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President's Prose

On January 26, 2019 the SCCARA Radio Station at the American Red Cross was open to members and visitors. Don K6PBQ (station trustee) announced his arrival at the Red Cross on the SCCARA 2M repeater. As members started arriving, Don started checking out 20M and found the bands active with Winter Field Day contestants. Because of recent high wind gusts, Don switched to several antennas to check the swr and concluded that the antenna farm had survived. Contacts were logged and fun was had by all.

If you would like to check out SCCARA's station and do some operating, it will be open again on February 23, 2019. It is usually open around 10 A.M. Listen for Don to announce his arrival at the Red Cross on the SCCARA 2M repeater. The station is located in the Santa Clara Room (enter the Red Cross from Plumeria, the Santa Clara Room is the first room on your left after you pass the restrooms.) Ring the door bell or knock if the doors are closed.

You can get more information at the next SCCARA meeting on Feb. 11, 2019. Our speaker will be Rachel Kinoshita KK6DAC who will give her presentation "Batteries 101." Hope to see you there.

73, Gregg KF6FNA, kf6fna@comcast.net



Don't be old - Renew!

So far, just over half of you have renewed your SCCARA membership. If you're among those who haven't, please renew now while you're thinking about it.

There's a form on the back of this newsletter, and on the club web site. You can fill it in within your pdf reader and print the page all filled in. If your info hasn't changed, all we need is your name and call, we already have the rest.

February Meeting

BATTERIES 101

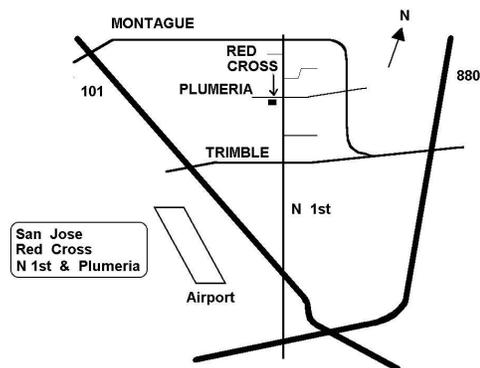
Rachel Kinoshita KK6DAC, a member of Menlo Park CERT and South San Mateo County ARES will present a very in-depth discussion of batteries for handheld use and also 12 volt

Calendar

- 2/11 SCCARA General Meeting
2/18 SCCARA Board Meeting--(San Jose Red Cross, 7:30p, all are welcome)

General Meeting

Day: Monday, February 11, 2019
Time: 7:30 PM
Place: Kaiser Santa Clara, Hospital B-06
Featuring: Rachel KK6DAC on Batteries 101



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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.

AMATEUR LICENSE TESTING

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

portable operations. She made comparisons of different battery chemistries with pros and cons of each and their various characteristics, such as shelf life, current capability, single use/rechargeability, leakage, capacity, and cost effectiveness. The results of Rachel's thorough testing will help you decide which batteries would be the optimum choice for your particular application.

Lou WA6QYS

SCCARA Roster

The latest SCCARA membership roster (as of December 31, 2018) is now available. Because of privacy concerns, the Board restricts it to paper copies only and just to members. They're available at the general meeting or we'd be happy to mail it to you at no cost, just let our Secretary or Editor know.

ARRL News

From *The ARRL Letter*, January 3, 2019

FCC Outlines Impact on its Operations of Potential Funding Lapse

The FCC suspended "most operations" at mid-day on Thursday, January 3, due to the continued partial lapse in federal government funding. The agency spelled out the impact of the funding lapse in a January 2 Public Notice. Some systems that have gone dark in prior government shutdowns will remain operational this time, however. That includes the FCC website, although it will not be updated except for matters related to spectrum auction activities and those necessary for the protection of life and property, until normal operations resume. The FCC Daily Digest will continue to appear.

The Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS), the Universal Licensing System (ULS), the Electronic Document Management System (EDOCS), and the Commission Online Registration System (CORES) will remain available, but no support will be provided except that necessary for spectrum auction activity that covers the costs involved.

According to the Public Notice, ULS and ECFS filings, among others, "will not be reviewed or processed and will be considered accepted on the day following the day of return to normal operations." This would include the processing of Amateur Radio applications.

Also down will be the Consumer Complaint Center and the Experimental Licensing System, among several others.

