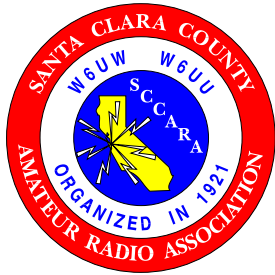


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IARU EYES GLOBAL COORDINATION OF AMATEUR RADIO'S BPL/EMC RESPONSE

The International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) Administrative Council will explore ways to improve the coordination of Amateur Radio's representation on electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) issues at national, regional and global forums. Meeting September 17-18 in Zurich, Switzerland, the Council also made further progress firming up plans to deal with Amateur Radio-related issues at World Radiocommunication Conference 2007 (WRC-07).

The Council requested the International Secretariat (ARRL)--in conjunction with the EMC advisor--seek ways to better harmonize Amateur Radio's EMC response at meetings and conferences. The study, prompted mainly by concerns about interference from broadband over power line (BPL), is to be completed by year's end. The objective is to recommend steps, subject to Council approval, to arrive at a more unified Amateur Radio position regarding BPL and EMC and to "maintain a favorable EMC environment for radio services."

At its October 2004 session, the Administrative Council adopted a resolution concerning potential interference to radio services from BPL systems. The Council resolved to urge member-societies to make national administrations and standards bodies aware of their obligations under the international Radio Regulations. Those rules, in part, call on administrations to "take all practicable and necessary steps to ensure that the operation of electrical apparatus or installations of any kind, including power and telecommunication distribution networks . . . does not cause harmful interference to a radiocommunication service."

A principal focus was on WRC-07 preparations. The Administrative Council affirmed the IARU's positions on agenda items. WRC-07 issues facing Amateur Radio include the possible identification of additional HF spectrum between 4 and 10 MHz for broadcasting, which could put pressure on other services. A possible international amateur allocation in the vicinity of 136 kHz is also on the agenda.

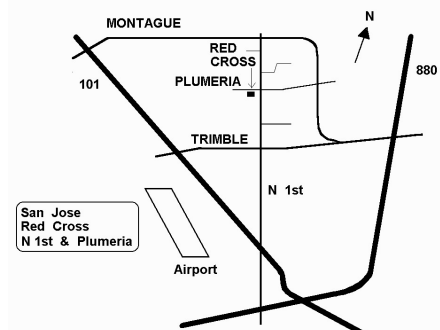
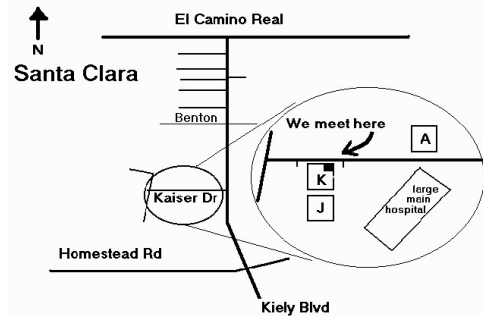
In other business, the Council established a small working group to develop an international emergency communications handbook for radio amateurs based on existing texts. The International Secretariat (ARRL) was requested to produce a brochure on Amateur Radio response to emergencies.

Calendar

- 10/5 Locker inventory (2 PM)
- 10/8 Electronic Flea Market (De Anza)
- 10/10 SCCARA General Meeting
- 10/17 SCCARA Board Meeting--(San Jose Red Cross, 7:30p, all are welcome)

General Meeting:

Day: Monday, Oct.ober 10, 2005
Time: 7:30 PM
Place: Kaiser Santa Clara, Bld K, Rm 1
Featuring: {to be announced}



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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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The Council thanked Bob Knowles, ZL1BAD, for his more than 20 years of volunteer service as IARU Monitoring System (IARUMS) International Coordinator. Knowles recently stepped down from the position, which he'd occupied since the inception of IARUMS.

Attending the gathering were IARU President Larry Price, W4RA; Vice President Tim Ellam, VE6SH/G4HUA; Secretary David Sumner, K1ZZ; Ole Garpestad, LA2RR; Don Beattie, G3BJ; Hans Blondeel Timmerman, PB2T; ARRL International Affairs Vice President Rod Stafford, W6ROD; Dario Jurado, HP1DJ; Y. S. Park, HL1IFM; Chandru Ramchandra, VU2RCR; Yoshi Sekido, JJ1OEY, and Recording Secretary Paul Rinaldo, W4RI.

