

# SCCARA-GRAM



## Santa Clara County Amateur Radio Association

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## President's Prose

### Happy New Year!

I hope that 2017 will bring happiness and prosperity to all. I thought that I would start out the year with an overview of some of the SCCARA activities being planned.

March 11, 2017 is SCCARA's turn to sponsor the Electronic Flea Market at De Anza College. This is SCCARA's main fund raising event. If you would like to volunteer to help you can contact Lou Steirer WA6QYS or Gregg Lane KF6FNA. Contact information is listed in the *SCCARA-GRAM* masthead.

June 24-25, 2017 is Field Day. This is SCCARA's biggest operating event. In the past we have set up as many as four stations with two HF beam antennas and two HF wire antennas. The June General Meeting will be devoted to Field Day with sign up sheets being passed around at the meeting so that members can reserve some operating time at the radios.

In August SCCARA has it's annual picnic. It has often been at Henry Schmidt Park in Santa Clara. We set up radios and light off the BBQ for a fun pot-luck meal. Lou can be counted on to have his cribbage board and there could be bingo if enough people are interested.

In December SCCARA has it's holiday luncheon. Don Village is in charge of making the reservations and planning the activities which include a gift exchange and installment of new SCCARA Officers.

The SCCARA club station at the Red Cross is open on the last Saturday of each month. It is in the process of upgrading its antennas. If you enjoy working on antennas, there will be opportunities to volunteer for the work parties, dates TBD. Tune into the Monday 2 m net and watch for announcements in the *SCCARA-GRAM* for more information.

SCCARA's general meeting is at 7:30 PM on the second Monday of each month at Kaiser, Santa Clara. SCCARA's Board meeting is at 7:30 PM on the third Monday of each month at the San Jose Red Cross. See the *SCCARA-GRAM* for maps of these locations.

SCCARA has a 2 m net at 7:30 PM on Mondays (not the second Monday--our meeting night). SCCARA has a 10 m net at 8:00 PM on Thursdays. See the *SCCARA-GRAM* for frequencies and repeater information.

Hope to see you at the meeting!

Gregg KF6FNA

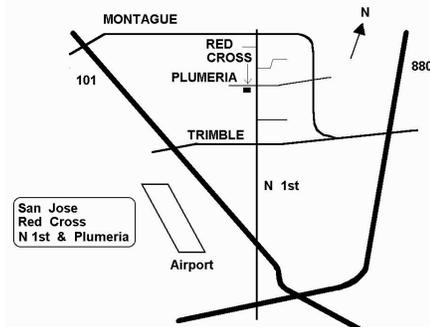


## Calendar

- 1/9 SCCARA General Meeting
- 1/16 SCCARA Board Meeting--(San Jose Red Cross, 7:30p, all are welcome)

## General Meeting

- Day: Monday, Jan. 9, 2017
- Time: 7:30 PM
- Place: Kaiser Santa Clara, Hospital B-06
- Featuring: {to be announced}



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**The deadline for articles is the last Monday of the month.**

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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 (connect to n0ary-1). User ports: 145.09 MHz at 1200 baud, 433.37 MHz at 9600 baud, and telnet sun.n0ary.org (login "bbs"). Sysop: Gary Mitchell, WB6YRU. For general packet info, see the NCPA web site [ncpa.n0ary.org](http://ncpa.n0ary.org).

**AMATEUR LICENSE TESTING**

ARRL/VEC Silicon Valley VE group:  
Morris Jones, AD6ZH: 408-507-4698

## One Person Two Votes

In the masthead (just to the left), you may notice that Don K6PBQ is listed twice under the Board of Directors. That's not a typo. He remains Station Trustee--an Officer, *and* was elected Director in November. So, technically he now holds two seats on the Board.

The Board is composed of the Officers and Directors, (all Officers are also voting Board members). There are ten or eleven seats depending on whether there is an immediate Past President.

We have legitimate options. If there's a vacant seat, the Bylaws allow the President to appoint someone until the membership elects a new Director. Or we can just leave the seat vacant, it wouldn't be the first time.

