

# SCCARA-GRAM



## Santa Clara County Amateur Radio Association

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## President's Prose

It's a New Year, and membership renewal time. Make sure you get your membership renewed before you are dropped from the rolls. The final roster will soon be issued. I don't want anyone to be left out of SCCARA-GRAM, social events, or updates on progress of the club repeater and BBS. So send your renewal in, or come to a meeting and hand it to Wally KA6YMD or Lloyd KD6FJI. If you need to check on if we got the renewal, contact Wally, KA6YMD who is maintaining the database.

It looks like this year is off to a good start. The 2 Meter repeater is up at Eagle Rock site, being tested and is working. Thanks to Trish Gibbons, WA6UBE - San Jose Radio Shop, Ben Vickers, WB6FRM RACES member, and Roy Metzger, K6VIP, for all the hard work that it took to get things this far. There is more work to be done before things are just the way the City and Trish want them to be. Trish has plans to purchase a second controller that would be ready to go as an emergency backup spare. The backup would be in place, while the SCCARA's is being repaired. This would ensure that the repeater is always going to be on the air. The City depends upon this repeater for emergencies, and SCCARA needs it for club communications, club member's use, and special events communications. I hope we will get good service from the new location. The BBS is also up and almost running. Thanks to Gary Mitchell WB6YRU and the help of Owen De Long, KB6MER who runs a 'sister' BBS also on a unix machine.

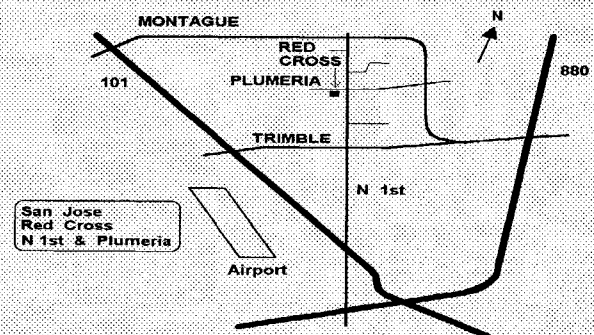
Gary Mitchell is always asking for some articles on technical subjects and other activities from club members. There is such a vast array of knowledge in this club. Won't you share that knowledge with other club members? Please write an article for the SCCARA-GRAM or arrange to be a speaker at a meeting. The part about this club that I have always enjoyed is the sharing of knowledge. This is the oldest club in Santa Clara County. There are great stories of how things used to be, radios that aren't anymore, antenna raising parties, Field Days BB (before barbecues), what

## Calendar

- 3/8 Foothill Electronic Flea Market
- 3/10 SCCARA General Meeting--Dinner!
- 3/17 SCCARA Board Meeting--(San Jose Red Cross, 7:30p, all are welcome)
- 4/8 Foothill Electronic Flea Market--We host!

### General Meeting:

- Day: Monday, March 10, 2003
- Time: 6:00 PM
- Place: Hometown Buffet, 2679 El Camino Real, Santa Clara
- Featuring: Dinner meeting



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The deadline for articles is one week before the last Monday of the month.

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

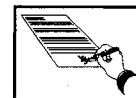
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people are working on now, certificates that have been earned (ie, worked all countries, contests you participated in, etc.), what new equipment you have purchased, and how it is working, what you did with the old equipment (boat anchor?), etc. This is your club. Let us hear from you. Thanks.

The next two meetings are food meetings. February is a pizza party with pizza, salad, and soda, at the Kaiser Santa Clara site. The March meeting is going to be at The Hometown Buffet in Santa Clara at 6 PM. Bring spouses. Enjoy! I hope to see many of you there.

Barbara, KD6QEI



# Meeting Minutes

## General Meeting, Feb. 10, 2003



The meeting started at 6:30 PM with a pizza party, which was enjoyed by all. The menu consisted of salad, pizza, and sodas. After the meeting, the members present took home the leftover sodas as they were nearing expiration. SCCARA will have to buy new sodas for the next event.

The formal meeting started at 7:45 PM. No visitors were present.