Still available will be the Network Outage Reporting System (NORS), the Disaster Information Reporting System (DIRS), the Public Safety Support Center (PSSC), the Licensing Management System (LMS), the Consolidated Database System (CDBS), the Auctions Public Reporting System (PRS), the Auction Application System, and the Auction Bidding System.

"All other Commission electronic filing and database systems will be unavailable to the public until normal agency operations resume," the FCC said.

The FCC released its overall shutdown plan in late December. The

resumption of normal operations will also be announced on the FCC's website.

FEMA Communications Exercises

FEMA Region 10 will conduct monthly communications exercises (COMMEX) on the third Wednesday of each month, starting on January 16, 1730 - 1900 UTC. Amateur Radio operators are invited to take part. The intent of these exercises is to test and exercise interoperable communication (federal/state/local/tribal/Amateur Radio) during a major disaster in which the communication infrastructure is significantly damaged or destroyed. FEMA Region 10 will use the call sign WGY910. Other stations associated with agencies and organizations that provide response support in accordance with the National Response Framework are encouraged to participate. The COMMEX will use these "dial" or "window" frequencies on 60 meters -- including 5,330.5 kHz, 5,346.5 kHz, 5,357.0 kHz, 5,371.5 kHz, and 5,403.5 kHz -- as part of the exercise. The area of operation is the continental US.

From *The ARRL Letter*, January 10, 2019

Amateur Radio Applications in Limbo as Partial Shutdown Continues

The FCC is not processing any Amateur Radio applications as the partial government shutdown approaches its fourth week. The FCC suspended "most operations" at mid-day on Thursday, January 3, although an appearance of activity continues. For radio amateurs, the shutdown means that, while the Universal Licensing System (ULS) continues to accept applications for all valid purposes, the FCC will not review or act upon them until the funding stalemate is resolved. This includes Volunteer Examiner Coordinator test session batch files as well as modification, renewal, and vanity call sign applications filed by individual licensees. Amateur Radio newcomers who have passed the required examinations will have to wait until the shutdown concludes to receive a call sign and authorization to operate. License upgrades are also on hold.

"Due to a lapse in funding, the operations of the Federal Communications Commission will be limited with no system support. We regret any inconvenience," the FCC says on the ULS home page. This means very limited human intervention while the shutdown continues, and if a system breaks down, it will not be repaired until after employees are back on the payroll. At this point, 262 of 1,437 FCC employees (excepting contractors) remain on the job, as are FCC Commissioners.

The Antideficiency Act prohibits FCC and other federal employees from working until funds are available to pay them; they may not even volunteer, check their email, or attend meetings. While the law doesn't directly affect FCC automated filing databases, some of these cannot operate without regular human intervention.

The Commission has emphasized that it will undertake any activities necessary for the protection of life and property during the funding lapse. That includes the High Frequency Direction Finding (HFDF) Center in Maryland, considered essential.

The FCC website remains up, and the FCC Daily Digest of its activity continues to be posted, but the website is not being updated, and the only items it contains are those related to spectrum auctions, activity that is funded through auction proceeds, not government funds. The Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) will also accept posts, but filings will not be reviewed or

processed until after normal operations return.

The FCC spelled out the overall impact of the funding lapse in a January 2 Public Notice. Using available funds, the agency was able to maintain a business-as-usual posture until that date. The FCC released an updated Plan for Orderly Shutdown Due to Lapse of Congressional Appropriations on January 9. The resumption of normal operations will also be announced on the FCC's website.

From *The ARRL Letter*, January 24, 2019

Amateur Radio Applications Piling Up as Partial Government Shutdown Continues

Volunteer Examiner Coordinators across the US are continuing to receive paperwork from Amateur Radio exam sessions held during the partial government shutdown. While it's still possible to access the Universal Licensing System (ULS) and file applications, the FCC is not processing individual, club, and exam session -- new and upgrade -- Amateur Radio applications. The FCC closed most operations on January 3, when available funding ran out. According to the FCC public notice, aside from a few emergency and auction-filing systems, all other Commission electronic filing systems will be unavailable to the public until normal agency operations resume.

