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Santa Clara County Amateur Radio Association

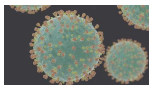
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Meetings? Yes? No?

April 1st normally comes with bit of tomfoolery. 😊
Unfortunately, no April fools this time. 😞



Everyone is dealing with the pandemic of the Covid-19 virus (Coronavirus). Efforts world wide are underway to keep it from spreading. Gatherings of all sorts are being canceled, including amateur radio--just look through some of the *ARRL Letter* articles below.

- ✉ SCCARA's club station is closed until further notice.
- ✉ SCCARA's in-person General and Board meetings are canceled until further notice.
- ✉ *Normally* we have a net on our 2 m repeater on Mondays at 7:30 PM, except our general meeting night. **Now**, there *may* be a net on the second Monday in leu of the general meeting, but that was not yet confirmed as of this writing. Check in and see!
- ✉ The board will "meet" on our 2 m repeater after the 2 m net on Monday April 20.
The Electronic Flea Market (at Fry's in Sunnyvale) was canceled last month, and has been canceled again this month.
SCCARA's March General meeting had half as many attendees as usual. And that was before the Public Health Department's "shelter in place" order.
SCCARA's March Board meeting was held at the normal day and time--but **not** in person--it was a virtual meeting on our 2 m repeater. That was the first time, and it worked out OK.

As of March 16, 2020, the Santa Clara County Public Health Dept. has ordered everyone to stay home except for essential activities (such as buying food or seeing your doctor) and only essential businesses will stay open. No non-essential gatherings. The order stays in effect through April 7, 2020, unless extended.

<https://www.sccgov.org/sites/phd/DiseaseInformation/novel-coronavirus/Documents/03-16-20-Health-Officer-Order-to-Shelter-in-Place.pdf>

<https://www.sccgov.org/sites/phd/Pages/phd.aspx>

As of March 19, 2020, the California Health Dept. issued basically the same order, but state-wide, and it's in effect until further notice.

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/CDPH%20Document%20Library/COVID-19/Health%20Order%20203.19.2020.pdf>

And from the Governor:

<https://covid19.ca.gov/img/Executive-Order-N-33-20.pdf>

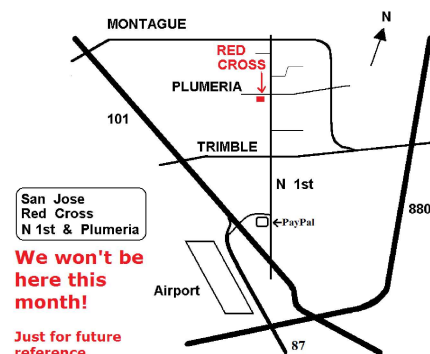
Calendar

- 4/11 Electronic Flea Market -- **CANCELED**
- 4/13 SCCARA General Meeting -- **CANCELED**
- 4/20 SCCARA Board Meeting--on our 2 m repeater after the usual Monday night net.
- 4/25 Club Station -- **CLOSED**

No General Meeting

Day: Monday, April 13, 2020
Time: 7:30 PM

It wasn't decided as of this writing, but we *may* "meet" on our 2 m repeater instead a face-to-face meeting.



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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 2 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 nca.n0ary.org.

AMATEUR LICENSE TESTING

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

What's a net?

It's short for network. It's an organized get-together on the air. There is a net control operator who acts like a traffic cop to keep the discussion organized and running smoothly.

All are welcome to join our Monday night nets at 7:30 PM on our 2 m repeater, 146.985 -, PL 114.8Hz.

The net control will ask for check-in's. Just give your call sign and listen for the net control to acknowledge you. That's all there is to it, now your part of the net (group).

If you have something to say or ask during the net, give your call during one of the brief pauses and wait for the net control to hand it over to you. When you're done, give your call followed with "back to net control."

Flea Markets and Breakfasts -- Casualties of the Coronavirus Response Directives

Please do your part: Sheltering in place, social distancing, sanitizing hands and frequently touched objects.

