

# SCCARA-GRAM



## Santa Clara County Amateur Radio Association

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## President's Prose

This last year has been full of many things. Number one was healing from the spider bite, which caused massive cellulitis to my right leg. I lost six months of work. I was able to do some of the things at home that I had not had time for before. Still, I did not accomplish as much as I wanted in the time off. I went back to work in June, and have been busy ever since. When I was on the mend, Wally tried a one-armed handstand from a height of eight feet. He did not do it very well. He fractured his left wrist in eight pieces, required hospital time, surgery to put internal and external fixators in his hand, wrist, and lower arm. After eight weeks, the fixators came off and a cast went on for two weeks. The cast was replaced by a removable brace. Next is physical therapy. He was on sick leave from August 26 and may be able to return to work on Dec 1. We have cared for each other during our respective situations. As of this writing, we both seem to be well on the mend.

The past year has posed some other challenges for me. Trying to find speakers for the meetings was hard. I was not able to implement some of my ideas for speakers. I want to thank all of those who helped me get speakers for our meetings. The ones we had were great! I need more help again for next year. I welcome any and all suggestions.

Progress was made on moving the repeater up to the City vault in Alum Rock Park. The progress was slowed down by lack of manpower to give Trish Gibbons the time to devote SCCARA's problem as she was overwhelmed with her own work for the City. Wally Britten, KA6YMD, Repeater Chairman, hopes that the task can be completed by April 1, 2003. (No foolin'). Once the repeater is in place, we still have the testing phase prior to being sanctioned. I don't know how long this process will take, but I am hoping for completion by June, 2003.

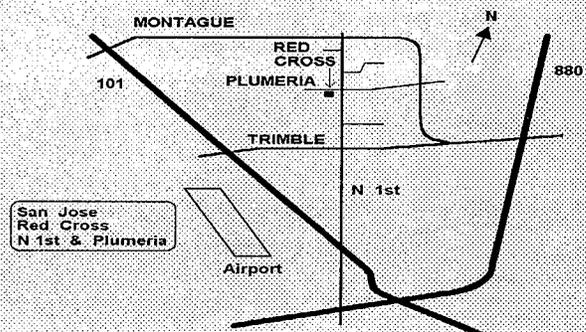
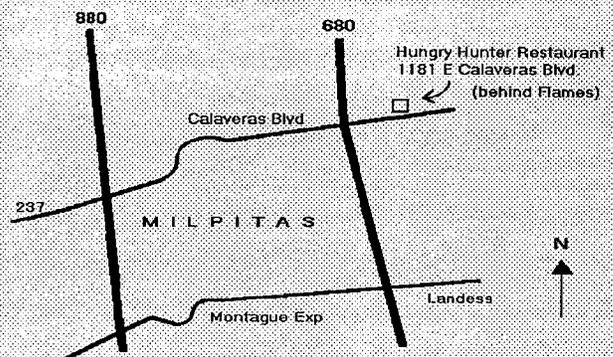
I want to say THANK YOU to Gary Mitchell, WB6YRU, SCCARA-GRAM editor, for putting up with me and my not always meeting the newsletter deadline. He does a great job, putting out the newsletter out each month. It is no small task that he does. I was on the high school newspaper and yearbook staffs. I know what it takes to do

## Calendar

- 12/16 SCCARA Board Meeting--(San Jose Red Cross, 7:30p, all are welcome)
- 12/21 SCCARA General Meeting--Luncheon
- 1/13 SCCARA General Meeting
- 1/20 SCCARA Board Meeting--(San Jose Red Cross, 7:30p, all are welcome)

### General Meeting:

- Day: Saturday, December 21, 2002
- Time: 12 noon
- Place: Hungry Hunter in Milpitas
- Featuring: Annual meeting, luncheon



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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

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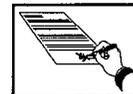
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his job. It's not easy! It can be very time consuming and frustrating. He needs more articles from club members. Send him an article on what you do with your radio at home any special contacts you have made or contests you've participated in. Send in a small article about yourself, how you became a ham, and what you have done in amateur radio since getting licensed, even if it was a month or 20 years ago. Send in an article on your last fishing trip, a vacation, or even your most embarrassing moment. Gary wants articles about club members, by club members. It would be good to hear from you.

Next year, we are going to have a pizza party at the February meeting. I hope to have a special speaker for that meeting. Don't miss it! I hope to have some fun speakers as well as good speakers for next year. My job will be more complicated, as I will be doing the work of Pres, VP, and Secretary, if no one steps forward to help.

I hope everyone who comes to the Christmas luncheon, goes away happy and well fed; that all of our members and their families have a joyous and safe holiday season. See you at the Christmas luncheon!

