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President's Prose

SCCRA would like to welcome the members of the Los Cumbres. repeater club to our monthly meetings. They are going to be meeting with us each month while still remaining a separate club. It will give more hams a chance to share in the camaraderie that is so much part of ham meetings. One of the other benefits will be that they will be able to help us find speakers for meetings. I am sure having them at our meeting will be a great benefit to both clubs.

I would also like to thank our last speaker Kristen K6WX for the excellent talk about software defined radio. Our next speaker will be Kit WA6PWW the section manager for this section. I think his subject will be about mountain topping.

Other dates to keep in mind are the ever popular annual pot luck picnic on the last Saturday of September, the 24th.

On Saturday, October 1, we will be setting up our antenna tower trailer on Gold Street in Alviso. We will on the air with our club station. More information will be forthcoming in the future.

A reminder that we will be taking an inventory of all the clubs property on Oct. 5, at 2 PM. Therefore if anyone has any club property, please give me a call and I will come and get it and put it in the club locker.

Clark, KE6KXO



Picnic

The SCCARA picnic will be on Saturday, September 24 at Mary Gomes Park in Santa Clara. It is located at San Tomas Express Way and Forbes Ave. You can get there by taking El Camino Real and turning on to San Tomas going west passing the cross street Homestead and looking to your right you will see the park. Continue on to the next street, Forbes Ave., turn right and go around the block to the parking lot.

Most people arrive about 10 AM, however there will be someone at the park after 6 AM. if you are an early bird come by. We eat some time after noon. This is sort of pot luck. Bring a dish to share and if you want grill meat bring your own. We will supply the fire.

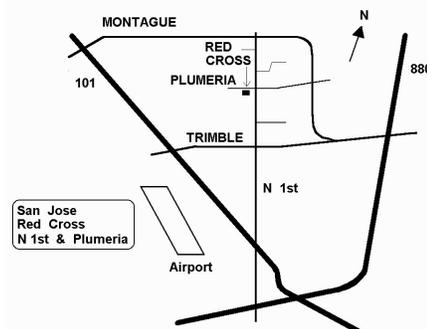
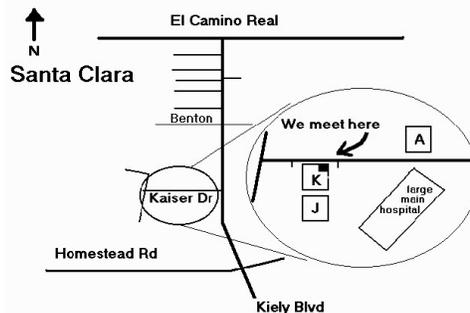
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Calendar

- 9/12 **SCCARA General Meeting**
- 9/19 **SCCARA Board Meeting**--(San Jose Red Cross, 7:30p, all are welcome)
- 9/24 **SCCARA Picnic (Mary Gomez Park, S.C.)**
- 10/1 **Antenna Trailer get-together**
- 10/5 **Club locker inventory, 2 PM**

General Meeting:

Day: Monday, September 12, 2005
Time: 7:30 PM
Place: Kaiser Santa Clara, Bld K, Rm 1
Featuring: Kit Blanke, WA6PWW, ARRL SM



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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: 146.985 - 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 Eagle Rock near Alum Rock Park in the foothills of east San Jose. 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

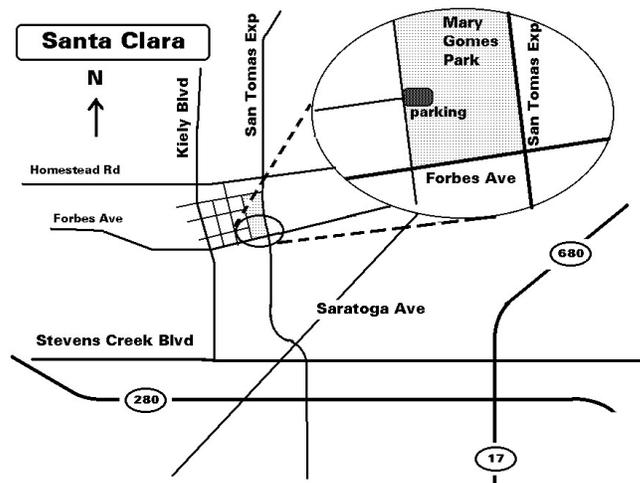
On our two meter repeater: Mondays at 7:30 PM, (not the second monday--our meeting night). Coordinator: Don K6PBQ. On ten meters, 28.385 MHz USB, Thursdays at 8:00 PM. Net control: Wally KA6YMD. Visitors welcome.