**SPEAKER:** No formal speaker.

Barbara Britten, KD6QEI, brought a copy of a KQED documentary on the real "Code Talkers." Many people had already seen it and felt that it was not necessary to see it again. Howard N6HM suggested that the documentary, which was in the VHS format, be transferred to a compact disc and made available to all club members. Barbara said she had access to that technology at home and would get that done.

**OFFICER REPORTS:**

**PRESIDENT:** Barbara reported on the sudden illness and hospitalization of Lloyd DeVaughns, treasurer. He was found at his home, in a diabetic coma. He was taken to Kaiser Santa Teresa for care. He was diagnosed with diabetes, and would be on insulin for the rest of his life. Lloyd also said he had a problem with his lungs. He was in the hospital for about two weeks. When he was discharged on Tuesday, February 04, I picked him up and took him to his home. He seemed very tired, and in need of recuperation time. He was sent home with antibiotics, cough medicine, a machine to test his sugar, insulin and needles, and instructions to rest. The next day, I took him to his Kaiser appointment, and to get his glasses. He couldn't drive without them. I will be keeping tabs on him in the future. Lloyd said that he welcomes phone calls and visitors.

Barbara announced the sudden death of Pacific Division Director, Jim Maxwell, W6CF. She reported that he died from a brain aneurysm. A moment of silence was observed for Jim. He was a member of our club, as well as his wife, Trudy Maxwell, KC6NAX. A sympathy card will be sent to her, as well as a phone call in a few weeks to give her time to grieve and figure out what her next step is. There is no word of a memorial for Jim. When Barbara knows, she will make the club members aware.

TREASURER: There was no report, as Lloyd was not present.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

REPEATER: Wally Britten, KA6YMD, reported that the repeater was working fairly well from its new site at Eagle Rock. There is still more testing to be done by Trish and company. There is no known timeline when that will be done. Meanwhile, please note that the PL tone for the SCCARA repeater is temporarily 146.2. There is no change at the Santa Teresa site. Tom Trich has not been able to find time to put our repeater duplexers on the wall, as he is low on manpower. They are hiring more people within the next few weeks. There is no timeline as to when they will be able to get things done as we have asked. There has been no word from Regional Medical Center as to the laying of cable to activate the proposed HF station.

SCCARA-GRAM: No real changes. Gary still wants articles from members on a technical subject that is ham related. He has suggested that a cover letter be sent with an SCCARA-Gram telling new hams about the history of SCCARA, its activities, and goals. The newsletter does not tell enough about SCCARA to entice the new hams to become members of our club. Barbara said she would write a cover letter, to be sent out to the new hams along with a newsletter.

BBS: It is working. There is still more work to be done on it.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

##### FOOTHILL COLLEGE FLEA MARKET:

The flea markets are a go for this year under a new umbrella corporation. The port-a-potties have been rented for the year. The seed money (\$750.00) required from each participating club, was used to give the college the money required to rent the space each month. The first flea market will be the third Saturday in March. Howard did not have the schedule noting which club is responsible for which month with him, but would email it to Gary when Howard got home. Gary will post it in the newsletter. It was established that SCCARA is not doing the flea market in March. Barbara asked Lou Stierer agreed to coordinate the SCCARA Flea Market when it's SCCARA's turn.

##### NEW BUSINESS:

Don Village reported that he had reserved Mt. Madonna Park for Field Day 2003, and The Hungry Hunter for the Christmas luncheon for 2003.

The March meeting will be at The Hometown Buffet on The El Camino in Santa Clara. Please arrive at 6:00 PM. We will be in a separate room in the back of the restaurant.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Barbara KD6QEI

## Board Meeting, Feb. 17, 2003



Called to order 2/17/2003 at 7:45 PM

Members present: Wally, KA6YMD -acting chair; Lou WA6QYS; Don V K6PBQ; Clark KE6KXO. Two visitors were present also: Roy K6VIP and Gary WB6YRU

Members absent: Barbara KD6QEI was unable to attend due to a work conflict. Don A KK6MX was unable to attend, and Lloyd KD6FJI was unable to attend due to illness.

Treasurer report: Not made due to absence.

