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President's Prose

November Election:

Lets hope our committee has reviewed the qualification and requirements of the individuals who will guide the club through the coming year. I am vary sure this was not an easy job. The Club is growing and that's why is important for all of the Club Members to be at this meeting and make your vote count.

New 70cm Repeater Coming Soon:

Presently on order from Kenwood subject to availability. "Really"

The Digital Frontier:

Pacificon this year highlighted the growth in the Bay Area. San Jose, Crystal Peak and San Francisco. The Mt Diablo group alone has 150 members. The system is growing would wide with new gateways open to the EU. A verity of new D-Star radios are added every day. See who has been on the system in the last 24 HRS. The US alone logs 300 call signs a day that are captured by this web site. Please log-in to: <http://www.d-starusers.org/dstar.php> Five active D-Star systems are located in California with more on the way nation wide. The 2008 ARRL repeater book now has 2.5 pages of available systems in major cities and this has already been exceeded.

Your thoughts are welcome:

Have you found a new Ham Radio web site or have you a project you have been working diligently on, antennas, radio restoration and have pictures. Let's talk, your club can always use project subjects that may interest others.

73, Jim T,

Your comments are welcomed: kg6udw@arrl.net



Operation Care and Comfort

FELLOW MEMBERS.

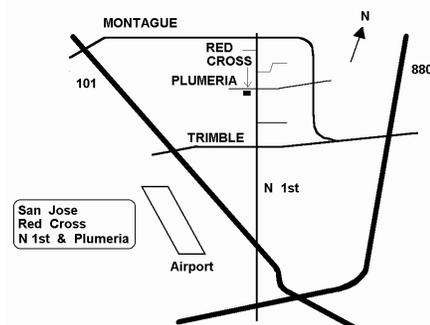
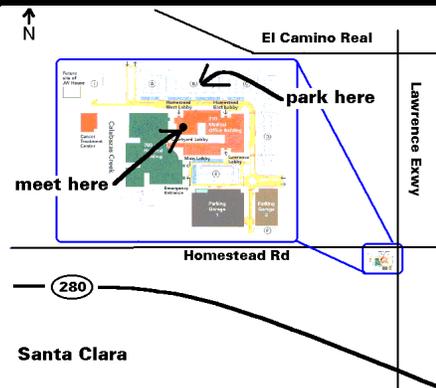
I am encouraging and asking every one to bring any item that our troops could use {see list of items at www.operationcareandcomfort.org}. I feel this is a very worth while endeavor to show support for our men and women serving our country . The items can be brought to our November meeting

Calendar

- 11/12 SCCARA General Meeting – Club Elections
- 11/17 PHONE sweepstakes club station, Red Cross
- 11/19 SCCARA Board Meeting--(San Jose Red Cross, 7:30p, all are welcome)
- 12/15 SCCARA General Meeting--dinner meeting

General Meeting

Day: Monday, Nov. 12, 2007
Time: 7:30 PM
Place: Kaiser Santa Clara, Rm 196 3A,B
Featuring: club elections



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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 Village, K6PBQ. On ten meters, 28.385 MHz USB, Thursdays at 8:00 PM. Net control: Wally Britten, 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.. Sysop: Gary Mitchell, WB6YRU (packet info: www.n0ary.org/ncpa)

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and then we can get them delivered to project TROOP SUPPORT. This will help our troops have a little bit more of the items they need in their daily life that they have to pay for, but they cannot get in some of the locations they are serving. Later on I will be setting up a work party to go and help them bag the packages for shipment.

John W6JPP

New Members

SCCARA would like to welcome these new amateurs to the club (in "callbook" order):

Gordon Robinson, KC6PLM.
James Fowler, KF6VWH

If you have any questions, ideas, or comments about SCCARA or any activities, please don't hesitate to ask.