FEDERAL GRANT AUGMENTS "HAM AID" FUND FOR HURRICANE VOLUNTEERS

The Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) will provide the ARRL with an additional \$77,000 to support Amateur Radio operators volunteering in the field in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. The latest grant augments the recent \$100,000 CNCS made available immediately following the Katrina disaster. The grant money, supplemented by contributions from individual donors, will subsidize "Ham Aid," a new League program to help defray out-of pocket expenses of Amateur Radio volunteers deployed in the field in disaster-stricken areas.

"The new funding of \$77,000--added to the initial \$100,000 award, for a total of \$177,000--is gratefully accepted to assist ham radio operators who have incurred expenses related to their volunteer service," said ARRL Chief Development Officer Mary Hobart, K1MMH. "The per-diem awards of \$25 per day up to a maximum award of four days, or \$100 per person, will cover approximately 6000 'ham days' of service."

Ham Aid also will strengthen the role Amateur Radio can play in disaster response by funding the preparation of complete "containerized" Amateur Radio HF/VHF stations that include radios, antennas, feed lines, repeaters and more, Hobart added. These are designed for deployment to disaster areas where the Amateur Radio infrastructure has been compromised or additional equipment is required.

The CNCS Ham Aid grant is effective for operations established and documented as of September 1, 2005, and the aid is earmarked for Hurricane Katrina deployments only at this point. Corporation funds may also sustain the Ham Aid program and help to rebuild the emergency communications capabilities in Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama to ensure that the Gulf Coast is prepared, should disaster strike again.

The grants represent an emergency amendment to ARRL's three year Homeland Security training grant, which provided emergency communication training to nearly 5500 Amateur Radio volunteer over the past three years. The recent grant extensions do not cover additional ARRL Amateur Radio Emergency Communications training program reimbursements, however.

Hobart says the League will accept reimbursement request applications on a first-come, first served basis for as long as funds are available. For now, the program only covers per-diem reimbursements between September 1 and December 31, 2005, although that period may be extended.

The Hurricane Katrina ARRL Ham Aid Reimbursement Procedures are on the ARRL Web site <<http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/forms/cnscs/>>.

AMATEUR RADIO VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED

As of week's end, Amateur Radio volunteers still were needed to assist relief agencies in the southern Mississippi counties hardest hit by Hurricane Katrina. In addition ham radio volunteers were being sought to support Hurricane Rita FEMA operations in Texas. ARRL Alabama Section Manager Greg Sarratt, W4OZK, who's been at the American Red Cross volunteer staging area in Montgomery for nearly a month now, says turning the "operator pipeline" back on after holding off on soliciting additional volunteers has been slow.

"Three Mississippi Gulf Coast counties need amateurs in EOCs, American Red Cross shelters and other locations to provide reliable communication," Sarratt said. He's trying to fill a need for 18 operators in Hancock County, 24 in Harrison County and 9 in Jackson County. Sarratt reported he was already getting word on the availability of fresh recruits via the nationwide network of ARRL SMs and SECs <<http://www.arrl.org/sections/>>.

Prospective volunteers may indicate their willingness to deploy by first signing up on the Hurricane Katrina Disaster Communications & Volunteer Registration and Message Traffic Database <<http://katrina.ab2m.net/>>, then awaiting word on whether to deploy. Operators should not self-deploy! If requested to report, they should notify their ARRL SEC.

Volunteers who are asked to deploy would report to the Montgomery marshaling center to receive orientation and a specific assignment. Some volunteers will help support communication at Red Cross shelters set up for evacuees, while others will provide tactical communication for feeding stations.

Amateur Radio Station W4AP at the Montgomery staging facility monitors 7.280 MHz days/3.965 MHz evenings to keep in touch with HF-equipped mobile operators who are traveling to or are at their assigned locations.

Operators requested to deploy should be self-sufficient with some food, fuel, water and camping gear sufficient to cover their travel to and operation in affected areas. Shelters are supplying food for ham radio volunteers in affected communities, however.

In Louisiana, where New Orleans and several parishes suffered severe damage from Hurricane Katrina, SEC Gary Stratton, K5GLS, says local ARES members are still handling communication request and needs that arise. He says that first responders are expected to enter Cameron Parish this weekend. Amateur Radio volunteers have been asked to accompany law enforcement personnel to support their internal communication on this mission. Flood waters in Louisiana have been receding, and most shelters now have telephone service, electricity and running water.