Repeater report: The PL tone for Eagle Rock has not yet been changed as the City has a restriction for non emergency access on the dirt road - which is there must be at least 3 days of drying after a storm before vehicles can drive it. The switch will be publicized well when complete. The MOU with the city for site use was also discussed and Lou, WA6QYS brought 2 suggested changes for Don H, KO6HH our trustee, who could not attend. They will be communicated to Trish WA6UBE at the City.

News Letter: Nothing new per Gary, WB6YRU.

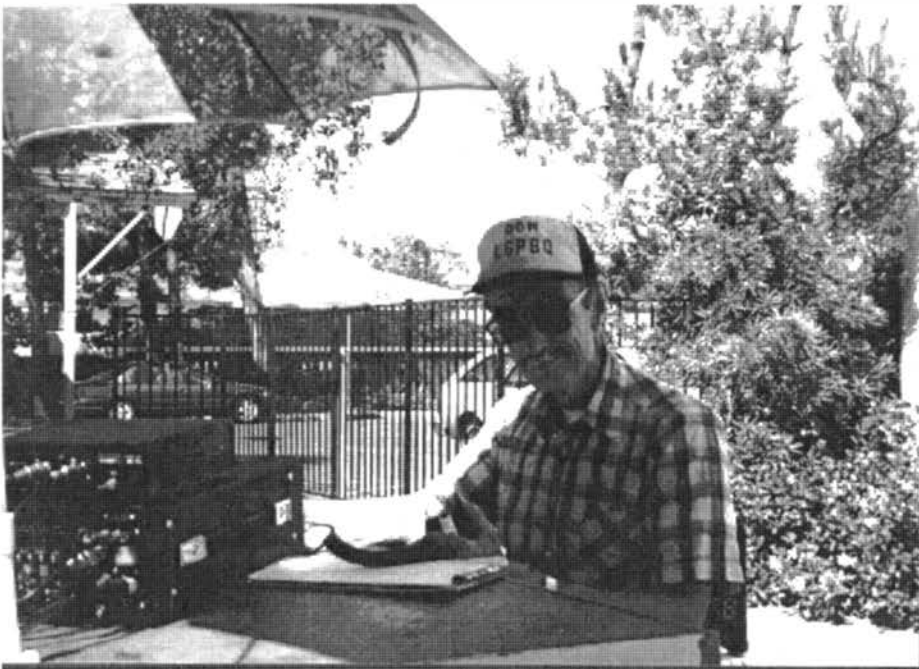
BBS: Gary, WB6YRU reports that he is still awaiting assistance with the unix programming modifications as right now the system is refusing to talk to the com ports. The Phone port works but alone this is not useful.

Old Business: Don V K6PBQ has made the reservations for Mt Madonna for Field Day and paid by card. He was reimbursed today. Site fees decreased as the initial vehicle quota has been reduced. It still seems unlikely we will exceed the figure over night.

New Business: Barbara should contact Mike KB6LCJ to determine if he will be willing to chair Field Day again. Gary WB6YRU reports that he is working on computerizing the name/call printing on our badges as the press-on-type is becoming most difficult to locate. (And they just don't provide enough sixes!)

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 Pm

Wally KA6YMD



## **HAM Radio at Kids Faire**

On Aug. 10, 2002, the foothill Presbyterian Church had their annual Kids Faire.

At this faire, various groups demonstrate their hobbies or services. They had the county 911 and sheriff's horse-mounted police there. They had various craft groups and dancers there to show off their talents and hobbies.

This year I set up my radio station to demonstrate HAM radio to the children. I used my Icom 720A with batteries. For the antenna I used a couple of sloping dipoles. This year's setup worked very well with the aid of my new MFJ 945 cross-needle tuner.

I worked several stations on 40 and 20 meters. My DX for the day was KE6NKR in Edmunten, Alberta, Canada.

I also set up my code practice osc. so the kids could practice sending their names.

This is the same setup I've used for our SCCARA annual picnic. It's a simple setup that would also work for a quick Field Day.