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). Sysop: Gary WB6YRU

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Message from the ARRL President

My fellow Amateur Radio Operators,

There is no doubt that the recovery efforts following Hurricane Katrina will be the largest and longest emergency actions that hams have ever undertaken. It will also be one of the hardest, not simply due to the large areas involved, but also because many of us have friends and relatives directly impacted by this catastrophe. For them, and all the people of the Gulf region, we ask divine aid and comfort in this time of sorrows.

But we are also hardened and resolved to turn this event into one of the most glorious opportunities to show the unique attributes of ham radio - it works! You know that. We can again show the world that we have the best trained, most ingenious and dedicated ARES and RACES operators ever in history. We have the attention of the world press, and we will show what ham radio can do.

This will not happen in a week, not even in a month. The recovery efforts will be drawn out over numerous states and are expected to go well into the winter. Hams will grow weary and need relief and replacement from all across America. The ARRL, the national association for Amateur Radio, is already working on strategic plans to make it possible for these volunteers to come. Our goal is to provide the SEC's with all the support we can muster and allow them to do their jobs.

There is a curious coincidence in the fact that the United Technologies grant, which allowed the ARRL to train so many thousands of hams in emergency communications, ends this week. Now we are seeing the results of that effort. Disciplined hams, using correct procedures have already saved many lives, and will save hundreds more by providing timely, accurate and critical communications to our served agencies. To the students, mentors, organizers, funders and teachers of those courses we can only say, "Well done!"

I know many people would like to move NOW - please don't. I know many of you want to enter the fray, come to the coast and get involved. Please, not yet. Instead, get yourself ready. Refresh your skills and knowledge of protocols and procedures. Once the

agencies are able to complete a preliminary needs assessment, we will know who is needed and where. For now, the area is simply too dangerous and no one is being allowed in. Transportation and logistics, including volunteer groups coming in, must be done in an orderly manner or we may only add to the chaos and confusion. Information and coordination for such a historically large response is being developed and will be made available soon. But for now, work through your SEC's and follow their lead. I would also ask that you be professional and disciplined whenever checking into an HF net. Net control is a difficult job at best, so be respectful. If you have traffic fine, but if not, please stand by.

There is already no doubt that when the history of this event is written, the role of Amateur Radio will be one of honor. Unpaid volunteers who came through for their country and communities when all other systems failed or were overwhelmed. By working together and mutually supporting each other, we can perhaps give these very dark days a small glint of glory. Let these be the days that hams, decades from now, remember with pride. Together we can - and will - make it happen because, after all, we are HAMS.

Jim Haynie, W5JBP
ARRL President

Antenna Trailer

On Saturday October 1 we are going to set up our antenna trailer and deploy some of the antennas. This will give a chance to check out the equipment and do some maintenance. We will start at about 10 AM. It will be located in Alviso on Gold Street. To get there you can take Lafayette toward Alviso continue until you pass under highway 237 the name changes to Gold. After passing two stop signs it will be on an empty lot to your right. You may also take 237 to the Lafayette Alviso off ramp and proceed as above.

Clark KE6KXO

Meeting Minutes

General Meeting, Aug. 8, 2005



Attendance: 26, including 20 members, two LCARC members, and four non-members.

Members present (in alphabetical order): Don Apte, KK6MX; Barbara Britten, KD6QEI; Wally Britten, KA6YMD; Lloyd Devaughns, KD6FJI; Jeannie Felix, KG6YOR; Robert Forster, N6PCQ; Del Harbold, K6JPX; Joan Hastings, KB6LFZ; Mike Hastings, KB6LCJ; Royal Metzger, K6VIP; Virginia Metzger, K6IUU; Terry Nakashima, WB6PVU; Peter Parrish, KG6KWV; David Paul, AE6MV; Scott Petersen, KG6SPF; Don Steinbach, AE6PM; Gerald Thompson, N6SWC; Fred Townsend, AE6QL; James Tyranski, KG6UDW; Don Village, K6PBQ.

Las Cumbres Amateur Radio Club Members present: Bob Lanning, W6OPO; Dan Smith, K6PRR.

Others present: Ned Tufekcic AC6YY, Jeff Orr, KG6KCO, Pat Sullivan, WB6EZF [not FCC listed] and the evening's Speaker, Kirsten McIntyre, K6WX.

The President, Clark Murphy, called the meeting to order at 19:37. - Tonight's Speaker will be Kirsten McIntyre, K6WX, speaking on Software-Defined Radio.

- The next Hamfest will be this coming Sunday at 14:00 at Angelino's Restaurant.

- The next meeting of the San Joaquin Amateur Radio Club will sponsor the "Harvest HamconVention" in Fresno, September 16-18 2005; details: //sjvars.com/hamConvention.php

- The Las Cumbres Amateur Radio Club [www.k6fb.com] has proposed holding their monthly meetings in conjunction with ours (they have not recently been holding monthly meetings). The North Hills ARC near Sacramento recently combined its meeting with those of another local club, and that worked out well, so we might want to consider this proposal. LCARC supports the "Sierra-To-The-Sea" repeater. Their repeaters include 145.450 MHz at Castle Rock, 223.880 MHz at Castle Rock, and 442.575 MHz at Black Mountain.