However, that wasn't done. Instead, we created the bizarre situation where *one* person holds *two* seats on the Board. Hence, one person two votes.

73, Gary WB6YRU, Editor

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## SVECS Breakfast

SVECS - Silicon Valley Emergency Communications System

SVECS, the sponsors of the AA6BT repeater (146.115+, PL 100), will be holding their quarterly breakfast meeting on January 28th 2017. It will be held at the Santa Clara Senior Center, 1303 Fremont St. Santa Clara. Breakfast (\$5.00 payable at the door) is served at 0900 followed by program at 1000. Our guest speaker, Rick Filippuzzi, Kaiser Safety Specialist will speak on the planning process for a Level One US Homeland Security Event.

We will have our customary door prize of a \$125 gift certificate for HRO. If you would like to donate items to the raffle table, it would be greatly appreciated.

If you plan to attend, please RSVP so adequate supplies can be purchased. RSVP to Lou, WA6QYS, on the net or via e-mail at [wa6qys@arrl.net](mailto:wa6qys@arrl.net).

The event is made possible by the generous help of volunteers. Please arrive at 0730 to help in the kitchen or auditorium.

Lou WA6QYS

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## ARRL News

From *The ARRL Letter*, Dec. 1, 2016

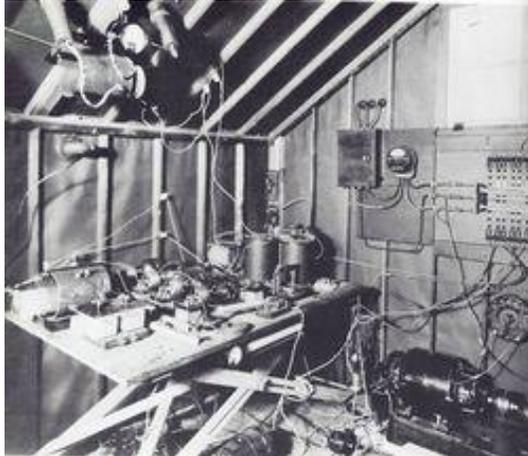
### Transatlantic Reception Anniversary Special Event Set for December 11

An Amateur Radio special event on December 11 will commemorate the 95th anniversary of the first transatlantic shortwave reception between Greenwich, Connecticut, and Scotland. A school near the original site is hosting the event. ARRL, the Radio Society of Great Britain (RSGB), and the Radio Club of America (RCA), are partnering in sponsoring the activity. The Greenwich Historical Society will also participate.

On December 11, 1921, reception in Ardrossan, Scotland, of a radio signal transmitted from the official test station of Minton Cronkhite, 1BCG, in a small shack on the corner of Clapboard

Ridge Road and North Street in Greenwich, helped to usher in the age of global communication. The special event will use N1BCG, the call sign of Clark Burgard of Greenwich, who obtained that call sign to commemorate this bit of radio history. Burgard was instrumental in making arrangements for the event.

The N1BCG special event will begin on Sunday, December 11, at 1200 and conclude at 0300 UTC on December 12. It will include an attempt at a two-way contact between N1BCG and GB2ZE, operated by Jason O'Neill, GM7VSB, in Ardrrossan.



The 1BCG 1 kW CW transmitter.

Reception in Scotland of the 1BCG signal was part of the second series of ARRL transatlantic tests. For the receiving end, the ARRL Board had selected a receiver designed by Paul Godley, 2ZE, and Godley traveled to the UK to oversee that end of the circuit. Joining Godley in a field in Ardrrossan, southwest of Glasgow, was Marconi Company District Inspector D.E. Pearson. As the QST article, "The Transatlantic Tests" (QST Dec. 2014) by Michael Marinaro, WN1M, recounted, "The two attempted to keep out of the driving wind and rain by sheltering themselves -- and their equipment -- in a tent. This rough listening post was comprised of a (superheterodyne and regenerative) receiver, a 1,300-foot Beverage antenna suspended 12 feet above ground, batteries, and auxiliary equipment."



ARRL's "Successful Overseas Listener" Paul Godley, 2ZE, returned to the US "a conquering hero," QST said in 1922.