Meanwhile, the Amateur Radio response to Hurricane Rita continues. North Texas SEC Bill Swan, K5MWC, reports that two teams from his section are in Jasper, Texas, to assist the Salvation Army. He predicts that more ham radio volunteers will be called to assist after cities such as Beaumont and Port Arthur are reopened for residents to return.

In San Augustine County, Texas, Marshall Williams, K5QE, says that up to eight ARES-trained Amateur Radio volunteers are needed for one week minimum stints to support the FEMA-coordinated disaster relief operation with mobile HF SSB and VHF FM. Prospective volunteers may register their availability on the Hurricane Rita Disaster Communications Volunteer Registration & Message Traffic Database <<http://rita.ab2m.net/>>. The FEMA support requirement is likely to continue for several weeks, with up to eight volunteers needed each week.

The need is for self-contained operators who can provide their own shelter, water and some or all of their food for a week. The duty tour will involve working in high humidity and temperatures, so anyone with medical problems that could be aggravated by these conditions should not volunteer for this assignment.

The West Gulf ARES Emergency Net (7.285 MHz days/3.873 MHz evenings) is providing daily updates on the Hurricane Rita emergency response at noon and 7 PM Central Daylight Time.

December Meeting

Our annual Christmas meeting this year will be a luncheon again instead of a dinner. It will be held on Saturday December 17 at the Jericho's Steakhouse (formerly Hungry Hunter) in Milpitas, (1181 E. Calaveras Blvd just off Hwy 680).

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 \$10. This type of gift exchange is always a lot of fun to participate in.

Reservations need to be in by Friday Dec. 9 (see sign-up sheet). Talk-in will be on our repeater, W6UU, 146.985 - (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

Packet Pieces

Downloaded from the packet network:

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Date: 18 Feb 2004 01:40
From: W1GMF@W1GMF
To: HUMOR@USA
Subject: HUMOR FOR TODAY 0204

How to give a cat a pill

1. Grasp cat firmly in your arms. Cradle its head on your elbow, just as if you were giving baby a bottle. Coo confidently, "That's a nice kitty." Drop pill into its mouth.
2. Retrieve cat from top of lamp, and pill from under sofa.
3. Follow same procedure as in 1, but hold cat's front paws down with left hand and back paws down with elbow of right arm. Poke pill into its mouth with right forefinger.
4. Retrieve cat from under bed. Get new pill from bottle. (Resist impulse to get new cat.)
5. Again proceed as in 1, except when you have cat firmly cradled in bottle-feeding position, sit down on edge of chair, fold your torso over cat, bring your right hand over your left elbow, open cat's mouth by lifting the upper jaw and pop the pill in - quickly. Since your head is down by your knees, you won't be able to see what you're doing. That's just as well.

6. Leave cat hanging on drapes. Leave pill in your hair.
7. If you're a woman, have a good cry. If you're a man, have a good cry.
8. Now pull yourself together. Who's the boss here anyway? Retrieve cat and pill. Assuming position 1, say sternly, "Who's the boss here, anyway?" Open cat's mouth, take pill and...Oooops!
9. This isn't working, is it? Collapse and think. Aha! Those flashing claws are causing the chaos.
10. Crawl to linen closet. Drag back large beach towel. Spread towel on floor.
11. Retrieve cat from kitchen counter and pill from potted plant.
12. Spread cat on towel near one end with its head over long edge.
13. Flatten cat's front and back legs over its stomach. (Resist impulse to flatten cat.)
14. Roll cat in towel. Work fast; time and tabbies wait for no man-or woman.
15. Resume position 1. Rotate your left hand to cat's head. Press its mouth at the jaw hinges like opening the petals of a snapdragon.
16. Drop pill into cat's mouth and poke gently. Voila! It's done.
17. Vacuum up loose fur (cat's). Apply bandages to wounds (yours).
18. Take two aspirins and lie down.

Daily Thoughts

I got rid of my husband. The cat was allergic

There is no snooze button on a cat who wants breakfast.