The Electronics Flea Market scheduled for April 11 has been **canceled**. The resumption of the flea markets will be determined on a month to month basis. Please refer to the ASVARO web page at: <http://www.electronicfleamarket.com>

The SVECS Quarterly Breakfast scheduled for April 25 has been **canceled**. The prospect of having the July 25 Quarterly Breakfast will be determined as the date approaches. Please refer to the SVECS web page at: <http://www.svecs.net>

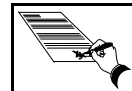
Lou WA6QYS

President's Prose

The speaker for SCCARA's March 9, 2020 meeting was Clay Cougar N5YJZ. Clay's presentation was about his experience supporting communications (amateur radio) for the IHS (International Health Service) field medical team, including his latest trip of Feb. 16-26, 2020 in Gracias, Honduras. More information on Clay and the IHS can be found at <http://www.qrz.com> for N5YJZ.

ASVARO (Association of Silicon Valley Amateur Radio Organizations) has announced that Fry's Sunnyvale (1077 E. Arques Ave., Sunnyvale) has agreed to allow the 2020 Electronics Flea Markets to be held in their East parking lot. The Flea Markets are held on the 2nd Saturday of each month (5 A.M. until Noon) from March 14, 2020 until Sept. 12, 2020. SCCARA will sponsor the June 13, 2020 Flea Market. Go to <http://www.asvaro.org> for more information.

73, Gregg KF6FNA, kf6fna@comcast.net



What's Good About Amateur Radio?

What Members Like About the Hobby

Within ham radio, I've learned tons of information. I've been a ham for about four years now, and within that time I've learned so very much information. Whether it be about antennas, feedlines, radios, bands, wavelengths, and so on and so forth.

First, I may as well mention how I became interested in the ham hobby. The short answer is multiple ways. Now, I'll go over the long answers. First, I recall noticing the FM transmitting towers hovering over the freeway. How does that feed into ham radio? Well, for a long time I was fascinated and curious about the metal "goliaths". And so, I researched FM Broadcasting licenses. The first things I noticed were that said licenses were very limited, and said licenses were expensive too. And so, at that point I decided it wasn't worth the trouble.

From there, if I recall correctly, I was searching the web when I encountered the ARRL, and my interest peaked again. And so, I acquired a Technician Class guide, and crammed. Here was a hobby that was not only radio, but was also social! Not just broadcasting to an audience who might be there or might not; here was an interesting hobby with social, curious "hams" who used the radio as their medium. Soon enough, I got my Technician license at a Silicon Valley Volunteer Examiner (SVVE) session, held at the Saratoga Fire Station. On my birthday of that year, I got my first radio, a Yaesu FT-60 at the recommendation of the people at SCCARA. Interestingly enough, my first time transmitting the radio was my birthday four years ago, in 2016.

Now, what do I like about it? Well, many things. First there's simply the aspect of community. Ham radio operators are more often than not social, talkative, and intelligent. Not only that, but ham operators also have a sense of community and friendliness. So really, that's what I find so wonderful about this hobby.

Whether or not you the reader are a ham or not, I will reiterate: it is a superb hobby. And again, not just because of the reasons listed above, there are many other reasons (too much to list). I could go into the various "sub-hobbies" or "sub-topics" of ham radio, such as Contesting, DXing, QRP, Digital, and so on, but I believe that's best for another time.

What are your favorite parts of the ham hobby? Be sure to let Gary, WB6YRU know so he can publish your article, or really anyone within the club. (It also doesn't have to be as lengthy as this article, feel free to ask Gary for further details).

73, Truman Lindsey N6TRU

What, No Radio?

The fun in ham radio is the ability to communicate to any spot on the planet. For some, it is the challenge of propagating a signal and getting a confirmation resulting in a logbook entry. This eventually leads to certificates that confirm records, 100 countries, all counties, etc. Others are not interested in the logging so much as they are in talking to someone distant and sharing experiences, types of equipment, occupations, hobbies and more. No matter what your motivation for being a ham may be, it requires equipment.