73,  
Don Village K6PBQ

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# Flea Markets

Just an announcement saying ASVARO, (Association of Silicon Valley Amateur Radio Organizations), is a new ham club in town that is taking the place of the Perham Foundation in the administration and overseeing of the Foothill College Electronic Flea Markets. This club is here to service the trading needs/desires of hams and others in this area. Anyone that would like to help in this effort would be welcome. We need people to help with publicity, food purchase requirements and other miscellaneous items.

Contact either:

Howard Krawetz, (408)739-7936

Mikel Lechner, (408)813-6081

Schedule of Foothill Electronic Flea markets for 2003

March 8	Palo Alto Amateur Radio Association
April 12	South Peninsula Amateur Radio Klub
May 10	Santa Clara County Amateur Radio Association
June 14	Southern Peninsula Emergency Communications System
July 12	Foothills Amateur Radio Society
August 9	South Peninsula Emergency Communications System
September 13	West Valley Amateur Radio Association
October 11	Palo Alto Red Cross

Howard, N6HM

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## ARRL News

From *The ARRL Letter*, February 7, 2003

ARRL PACIFIC DIVISION DIRECTOR JIM MAXWELL, W6CF, SK

ARRL Pacific Division Director Jim Maxwell, W6CF, died February 6 at his home in Redwood Estates, California. He was 69 years old.

Maxwell joined the ARRL Board of Directors in 1994 after being elected Pacific Division Vice Director; he became Director in January 2000. Pacific Division Vice Director Bob Vallio, W6RGG, takes over immediately as Director; ARRL President Jim Haynie, W5JBP, will appoint a new Vice Director. Maxwell, a Life Member of the League, also previously served as Section Manager for the Santa Clara Valley section.

"Jim Maxwell was a gentle giant of a man," Haynie said. "He was one of the best assets Amateur Radio could have in a

leadership position."

ARRL Chief Executive Officer David Sumner, K1ZZ, said, "Jim Maxwell was one of the most brilliant people I have ever had the privilege to know. He was also one of the most unselfish and one of the most modest. Putting them all together, he was truly in a class by himself. To say he will be missed is a gross understatement."

Maxwell was an avid DXer--belonging to many DX and contest clubs and organizations, including the Northern California Contest Club--and he was also an accredited ARRL Volunteer Examiner. Maxwell served as an ARRL Emergency Coordinator from 1991 to 1999 and he was on the DX Advisory Committee from April 1988 through 1993. Maxwell previously held the call W6CUF.

His interest in radio and electronics history was well known, with Maxwell and his wife Trudy, KC6NAX, both helping to spearhead archiving efforts at ARRL Headquarters.

Professionally, Maxwell held doctoral degrees in aeronautical engineering and biomechanics. He retired from Lockheed as a Technical Consultant in 1992 and from Scitor Corp. in 1998.

Information on memorial services was unavailable at press time.

### FIELD DAY GETS A NEW ENTRY CLASS FOR 2003

Field Day will gain another entry class for the 2003 running of this highly popular operating event June 28-29. "Class F" stations will operate at emergency operations centers--or EOCs. The change renews the emphasis of Field Day's 1933 origins as an emergency preparedness exercise as opposed to a routine contest--what former ARRL Communications Manager F. E. Handy, W1BDI, called "a test of the emergency availability of portable stations and equipment." In Handy's view, Field Day would focus attention "on the subject of 'preparedness' for communications emergencies."

ARRL Contest Branch Manager Dan Henderson, N1ND, says the League last year received a record 2110 Field Day entries from groups and individuals. That represented a total of almost 35,000 participants who joined in what Henderson called "a great tradition."

Given the increased emphasis on emergency communications since September 11, 2001, Henderson says, the ARRL Board's Membership Services Committee asked that the Contest Branch come up with a way to accommodate stations wanting to operate from the local EOC. The new Class F station, operating from an EOC, is the result.

"This is a major change," Henderson said. "Class F has been established to encourage groups to test and further their



working relationships with established emergency operations centers." The updated rules and a list of frequently asked questions in the new 2003 Field Day Packet <<http://www.arrl.org/contests/forms>> spell out the details.