Nov. Sweepstakes

Nov. 3rd CW sweepstakes
Nov. 17th PHONE sweepstakes

SCCARA will operate both the CW and PHONE portions of the 2007 ARRL sweepstakes at our club station. This contest has a much longer report form send and copy. It gives us a good practice in copying traffic. The CW session is on Nov. 3rd and the PHONE session is on Nov. 17th starting at 2100UTC (1 PM PST). This is a great contest to operate as a club activity. So lets make this a fun activity for our club.

73 Don K6PBQ

Elections

The following is a list of those that have indicated they would seek election for Director Positions.

Bill N2RHV
John W6JPP
John NU6P

All of the existing Officers and those Directors whose term expires are running for reelection. We were not able to find a non incumbent that was interested in seeking an officer position.

Joe, W6SNV
Nomination Committee

December Meeting

Our annual Christmas meeting will be a luncheon on Saturday December 15 at 12:00 noon. This year our luncheon will be at the Creekside Inn 544 W. Alma ave. San Jose (one block west of Hwy 87).

This year we will be having a gift exchange. The way it works is that everyone brings a wrapped gift suitable for a man or woman costing about \$10.00. This type of gift exchange is always a lot of fun to participate in.

Reservations need to be in by Friday Dec 7 (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

ARRL News

From *The ARRL Letter*, October 26, 2007

ARRL FACES FCC IN FEDERAL COURT OVER BPL ISSUES

On Tuesday, October 23, the ARRL faced the Federal Communications Commission in the US Court of Appeals over the continuing debate concerning harmful interference to licensed radio services from unlicensed Broadband over Powerline (BPL) systems. BPL is the delivery of broadband Internet communications using unshielded electrical wiring to conduct high-speed digital signals to homes and businesses. BPL systems are designed to conduct RF energy through unshielded, medium voltage power lines, using some or all of the HF spectrum between 1.7-80 MHz. At those frequencies on unshielded overhead power lines, the electrical wiring not only conducts the signals, it radiates them very efficiently for very substantial distances from the power lines.

In October 2006, the League petitioned the United States Court of Appeals for the DC Circuit to review the FCC's October 2004 Report and Order (R&O) in ET Docket 04-37 and 2006 Memorandum Opinion and Order which generally denied all of the 17 petitions for reconsideration. In its brief initially filed May 17, the ARRL contends, among other things, that the FCC's adoption of rules to govern unlicensed BPL systems fundamentally alter the longstanding rights of radio licensees, including Amateur Radio operators. Specifically, the FCC order, while adopting rules that it claimed would minimize instances of harmful interference to licensed services, eliminated a fundamental requirement for unlicensed devices, and held for the first time that BPL systems need not shut down in the case of unresolved instances of harmful interference to "mobile" stations.

The ARRL argues that the FCC's BPL rules violate Section 301 of the Communications Act, which requires that operators of devices that emit radio frequency energy which have a substantial interference potential cannot operate without an FCC license. "For years, the FCC has consistently read Section 301 to apply to unintentional radiators, such as BPL devices, and has expressly embodied that interpretation in its rules," the League's brief recounts. The brief notes that extensive studies done by the National Telecommunications and Information Administration conclude persuasively that interference from BPL to mobile stations can be expected at distances up to almost a football field, and to fixed stations at distances up to five football fields.

The Commission then compounded its error by asserting that BPL devices do not fall within Section 301 at all, the League said. "This hail-Mary attempt at justification is another

unexplained departure from prior policy that independently requires invalidation of the orders," the ARRL remarked in its brief.

The ARRL contends that the FCC orders under review "jeopardize the license rights of ARRL's members and other license holders by authorizing providers of a new device -- Access Broadband over Power Lines, or 'BPL' -- to send radio signals across the electric grid in the frequencies the license holders occupy, but without having to obtain an FCC license."

Each side had 20 minutes to present their case, with the League going first. Attorney Jonathan Frankel, of the WilmerHale Law Firm, argued the case for ARRL before the three judge panel; Attorney C. Grey Pash, of the FCC General Counsel's office, argued for the FCC. According to ARRL President Joel Harrison, W5ZN, who attended the Court session, Frankel's argument centered on the removal of interference protection for licensed mobile stations, and the Commission's rules for measuring interference. "Frankel received multiple, direct questions from each of the judges concerning the topics in the briefs, and responded to each very well," Harrison said.

