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New Law

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The following material appeared recently at arrl.org. I am still working on getting a statement from DMV to clarify that Amateur Radio two-way radios are not wireless telephones, and not subject to this new law, as was originally stated on the DMV website. Meanwhile, following the recommendations of General Counsel Imlay is an absolute must for any Amateur Radio operator using his licensed station while in a moving motor vehicle.

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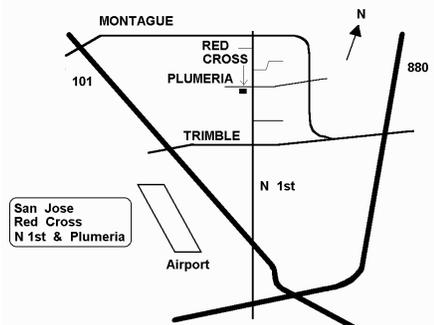
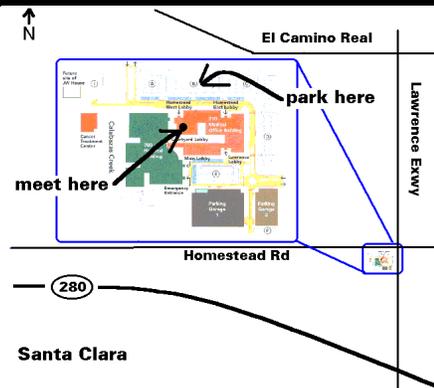
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Calendar

- 7/12 Electronic Flea Market (DeAnza)
- 7/14 SCCARA General Meeting
- 7/21 SCCARA Board Meeting--(San Jose Red Cross, 7:30p, all are welcome)
- 8/11 SCCARA General Meeting

General Meeting

- Day: Monday, July 14, 2008
Time: 7:30 PM
Place: Kaiser Santa Clara, Rm 196, 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 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 (Mt Umunhum). User ports: 144.93 (1200 baud), 433.37 (9600 baud), telnet sun.n0ary.org (login "bbs"). Sysop: Gary Mitchell, WB6YRU (packet info: www.n0ary.org/ncpa)

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Robert Vallio, W6RGG w6rgg@arrl.org
ARRL Pacific Division Director:

Field Day Software

This year our Field Day chairman, Fred AE6QL, had us using a Windows Field Day logging program from WB3W. What did you think of it?

I've been making improvements to my Field Day program, (most of you are already familiar with it). Among other things, it now has a correction function. The question I have is whether I should continue making improvements. This isn't a trivial question--it takes a lot of time and effort to write software. If we're going to stick with the WB3W package from now on, then maybe I won't.

There are a couple of things I liked about the WB3W logger that I might add to mine. Specifically, being able to see the most recent few log entries on the main screen. I also like the dual time display, both local time and UT--I'm definitely going to add that to mine! I didn't go through all of the entry correction function, but what I saw seemed to be good.

One thing I did not like was the fact that the WB3W logger filled in the contact category and location for you. It seems to me that goes against the spirit of Field Day, or most other contests for that matter. The point of getting certain info during a contact is to prove you made the contact and to demonstrate you could have passed information. If the logging software does that for you, then what's the point really?

The call sign look-up feature wasn't very useful, most of the time it didn't have the data.

One interesting side note: the WB3W program is 11 megabytes--a whopping 50 times bigger than mine, yet it does the same thing. That's Microsoft Windows for you.

73, Gary WB6YRU

Field Day at the Red Cross

by Gary Mitchell, WB6YRU

Due to smoke and ash from some of the recent wild fires, we did not go to Mt. Madonna Park this year for Field Day. I've been attending SCCARA's Field Day since the early 1990's and this was the first time for me that it wasn't at Mt. Madonna.

Plans to go elsewhere were made with just days to spare, yet we were able to pull it off. Thanks to the San Jose Red Cross, (where we hold our board meetings and have the club station), we used their east parking lot for our stations and their back patio for

our meals. Despite the short notice, it worked out surprisingly well.

The San Jose Red Cross is in a light industrial and commercial area, so there weren't very many visitors, certainly not like we usually get at the park.