January 1922 QST trumpeted the success of the transatlantic tests.

On the morning of December 10, CW signals of 1BCG, which had been designed and constructed by Radio Club of America members -- were solidly copied on 230 to 235 meters (about 1.3 MHz). They were the only signals heard that morning in Ardrrossan. By the end of the test, eight spark and 18 CW stations had been heard as well.

N1BCG operation will be on AM on 75 and 40 meters; CW and SSB on 40 meters, CW on 30 meters, and CW and SSB on 20 and 17 meters.

Approximate frequencies are 3.880 (AM), 7.290 (AM), 7.235 (SSB), 7040 (CW), 10.112 (CW), 14.280 (SSB), 14.040 (CW), 18.125 (SSB), and 18.088 MHz CW.

### FCC Special Counsel Laura Smith Says Amateur Enforcement Will Be Aggressive

FCC Special Counsel Laura Smith told a standing-room-only audience at the ARRL Pacific Division Convention (Pacifcon) in October that, despite FCC cutbacks, Amateur Radio enforcement will not be compromised. Smith spoke for nearly an hour and a half on a variety of FCC issues related to Amateur Radio, and the entire presentation is available on YouTube (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DZIP4OUfEt8>). Thanks to Bob Miller, WB6KWT, and his son Robert, KA7JKP, who recorded the forum.



FCC Special Counsel Laura Smith at Pacifcon. [Courtesy of HamRadioNow]

Smith said that with the FCC set to shut down 11 field offices across the country in January, the Enforcement Bureau has reorganized into three US regions, and she does not anticipate any significant issues for the Amateur Service as a result.

“The amateur community will go forward,” she said, noting that amateurs have “an incredible ability to self-police.” In light of the field office closings, she has been working with ARRL to revamp the Official Observer (OO) program.

“We are going to redo the entire program,” she told the Pacificon forum. Given that the field office cutbacks have left the FCC short staffed, the OO program will step into the gap, with OOs serving as the first line of defense in Amateur Radio enforcement, she explained. Working more closely with the OOs, Smith said, will get information on problems to the field staff more quickly, so they can follow up.

Smith praised the OOs for contributing their time and effort to monitor the bands and to alert licensees both to problematic and positive behavior on the air.

She also said the FCC is more aggressively policing the Amateur Radio bands.

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From *The ARRL Letter*, Dec. 8, 2016

## **China Plans Lunar-Orbiting Amateur Radio Satellites**

China's Harbin Institute of Technology is developing a pair of lunar-orbiting satellites -- DSLWP-A1 and A2. According to Mingchuan Wei, BG2BHC, DSLWP is “a lunar formation-flying mission for low-frequency radio astronomy, Amateur Radio, and education,” consisting of two microsattellites. Launch is planned in June 2018, to place the pair into a 200 × 9,000 kilometer (approximately 124 × 5,580 mile) lunar orbit. The Amateur Radio payload on DSLWP-A1 will provide telecommand uplink and telemetry and a digital image downlink. Open telecommand is also designed to allow radio amateurs to send commands to take and download images. The satellites are 50 × 50 × 40 centimeters, with a mass of about 45 kilograms and are three-axis stabilized, with two linear polarization antennas. The team has proposed downlinks for DSLWP-A1 on 435.425 MHz and 436.425 MHz, and downlinks for DSLWP-A2 on 435.400 MHz and 436.400 MHz, using GMSK with concatenated codes or JT65B. Harbin Institute of Technology also developed the Lilac series of CubeSats.

## **Radio Australia Shortwave Broadcasts to End on January 31, 2017**

Another prominent shortwave broadcaster is going dark, “The SWLing Post” blog reports. Radio Australia has announced that it will cease its shortwave transmissions on January 31. The station, popular with SWLs, broadcasts in the 31-, 25-, 19-, and 16-meter bands. “The move is in line with the national broadcaster's commitment to dispense with outdated technology and to expand its digital content offerings, including DAB+ digital radio, online and mobile services, together with FM services for international audiences,” the Australian Broadcast Corporation (ABC) said in a news release. The ABC said it would put the money saved from ending shortwave broadcasting into other program distribution technology.