"Judges Tatel, Rogers and Kavanaugh interrupted both sides repeatedly with intelligent, challenging questions," ARRL Chief Executive Officer David Sumner, K1ZZ, said. "For example," Sumner continued, "while quizzing Frankel, the judges sounded skeptical that interference to mobile stations couldn't simply be regarded as 'not harmful' because it was temporary; but then, when quizzing the FCC's attorney, Judge Tatel said in response to the statement that 'mobile stations could simply move,' that in the case of BPL in Manassas, Virginia for example, you can only get away from the interference by leaving Manassas.' It wasn't, he went on to say, like a garage door opener."

For the first time in decades, the FCC decided against requiring that operations found to cause "harmful interference" be shut down immediately -- a stance that ignores the "right of the license holder to be free from interference," Frankel said in court. The FCC has also withheld portions of studies that would "potentially" show BPL does cause harmful interference to other devices -- and ignored reports of tests the ARRL argues offer "substantial" evidence of interference problems, he continued. "We're talking about devices that radiate for football fields in length and all along power lines," Frankel said of the BPL gadgets. "When you drive down the street, [an Amateur Radio operator's] service is interrupted constantly."

"All three judges were clearly very familiar with the written record. They spent a lot of time on the issue of what information the FCC had withheld from public view (redacted)," Sumner said. "In the course of the argument, the FCC's attorney had to acknowledge that the Commission's explanations in the BPL proceeding were deficient in a number of respects, although it wasn't clear that administrative agencies are held to a very high standard in that regard."

Harrison said that Pash, the FCC's attorney, began his defense of the FCC orders and was almost "immediately interrogated" by the judges on the Commission's premise that "a mobile station in a licensed service should not be afforded complete protection from harmful interference just because it can just move away from the interference.

Pash also came under what Harrison called "considerable direct questioning" concerning the redacted material from the FCC's response to the ARRL's Freedom of Information request. ARRL had asked the FCC to produce all of what FCC described as "extensive" studies allegedly justifying its BPL order, on which the FCC relied in adopting the BPL rules. The FCC had deleted

what appeared to be any material in that one single study that indicated that interference from BPL systems was likely. One page that was completely redacted was a Powerpoint slide titled "New Information Arguing for Caution on HF BPL." The FCC claimed that was not factual information, but just staff advice. Pash "attempted to present a position that the material pertained to 'staff opinion' that was determined to not be a basis for the FCC's decision," Harrison said. According to Pash, the redacted sections referenced earlier sections of the report, and were not "a bunch of new information," Harrison added.

Pash defended the Commission's approach. He said the FCC didn't require the so-called "cease-operations" rule because it didn't find ample evidence that BPL posed any real potential for "harmful" interference. He said the studies the FCC relied upon, including one by the US National Telecommunications and Information Administration, found that so long as the FCC restricts the strength of the signals emitted by BPL devices -- as it did through its rules -- others sharing that spectrum "won't notice a difference" in the quality of their services.

Attorney Frankel reserved seven of his allotted 20 minutes for rebuttal of the FCC's arguments. He reiterated the League's position concerning mobile operations and also emphasized that "unless we have an opportunity to review the redacted material, no determination can be made as to its role in the FCC's rulemaking decision," Harrison said.

Both Sumner and Harrison said they were "quite impressed" with the knowledge that the judges had concerning the case and with the questions that they asked. Harrison said it could be "three months or more" before the Court announces its decision. - Some information from cnet.com.

BBS Move?

SCCARA sponsors the N0ARY packet BBS. It has shared the same location with our 440 repeater at the San Jose Regional Medical Center, (formerly Alexian Brothers).

The number of packet BBSs and users has declined over the years. So, I thought it might be a good idea to put a user node up at Crystal Peak (a little east of Mt. Umunhum) to give wider access. Then it occurred to me that if the whole BBS were moved to Crystal there would be other benefits.