On the other hand, Field Day is a contest based on disaster emergency communications. If there were some disaster, we would not run up to some park in the mountains, we'd set up near a hospital, government office, or the Red Cross. So in that sense, this was a far more realistic site.

I have requested a copy the logs from both our Field Day leaders, but have not received anything yet, so I can't report how we did. However, since the VHF/UHF station was still using my logger, at least I have those logs: 34 contacts on 2 meters, 1 on 70 cm. That's not bad. Next year we might want to make a greater effort to make more 70 cm contacts.



Looking from the north, our antenna trailer takes center stage. We took over the whole east parking lot



Looking up at the beam antenna from the south, we see our 10-15-20 meter beam, the 2m-1.25m-70cm vertical, and the colors. The tower also supported one end of some HF dipoles, but the wires are not very visible here.



Oops! We should have had the trailer turned around so the SCCARA label faced toward the sidewalk. (looking east)



Our banner identifies us to passers-by and traffic on North First Street. (looking south west.)



David AE6YE and Ned AC6YY try out the WB3W Windows logging software at the CW station



Lou WA6QYS, Ned AC6YY, and David AE6YE at the HF CW/digital station.



Brochures and an info board for visitors (what few there were) next to the most prominent thing there—the antenna trailer.

ARRL News

From *The ARRL Letter*, May 30, 2008

NEW RUSSIAN SATELLITE IN ORBIT

A Russian rocket launched from Plesetsk on May 23 carried a number of payloads to orbit, including a new Amateur Radio satellite named Yubileiny -- Russian for jubilee -- since christened Radio Sputnik 30 (RS-30). Operational details are vague at this time. Amateurs throughout the world report receiving signals at 435.315 and 435.215 MHz; some report reception of CW telemetry while others report what appear to be image transmissions from the satellite. RS-30 is orbiting at a maximum altitude of 1500 km, creating a substantial communications footprint below. The satellite will broadcast audio and video about the history of the Soviet and Russian space programs, as well as signals imitating those broadcast by Sputnik I in 1957. According to the satellite's launch team, "The motive for development of the Yubileiny small spacecraft was the 50th anniversary of the first space satellite. With the help of that satellite, the new space systems and equipment are expected to get flight qualification, and radio-amateurs all over the world will be able to receive information on the history of space development and domestic cosmonautics achievements."

From *The ARRL Letter*, June 20, 2008

HAM RADIO VOLUNTEERS PROVIDE SUPPORT DURING SANTA CRUZ FIRE

Ham radio volunteers from Santa Cruz ARES <<http://www.ares.santa-cruz.ca.us/>> provided a vital layer of communications to support firefighters, law enforcement, Red Cross and even animal control during the Martin fire in the hills above Santa Cruz over Father's Day weekend. As of Tuesday, June 17, the fire, which covered more than 500 acres, was completely contained. Four people were injured in the fire. Three homes were destroyed and another one was damaged, while eight outbuildings burned down. Santa Cruz, home to University of California, Santa Cruz, is a town of about 55,000 people located on the northern edge of Monterey Bay.



Wally KA6YMD explains to a visitor what's going on in front of the GOTA (get on the air) station. (HF phone station is in the background.)



James K6WRJ and Greg KF6FAN try out the Windows logger software at the HF phone station. (The GOTA station is in the background.)

During the blaze, ARRL Santa Clara Valley Section Public Information Coordinator Bill Moffitt, AE6GS, said the radios in the Santa Cruz County Emergency Operations Center were "crackling with traffic as hams across the area transferred information, made requests and made sure the various agencies -- from the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) to the Santa Cruz County Sheriff's department -- were kept abreast of the progress in fighting the fire and the needs that arose in the area." Yet, Moffitt said, even with all this going on, "ARES volunteers remained completely professional, ensuring the accuracy and effectiveness of the flow of traffic."

"Our group got some valuable practice during the Summit fire a few weeks ago," said ARRL Santa Cruz County District Emergency Coordinator Cap Pennell, KE6AFE, who manned the radio room in the Santa Cruz EOC. "Our people were much more ready for this fire, and the quality of the response shows." The Summit fire burned more than 4200 acres in both Santa Cruz and Santa Clara Counties, destroying 31 homes and 63 outbuildings. Both the Martin and Summit fires remain under investigation.