A Class F entry station must set up at an "established EOC" activated by a club or non-club group. An EOC is defined as a facility established by a federal, state, county, city or other civil governmental agency or administrative entity or by a chapter of a national or international served agency. The latter could include the American Red Cross or The Salvation Army, with which the Field Day group "has an established operating arrangement." Class F EOC operation must take place in cooperation with the EOC staff. Class F stations are eligible for the same bonus points as Class A stations.

There's also been what Henderson called "some tweaking" in the rules for Field Day 2003. Among the highlights, the rules reduce from 400 to 100 the number of QSOs that the "Get On The Air" (GOTA) station needs to make to claim a 100-point bonus. "GOTA stations still may work up to a maximum of 400 QSOs to go towards the main station's score," Henderson said.

In addition, the 2003 rules enhance the bonus for having an invited official visit the Field Day site. There are now two separate bonus categories--100 points for the elected official and another 100 points for a visit by a representative of a served agency.

Henderson reminds Field Day participants that stations do not get additional bonus points for contacting stations through additional satellites. As of the 2002 event, Field Day opened up to stations throughout the Americas, not just in the US and Canada.

Henderson encourages participants to post their Field Day experiences and photographs to the Field Day Online soapbox <<http://www.arrl.org/contests/soapbox/>>.

## VIEWING AND COMMENTING ON PETITIONS THE FCC PUTS ON PUBLIC NOTICE

Members of the amateur community (and the general public) may comment via the Web or e-mail on any Petition for Rulemaking that the FCC has put on public notice and assigned a rulemaking (RM) number. Visit the FCC's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) page <<http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/ecfs/>>, which includes detailed instructions. To view a petition and/or any comments filed, click on "Search for Filed Comments" on the right-hand side of the page and enter the RM number in the "Proceeding" field. You must enter "RM" in upper-case letters and include the hyphen followed by the appropriate five digits. To file comments, click on "Submit a Filing" on the right-hand side of the ECFS page or see the instructions on how to file

comments via e-mail. A typical comment period runs 30 days from the date the FCC puts a petition on public notice.

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From *The ARRL Letter*, February 21, 2003

## AMATEUR RADIO SPECTRUM PROTECTION ACT REINTRODUCED IN US HOUSE

The Amateur Radio Spectrum Protection Act has again been introduced in the US House of Representatives. The measure is an ARRL legislative initiative. Florida Rep Michael Bilirakis put the latest version of the bill, HR 713, into the legislative hopper on February 12. It has been referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce. When last introduced in 2001, the measure was known as HR 817.

The House bill already has two cosponsors, Reps John Boozman, Arkansas, and Patrick Tiberi, Ohio. Both cosponsored last year's bill.

HR 713 is aimed at ensuring the availability of spectrum to Amateur Radio operators. It would protect existing Amateur Radio spectrum against reallocations to or sharing with other services unless the FCC provides "equivalent replacement spectrum" elsewhere. Bilirakis, a Florida Republican, has twice before sponsored similar legislation at the League's recommendation. A Senate version of the bill is pending.

The measure would amend the Communications Act to require the FCC to provide "equivalent replacement spectrum" to Amateur Radio and the Amateur-Satellite Service in the event of a reallocation of primary amateur allocations, any reduction in secondary amateur allocations, or "additional allocations within such bands that would substantially reduce the utility thereof" to amateurs.

The 2001 version of the measure attracted 53 cosponsors in the House but last spring became one of many pieces of legislation caught up in the so-called "Enron logjam," during which the Internet and Telecommunications Subcommittee did not meet, although its full committee, Energy and Commerce, held numerous hearings concerning Enron.

The ARRL is urging members of the Amateur Radio community to contact their representatives in Congress and request that they cosponsor HR 713. Experience has shown that, while most members of Congress understand and appreciate the benefits of Amateur Radio, some may be reluctant to sign onto a technical piece of legislation without some indication of support from their own constituents. A sample letter is available on the ARRL Web site.