On the up side: Users would get increased performance by being able to work the BBS directly. The same would be true with traffic forwarding to other BBSs in the area. From Crystal we might even be able to have an RF link to the BBSs in the central valley. The BBS has two phone lines, one is a dedicated internet link to its creator, Bob Arasmith N0ARY in Sunnyvale. Since the BBS runs on a Sun Sparc 2, it has a built-in ethernet. There is an ethernet on Crystal Peak. We could do away with a phone line at both ends by connecting the computer's ethernet port to the existing network at Crystal.

On the down side: We don't pay for electricity at the current location, but we would at Crystal Peak. Eliminating one phone line will save money, but electricity would cost slightly more. Since Crystal is a commercial radio site, we may have to put in RF filters. There would also be one-time costs involved in any new RF links that would be practical at the Peak that is impractical at Regional. There are few users these days. Having the BBS on the mountain would compete with the two BBSs in the Monterey Bay area for users. And last but not least, access way up on the mountain of course isn't like the hospital building downtown.

There is one more option: Bob N0ARY has a site at Mt. Umunhum. It doesn't have all the amenities that Crystal

has, but the electricity may cost less. Bob's site houses several amateur repeaters, so we may need even more RF filters, which means a higher one-time cost. The details of moving to Bob's site are still being explored.

Nothing has been decided yet, it's even possible the board will decide to leave the BBS where it is.

If anyone is interested in the BBS or in this possible move, let me know (wb6yru@ix.netcom.com) and your club directors.

73, Gary WB6YRU

Meeting Minutes

General Meeting, Oct. 8, 2007



--The meeting was called to order at 7:34 PM with introductions. 31 members and 3 guests were present.

After a brief description of the club election nomination process, the president turned the meeting over to our guest speaker.

Evening Program: The featured speaker was Cookie Crissman, KF6EIH, co-founder of Operation Care and Comfort. The organization took up where the Red Cross left off, sending over 300,000 pounds of care packages to American troops in Iraq and Afghanistan since April, 2003. They are all volunteers and work entirely from private and corporate donations. Packages averaging 40-50 lbs. Each are sent directly to about 200 units in the field using the USPS. The cost of postage- at \$1.00 per pound- is the largest direct expense. The current goal is to send another 40,000 lbs. by mid December. Needed items include non-perishable and snack foods, personal hygiene items (non-scented!), entertainment items (CD's, DVD's, games), stationary and greeting cards, and hand-written cards and letters. See the web site www.operationcareandcomfort.org for more details, drop-off locations, coming events, and opportunities to participate. John Parks, W6JPP, has volunteered to be the club contact person.

Nominating committee: The president appointed Joe Castellano, W6SNV, to head the nominating committee. Also appointed (and accepting) were Gregg Lane, KF6FNA; James Wilson, K6WRJ; and David Dippon, AE6YE. The officers and three director positions (Lou Steirer, WA6QYS; Don Village, K6PBQ; and Wally Britten, KA6YMD) are open. The nominating committee is to contact candidates and report their results to the newsletter editor in time for publication in the November SCCARA-Gram. Nominations will also be open from the floor at the November meeting, and candidates will have a few minutes each to address the members.

Closing Remarks and Announcements:

--The new Kaiser facility at Lawrence and Homestead is in the process of being reserved for general meetings for 2008.

--Jeanie (KG6YOR), Gary (WB6YRU), and Wally (KA6YMD) have designed and produced new QSL cards for the club stations. These will be put to good use with all the recent and upcoming contest and operating activities.

--The station was on the air for the California QSO party, with 10 members making over 40 contacts and having a great time.

--Don Village is going to host the Boy Scouts at his home station for Jamboree on the Air on October 13.

--Bill Dale, N2RHV, will be at Pacificon October 19-21. He is arranging a talk on the use of 2M simplex operation for

emergency communications, as well as 2M, 6M, and 10M SSB. There will be a flea market Sunday. See www.pacificon.org for more details. --The Boy Scouts will use W6UU and 10M SSB (28.350 MHz) for a bicycle event.