From *The ARRL Letter*, Dec. 15, 2016

## **Amateur Radio Parity Act Bill Unable to Overcome Florida Senator's Objections**

The Amateur Radio Parity Act, H.R. 1301, suffered an unbecoming demise on December 9 as the 114th Congress drew to a close. After passing the House of Representatives on a unanimous vote earlier this fall, the bill stalled in the Senate due to the intervention of only one member, Sen. Bill Nelson (D-FL). The measure would have directed the FCC to extend its rules relating to reasonable accommodation of Amateur Service communications to private land-use restrictions, such as covenants, conditions, and restrictions (CC&Rs) imposed by homeowners associations.

“[During 2016] Nelson received thousands of e-mails, letters, and phone calls from concerned constituents asking for his support of H.R. 1301. Numerous meetings were held with his senior staff in an effort to move the legislation forward,” ARRL said in a news release. “Negotiations, which led to an agreement with the Community Associations Institute (CAI), the national association of homeowner's associations and publicly supported by CAI and ARRL, were brushed aside by Sen. Nelson as irrelevant.”

In a final meeting with Nelson's staff as the 114th Congress neared adjournment, it became clear that no matter what was said or done, the Senator would oppose the bill and refuse to allow it to move forward. Because the measure had not been put on the floor schedule, the only way it could have passed the Senate would have been through a process called “unanimous consent.” A Senate member may request unanimous consent on the floor to set aside rules and expedite proceedings. If any single Senator objects, though, the request is rejected.

The unhappy ending followed nearly 2 years of intense effort on the part of ARRL and thousands of its members, who contacted their Congressional representatives to urge their support of the measure on Capitol Hill. The ARRL Board of Directors is expected to discuss the future of the initiative at its January meeting.

## **Commemorative Special Event Reenacts 1921 Amateur Radio Transatlantic Reception**

Radio amateurs in the US and in Scotland have reenacted the first successful transatlantic reception of a shortwave Amateur Radio signal nearly a century earlier. Special event station N1BCG in Greenwich, Connecticut, and GB2ZE in Ardrossan, Scotland, completed contacts on SSB and on CW during the December 11 event. ARRL, the Radio Society of Great Britain (RSGB), and the Radio Club of America (RCA) partnered to support the activity, organized by ARRL CEO Tom Gallagher, NY2RF, and Clark Burgard, N1BCG, who loaned his history-rich call sign for the occasion.

On December 11, 1921, in Ardrossan, Scotland, reception of a radio signal transmitted from an RCA test station -- located in a small shack on the Greenwich, Connecticut, property of Minton Cronkhite, 1BCG -- helped to usher in the age of global communication. In Scotland, American Paul Godley, 2ZE, clearly heard the signal using a receiver of his own design.

“These events are fun, because they're timely and cause us to focus on the history and on the people who made history,” Gallagher said. “We were very pleased with the tenor of it and with the media coverage, and we were happy to make the connection with GB2ZE, although we would have preferred to have made it on 160 meters, where it would have been closer to the frequency used in

1921.” The 1921 transatlantic test, on CW, was conducted on a wavelength of 230 to 235 meters (about 1.3 MHz). The ARRL transatlantic tests proved the value of the shorter wavelengths, which had long been considered worthless for long-distance communication.



Clark Burgard, N1BCG, was one of the organizers of the special event. [Bob Inderbitzen, NQ1R, photo]

Burgard spoke on 20-meter SSB with GB2ZE, operated by Jason O’Neill, GM7VSB, in Ardrossan. A bit later, ARRL Field Services Manager Dave Patton, NN1N, chatted with GB2ZE on CW. “After working GB2ZE on 20 meters, I was reminded of how much of a challenge the RCA ops had using 200 meters,” Patton said. “Hearing signals in Europe from across the Atlantic had to be a tremendous thrill for Godley and the others listening.”