The evening's speaker gave an interesting and informative presentation regarding what Software-Defined Radio is, what it may become, and provided a brief technical overview of the topic. If you missed this meeting, she might be willing to provide you a copy of the presentation or tell you when she might be giving another talk. Her address is K6WX@arrl.net.

We broke the meeting for discussion at 20:55. Later we reconvened temporarily, Scott Petersen moved and Del Harold seconded that we adjourn, and we did so at 21:16.

Upcoming SCCARA Activities:

- The August Board Meeting will be 8/15/05 at 19:30 at the San Jose Red Cross HQ.

- The next General Meeting will be 9/12/05, 19:30 at the Santa Clara Kaiser Hospital, Bldg K.

David Paul, AE6MV, Secretary

Board Meeting, Jan. 17, 2005



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

Packet Pieces

Downloaded from the packet network:

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Date: 22 Jul 2004 06:52
From: W1GMF@W1GMF
To: HUMOR@USA
Subject: HUMOR FOR TODAY 0722
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Barry woke up at home with a huge hangover. He forced himself to open his eyes, and the first thing he saw were a couple of aspirins and a glass of water on the side table.

He sat down and saw his clothing in front of him, all clean and pressed. Barry looked around the room and noticed that it was in a perfect order, spotless, clean. So was the rest of the house.

He took the aspirins and noticed a note on the table: "Honey, breakfast is on the stove, I left early to go shopping. Love

you."

So he went to the kitchen and sure enough, a hot breakfast and the morning newspaper waited on the table. His son was also there, already eating.

Barry inquired, "Son, what happened last night?"

His son replied, "Well, you came home after 3 A.M., drunk and delirious. Broke some furniture, threw up in the hallway, and gave yourself a black eye when you stumbled into the door."

Confused, Barry asked, "So, why is everything in order and so clean, and breakfast is on the table waiting for me?"

His son responded, "Oh that! Mom dragged you to the bedroom, and when she tried to take your pants off you said, 'Lady leave me alone, I'm married!'"

Daily Thoughts

If a man is standing in the middle of the forest speaking and there is no woman around to hear him - is he still wrong?

Date: 23 Jul 2004 05:51
From: W1GMF@W1GMF
To: HUMOR@USA
Subject: Broken Puppy

A storeowner was tacking a sign above his door that read 'Puppies for Sale.' These signs had a weird way of attracting children. And sure enough, a little boy appeared at the sign. "How much are you going to sell those puppies for?" he asked. The store owner replied "Anywhere from \$30-\$50." The little boy reached into his pocket and pulled out some change. "I have \$2.37, can I have a look at them?"

The storeowner smiled and whistled and out of the kennel came Lady, who ran down the aisle of his store followed by five teeny, tiny balls of fur. One puppy was lagging considerably behind. Immediately the little boy singled out the lagging, limping puppy and said "What's wrong with that little dog?" The storeowner explained that when the puppy was born, the vet had said that the puppy had no hip socket and would limp for the rest of its life.

The little boy got really excited and said, "That's the puppy I want to buy!" The storeowner replied, "No, you don't want to buy that little dog. If you really want him, I'll give him to you." The little boy got quite upset. He looked straight into the store owner's eyes, pointing his finger and said, "I don't want you to give him to me. That little dog is worth every bit as much as the other dogs and I'll pay the full price. In fact, I'll give you \$2.37 now and 50 cents every month until I have him paid for." The storeowner countered, "You really don't want to buy this puppy. He is never going to be able to run, jump and play like other puppies!"

To this the little boy reached down and rolled up his pant leg to reveal a badly twisted, crippled left leg supported by a big metal brace. He looked up at the storeowner and said softly, "Well, I don't run so well myself, and the little puppy will need someone who understands."

Date: 18 Feb 2004 01:38
From: W1GMF@W1GMF
To: HUMOR@USA
Subject: HUMOR FOR TODAY 0202

Seven Ages of the Married Cold

1st Year: The husband says, "Oh, sweetie pie, I'm really worried about those nasty sniffles you have! There's no telling what that could turn into with all the strep throat that's been going around.

I'm going to take you right down to the hospital and have you admitted for a couple days of rest. I know the food is lousy there, so I'm going to bring you some take-out from Tosini's. I've already arranged it with the head nurse."

2nd Year: "Listen, honey, I don't like the sound of that cough. I called the doctor, and he's going to stop by here and take a look at you. Why don't you just go on to bed and get the rest you need?"