The purpose of this article is to make it clear that

equipment should never be the excuse for not getting on the air. If you have the money, the options are endless. If you have limited money, the options are still endless as most manufacturers have addressed this issue with low cost radios that have almost all the features of the expensive models. If you have even less money, then peruse EBAY for radios from the past. There are some fantastic bargains on the internet that make the best from the past available for pennies on the dollar. OK! You've got no money at all and would like to get on the air. If this is the case, then you need to let the club know and a freebee solution could be found. The club has radios stashed away that could be made available on a loaner basis. All you would need is a socket to plug in the power cord. The club has endless antenna options that were once stored on the club antenna trailer.

Do not let restrictions prevent you from putting up an antenna. Clandestine antennas are easy to construct, even if they have to be completely inside your residence. If you need more information, I would suggest you come to our club meetings and ask for help from a room full of mentors.

Alright, you've slipped through all these options, but there is yet another solution, namely coming to the club Red Cross station and letting Don (K6PBQ) put you on the air. Getting a Ham license and not getting of the air is like getting a driver's license and never driving a car. What's the point?

Goetz Brandt, K6GKB

Explaining Ham Radio to Non-Ham Operators

By Truman Lindsey

I have had many intriguing and fulfilling experiences within the Amateur Radio hobby. I'll first start with that. With such a unique hobby, however, comes the explanation of it to others. The Ham Radio people I've met tend to be very social, and willing to share their experiences in the hobby. People in radio love to share information about the hobby. Heck, there's Field Day (where visitors are allowed and encouraged), and emergency preparedness groups such as RACES and ARES (which as I believe cooperate with public service agencies), and so on. While it seems that local officials are certainly aware of the ham radio community, many non-officials (not involved in public service agencies and not hams) either know a good bit about it, or a small "smidgen" about the hobby.

Many of the people who I've met who do know a bit about the hobby (a good bit), tend to have (or previously had) relatives or acquaintances within the hobby. As for examples, my art teacher's grandfather was a ham radio operator, one of my good friends (who will likely be licensed soon) had a grandparent who was licensed a while back, and so on and so forth.

As for the people who have very light knowledge on the subject of ham radio (a smidgen), I often find it an interesting challenge to explain the hobby of amateur radio. While some explain ham radio with ease, I typically drift towards comparisons. And I believe this to be a relatively solid approach. Many people who are unaware of ham radio, however, are aware of ham radio's "unlicensed siblings." Some of you might not like the comparison here, but I'll go about it anyway. By "unlicensed siblings" I mean CB and FRS/GMRS (Walkie-Talkies). Many people I've met, (and I don't blame them for this), think of ham radio as broadcasting or similar to it. Henceforth, I find it beneficial to describe amateur radio as similar to CB or FRS/GMRS, just adding on the fact that there's a different culture, and that it is a licensed system with restrictions.

However, this is how I go about explaining amateur radio. I would be curious to know how you, the reader, would explain

ham radio to someone else who might not know much about the hobby. Feel free to send me a letter or tell me at the next SCCARA meeting.

ARRL News

From *The ARRL Letter*, March 19, 2020

ARRL Calls for Continued Coexistence in 3.4 and 5.9 GHz Bands

In comments filed on March 9, ARRL said that while the FCC has not proposed to alter the secondary amateur allocation at 5.850 - 5.925 GHz, changes the FCC has proposed for other users “will constrain current and future amateur operations” in that band, if the proposals are adopted. The Amateur Radio Service shares the 5.850 - 5.925 GHz band on a secondary basis with Dedicated Short-Range Communications (DSRC) systems. Amateur radio also shares the 5.850 - 5.875 GHz segment with industrial, scientific, and medical (ISM) applications. ARRL's comments were in response to a Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM) in WT Docket 19-138, in which the FCC said it would “take a fresh and comprehensive look” at the rules for the 5.9 GHz band and proposed to make the lower 45 MHz of the band available for unlicensed operations and to permit vehicle safety systems in the upper 30 MHz of the band.