Radio Club of America Board Member Mike Clarkson, WV2ZOW (left), and ARRL Field Services Manager Dave Patton, NN1N, operate the N1BCG special event. [Bob Inderbitzen, NQ1R, photo]

The first message sent by Burgard from Greenwich to Ardrossan on Sunday morning repeated the original 1921 text. Patton retransmitted the message 30 minutes later on CW.

Describing the special event as “a rewarding experience,” Patton said the entire team worked together to build a Field Day-style station in wintry weather. The complement of equipment included what he called “a few fully armed vintage AM stations,” as well as modern gear. Among the older pieces was a 1950s-era transmitter owned by rocker Joe Walsh, WB6ACU, of the Eagles.



Bruce Godley Littlefield and his sister Janice Taylor are grandchildren of Paul Godley, 2ZE, who was at the Ardrossan, Scotland, receiving station in 1921.

The antennas were simple dipoles.

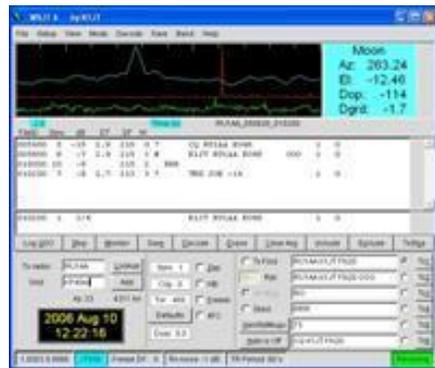
With about a dozen operators active, the special event logged nearly 525 contacts, more than 100 of them on AM, through conditions that were only fair.

To highlight the historical nature of the occasion, Godley’s grandchildren Bruce Godley Littlefield and his sister, Janice Taylor, visited, and Littlefield brought his grandfather’s complete log books of the experiment, as well as numerous photos and letters from ARRL.

“We enjoyed the opportunity to reconnect the Godley history with that of ARRL and the Radio Club of America,” Littlefield said afterward.

From *The ARRL Letter*, Dec. 22, 2016

WSJT Development Group Releases WSJT-X Version 1.7.0



The WSJT Development Group has released WSJT-X version 1.7.0.

The WSJT-X software suite (<http://physics.princeton.edu/pulsar/k1jt/wsjsx.html>) is designed to facilitate basic Amateur Radio communication using very weak signals (WSJT stands for Weak Signal communication by K1JT). Joe Taylor, K1JT, recommends reading the extensively updated WSJT-X version 1.7 User Guide, which describes new features and capabilities (relative to version 1.6). WSJT-X version 1.7.0 includes new modes ISCAT, MSK144, and QRA64; newly implemented submodes JT65B-C and JT9B-H; a new Franke-Taylor decoder to replace the Koetter-Vardy decoder previously used for JT65; improvements to the JT4, JT9, and JT65 decoders; multi-pass decoding for JT65 and WSPR, and improved convenience features for EME Doppler tracking.

## Meeting Minutes

*{We had no meetings in December}*



## Packet Pieces

**Downloaded from the BBS packet network:**

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 Date: 14 Nov 2012 21:21  
 From: GM3YEW@GB7YEW

Vet Bills

While waiting at the veterinarian's office I overheard two women chatting about their dogs.

"What's your dog's name?" asked the first woman.

"Well we used to call her Pork Chop" answered the second lady. "But after the vet bills we've had for her we now call her Filet Mignon."

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From actual articles in British newspapers

1) Commenting on a complaint from a Mr. Arthur Purdey about a large gas bill a spokesman for North West Gas said "We agree it was rather high for the time of year. It's possible Mr. Purdey has been charged for the gas used up during the explosion that destroyed his house."  
(The Daily Telegraph)

2) Police reveal that a woman arrested for shoplifting had a whole salami in her underwear. When asked why she said it was because she was missing her Italian boyfriend.  
(The Manchester Evening News)

3) Irish police are being handicapped in a search for a stolen van because they cannot issue a description. It's a Special Branch vehicle and they don't want the public to know what it looks like. (The Guardian)