--The Silicon Valley Section Radiofest will be held in Monterey February 23-24, with a flea market on Sunday. They will also have a free license exam session.

--The next SVECS breakfast will be November 3rd. Mike Wright will talk about ATV use and repeaters, and will have a demonstration. RSVP to Lou Steirer, WA6QYS.

--The SCCARA Holiday Lunch is on December 15th (See the SCCARA-Gram for details and a reservation form).

--The club is looking for someone to help expand the club web site, and possibly move it to a new commercial host with more capabilities and services. Please see Jim Tyranski, WG6UDW, if interested.

--Activities Chair John Parks, W6JPP has located a property off Highway 1 in Arroyo Grande that the club can use for camping and operations. There is a trailer and power on the site, and we could put up a tower or use the many large trees for antennas. It is in a very low noise area just off the coast. See John or Gregg, KF6FNA for details.

--The speaker for November will be Pink Foster, who will talk about the dying art of traffic handling.

New Members: Two new members entered the club roster at the meeting: James Fowler, KF6VWH, and Gordon Robinson, KC6PLM. Both live in San Jose, are Technicians, and have been licensed for about 10 years. Welcome to SCCARA, guys, and hope to see (and hear) a lot of you!

The meeting was adjourned formally at 9:18 PM.

Minutes submitted by Mike Aronoff

Board Meeting, Oct. 15, 2007



The meeting was called to order at 1941 hours.

The following members were in attendance: Jim Tyranski, KG6UDW, President Fred Townsend, AE6QL, Vice President Don Steinbach, AE6PM, Director & Treasurer Wally Britten, KA6YMD, Director Lou Steirer, WA6QYS, Director Ned Tufekcic, AC6YY, Director Don Village, Director & Trustee Mike Aronoff, WB0TOW, Secretary Gary Mitchell, WB6YRU, Editor John Parks, W6JPP, Activities Chairman Clark Murphy, KE6KXO, (immediate past president) Gwen Steirer, KF6OTD, visitor Gregg Lane, KF6FNA, visitor

Secretary's Report - The minutes were as published in the last SCCARA-GRAM, and accepted without amendment.

Treasurer's Report - - Current account balances were \$1,972.87 in checking, \$6,281.20 in savings, and \$305.65 cash-on-hand for a total of \$8,559.72. This is before any expenditures for the new 440 repeater. - Lou Steirer moved and Fred Townsend seconded that the report be accepted; the motion passed without objection.

Club Station Report- - W6UW had 10 operators and about 40 contacts logged on the CA QSO Party. The "Minimum Five Contact Rule" imposed by the control operator(s) ensured that everyone who came in participated and gained experience. - The Sweepstakes are coming up November 3rd (CW) and 17th (phone). The club station will be operating. Don Village would also like to get the antenna raised 10 ft. before then. All materials are on hand.

Newsletter Editor's report - There was no report, but Fred requested that the activity chairman be added to the list of officers and committees in the SCCARA-Gram.

Old Business- - Gary Mitchell presented an annotated copy of the current bylaws with some suggested changes. He noted that things like meeting times should be as general as possible (once per month, advanced notification, etc.). John Parks requested that a provision be included for a minimum membership time for eligibility to hold office. The discussion looked at ways to include exceptions to fill partial term vacancies, or when no qualified candidates are available. After further discussion, the President determined that all board members and officers should review the draft report and submit written comments to Gary by the next board meeting (11/20). - The discussion continued about the club's incorporation and IRS status. It was suggested that SCCARA should be a Public Benefit Not For Profit corporation (501C3 or 501C4). It was moved by Fred Townsend, and seconded by Don Village, that the discussion be tabled until revision of the bylaws is completed. The motion carried without objection. Fred was tasked with providing information to Ned, who will advise the board on options. It was also noted that any revisions to the bylaws should be checked against 501Cx requirements. Fred observed that the current bylaws do not state the organization's purpose. The Secretary read the purpose stated in a 1947 IRS filing: "...to encourage the study of the science of radio communications and to coordinate amateur radio activities."