Helping to evacuate people in the fire's path was an immediate priority, and the ARES teams facilitated communications between the various agencies who were notifying people about their evacuation status. But pets and livestock, including a multi-hundred pound pig, also needed to be moved from harm's way. That's when Santa Cruz County Animal Control organized volunteers from Equine Evacuation, a local animal evacuation organization, to help transport animals out of the fire zone. Several hams are also members of the group, and with their help, Equine Evacuation safely and efficiently removed more than 50 animals, including horses and other livestock, to safe locations.

"I slept about four hours last night," said Hap Bullard, KQ6YV, as he stood next to his ham radio-equipped pickup hooked up to his empty horse trailer at the staging area for the animal evacuation. Bullard is a ham radio operator who also serves with Equine Evacuation. "I'm here to ensure the animal control people can stay in touch with the Emergency Operations Center, but I'll be going to pick up horses if I'm needed," he said. -- ARRL Santa Clara Valley Section Public Information Coordinator Bill Moffitt, AE6GS.

CALIFORNIA HANDS-FREE LAW TO GO INTO EFFECT JULY 1; HAM RADIO NOT AFFECTED SAYS COUNSEL

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From *The ARRL Letter*, June 27, 2008

A SUMMER OF E-SKIP

Tired of the lousy conditions on the HF bands? Come join the crowd on the "Magic Band." Each summer regardless of where the sunspot cycle is, sporadic E -- or E-skip -- blooms on 6 meters and sometimes even on the bands above that. What often appears to be a dead band jumps to life with signals -- some relatively close, only hundreds of miles away -- but some representing worldwide DX on 6 meters.

This year is no different. After a slow start, the 6 meter band came into its own in May and has been open in some direction from almost every location in the US almost every day. Sporadic E peaks around the summer solstice, on or around June 21, with a minor peak around the winter solstice, on or around December 21.

Each summer season has unique characteristics that are not predictable, but make the band so fascinating to follow. This year, the emphasis has been on paths to the west and northwest, extending much further east and south than normal. According to VHF expert and conductor of QST's "World Above 50 MHz" column Gene Zimmerman, W3ZZ, there have been several strong openings from Hawaii to the mainland that have included many areas other than the West Coast. Stations in the Mid-Atlantic, the Southeast and the Midwest have had good shots at KH6 in both May and June.

Zimmerman said that summer has brought a nice surprise: "The highlight of this season has been repeated openings to Japan that have mostly bypassed the West Coast and settled in the Southwest, the Southeast (especially Florida) and the Midwest; Japanese stations have even been heard, but not worked, on the East Coast. The latter is a very rare occurrence indeed."

Calling conditions to the Caribbean "outstanding," Zimmerman said that stations in that part of the world have been working the US and Canada, as well as many stations in Europe. "Ted Jimenez, HI3TEJ, in the Dominican Republic has even worked Japan, a tough path even on 10 meters. Inside the US, stations up to 1500 miles away have been easy to get, and there have been lots of openings where the West Coast and the Pacific Northwest

worked the East Coast and the Southeast."

Six meter operators should be alert for very short E-skip that indicates a rare increase in the maximum usable frequency (MUF) to a point where 2 meter E-skip -- or very, very rarely 222 MHz E-skip -- is possible. Zimmerman said there have been several 2 meter sporadic E openings and one 222 MHz E-skip opening this summer: "On May 29-30, 2 meter contacts were reported from Maine to Ohio, south to the Mid-Atlantic, to the Northeast, to South Carolina, Florida, Alabama, Louisiana in the south and Michigan, Western Tennessee and Southern Illinois to the West. The longest was 1477 miles from Maine (David Olean, K1WHS) to Louisiana (William Kemp, K5EMP)."