"Nothing's moving until the FCC reopens," said ARRL VEC Manager Maria Somma, AB1FM. "ARRL VEC continues to enter exam session, individual, and club license data into the system while we wait for the FCC to reopen and normal agency operations to resume. We have approximately 1,600 applications and 125 exam sessions waiting in the queue to be processed. Everything's in there, ready to go."

Somma stressed that, although license upgrade applications are still on hold, current FCC Amateur Radio licensees who have successfully upgraded and hold a Certificate of Successful Completion of Examination (CSCE) may operate temporarily using the privileges of their new license class, until their new licenses are granted.

Even though it's not possible for the FCC to grant a new license, a license upgrade, a change of address or other modification, or a vanity call sign application, the Commission Registration System (CORES) remains functional to allow critical radio services to obtain FCC Registration Numbers (FRNs) and file applications during the shutdown. Registering a user name and logging into CORES is required to apply for and receive an FRN, which is a unique 10-digit identifier necessary to conduct business with the FCC and to manage existing FRNs. The FCC said that starting in March, users who already have an FRN from the legacy Commission Registration System will need to create a user name to continue managing their FRNs.

If an Amateur Radio license recently has expired or is about to expire, the licensee can apply for license renewal via the ULS and continue to operate while the FCC is closed. The filed application will remain in limbo until the FCC is back to work. Licensees who wait until the FCC reopens to apply then will have 2 days to submit a renewal application before the license is considered to have expired in the FCC database.

The FCC has said it would not automatically extend deadlines in cases where the license has expired and the 2-year grace period has expired, but said it would "consider whether it is appropriate to do so once normal operations resume."

Australian 2200 m beacon is on the air

A new 2200-meter beacon is on the air from Australia. The Caboolture Radio Club, VK4QD, in Queensland, Australia, is now operating a beacon on 2200 meters on 137.444 kHz using the call sign VK4RBC. Australia's telecommunications authority ACMA has granted permission for continuous operation of the beacon, using WSPR2 (6H00F1D), plus a CW identifier. The power is 1 W EIRP into a 500-meter (1,640-foot) wire at a maximum of 40 meters (131 feet). Located in grid square QG62lw, the VK4RBC beacon also receives, which is unusual for a beacon, and it has copied signals from WH2XND (operated by Ron Douglass, NI7J) in Arizona. In the gaps between transmissions, it will report all WSPR decodes to WSPRnet. Equipment is an Icom IC-718 transceiver and Monitor Sensors TVTR2 2200-meter transverter running 50 W TPO. This is the first Australian beacon that has been granted permission to operate below 28 MHz. "With WH2XND also reliable, we will now see exactly how good the path from USA to VK really is on 2200 meters," Caboolture Radio Club President Roger Crofts, VK4YB, remarked in a news release.

Meeting Minutes

Board Meeting, Dec. 17, 2018



American Red Cross, North 1st & Plumeria, San Jose, CA

Meeting called to order by President Gregg at 7:30 PM

Attendance:

Gregg KF6FNA, President; Goetz Brandt K6GKB, Treasurer; Don Village K6PBQ, Station Trustee; Lou Stierer WA6QYS, Director; Wally Britten KA6YMD, Director/Repeater Chair.

Visitors: Gary Mitchell WB6YRU, Editor; Truman Lindsey N6TRU, Director elect; Barbara Britten KD6QEI, Secretary elect; Bill Auth KM6QCS.

Announcements:

Next general Board meeting: 01/21/2019

Next General meeting: 01/14/2019

Club station open: 01/26/2019

SVECS Breakfast: 01/26/2019 Lou

Treasurer's report, Goetz K6GKB:

Accounts as of 12/16/2018

Checking: \$8691.03

Savings: \$500.07

Cash: \$1546.95

Total: \$10738.05

Trustee's report, Don K6PBQ:

Things are status quo. The club station won't be open for visitors until 2019.

Editor's report, Gary WB6YRU:

Gary handed out a year-end report of the SCCARA-GRAM costs for 2018. (Average cost per newsletter was \$3.24, 2 were on the mailing list, postage is going up.) Suggested the board might give some members a discount on the mailed paper version who are low income or don't have internet or aren't computer savvy. Gary would like more articles from members. In 2016 Bob Schwimmer gave the club \$50 dues because he was late with his renewal. The treasurer counted it toward dues for 2017 and 2018, now there's \$10.