Gary Mitchell presented the detailed report on the status of the BBS equipment and requirements for the proposed move to Crystal Peak. Various options for using existing and surplus equipment, the possible use of solar power to reduce operating cost, and RF environmental questions were discussed. It was the consensus that a final budget will require an inventory of usable and available assets. Lou Steirer and Don Steinbach will pull the old 2M equipment by the next meeting. It was the sense of the board that the installation of the new 440 repeater should be completed before we take on the project of moving the BBS. Fred moved and Don Steinbach seconded that the board accept the report on the proposal to move the BBS. The motion passed without objection. The President then asked how many of the members present had packet capability. Half had or could resurrect the necessary equipment. About one-third were active.

New Business- - Jim Tyranski bought a large number of radio-related items from Ham Stop at discount at the last flea market. These could be used for grab-bag or auction items at club meetings, or held for the SCCARA flea market next year. Don Steinbach moved and Don Village seconded that the club reimburse Jim \$130 (cost) for the items, and hold them for the next flea market. The motion passed with one abstention (Fred Townsend, as not a budgeted expense).

- Jim also reported that the ARRL is working on a proposal to move to narrow-band FM for VHF and UHF repeaters. The switch would take place by 2013. Channel spacing could drop to 12 KHz for 2M.

- Don Village will undergo orientation next week for getting badge and key access to the Red Cross building and radio room. That will bring the total number of members with access to three, including Wally and Lou.

- Lou questioned which activities were officially sponsored activities for liability purposes. John Parks stated that all official activities (there are many unofficial ones) will be submitted to the board for approval in advance and for inclusion in the minutes.

- Ned suggested that a strategic plan is needed to continue the

growth of new membership. A discussion of how the club currently promotes itself followed (fliers at HRO, repeater contacts, business cards at testing session, etc.).

- John Parks asked that the board set up a permanent collection for Operation Care and Comfort (see last general meeting minutes) at future meetings. After discussion, it was the sense of the board that individuals could encourage member participation, but that the club should not be officially sponsoring one worthy cause over many others.

- Don Village noted that many of the spouses and other family members enjoyed participating in club social activities (Fall picnic, winter lunch, even Field Day), and suggested that the club plan more of these in the future.

- As membership renewals start coming in for next year (five already!), Fred asked whether the club sends out delinquency notices per the by-laws. (Various methods have been used in the past, with mixed results.) The secretary will be responsible for contacting members who have not renewed by February. All renewals were completed by March this past year.

The meeting was adjourned at 2117 hours.

Minutes submitted by Mike Aronoff, Secretary

Packet Pieces

Downloaded from the packet network:

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Date: 8 Jan 2005 02:23
From: ZL3AI@ZL3VML
To: HUMOUR@WW
Subject: Phone/Poodle

An elderly lady phoned Verizon to report that her telephone failed to ring when her friends called - and that on the few occasions when it did ring, her pet dog always barked right before the phone rang.

The telephone repairman proceeded to the scene, curious to see this psychic dog or senile elderly lady. He climbed a nearby telephone pole, hooked in his test set, and dialed the subscriber's house.

The phone didn't ring right away, but then the dog barked loudly and the telephone began to ring. Climbing down from the pole, the telephone repairman found:

1. The dog was tied to the telephone system's ground post via an iron chain and collar.
2. The dog was receiving 90 volts of signaling current when the phone number was called.
3. After several such jolts, the dog would start barking and then urinate on the ground.
4. The wet ground would complete the circuit, thus causing the phone to ring.

Which goes to show that some problems can be fixed by just peeing on them.

Poodle

A wealthy old lady decides to go on a photo safari in Africa, taking her faithful pet poodle along for company. One day the poodle starts chasing butterflies and before long he discovers that he is lost.

Wandering about, he notices a leopard heading rapidly in his direction with the obvious intention of having lunch. The poodle thinks, "Uh-oh, I'm in deep trouble now!"

Noticing some bones on the ground close by, he immediately settles down to chew on the bones with his back to the approaching cat.