After small 2 meter E-skip openings on June 3-4 from the Northeast to the Midwest, Zimmerman said the bands blew wide open during the ARRL VHF QSO Party on June 15 with a report of two 222 MHz contacts: John Butrovich, W5UWB (EL17), of Orange Grove, Texas, to Vince Pavkovich, N0VZJ (EN35), of Big Lake, Minnesota; and Paul Trotter, AA4ZZ (EM96), of Charlotte, North Carolina, to David Rush, W5DDR (EM84), McAlister, New Mexico. "This extremely rare event has happened less than half a dozen times in the last 60 years," Zimmerman said. "Two meter E skip was everywhere: Texas; all over the Midwest and Mid-Atlantic; New Mexico to West Virginia, North Carolina, Kentucky and Tennessee; Colorado to Florida, West Virginia, Tennessee, Alabama, Georgia, Texas, Mississippi, Arkansas; Idaho, Oregon and Washington to the Midwest; Wyoming to Illinois, and Nevada to Iowa, North Dakota and Minnesota."

Zimmerman said that conditions are likely to continue to be very good until the middle of July when the E-skip traditionally begins to wind down. "Most areas of the country have not had good conditions to Europe, so that may still be something to look forward to," he said. "Two DXpeditions to rare Caribbean countries are coming up later in June -- to San Andres (HK0) and to St Barts (FJ). If you have an HF/VHF radio that covers 6 meters, put up a dipole or try your 80 meter antenna -- it should work on 6 meters as well -- and have some fun. You never know what you may work next."

SCCARA at Stanford

Saturday, May 10th, SCCARA had a demonstration HF station on the air at the 37th annual Stanford American Indian Pow Wow. There were inquiries from the public as to what Ham Radio was and how to get involved. Don, AE6PM, provided some ARRL handouts and fielded questions from the interested.

The club members that turned out for this event were: Clark KE6KXO, John W6JPP, Greg KF6FNA, Jerry N6SWC, Joe W6SNV, Don AE6PM, Gwen KF6OTD, Teresa with KKUP, and Lou WA6QYS.

Operations were mostly on 20 meters with the furthest station worked being the Special Event Station at the Indianapolis Speedway in Indiana.

Everyone who came to this club event had a good time operating and later checking out the Pow Wow with its drumming, dancing plus arts and crafts.

Special thanks to Teresa for being the official photographer.

Lou WA6QYS



Lou, Greg, Clark, John...some of the operators of the day.



Greg... I didn't know a long wire could be that long. I'd have brought another reel of wire!



John with cable launcher....Now exactly which tree did you want the antenna over?



Greg showing Lou how to fill up the log book quickly.



John.... I have to QRT now, I smell food.

Treasurer's Treatise

SCCARA has a total of \$5,061.13 in checking, savings and cash on hand.

Recent expenses and reimbursements to members include:

- \$54.00 to USPS for PO Box 6 rent through June 2009
- \$97.40 to Clark Murphy for two QuikShade canopies (for Field Day)
- \$303.27 to Gary Mitchell for four 15" TFT LCD Flat Panel Monitors and cables (for Field Day)
- \$13.50 to John Parks for shipping for an ARRL Exhibit Kit (for Field Day)
- \$88.07 to Gary Mitchell for SCCARA-GRAM copies and postage

The Board budgeted \$125 for Field Day refreshments and food.

Future near-term expenses will include Field Day, any antenna trailer modification costs, and finishing the 440 repeater. All of these are approaching closure.

In the long term, we need to maintain reserves for ASVARO (swap meet), liability insurance, ongoing SCCARA-GRAM costs, PO box rent, NAARC dues, antenna trailer tarps, BBS electricity costs and possible future repeater installation or relocation costs.

Members are reminded that SCCARA will be hosting the Electronic Flea Market at DeAnza College later this year. Now is the time to be thinking about the items you might want to donate to SCCARA for sale or the items you might want to sell for yourself. I'll remind the SCCARA BoD that we might want to clear out some of our holdings as well.

Don Steinbach - AE6PM Treasurer

Meeting Minutes

General Meeting, June 9, 2008



The meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM by Jim Tyranski, President. Those present introduced themselves. There were 22 members and 5 guests in attendance. Mike Aronoff, Secretary, was out of town on business travel. Don Steinbach, Treasurer, filled in for Mike.