The text of HR 713 is available via the Thomas Web site <<http://thomas.loc.gov/>>. Enter "HR713" in the "Bill Number" window. ARRL asks that members soliciting their

members of Congress to cosponsor this legislation to copy their correspondence to the League via e-mail to [specbill03@arrl.org](mailto:specbill03@arrl.org).

## N6AJO APPOINTED PACIFIC DIVISION VICE DIRECTOR

ARRL President Jim Haynie, W5JBP, has appointed East Bay Section Manager Andy Opiel, N6AJO, to become Pacific Division Vice Director. The appointment February 20 fills the vacancy in the Pacific Division leadership created when former Vice Director Bob Vallio, W6RGG, acceded to Pacific Division Director upon the death of Director Jim Maxwell, W6CF, on February 6. Opiel's appointment is for the balance of Vallio's term, which expires January 1, 2005.

"I've been working with Bob Vallio for more than 20 years," said Opiel, who lives in Alameda and took over the East Bay Section Manager's position from Vallio in January 2000. Prior to that, he was an Assistant SM in East Bay for eight years under Vallio's section leadership. Opiel said their long-term working relationship would definitely be an asset as he and Vallio take on their new leadership roles in the Pacific Division.

A ham since 1977 and a General-class licensee, Opiel, 50, said his interest in emergency communications work is what helped to get him into ham radio. He serves as a mentor for the Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Level I course.

ARRL Field and Educational Services Manager Rosalie White, K1STO, has appointed Dennis Franklin, K6DF, of Fremont to take over the reins from Opiel as East Bay SM.

As the new Pacific Division Director, Vallio greeted Opiel's appointment enthusiastically and said he planned to continue the agenda he and Jim Maxwell had begun together three years ago. "Jim wasn't done with the things that he wanted to do, and I wasn't done trying to help him do them," Vallio said. Before becoming a Vice Director, he had served for more than two decades as East Bay Section Communications Manager and Section Manager. As a Vice Director, he served on the ARRL Board of Directors' Membership Services Committee.

First licensed as a Novice in 1952, Vallio says he's been active on HF, VHF and UHF for almost his entire 51-year tenure as an amateur licensee. He also serves as a director and secretary of the Yasmé Foundation and is a member of the Northern California DX and Northern California Contest clubs as well as of the Alameda County Sheriff's Communications Team (Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service--RACES). He is retired from Pacific Bell.

Franklin, a retired federal employee, was first licensed in 1965. An ARRL Life Member, he's is an Amateur Radio

Emergency Communications course mentor and a volunteer examiner.

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## Packet Pieces

### Downloaded from the packet network:

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Date: 26 Jun 2000 06:08  
From: AB7RG@AB7RG  
To: QUOTES@USA  
Subject: QUOTES # 059 !!!  
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QUOTES 59:

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Therapy is expensive, screaming obscenities is much cheaper.

"It's so windy here that I saw a chicken lay the same egg four times now!"

Every obstacle presents an opportunity.

I type so much and so fast at times that my fingers get hoarse!

One of the many great things about packet is that I can leave my stereo on and up as loud as I want to while I operate on-air!

When the going gets tough, the smart ones get sneaky...

Oh, wow! For a moment there sanity started to kick in. Scary!

The fastest way between two points is a repeater!

Try using this in reply when you get your next flame mail: "It's just mind over matter. I don't mind and you don't matter."

Sometimes the fastest way to cut through "red tape" is with a machine-gun.

Disk space is the "Final Frontier"...

Simplicity IS Ingenuity.

The fastest way between two points depends upon propagation...

Is there another word for synonym?

I finally got my head together, but now my body is falling apart.

Funny, I don't remember being absent minded...

All reports are in. Life is now officially unfair.

If all is lost, where is it?

If you try to fail, and succeed, which have you done?

Happyness is BEING the DX station!!!

If at first you do succeed, try not to look too astonished.

I tried to get a life once, but they were out of stock.

I went to school to become a wit, but only got halfway through.

It was all so different before everything changed...

Nostalgia isn't what is used to be.

Old programmers never die. They just terminate and stay resident.

I wish the buck stopped here. I could use a few!

It's not so much the pace of life that concerns me, it's the sudden stop at the end.