Last Laugh

Top 9 Signs Your Cat Has Learned Your Internet Password

9. E-mail flames from some guy named "Fluffy."
8. Traces of kitty litter in your keyboard.
7. You find you've been subscribed to strange newsgroups like alt.recreational.catnip.
6. Your mouse has teeth marks in it... and a strange aroma of tuna.
5. Hate-mail messages to Apple Computers, Inc. about their release of "CyberDog."
4. Your new ergonomic keyboard has a strange territorial scent to it.
3. You keep finding new software around your house like CatinTax and WarCat II.
2. On IRC you're known as the IronMouser.

and the #1 Sign Your Cat Has Learned Your Internet Password...

1. Little kitty carpal-tunnel braces near the scratching post.

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 Date: 18 Feb 2004 09:04
 From: KD4GCA@KD4GCA
 To: HUMOR@USA
 Subject: Grandparents

For those who are already grandparents and those who hope to be one.

---- What is a grandparent?? (taken from papers written by a class of 8-year-olds)

Grandparents are a lady and a man who have no little children of her own. They like other people's.

A grandfather is a man grandmother.

Grandparents don't have to do anything except be there when we come to see them. They are so old they shouldn't play hard or run. It is good if they drive us to the store and have lots of quarters for us.

When they take us for walks, they slow down past things like pretty leaves and caterpillars.

They show us and talk to us about the color of the flowers and also, why we shouldn't step on "cracks."

They don't say, "Hurry up."

Usually grandmothers are fat, but not too fat to tie your shoes.

They wear glasses and funny underwear.

They can take their teeth and gums out.

Grandparents don't have to be smart.

They have to answer questions like "Why isn't God married?", and "How come dogs chase cats?".

When they read to us, they don't skip. They don't mind if we ask for the same story over again.

Everybody should try to have a grandmother, especially if you don't have television, because they are the only grown ups who like to spend time with us.

They know we should have snack-time before bedtime, and they say prayers with us every time, and kiss us even when we've acted bad.

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 Date: 24 Jul 2004 02:20
 From: G8VHG@GB7FCR
 To: HUMOUR@WW
 Subject: Overheard !!

This was from a radio conversation released by the American Navy.....

#1 : Please divert YOUR course 15 degrees to the North to avoid collision

#2 : Recommend you divert YOUR course 15 degrees to the South to avoid a collision !!

#1 : This is the Captain of a U.S.navy ship. I say again divert YOUR Course !!!!

#2 : No ! I say again divert YOUR course !!!!

#1 : THIS IS THE AIRCRAFT CARRIER 'ENTERPRISE', WE ARE A LARGE WARSHIP OF THE US NAVY.....DIVERT YOUR COURSE NOW !!!

#2 : This is a lighthouse ! Your call.

True ?????

73 - Ian, G8VHG @ GB7FCR

Date: 7 Jan 2005 07:25
From: ZL3AI@ZL3VML
To: HUMOUR@WW
Subject: Bull/Photos/School

Bull

Farmer Fred had a problem arise when, upon preparing his prize bull for market, the barn door slammed shut cutting the tail off the bull. His prize bull was to be sold that very day, yet now Farmer Fred couldn't ... whole sale him or retail him.

Photographs

I got a package envelope in the mail the other day that had written on the front, "Photographs: Do Not Bend."

Underneath the mailman wrote, "Oh, yes they do."

Little Pauly At School

Little Pauly comes home from school and says, "Mom, the teacher asked me today if I had any brothers or sisters."

"And what did she say when you told her you were an only child?" his mom asked.

Little Pauly: "Well, she just let out a deep breath and said, 'Thank goodness!'"

Meeting Minutes

General Meeting, Sept. 12, 2005



Attendance: 26, including 21 members, and 5 non-members.

Members present (in alphabetical order): Don Apte, KK6MX; Barbara Britten, KD6QEI; Wally Britten, KA6YMD; Dick Delp, KD6QG; Lloyd Devaughns, KD6FJI; Jeannie Felix, KG6YOR; Robert L Forster, N6PCQ; Del Harbold, K6JPX; Mike Hastings, KB6LCJ; Royal Metzger, K6VIP; Virginia Metzger, K6IUU; Gary Mitchell, WB6YRU; Clark Murphy, KE6KXO; Terry Nakashima, WB6PVU; David Paul, AE6MV; Tom Root, KF6NEW; Don Steinbach, AE6PM; Lou Steirer, WA6QYS; Gerald Thompson,

N6SWC; Fred Townsend, AE6QL; James W Tyranski, KG6UDW.