The President polled the group for any new hams or license upgrades or birthdays. None were identified.

Field Day:

Much of the meeting was devoted to Field Day which will be at Mt. Madonna, Manzanita Group Camp, again this year. Those wishing to caravan to the site should meet at Carl's Junior, NW corner of Branham and Almaden sometime before 1:00 on Friday, June 27.

- Jim Tyranski and Fred Townsend are the Field Day co-chairmen.
- The Public Information Officer is John Parks. He has ordered an Exhibit Kit from the ARRL.
- Station team leaders are Don Village, Lou Steirer, Wally Britten, Fred Townsend and James Wilson.
- First aid coverage will be by Andrew Stoddard with Jeannie Felix as backup.
- Jeannie Felix will be the photographer.

- Greg Lane is responsible for transporting the antenna trailer.
- Gas cans and fire extinguishers are the responsibility of Clark Murphy.
- Greg Lane is responsible for electrical safety.
- Wally Britten is in charge of generator fueling safety.
- Gary Mitchell is in charge of tower setup safety.
- Lou and Gwen Steirer will provide the SCCARA-furnished food and beverages.
- SCCARA will provide hamburgers, hotdogs, and a limited selection of beverages.
- SCCARA participants are encouraged to bring a dish to share.

Fred Townsend presented the FD rules. They can be downloaded from the ARRL website. Jim Tyranski will have copies of the rules for each station.

Gary Mitchell will bring his telescope for an astronomy show-and-tell Saturday night.

Other:
Jim Tyranski believes he has a lead on manual(s) for the planned Micor 440 MHz repeater. Don Steinbach has the re-crystallized channel elements.

Tom Kenville, W6TJK, joined the club. Welcome aboard Tom!

The meeting was adjourned at 9:13 PM.

Minutes submitted by Don Steinbach, Treasurer

Board Meeting, June 22, 2008



Special meeting called on behalf of The Mt. Madonna Fire that may or may not effect Field Day Location June 28, 29, 30.

Net began 20 Hrs

On Net: Don K6PPQ, Red Cross, Favorable, problems can be worked out John W6JPP, prefer close location, Suggested his alt loc 1.5 hours away Net AC6YY, no comments on locations Don AE6PM, Lou WA6QYS Mike WB0TOW Gary WB6YRU, Red Cross favorable or a partial field, side note send out a

Present: Jim KG6UDW Fred AE6QL Wally KAY6MD, no comments, Red Cross One HF station Difficulty with location,

Suggestions for alter net site: Must have access to restrooms all night and parking / Camping

Alvio Park San Jose Emergency Services, Not an Option Per the VP Grant Ranch, not a possibility per lue San Jose Red Cross San Jose Park Mt Hamilton, Difficultly with location, Sevens Creek Park Milpedas Park Los Gatos Park, No over-night

K6WRJ, Alt Location Free no bathrooms, Distance KI6FNA, Mt Hamilton trailer has no brakes, Johns Alt Loc Is OK.

Commentary: WB0TOW, Red Cross other activities is positive. AE6PM, Red Cross Positive, Mt Hamilton Not an Option AE6PBQ, Red Cross, City PIKE AE6YY, Red Cross Best Solution if Loc Pk Available WA6QYS, Red Cross, KA6YMD, Work Commitments prevent comment Red Cross conformation, Johns idea on 1.5 hour drive out of the question because that

would not be a Santa Clara Field Day. WA6QYS, Need approval for Red Cross WB6YRU, Send out notice watch the web-site W6JPP, high school may open football field all night , big maybe, 100% refund on camp fees Mt Madonna Pk

Lou, commentary Gary get notice out to membership Don PBQ second Gary's idea.

W1OMDR, Christina Red Cross Approval, Red Cross Activation May prevent use. N6SON, visitor radio check KI6QSO, Join another club WB6YRU, Red Cross, distance to other locations bad.