Wally moved that we accept the remaining \$10 as paid in full for Bob's 2019 dues. Seconded by Gregg. Motion approved unanimously.

New Business

Lloyd Frisbe KM6FDD has passed away. He was the Vice President elect for 2019.

Ned Tufekcic AC6YY offered to be V.P. for 2019.

Lou moved to accept Ned's offer. Don K6PBQ seconded. Approved unanimously.

Gary handed out copies of the welcome-to the club packet for new members and club cards for review and corrections before printing a new set for 2019. Wally suggested a few club cards should be included in the packet.

Gary handed out copies of the roster, couple of corrections were made. We have 61 members, 20 of whom joined this year.

The board is concerned about member privacy, so we'll continue to have the roster available to the membership in printed form only.

Gary: Many forget to renew their membership, we can lose up to half the membership each year.

Wally: I have a separate email list of those who need to renew, a note is in the subject line when sending the electronic version of the newsletter.

Gary: we need to notify members individually, not in a generic mailing to many.

The Board's private remailer list was reviewed, couple of corrections made.

Gary handed out copies of the property list and had some questions. Suggested we dispose of remaining the office dividers from the antenna trailer since they are in poor condition. Motion made (by?) to dispose of the office dividers and remove them from the list. Seconded. Approved unanimously.

Suggested we sell a small power supply (part of stuff that had been donated).

Motion made (by?) to sell the small power supply. Seconded. Approved unanimously.

Discussion of a RC-85 repeater controller that's been missing for a long time. We have no further info on it's whereabouts.

Lou moved to declare the missing RC-85 as "lost" and remove it from the list. Seconded. Approved unanimously.

Discussion of another RC-85 repeater controller, serial 1255. Needs repair or discard, it locks up in transmit mode. Gary suggested we replace it with a new modern controller with lots of features. Some like that idea, but nothing was decided.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Barbara Britten, KD6QEI, Secretary

Board Meeting, Jan. 21, 2019



American Red Cross, North 1st & Plumeria, San Jose, CA

Meeting called to order by President Gregg KF6FNA at 7:45 PM

Attendance: Gregg Lane KF6FNA; Don Village K6PBQ; Janet Motha KF6PUQ; Lou Steierer WA6QYS; Truman Lindsey

N6TRU; Wally Britten KA6YMD; James Rustermier KI6ZSK.
Visitor: Gary Mitchell WB6YRU
Excused absence: Goetz Brandt K6GKB, Barbara Britten
KD6QEI

Discussion of previous board meeting minutes, several corrections made, still needs final approval.

Announcements:
SVECS breakfast will be on Saturday Jan 26, 2019.
The club station will be open Jan. 26 after the SVECS breakfast, and on Feb. 23, 2019.

Secretary's Report, Gary WB6YRU:
Barbara is still not retired and working 12 hour days. I'll fill in as recording secretary.

Trustees Report, Don K6PBQ:
Club station will be open this Saturday, Jan. 26.
Club station will be open for "Winter Field Day", sort of like a mini Field Day. Most people operate from home, but includes anyone in the U.S. and Canada.
The beam doesn't work properly on any band, except 12 and 17 m.

Repeater report, Wally KA6YMD:
Not much new. There is some EchoLink activity, but not much.

Editor's Report, Gary WB6YRU:
Not much new. As always, it would be good to have more articles from the membership.

New business
Gary handed out copies of the finalized 2018 year-end property list.
Rusty: motion to accept the property list as a statement of fact.
Lou second. Approved unanimously.
Wally: The street name at the top should be changed from "Plumaria" to "Plumeria".
Rusty: My motion refers to the items on the list, not the info at the top.

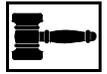
Gregg:
We should come up with storage facilities of some kind. Currently stuff is being stored by members (Gregg and Lou mostly). March is the first flea market, our remaining donated items will be sold then. We will have a table at the March flea market, weather permitting.

Truman:
Handed out proposals and ideas to increase utilization of the club repeaters, and to have radio activities at different locations, like a mini Field Day or whatever. Perhaps we could do something at the new park on Mt. Umunhum.
Rusty: We might consider having some radio activities at Marshall Cottle Park.
Gregg: There can be issues with gas generators and having to walk some distances with heavy equipment.
Rusty: Maybe put together crystal radio kits and have a troupe of cub scouts come and put them together. Do it at a public park, have hotdogs etc, and they can earn their ham radio badge. Or we can do some kit building, such as from www.qrpkits.com.
Gary: We could link our repeaters, and put in a fancy new controller on the 2 m repeater for interesting features.