Others present: Kit Blanke, WA6PWW; Tom Campbell, K6KMT; John Felix, KI6AND; Gerald Horn K6TXD; Dan Smith, K6PRR.

The President, Clark Murphy, called the meeting to order at 19:35, and led self-introductions.

- Tonight's Speaker will be Kit Blanke

Upcoming activities include the September 24th Picnic at Mary Gomez Park, San Tomas & Forbes. Pot-luck will be at Noon: bring a dish to share and your own meat to cook. The Club will provide charcoal. We will set up an HF station, using a tree-mounted dipole. Bingo and other entertainment will be held, and if you would like to see the Bingo have prizes, bring some prizes.

According to Clark, we will set up the Antenna Trailer in Alviso on 9/31, on Gold Street, at 10:00 a.m. Those with scheduling difficulties with the 9/31 date can come 10/1 instead.

The SVECS Flea market will be held 10/8 at De Anza - Lou passed around a sign-up sheet.

The evening's speaker, Kit Blanke, gave an interesting and informative presentation on Mountain-Topping. He is the ARRL Section Head, covering a district that covers all the way from San Mateo to Parkfield. He showed lots of pictures of antennas and rigs he has hauled up to mountain peaks for VHF and UHF transmissions. It was an interesting presentation.

We broke the meeting for discussion at 20:55.

Later we reconvened temporarily.

Fred Townsend, AE6QL, will give a presentation at the upcoming Pacifcon, (October 14-16). Fred's talk will be Sunday morning.

The next SVECS meeting will be Saturday October 22, at the VFW building at Franklin & Monroe, Santa Clara

We then adjourned at 21:10.

David Paul, AE6MV, Secretary

Board Meeting, Sept. 19, 2005



Attendees: Clark Murphy KE6KXO, President; Lloyd DeVaughns KD6FJI, Treasurer; Wally Britten KA6YMD, Director; Don Apte KK6MX, Director; Don Village K6PBQ, Director; Gary Mitchell WB6YRU, Editor and BBS Chairman; David Paul AE6MV, Secretary

President Clark Murphy, KE6KXO, called the meeting to order at 19:42:50; a quorum was present.

Clark wants a check for \$500 to pay for the Collins repair. Don Village moved and Lou Steirer seconded, that the treasurer write the check, and the motion passed unanimously.

Clark thinks the Board should consider the annual costs of equipment insurance. We pay \$270/year, and for two years' of that, we could buy a new piece of whatever equipment might be stolen or damaged. Discussion ensued. The payment is not due until 11/1, so the topic will be reached deeper, so the Board can decide at the next meeting.

BBS: Gary designed, built and installed a circuit to allow him to reset the dial-in modem or BBS machine remotely. The design is ingenious, and is omitted from these minutes. The BBS is now carrying more NTS traffic. The Monterey folks are getting more involved, and there is more NTS traffic currently.

Newsletter: just plugging along; not getting much input from the Club, as usual. .

Minutes: minor changes were requested to the minutes of last month's Board meeting.

Treasurer: Lloyd DeVaughns had no report.

Old Business

We plan to set up the Tower and use it for the Club Station, on October 1. Clark wants to use the Collins at that time, to check it out. Clark was reminded that it runs on AC, not 12 volts.

For the 10/1 setup, we should have new pulleys, probably 3/16 or 5/32, certainly $\leq 1/4$ ". Don Village pointed that we will also need batteries, plus we will need them this weekend for the picnic too.

The 2M repeater is not yet coordinated. The club with their new repeater on the same frequency pair as the W6UU repeater offered a proposal, which was discussed. The consensus was not to accept the proposal.

The situation with the 70cm repeater was discussed further. It seems not to be repeating anything audibly. Don Apte has a UHF repeater he would be willing to loan the Club, which we could place into service temporarily, while we determine what to do with the inoperative unit. It is a 15 watt repeater, which matches the output of the current unit, when it was operating correctly.

- Lou Steirer moved and Don Village seconded, that we accept the loan of the repeater unit from Don Apte, and authorize spending up to \$100 total installation costs, including getting it re-crystalled to our frequency pair; the motion was accepted unanimously.

Don Apte will give the on-loan repeater to Fred Townsend; Don asks that we not break the unit. Fred agreed to work with Don Steinbach to install the on-loan unit, and to write up a contract covering the loan.

Inventory of the Club Locker will be performed at 14:00 PDT October 5 (Wednesday).