Minutes by Jim KG6UDW

Packet Pieces

Downloaded from the BBS packet network:

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Date: 29 Nov 2005 22:50
From: ZL3AI@ZL2BAU
To: HUMOUR@WW
Subject: Irritation/Politician/Redneck
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Irritation

There was once a movie entitled, "How to Irritate People." It is obviously the employee training film at my local bank.

Politician

The politician was sitting at his campaign headquarters when the phone rang. He listened intently, and after a moment his face brightened.

When he hung up, he immediately phoned his mother to tell her the good news.

"Ma," he shouted, "the results are in. I won the election!"

"Honestly?"

The politician's smiled faded. "Aw, Ma, why bring that up at a time like this?"

You Might Be A Redneck If ...

You carried a fishing pole into Sea World.

The centerpiece on your dining room table is an original signed work by a famous taxidermist.

You lit a match in the toilet and your house exploded right off it's wheels.

Your huntin' dawg had a litter of puppies in the living room and nobody noticed.

You think subdivision is part of a math problem.

You believe dual air bags refer to your wife and mother-in-law.

Your kids take a siphon hose to "Show and Tell."

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Date: 30 Nov 2005 13:50
From: ZL3AI@ZL2BAU
To: HUMOUR@WW
Subject: Children/Ride/English

As Children See It

A little boy was in a relative's wedding. As he was coming down the aisle, he would take two steps, stop, and then turn to the crowd. While facing the crowd, he would put his hands up like claws and roar. So it went, step, step, ROAR... step, step, ROAR, all the way down the aisle. As you can imagine, the crowd was near tears from laughing so hard by the time he reached the pulpit. When asked what he was doing, the child sniffed and said, "I was being the Ring Bear."

A Mother decided it was time that her three sons get baptized. So, after weeks of suitable instruction she felt that it was time. One bright Sunday morning they were on their way to church where the three boys, 8, 9, and 11, were have their sins washed away.

The mother noticed that here 9 year old seemed to be particularly lost in thought so she asked him what was on his mind.

"Mom, I want to go first." he replied.

"Why do you want to first?" she asked her son with a smile.

"Because," he began with a pause in his voice, "I really don't want to be baptized in water that has all of my brother's sins floating around in it."

Ride To Church

A teenager who had just received her learner's permit offered to drive her parents to church. After an absolutely hair-raising ride, they finally reached their destination.

The mother got out of the car and said, "Oh thank you for delivering us safely!"

"Anytime," her daughter replied.

As the woman slammed the door, she said, "I wasn't talking to you."

English

At a posh Manhattan dinner party, a Latin American visitor was telling the guests about this home country and himself. As he concluded, he said, "And I have a charming and understanding wife but, alas, no children."

As his listeners appeared to be waiting for him to continue, he said, haltingly, "You see, my wife is unbearable."

Puzzled glances prompted him to try to clarify the matter: "What I mean is, my wife is inconceivable."

As his companions seemed amused, he floundered deeper into the intricacies of the English language, explaining triumphantly, "That is, my wife, she is impregnable!"

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, W6JPP, 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):
HF operating techniques (SSB, CW): WB6EMR, K6PBQ
Classes/license upgrading: W6ACW
Legal/FCC rules: WB6YRU
SCCARA (club inner workings): K6PBQ, WB6YRU, WA6QYS
EchoLink: KK6MX

W6ACW, Ed Hajny, (408) 739-6105

WB6EMR, James D. Armstrong, Jr.,
evening & msg: (408) 945-1202

KD6FJI, Lloyd DeVaughns,
(408) 225-6769 e-mail: kd6fji@arrl.net

KK6MX, Don Apte, (408) 629-0725
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KB6NP, Jon Dutra, day & msg (408) 428-2058
evening (408) 867-8654
packet: home BBS NOARY
e-mail: jad@aol.com

K6PBQ, Don Village, (408) 263-2789
e-mail: donvillage7@yahoo.com
WA6QYS, Lou Steirer, (408) 241-7999
packet: home BBS NOARY

WB6YRU, Gary Mitchell, msg (408) 269-2924
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City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ - _____ Licence Expiration
Date (mo/yr): _____

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

E-mail: _____

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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.