Living on Earth is expensive, but it does include a tree trip around the sun.

Logic: The art of being wrong with confidence.

If at first you don't succeed, call it Version 1.0...

What kind of mood am I in? It depends upon which reality that I woke up to this morning.

This bulletin typed on 100% recycled electrons.

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

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Date: 21 Jun 2000 21:58  
From: AB7RG@AB7RG  
To: FARCE@USA  
Subject: Sunbathing

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A rather well-proportioned secretary, Joan, wanted to spend almost all of her vacation sunbathing on the roof of her hotel. She wore a bathing suit the first day but, on the second, she decided that no one could see her way up there, and she slipped out of it for an overall tan.

She'd hardly begun when she heard someone running up the stairs; she was lying on her stomach, so she just pulled a towel over her rear.

"Excuse me, miss," said the flustered little assistant manager of the hotel, out of breath from running up the stairs. "The Hilton doesn't mind you sunbathing on the roof but we would very much appreciate you wearing a bathing suit as you did yesterday."

"What difference does it make?" Joan asked rather calmly. "No one can see me up here, and besides, I'm covered with a towel."

"Not exactly," said the embarrassed little man. "You're lying on the dining room skylight."

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

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Date: 18 Aug 99 06:45  
From: G4YQQ@GB7TJZ  
To: HUMOUR@WW  
Subject: Nuts...  
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A man walks into a bar and orders a drink. After sitting for a few minutes, he hears a voice say, "nice tie." He looks around but doesn't see anybody near him and so he forgets about it.

Some time passes and he hears the same voice say "nice shirt." This time he looks everywhere; behind the bar, under the chair, up and down the bar, everywhere he can think to look, but he doesn't see anyone.

A few minutes later he hears, "nice haircut." He can't stand it any more, so he calls the bartender over and tells him he has been hearing this voice but can't figure who is speaking.

The bartender says, "Oh, that... that's the nuts... they're complimentary."

73 Alan G4YQQ  
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Date: 19 Aug 99 05:45  
From: G4YQQ@GB7TJZ  
To: HUMOUR@WW  
Subject: Lawyers Rates...

A man walked into a lawyer's office and inquires about the lawyer's rates. "\$50.00 for three questions", replied the lawyer. "Isn't that awfully steep?" asked the man. "Yes," the lawyer replied, "and what was your third question?"

73 Alan G4YQQ...

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Date: 22 Jun 2000 15:27  
From: G4YQQ@GB7TJZ  
To: HUMOUR@WW  
Subject: \*\* Soup \*\*

Two missionaries in Africa get apprehended by a tribe of very hostile cannibals who put them in a large pot of water, build a huge fire under it, and leave them there. A few minutes later, one of the missionaries starts to laugh uncontrollably. The other missionary can't believe it! He says, "What's wrong with you? We're being boiled alive! They're gonna eat us! What could possibly be funny at a time like this?" The other missionary says, "I just peed in the soup."

73 Alan G4YQQ...

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## 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

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## Newsletter Notes

In this issue, you might notice the membership form on the back cover no longer has a place for ordering SCCARA badges. Not to worry, we still make them! Soon, there will be a separate form for ordering badges, complete with a photo of the badge.

Part of the problem was that folks didn't quite know what to put for the name, and there isn't really enough room on the membership form to explain, (not in reasonable print size anyway). Traditionally, the name is your first name only or nickname. However, we'd often get full names. There usually isn't room on the badge for that.

A separate order form will not only have plenty of room to explain what information is needed, but an image of the badge can be included. The new badge order form will appear in the *SCCARA-GRAM* from time to time. This also means you won't need a membership form if all you want is to order a badge. The membership form will now be a little less "busy" too.

73, Gary WB6YRU, editor

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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 ARRL member  
 Renewal

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: \_\_\_\_\_

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:  \$15 Individual  \$20 Family  \$5 Student (under 18)

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

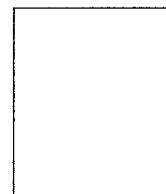
Give this completed form (or copy) with payment to the Secretary or Treasurer at any meeting or mail to the return address below.

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

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