“This proceeding is of concern to radio amateurs across the country, because many of the operations carried out in this band are similar to those conducted in the 3.4 GHz band, from which the Commission, in a companion proceeding, is proposing to evict radio amateur operations,” ARRL said.

ARRL urged the FCC “to consider holistically” its various spectrum reallocation proposals for mid-range spectrum, including the 5.9 GHz and 3.4 GHz proceedings as well as proposals in another proceeding that would affect 5.925 - 7.125 GHz. Those proposals would dedicate up to 1.2 GHz of spectrum for various types of unlicensed devices.

“The spectrum must be managed carefully and additional shared spectrum considered in order not to severely curtail amateur networks that often are used in public service applications when similar capabilities are not available to public service providers,” ARRL said in its remarks.

ARRL noted the widespread use of 5.9 GHz in particular for amateur mesh and amateur television networks and links that radio amateurs have engineered into the band on a non-interference secondary basis, often for public service purposes. “For decades, these radio amateur uses have coexisted successfully with the primary users of the 5.9 GHz band without harmful interference,” ARRL pointed out.

“Because of the flexibility, knowledge, and dedication of many individual radio amateurs, we can continue to operate and even grow, so long as both the 3.4 and 5.9 GHz bands remain available for amateur radio purposes on a secondary basis,” ARRL said. “Additional sharing opportunities also should be made available where doing so would not interfere with primary operations and would employ otherwise unused spectrum for public benefit purposes,” ARRL added, referencing a pending 3.1 - 3.3 GHz spectrum review by the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), which manages spectrum used by the federal government.

Dayton Hamvention Cancels 2020 Show

For the first time in its 68-year history, Dayton Hamvention® will not take place this year, due to concerns about the coronavirus outbreak. The glum news was not entirely unexpected, given widespread cancellations of public gatherings and a national state of emergency.

The Dayton Hamvention cancellation comes less than a week after the International DX Convention in Visalia, California, called off this year's show.

Hamvention's announcement has caused the cancellation of other associated events. These include Contest University, the Contest Dinner, and the Top Band Dinner. The QRP Amateur Radio Club International's “Four Days in May” event has also been cancelled. Presumably, the DX Dinner, sponsored by the SouthWest Ohio DX Association (SWODXA) and AMSAT Academy have also been called off, although no formal announcements have been made.

One of two US VHF-UHF-microwave groups has canceled its 2020 conference, while another has postponed its event.

The Southeastern VHF Society (SVHFS) Board of Directors has announced the indefinite postponement of the annual SVHFS Conference. “Because of the health and safety concerns of our society members and the uncertainty of time of our national emergency caused by the coronavirus pandemic, the Society's Board of Directors elected to postpone this year's conference indefinitely,” SVHFS announced. The conference had been scheduled for April 24 - 25 in Gainesville, Georgia.

The co-chairs of the 2020 Eastern VHF-UHF-Microwave Conference sponsored by the North East Weak Signal (NEWS) Group have announced the cancellation of the event, “because of health and safety concerns for our attendees that has been caused by the coronavirus pandemic and subsequent state and federal [states of] emergency.” The conference had been scheduled for April 17 - 19 in Manchester, Connecticut.

Red Cross-affiliated radio amateurs from many states and Puerto Rico are planning a nationwide Red Cross emergency communications drill for May 30.

The drill will consist of two parts. Part A will be a local optional drill held on VHF for participants to practice passing voice traffic with relay stations set up in local EOCs or via mobile stations parked strategically between Red Cross HQ and suburban shelters. Part B will be national in scope, with hams passing Red Cross forms using the ARC Message Utility technique on Winlink RF. Messages will be marked “DRILL” and will be sent to the Red Cross Safe & Well HQ in New York City as a clearinghouse. For further information, or to express interest in participating, contact Wayne Robertson, K4WK. wayne.robertson@redcross.org

-- Thanks to The ARES E-Newsletter

IARU Region 2 Emergency Communication and Satellite workshops will be held online.