Barbara K. Britten, KD6QEI



## 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.

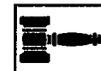
Reservations need to be in by Friday Dec. 13 (see sign-up sheet). Talk-in will be on our repeater, W6UU, 146.385+ (simplex if you can't hit the repeater). Why not renew your membership at the same time?

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

73, Don K6PBQ

## Meeting Minutes

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



INTRODUCTIONS: # of club members present: 13; # of visitors present: 1, Larry Carr, KE6AGJ

SPEAKER: Larry Carr, KE6AGJ, Chief Radio Officer and

ACS Coordinator, OES, SCC, and District Emergency Coordinator Amateur Radio Emergency Services, ARRL. TOPIC: "Prepare For The Big One". Larry talked about various radio services in Santa Clara County to be used in case of an emergency, and ways to prepare for an emergency.

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#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

PRESIDENT: The secretary materials have been returned. Wally has Willy's cell phone number. There is no update of the roster. There is no return of a book that Wally loaned to Wally.

Next month, November, is election of officers. The nominations are:

PRESIDENT: Barbara K. Britten, KD6QEI

VICE PRESIDENT: Open

SECRETARY: open

TREASURER: Lloyd DeVaughns, KD6FJI

STATION TRUSTEE: Don Hayden, KO6HH

DIRECTORS: Don Village, K6PBQ; Don Apte, KK6MX; Wally Britten, KA6YMD.

TREASURER: Checking: \$2,718.29; Savings: \$5894.54. There has been no bill from the Purham Foundation. Lou Stierer, WA6QYS, agreed to check into why there is no bill. There is a rumor that the Purham Foundation is going out of business. The contents of the Perham storage facility to possibly be donated to the Kelly Park Historical Museum.

REPEATER: There is no info on the start-up of the Santa Teresa station due to their emergency room expansion. There have been several calls placed to Regional Medical Center to talk about the placement of cables for the radio station. They are unable to put cables through their present system. RMC has not returned Wally's calls. Don Apte, KK6MX, suggested a wireless connection with remote control. The only thing at RMC is a desk to be used for the station. We want to run HF and VHF with two antennas cables. Gary Mitchell, WB6YRU, suggested HF and UHF might be difficult to do. It was reported that a new Kaiser hospital is being built at Lawrence and Homestead. We should consider approaching them now to try to get a station established while things are still in the drawing board stage. Wally will talk to Tom Trich at Kaiser Santa Teresa about the possibilities.

SCCARA-GRAM: No new report.

BBS: No new report.

#### OLD BUSINESS

PICNIC: Not too many were there. (10 to 12) There were 22 contacts made on the radio with a 14ft antenna. (Italy, Portugal, Finland, Sweden. Russia, Sunnyvale on phone. Most contacts were on phone, some on code. (Lithuania) Most contacts were made on 15 meters and 17 meters. (Europe and Scandinavia) There was a CQ contest in Europe, which helped raise the number of contacts. The weather was good - A little chilly for some, but overall quite nice. I think everyone who played Bingo, won a prize.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

PACIFICON: Don Apte, KK6MX, to take SCCARA-GRAM to Pacificon to pass out to potential members.

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON: The sign-up sheet for the luncheon is in the SCCARA-GRAM. The date is Saturday, December 21, at the Hungry Hunter in Milpitas. Time is noon. Bring a gift for the gift exchange.

SVECS BREAKFAST: Saturday, October 26, at the Santa Clara Senior Citizens Center. The speaker: Santa Clara County Sheriff Search and Rescue Team.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 9:45 PM.

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### Board Meeting, Nov. 18, 2002



Don Village doing the net at 7:30 PM at the Red Cross radio station.

Meeting came to order at 7:45 PM. Members Present: Lou Steirer, WA6QYS; Wally Britten, KA6YMD; Don Village, K6PBQ, Clark Murphy, KE6KXO; Lloyd DeVaughns, KD6FJI, Barbara Britten, KD6QEI. Lou was present at the beginning of the meeting, gave us some information then left due to a cold and cough. He reported that Gwen, KF6OTD, was home with laryngitis.

The Perham Foundation: Lou Steirer had the name and address of the treasurer of the Perham Foundation. He suggested that we send them a check for \$875.00, for payment of our flea market held at Foothill College this last April. A check will be cut and sent.

West Valley Radio Club: The West Valley Radio club has no newsletter.

The Steirer's: Barbara Britten will send a get well card to Lou and Gwen with some Chamomile tea and a package of chicken soup.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PRESIDENT: 2002 is over and 2003 holds much promise. I hope the club continues to gain more members than it loses.