3rd Year: "Maybe you better go lie down, darling. When you feel lousy, you need the rest. I'll bring you something --do we have any canned soup around here?"

4th Year: "No sense wearing yourself out when you're under the weather. When you finish those dishes and the kids' baths and get them to bed, you ought to go to bed yourself!"

5th Year: "Why don't you take a couple aspirin?"

6th Year: "You oughta go gargle or something instead of sitting around barking like a dog!"

7th Year: "For Pete's sake, stop sneezing. Are you trying to give me pneumonia? You'd better pick up some tissues while you're at the store."

Daily Thoughts

"When the inventor of the drawing board messed things up...what did he go back to?" Bob Monkhouse

"Potatoes are to food what sensible shoes are to fashion." Linda Wells

"Americans are getting stronger. Twenty years ago, it took two people to carry ten dollars worth of groceries. Today, a five-year-old can do it." Henny Youngman

Date: 18 Feb 2004 01:39
From: W1GMF@W1GMF
To: HUMOR@USA
Subject: HUMOR FOR TODAY 0203

A man walked into a bar with a duck and a biscuit box. He set the duck on top of the biscuit box on the bar and the duck began dancing.

The bartender found this rather interesting as did the rest of the customers in the pub. They all came round the duck and watched it for hours, and while doing so, bought more and more drink.

By the end of the night the bar was full of people watching this amazing duck, still dancing and giving the odd quack now and again. The bar tender realized that he hadn't seen business this good in a long time. It was so good that he offered to buy the duck from the man to which the man agrees to sell for \$500. The bartender thinks it is a bit expensive but agrees to buy it anyhow. On selling the duck, the man went home, leaving a crowded bar watching his dancing duck.

Later that night, the man got a telephone call; it was the bartender and he exclaimed that the duck was a great success and that he earned his money back in the amount of drinks he sold, but he inquired, "There is one thing... How do you get the duck to stop dancing?"

"Oh simple--just take the lid off the biscuit box and blow out the candle."

Daily Thoughts

"Many a man wishes he were strong enough to tear a telephone book in half-especially if he has a teenage daughter." Guy Lombardo

"Go through your phone book, call people and ask them to drive you to the airport. The ones who will drive you are your true friends. The rest aren't bad people; they're just acquaintances." Jay Leno

"The cell phone has transformed public places into giant phone-a-thons in which callers exist within narcissistic cocoons of private conversations." Mary Schmich

Today's Story

My father-in-law had asked for a telephone on several occasions after the phone companies began concentrating on servicing the rural areas in the mid to late 50's, but on each occasion his name and address had been taken and placed on the telephone companies waiting list for the very next phone when an opening became available. After a couple of years of waiting for a phone he told his wife one day he was going to town and get a phone.

While he was in town on this particular day he went by the phone company and was again told he would be placed on their list for the very next available phone in his area. On this day my father-in-law told the phone company employee he was going to make an opening when he returned home.

Naturally, the phone company employee wanted to know how my father-in-law thought he could make an opening, when they did not have an opening.

The reply from my father-in-law was: Well you know those twelve telephone poles which go across my cotton field that I have been plowing around for the past many years, when I get home I intend to cut them down and burn them so I can plow straight rows of cotton in the future.

The phone company service person was installing a new telephone at his home when my father-in-law returned from town that afternoon.

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 fill out an Elmer form from the club secretary.

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):
K6PBQ, WA6VJY, WB6YRU, WA6QYS
Children's Discovery Museum, volunteer operator:
K6PBQ
EchoLink: KK6MX

W6ACW, Ed Hajny, (408) 739-6105

WB6EMR, James D. Armstrong, Jr.,
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KD6FJI, Lloyd DeVaughns,
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e-mail: kd6fji@arrl.net

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packet: home BBS NOARY

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evening & msg: (408) 275-0735

WB6YRU, Gary Mitchell, msg (408) 265-2336
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e-mail: wb6yru@aenet.net

Newsletter Notes

We've got a few things coming up before the next meeting in October... a picnic, a sort of "mini Field Day" (setting up and using our antenna trailer), etc. But I'd like to draw particular attention to the calendar item: Inventory on October 5.

The club is trying to get a better handle on our property. Some items have disappeared, we don't know where they are or who has them. Some items were effectively lost when a club member died and we were not allowed to retrieve borrowed items.

So, the plan is this:

Whoever has something that belongs to SCCARA, please either return it to the locker before October 5 or tell Clark and he'll pick it up. Or at the very least, let us know what you have so we can complete the inventory.

The board will conduct an inventory of the locker and double check it against the property list. Any items not in the locker will also be noted on the property list.

From then on, we'll have a check-out process.

73, Gary WB6YRU, editor

SCCARA Membership Form for 2005

(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: _____

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.

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