Meeting adjourned at 9:14 PM

Gary Mitchell, WB6YRU, recording secretary

General Meeting, Jan. 14, 2019



Meeting began at 1930 hours.
Number of members present: 19
Visitors: Patty Winter N6BIS from National Parks On The Air.

Announcements:

New Vice President: Ned Tufekcic AC6YY

FARS Banquet at Michael's restaurant in Mt. View on February 15. Wally has the membership list. Speaker: Silicon Valley Historical Radio Society.

SVECS Quarterly breakfast on Jan 26 at the Santa Clara Sr. center. Door prize: \$100.00. Speaker: Dana Tembrook AE6X Search and Rescue plus dog.

Club Station will be open at 12:00 PM plus, after the SVECS breakfast. Check repeater to contact Don at the Santa Clara room at the American Red Cross, on the last Saturday of the month. Normally it is open 9-10 AM

The latest club roster is available to all members (on paper only).

Speaker:
Patty winter, N6BIS From the National Parks On The Air. Talked about getting on the air from National Parks. Some parks require prepermission to operate.

Barbara Britten, KD6QEI, Secretary

Packet Pieces

Downloaded from the BBS packet network:

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Date: 8 Oct 2015 01:25
From: GM3YEW@GB7YEW
To: HUMOUR@WW
Subject: Jokes 8/10

Words with different meanings depending on gender:

1. THINGY (thing-ee) n.
Female..... Any part under a car's hood.
Male..... The strap fastener on a woman's bra.
2. VULNERABLE (vun-ER-abul) adj.
Female.... Fully opening up one's self emotionally to another.
Male.... Playing cricket without a cup.
3. COMMUNICATION (ko-meoo-in-Kay-shun) n.
Female... The open sharing of thoughts and feelings with one's partner.
Male... Leaving a note before taking off on a fishing trip with the boys.
4. COMMITMENT (ko-mit-ment) n.
Female.... A desire to get married and raise a family.
Male..... Trying not to hit on other women while out with this one.

5. ENTERTAINMENT (en-ter-tane-ment) n.
Female.... A good movie, concert, play, or book.
Male..... Anything that can be done while drinking lager.

6. FLATULENCE (flach-u-lens) n.
Female.... An embarrassing by-product of indigestion.
Male..... A source of entertainment self-expression male bonding.

7 MAKING LOVE (may-king-luv) n.
Female..... The greatest expression of intimacy a couple can achieve.
Male. Call it whatever you want just as long as we do it.

8. REMOTE CONTROL (ree-mote-kon-trole) n.
Female.... A device for changing from one TV channel to another.
Male... A device for scanning through all 215 channels every few minutes.

He said, she said

He said: I don't know why you wear a bra you've got nothing to put in it.
She said: Same reason you wear pants.

He said: Shall we try swapping positions tonight?
She said: That's a good idea - you stand by the ironing board while I sit on the sofa and fart.

He said: What have you been doing with all the grocery money I gave you?
She said: Turn sideways and look in the mirror!

He said: How many men does it take to change a roll of toilet paper?
She said: We don't know, it's has never happened.

She said: Why is it difficult to find men who are sensitive caring and Good-looking?
He said: They already have boyfriends.

She said: What do you call a women who knows where her husband is every night?
He said: A widow.

He said: Why are married women heavier than single women?
She said: Single women come home, see what's in the fridge, and go to bed.
Married women come home, see what's in bed, and go to the fridge.

Scam

Over the last month I have become a victim of a clever scam while out shopping. Don't be naive enough to think it couldn't happen to you or your friends.

Two very good-looking 21 year-old girls come over to your car as you are packing your shopping into the trunk. They both start cleaning your windscreen, their breasts almost falling out of their skimpy T-shirts. When you thank them and offer them a tip, they'll say 'No' and instead ask you for a lift to another supermarket. You agree and they both get in the back seat. On the way, they start undressing, until both are completely naked. Then, when you pull over to remonstrate, one of them climbs over into the front seat

and starts crawling all over your lap, kissing you, touching you intimately, and thrusting herself against you, while the other one steals your wallet!