4) A young girl who was blown out to sea on a set of inflatable teeth was rescued by a man on an inflatable lobster. A coast guard spokesman commented "This sort of thing is all too common". (The Times)

5) At the height of the gale the harbour master radioed a coastguard and asked him to estimate the wind speed. He replied he was sorry but he didn't have a gauge. However if it was any help the wind had just blown his Land Rover off the cliff. (Aberdeen Evening Express)

6) Mrs. Irene Graham of Thorpe Avenue Boscombe delighted the audience with her reminiscence of the German prisoner of war who was sent each week to do her garden. He was repatriated at the end of 1945 she recalled. "He'd always seemed a nice friendly chap but when the crocuses came up in the middle of our lawn in February 1946 they spelt out 'Heil Hitler.'" (Bournemouth Evening Echo)

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A list of actual announcements that London Tube train drivers have made to their passengers...

1) "Ladies and gentlemen, I do apologize for the delay to your service. I know you're all dying to get home unless of course you happen to be married to my ex-wife in which case you'll want to cross over to the Westbound and go in the opposite direction."

2) "Your delay this evening is caused by the line controller suffering from E & B syndrome: not knowing his elbow from his backside. I'll let you know any further information as soon as I'm given any."

3) "Do you want the good news first or the bad news? The good news is that last Friday was my birthday and I hit the town and had a great time. The bad news is that there is a points failure somewhere between Stratford and East Ham, which means we probably won't reach our destination."

4) "Ladies and gentlemen we apologize for the delay but there is a security alert at Victoria station and we are therefore stuck here for the foreseeable future so let's take our minds off it and pass some time together. All together now.... 'Ten green bottles hanging on a wall.....!'"

5) "We are now traveling through Baker Street ... As you can see Baker Street is closed. It would have been nice if they had actually told me so I could tell you earlier but no they don't think about things like that".

6) "Beggars are operating on this train. Please do NOT encourage these professional beggars. If you have any spare change please give it to a registered charity. Failing that give it to me."

7) During an extremely hot rush hour on the Central Line the driver announced in a West Indian drawl: "Step right this way for the sauna ladies and gentleman... Unfortunately towels are not provided."

8) "Let the passengers off the train FIRST!" (Pause .) "Oh go on then stuff yourselves in like sardines see if I care - I'm going home...."

9) "Please allow the doors to close. Try not to confuse this with 'Please hold the doors open.' The two are distinct and separate instructions."

10) "Please note that the beeping noise coming from the doors means that the doors are about to close. It does not mean throw yourself or your bags into the doors."

11) "We can't move off because some idiot has their hand stuck in the door."

12) "To the gentleman wearing the long grey coat trying to get on the second carriage - what part of 'stand clear of the doors' don't you understand?"

13) "May I remind all passengers that there is strictly no smoking allowed on any part of the Underground. However if you are smoking a joint it's only fair that you pass it round the rest of the carriage."

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Date: 14 Nov 2012 21:21  
From: GM3YEW@GB7YEW  
To: HUMOUR@WW  
Subject: Jokes 1/11  
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A little boy was walking down a dirt road after church one Sunday afternoon when he came to a crossroads where he met a little girl coming from the other direction. "Hello," said the little boy. "Hi," replied the little girl. "Where are you going?" asked the little boy. "I've been to church this morning and I'm on my way home," answered the little girl. "Me too," replied the little boy. "I'm also on my way home from church."

"Which church do you go to?" asked the little boy.  
"I go to the Baptist church back down the road," replied the little girl. "What about you?"  
"I go to the Catholic church back at the top of the hill," replied the little boy.  
They discover that they are both going the same way so they decide that they'll walk together.

They come to a low spot in the road where spring rains had partially flooded the road. There was no way they could get across to the other side without getting wet.

"If I get my new Sunday dress wet, my Mom's going to skin me alive," said the little girl.  
"My Mom'll tan my hide, too, if I get my new Sunday suit wet," replied the little boy.

"I tell you what I think I'll do," said the little girl. "I'm gonna take off all my clothes and hold them over my head and wade across."  
"That's a good idea," replied the little boy, "I'm going to do the same thing with my suit."