TREASURER: Checking: \$2,777.87; Savings: \$5,903.54

REPEATER: Nothing new to report.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON: Don Village, event coordinator, said that he needs a few more people to bring it up to 23. We will have a relish tray to help meet the minimum fee. Dessert will be provided. Barbara Has placed a call to Frank Glass, K6RQ, and asked him to deliver the Oath of Officers to the 2003 officer slate. He has not returned her phone call yet.

FIELD DAY 2003: National Semiconductor's site is not available to its own ham club, so it won't be available to us either. They don't allow overnight stays.

Don Village, K6PBQ, said that he would reserve Mt. Madonna, as a backup, when all other plans for a different site fall through, as they did last year.

STORAGE LOCKER: Need to find a place to store our stuff for free. It would save the club \$63.00 a month.

Don Village suggested that we clean out the locker, throw out that which is of no value or can't be salvaged, and sell what is possible. There are some items missing from the locker. There should be someone in charge of the contents so we can keep track of what goes where. The old wooden radio and other historical items can be donated to the San Jose Historical Museum at Kelly Park. Other items that belong to the club, which are being stored in club member's homes, should be in the club locker.

REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER: The RMC station looks like its completion is far off. We still have a radio at the Red Cross that can be used for transmitting, for special events, contests, or sweepstakes. The key for the Red Cross radio room has a limited circulation. A phone call to the president is all it takes to get the room opened. Lou Steirer also has a key, and may be available.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:45 PM.

BARBARA, KD6QEI

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## Board Meeting, Oct. 21, 2002



MEETING BEGAN AT: 7:45 PM. Members present: Clark Murphy, KE6KXO; Lou Steirer, WA6QYS; Gwen Steirer, KF6OTD; Don Village, K6PBQ; Lloyd De Vaughns, KD6FJI; Wally Britten, KA6YMD; and Barbara Britten, KD6QEI, presiding.

### OFFICER REPORTS:

PRESIDENT: Still no word from the Perham Foundation. Barbara Britten, KD6QEI, would like to clear this matter up before the end of the year. Clark Murphy, KE6KXO, knows the treasurer of the Perham Foundation, and will ask the treasurer to send us a bill for our fees at the Foothill Flea Market.

Next meeting is election of officers. There are two open spaces: Vice President, and Secretary. Barbara needs ARRL ID number for form to send for our insurance renewal.

TREASURERS REPORT: Savings: \$5,894.54; Checking: \$2,718.29.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

REPEATER: Tom Tritch at Kaiser Santa Teresa, is in the middle of expanding the ER. There is no date when he will

get the brackets up for the repeater duplexers. Still don't want us to fabricate ourselves.

Trish Gibbons, WA6UBE, has found someone to program the controller. No predictions as to when it will be finished.

BBS: Clark Murphy, KE6KXO, reported that there had been a meeting with NorCal Discussing band planning. There is nothing new about getting our BBS up and running.

SCCARA-GRAM: No report. Editor was not present.

### OLD BUSINESS

POWER CORD: Don Village, N6PBQ, has bill for replacement power cord for Kenwood TS-440 rig and vfo plug for the TS-520 rig that broke after Field Day; and for a new log book. A motion was made by Lou Steirer to pay Don Village, \$54.88; seconded by Don Apte. Motion passed. Bill to be paid by treasurer.

THINGS MISSING FROM LOCKER: Don Village reported that there are some things seem missing from the locker: ICOM 735, and 2 Astron 35 Power supplies, which go to the '735 & Kenwood TS-440.

Suggestion made that a formal sign in/out log be established for the locker.

Field day 2003: Eric Ankey will check through his contacts at National Semiconductor, to see if they may have a site we can use. Mt Madonna will again be reserved as a contingency site.

PICNIC: All attending had a good time, the group was small. The portable HF worked out well, and the food was good.

NEW BUSINESS: Don, K6PBQ reported his open house for JOTA was successful, with 17 scouts visiting, and contacts to Nv., Wa., and Or.

CHRISTMAS PARTY: All set to go at Hungry Hunter in Milpitas. Cost to be \$15 per adult, \$7.50 or \$8.75 for children depending on order. Gift exchange will be held to a cost range of \$8 to \$10.

February meeting to be a Pizza feed at the regular meeting place. Cost to be \$3.00 a head. Included will be soda & salad.

March meeting was proposed to be a dinner meeting at a buffet. Location still to be determined.

Adjournment 9:00 PM

Barbara, KD6QEI

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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  
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internet: jad@aol.com

K6PBQ, Don Village, (408) 263-2789

WA6QYS, Lou Steirer, (408) 241-7999  
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# 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: \_\_\_\_\_

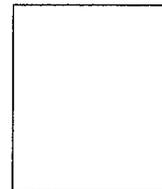
Give this completed form (or copy) with payment to the Secretary or Treasurer at any meeting or mail to the return address below:

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