I had my wallet stolen Sept 4th, 9th,10th, twice on the 15th, 17th, 20th, 24th and 29th. On October 1st, 4th, 6th, 10th and 13th and twice yesterday.

So please warn all the older men you know to be on the lookout for this scam.

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Date: 4 Oct 2015 01:25
From: GM3YEW@GB7YEW
To: HUMOUR@WW
Subject: Jokes 4/10

People were in their pews talking at church. Suddenly, Satan appeared at the front. Everyone started screaming and running for the exit, trampling each other in a frantic effort to get away from evil incarnate.

Soon everyone was gone except for one elderly gentleman who sat calmly in his pew without moving, seemingly oblivious.

Satan walked up to the old man and said, "Don't you know who I am?"

The man replied, "Yep, sure do."

"Aren't you afraid of me?" Satan asked.

"Nope, sure ain't." said the man.

"Do you realize I can kill with a word?" asked Satan.

"Don't doubt it for a minute," returned the old man, in an even tone.

Did you know that I could cause you profound horrifying, agony for all eternity persisted Satan?

"Yep," was the calm reply.

"And you're still not afraid?" asked Satan.

"Nope," said the old man.

More than a little perturbed, Satan asked, "Well, why aren't you a afraid of me?"

The man calmly replied, "Been married to your sister for 44 years."

ROMANCE MATHEMATICS:
Smart man + smart woman = romance
Smart man + dumb woman = affair
Dumb man + smart woman = marriage
Dumb man + dumb woman = pregnancy

OFFICE ARITHMETIC:
Smart boss + smart employee = profit
Smart boss + dumb employee = production
Dumb boss + smart employee = promotion
Dumb boss + dumb employee = overtime

SHOPPING MATH:

A man will pay \$2 for a \$1 item he needs.
A woman will pay \$1 for a \$2 item that she doesn't need.

GENERAL EQUATIONS & STATISTICS:

A woman worries about the future until she gets a husband.
A man never worries about the future until he gets a wife.

A successful man is one who makes more money than his wife can spend.
A successful woman is one who can find such a man.

HAPPINESS:

To be happy with a man, you must understand him a lot and love him a little.
To be happy with a woman, you must love her a lot and try not to understand her at all.

Married men live longer than single men, but married men are a lot more willing to die.

MEMORY:

Any married man should forget his mistakes, there's no use in two people remembering the same thing.

PROPENSITY TO CHANGE:

A woman marries a man expecting he will change, but he doesn't.
A man marries a woman expecting that she won't change, but she does.

DISCUSSION TECHNIQUE:

A woman has the last word in any argument.
Anything a man says after that is the beginning of a new argument.

COMPREHENSION:

There are two times when a man doesn't understand a woman - before marriage and after marriage.

HOW TO STOP PEOPLE FROM BUGGING YOU ABOUT GETTING MARRIED:

Old aunts used to come up to me at weddings, poking me in the ribs and cackling, telling me, "You're next." They stopped after I started doing the same thing to them at funerals.

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Date: 12 Jul 2010 01:25
From: W1GMF@W1GMF
To: HUMOR@USA
Subject: Doctor Visit

A gentleman was having some physical problems and his doctor told him that he had to drink warm water one hour before breakfast. At the end of a week he returned and the doctor asked if he was feeling better. The man said that he actually felt worse.

"Did you drink warm water an hour before breakfast each day?"

"No," replied the man, "All I could do was about 15 minutes!"

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 (available from the club secretary or on our web site).

Topics:

Antennas, feed-lines, tuners: **NV6W, W6JPP, K6PBQ**
CW (Morse code): **NV6W, K6PBQ**
DX (long distance, propagation): **NV6W**
EchoLink: **K6GKB**
Emergency operating, preparedness: **WA6QYS**
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Newsletter Notes

I was interested to learn that there's now a 2200 m beacon in Australia, (see the ARRL article above). It's unusual in that it also receives, alternating TX and RX. It has already received a station in Arizona. Of course having a 500-meter (1,640-foot) wire antenna up to 40 meters (131 feet) high doesn't hurt! That's not something most of us can do. Still, this beacon gives us something to try in the new LF band.

73, Gary WB6YRU, editor



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