They both undress and wade across to the other side without getting their clothes wet.

They were standing there in the sun waiting to dry before putting their clothes back on when the little boy finally remarked, "You know, before now I never knew what the difference is between a Baptist and a Catholic."

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One day an Irishman who had been stranded on a deserted island for over 10 years, saw a speck on the horizon. He thought to himself, "It's Certainly not a ship." And, as the speck got closer and closer, he began to rule out the possibilities of a small boat and even a raft. Suddenly there emerged from the surf a wet-suited black clad figure. Putting aside the scuba gear and the top of the wet suit, there stood a drop-dead gorgeous blonde!

The glamorous blonde strode up to the stunned Irishman and said to him, "Tell me, how long has it been since you've had a cigarette?" "Ten years," replied the amazed Irishman.

With that, she reached over and unzipped a waterproofed pocket on the left sleeve of her wetsuit, and pulled out a fresh pack of cigarettes. He takes one, lights it, and takes a long drag. "Faith and begorra," said the man, "that is so good I'd almost forgotten how great a smoke can be!"

"And how long has it been since you've had a drop of good Irish whisky?" Asked the blonde. Trembling, the castaway replied, "Ten ears."

Hearing that, the blonde reaches over to her right sleeve unzips a pocket there and removes a flask and hands it to him. He opened the flask and took a long drink. "'Tis nectar of the gods!" stated the Irishman. "'Tis truly fantastic!!!"

At this point the gorgeous blonde started to slowly unzip the long front of her wet suit, right down the middle. She looked at the trembling man and asked, "And how long has it been since you played around?" With tears in his eyes, the Irishman fell to his knees and sobbed, "Sweet Jesus! Don't tell me that you've got golf clubs in there too!"

## 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 and who to contact for each. If your topic isn't listed, ask one of the Elmers under the topic that comes closest and we'll ask around.

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.

### Topics:

Antennas, feed-lines, tuners: NV6W, W6JPP, K6PBQ  
Lightning protection, grounding: WB6YRU  
Station set-up, equipment: K6PBQ, W6JPP  
TVI/RFI: WB6YRU  
Homebrew projects, construction: WB6YRU  
Packet Network (BBS, forwarding): WB6YRU  
Code operating and installations: NV6W, K6PBQ  
DX (long distance/propagation): NV6W  
Emergency operating/preparedness: WA6QYS  
HF operating techniques (SSB, CW): NV6W, K6PBQ  
Legal/FCC rules: WB6YRU  
SCCARA (club inner workings): K6PBQ, WB6YRU, WA6QYS  
EchoLink: KK6MX  
License testing, new amateurs: W6JPP

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## Newsletter Notes



By the time you read this, the *SCCARA-GRAM* archives on our web site now go back to 1990... or it will shortly.

The highlight comments are still being written, so far those are done back to 1995. If you notice something that should be added to the highlight comments, or any suggestions for that matter, please let me know.

73, Gary WB6YRU, editor and archivist

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**FIRST CLASS**

**ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED**

**SCCARA Membership Form for 2017**

If renewing and none of your info has changed, we only need your name and call

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Call: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Licensed since (yyyy): \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Licence Expiration  
 Date: (mm/dd/yyyy): \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ New Member Renewal I'm also an ARRL member

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
only for club communications and the SCCARA-GRAM newsletter (pdf)

**Membership type and dues:      Individual, \$20      Family, \$25      Student, \$10 (under 18)**

Memberships start January 1 and expire December 31.

Family memberships (more than one member per household): please include the above info for each member, use separate forms.

**New members:**

Dues are prorated: dues x (11 - month) x 10% (Example: July would be \$20 x (11-7) x 0.1, which is \$8)

If joining in November or December: normal dues for next year, the rest of this year is included free.

**I want the paper newsletter delivered by U.S. Mail for an additional \$30 per year**

(Prorated, \$2.50 per month. That's \$27.50 if starting in February, \$25 if starting in March, etc.)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Total** enclosed

Give this completed form and payment to the Secretary or Treasurer at any meeting or mail to the club address.