Just as the leopard is about to leap, the poodle exclaims loudly, "Boy, that was one delicious leopard. I wonder if there are any more around here?"

Hearing this, the leopard halts his attack in mid-stride, a look of terror comes over him, and he slinks away into the trees. "Whew," says the leopard. "That was close. That poodle nearly had me."

Meanwhile, a monkey who had been watching the whole scene from a nearby tree, figures he can put this knowledge to good use and trade it for protection from the leopard. So, off he goes. But the poodle sees him heading after the leopard with great speed, and figures that something must be up.

The monkey soon catches up with the leopard, spills the beans and strikes a deal for himself with the leopard. The leopard is furious at being made a fool of and says, "Here monkey, hop on my back and see what's going to happen to that conniving canine."

Now the poodle sees the leopard coming with the monkey on his back and thinks, "What am I going to do now?" But instead of running, the dog sits down with his back to his attackers, pretending he hasn't seen them yet and, just when they get close enough to hear, the poodle says, "Where's that monkey? I sent him off half an hour ago to bring me another leopard!"

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Date: 22 Nov 2005 12:22
From: W1GMF@W1GMF
To: HUMOR@USA
Subject: HUMOR FOR TODAY 1107

A city boy returned early from his country vacation, and his roommate asked why.

"The first day we were there, one of the chickens died. That night we had chicken soup. The next day, one of the pigs died, and we had pork chops."

"Country cooking is great! Why did you come back?"

"On the third day, the farmer's father-in-law died. What would you have done?"

Daily Thoughts

Everything I need to know, I learned in corporate America:

1. Indecision is the key to flexibility.
2. There is absolutely no substitute for a genuine lack of preparation.
3. Nostalgia isn't what it used to be.
4. The facts, although interesting, are irrelevant.
5. The careful application of terror is also a form of communication.
6. Someone who thinks logically can be such a nice contrast to the real world.
7. Things are more like they are today than they ever were before.
8. Anything worth fighting for is worth fighting dirty for.
9. Everything should be made as simple as possible, but no simpler than that.
10. Friends may come and go, but enemies accumulate.

Classes/license upgrading: W6ACW
 Legal/FCC rules: WB6YRU
 SCCARA (club inner workings): K6PBQ, WB6YRU, WA6QYS
 Children's Discovery Museum, volunteer operator:
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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 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

Newsletter Notes

Would you like to fill out a form in the *SCCARA-GRAM* but don't want to tear out a sheet? Or maybe you'd rather not have to run out and make a copy of it.

No problem! I can e-mail you anything in the *SCCARA-GRAM* in text format, WordPerfect 9, or as a PDF file. Just let me know. Also, the *SCCARA-GRAM* is available in pdf format on our web site. Just print out the page(s) you want..

73, Gary WB6YRU, Editor

ANNUAL DECEMBER MEETING

Our annual December meeting will be a luncheon on Saturday December 15, at the Creekside Inn 544 W. Alma Ave. San Jose. We will have a choice of three entrees, **\$21.00 each**. Reservations need to be in by Friday, December 7.

Talk-in on our 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 the gift exchange.

Don K6PBQ

For the annual meeting in December, Sign me up for the following lunch(es):

___ Coulette Steak ___ Chicken Marsala ___ Salmon Total, (at \$21 each) \$ ___

Name: _____ Call: _____

Give this form (or copy) with payment to the Treasurer or Mail to:
 SCCARA PO Box 6 San Jose CA 95103-0006



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SCCARA Membership Form for 2008

(Fill in name and call only if renewing and no info has changed)

Name: _____ Call: _____ Class: E A G T+ T N

Address: _____ Licensed since (yr): _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ - _____ Licence Expiration Date (mo/yr): _____

Telephone: () _____ New Member Renewal I'm also a member of the ARRL

E-mail: _____

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: \$20 Individual \$25 Family \$10 Student (under 18)
For family memberships (at the same address), please include a separate form for each family member.

I want the newsletter by: U.S. Mail internet (make sure your e-mail address is legible and correct)

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