact: Did you know that racecar spelled backwards is racecar? You do now!

What is a "successful failure" anyway?

Bad Day: When it's YOUR funeral that you're going to.

Help! I've started Quoting and I can't stop!

If black and white aren't colors, what are they?

Humor: Anything that you can laugh at.

Friend: Anyone who doesn't stab you in the back.

It's 10:00 pm, do you know what your cat's shredding?

If it's printable, chances are I have or will Quote it!

Don't look now, but I think your mouse is moving...

Optimist: One who doesn't make backups.

Pessimist: One who believes in "Murphy's Law".

You are a redneck if the value of your car depends upon how much gas is in it.

Time to scream: When you're forced to use an IBM.

For free advice, send me \$20.00.

Well, I found it humorous...

Good Day: When YOU are the DX station.

Famous Last Words: "A five to one SWR won't hurt anything."

Assembler Command: DUC: Drive Users Crazy.

Have fun, take a friend "Snipe" hunting tomorrow!

Lost Cause: Any computer but a Macintosh.

(A)bort, (R)etry, (F)ail, (B)ash it in with your fist?

RAM: Rarely Adequate Memory.

User: The confused person sitting behind the computer on a BBS.

Sysop: The person laughing at all the user's mistakes and typo's.

73 & May the FARCE be with you! Clinton, AB7RG.  
[ AB7RG @ KB7FRV.AZ.USA.NOAM ]

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## Newsletter Notes

This issue is one of the shorter *SCCARA-GRAMs* we've had. If it weren't for the election notice, the "recycled" December meeting notices, and some other things I had, it would be much shorter.

That's where you come in... yeah, YOU—the one reading this right now! Surely there must have been *something* amateur radio related you've done or experienced recently. Did you go to Pacificon? Learn anything new? Heard any good talks? Buy any new toys?

Anything along those lines would be a good article. If you can spend just a few minutes telling a fellow amateur about one of those topics, then you could write an article about it. And it would sure spruce up the newsletter too.

73, Gary WB6YRU, editor

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# December Luncheon Meeting Sign-up

Our annual December christmas meeting will be a luncheon this time; on Saturday December 21, 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 four entrees. The regular lunch is \$15.00 each, children's choices are indicated below. Reservations need to be in by Friday, December 13. Talk-in on our repeater W6UU, 146.385+ (simplex if you can't hit the repeater). 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, \$15.00 each:

|                          |                               |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| _____ Prime Ribs of Beef | _____ Forest Mushroom Chicken |
| _____ Salmon             | _____ Vegetarian Pasta        |

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

## 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

# S.C.C.A.R.A. Membership Form for 2003

(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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