The new QSL cards for the Club will be printed after the Newsletter is done.

The logging program was discussed briefly.

For the picnic this coming Saturday, Lou will be there by 06:00, Don will bring the dipole antennas, Clark will bring the batteries, Wally will bring lighter fluid and Don Village will bring charcoal.

New Business

Don Apte donated an AC adaptor that the club needs to power some piece of equipment used for presentations at Club meetings.

Saturday 10/8 will be the last Ham Flea Market of the season, and SVECS will be the sponsor.

Don Apte moved that we adjourn, Wally seconded, and Clark adjourned the meeting at 21:18.

David Paul, AE6MV

Secretary

Board Meeting, Aug. 15, 2005



Attendees: Clark Murphy, KE6KXO, President; Lloyd DeVaughns, KD6FJI, Treasurer; Wally Britten, KA6YMD, Director; Don Steinbach AE6PM, Director; Don Apte KK6MX, Director; Gary Mitchell, WB6YRU, Editor and BBS Chairman; David Paul, AE6MV, Secretary, Jon Gefaell, K6OJ, (new) Member

President Clark Murphy, KE6KXO, called the meeting to order; a quorum was present.

ARRL has again requested that we update our records in their system (the Secretary had no yet gotten around to it).

W6IO, Len Scarpelli, has expressed a concern about the repeater for the Loma Pioneer Repeater Club.

Minutes: no changes were requested to the minutes of last month's Board meeting.

Treasurer: Lloyd did not have the information with him. He did send some data to Gary, who assembled summaries of the last two years. Gary distributed copies, and some discussion occurred. For next year, we need to keep the monies for renewals separate from those for the Christmas Luncheon reservations

Newsletter: nothing new.

BBS: Gary reset it again, but nothing new.

Motion: It was moved that we perform a test of EchoLink on our 70cm repeater with Jon, K6OJ, with his EchoLink Remote Station. Don Apte moved that Jon's name be included in the membership list for the repeater committee. Both motions passed without disagreement. Jon has coax that can be used to upgrade the antenna feed line for the 70cm repeater.

Jon Gefaell, K6OJ, began the meeting as a Visitor, but changed his status to new Member.

Don Steinbach was named QSL Chairman. Don suggested that we print twenty five (25) Club QSL cards.

We plan to set up the Tower and use it for the Club Station, on October 1.

Inventory of the Club Locker will be performed at 14:00 PDT October 5 (Wednesday).

Don Steinbach moved that we adjourn, Wally Britten seconded, and Clark adjourned the meeting at 21:34.

David Paul, AE6MV
Secretary

December Luncheon Meeting Sign-up

Our annual December christmas meeting will be a luncheon this time; on Saturday December 17, at the Jericho's Steakhouse in Milpitas, 1181 E. Calaveras Blvd just east of Hwy 680 (old Hungry Hunter 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 \$18.00 each, children's choices are indicated below. Reservations need to be in by Friday, December 9. Talk-in on our repeater W6UU, 146.985 - (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, \$18.00 each:

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

From the Children's menu, \$9.00 each:

_____ Deli Burger _____ Chicken Strips _____ Total for lunches: \$ _____

Name: _____ Call: _____

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 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
HF operating techniques (SSB, CW): WB6EMR, K6PBQ
Classes/license upgrading: W6ACW
Legal/FCC rules: WB6YRU
SCCARA club inner workings: K6PBQ, WB6YRU, WA6QYS
Children's Discovery Museum, volunteer op.: K6PBQ
EchoLink: KK6MX

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Newsletter Notes

Traditionally, October is the month we nominate officers (elections in November), but so far I've heard only rumors. If anyone is of a mind to be a director or officer, please consider making a statement in the *SCCARA-GRAM*!

One crazy notion I've noticed more than once is that if one person is willing to be a particular officer, everyone else tends to back off. Listen, folks, if that were the case, we wouldn't have ELECTIONS. For the longest time the best we could do is get one person for each position, and we haven't even been able to do that very often. This evidently has given a few people the wrong idea, that it's *supposed* to be that way. Not so! It would be nice to actually have an election once in a while, not just barely fill the vacancies..

73, Gary WB6YRU, editor

SCCARA Membership Form for 2005

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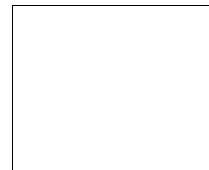
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