With travel restrictions and self-isolation requirements in many countries due to COVID-19, the May 30 and 31 International Amateur Radio Union Region 2 (IARU R2) Emergency

Communication and Satellite workshops will be online. The new format will be 3 hours for each workshop and will be held on the same dates starting at 1800 UTC. Access will be via Zoom, an easy-to-use online conference tool available for several platforms. Attendees will get an agenda for each workshop and information on how to participate in mid-May.
<https://www.iaru-r2.org/workshop-2020>

-- Thanks to George Gorsline, VE3YV, IARU Region 2 Secretary

From *The ARRL Letter*, March 26, 2020

ARRL Headquarters Closes, May QST Delivery is on Schedule

ARRL Headquarters has closed, in compliance with an executive order from Connecticut Governor Ned Lamont that all non-essential businesses and not-for-profit entities reduce their in-person workforces by 100%.

“ARRL remains operational, while our teams work remotely to abide by Connecticut's Stay Home, Stay Safe policy, and most departments are maintaining business as usual,” ARRL Interim CEO Barry Shelley, N1VXY, explained. “We are doing all we can under the circumstances and trying to maintain operations in as normal a way as possible.”

The print edition of the May issue of QST will go out in the mail next week, and the US Postal Service anticipates no delivery disruptions. Digital QST and the pending digital debuts of QEX and NCJ are expected to be posted on schedule.

ARRL also anticipates that The ARRL Letter, ARRL Audio News, the ARES E-Letter, The ARRL Contest Update, and the Eclectic Technology podcast will be available as usual.

W1AW continues operating, but on a slightly altered transmission schedule. Morning code practice and qualifying run transmissions have been suspended; evening transmissions, including qualifying runs, will go on as usual.

International Amateur Radio Union Adjusting to COVID-19

The International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) has reported on how it's addressing the COVID-19 pandemic, given the various restrictions in place to slow the spread of the virus. IARU said the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) Headquarters in Geneva remains off limits to visitors until April 17 at the earliest. ITU has cancelled some meetings, postponed others, and converted others into online gatherings

IARU Region 2 Emergency Communications and Satellite Communications workshops set for May 30 - 31 in Trinidad and Tobago will now be held online. IARU reports that interest and registrations have surged since the announcement. These workshops will be held in English, but preparations are under way for workshops in Spanish to be held later.

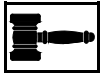
IARU Region 3 has canceled its first Youngsters on the Air (YOTA) Camp that had been planned for early October in Rayong, Thailand.

IARU Region 1 (Europe, the Middle East, and Africa) has asked member-societies to “reconsider their position” on Field Day events over the next few months. IARU will not sponsor the Region 1 HF CW Field Day in June but said national societies

have to make their own decisions as to whether their Field Day events will go forward.

Meeting Minutes

General Meeting, March 9, 2020



Conference room B-06, Kaiser Hospital building, Lawrence Expressway and Homestead Rd, Santa Clara, CA.

Meeting called to order by V.P. Ned AC6YY at 7:35 PM

10 attendees, no visitors, plus our guest speaker; 11 Total. The light turn-out is most likely due to recent county-wide suggestions to avoid crowds to reduce the spread of the Nova Coronavirus (Covid-19).

Customary self introductions.

Announcements

Lou WA6QYS:

The flea market this Saturday is canceled due to concerns over the Covid-19 virus.

Stay tuned for news about future flea markets.

The SVECS breakfast is still on, so far.

Our guest speaker, Clay Couger N5YJZ, gave an interesting presentation on the Feb. 2018 Honduras DX Expedition as WC6YJ, and communications with the International Health Services of Minnesota. <http://www.ihsmn.org>. Medical volunteer organization, mostly operates in Honduras. Amateur radio is used for some of the communications between teams across Honduras and externally.

Meeting adjourned at 8:27 PM

Gary Mitchell, WB6YRU, recording for the Secretary

Board Meeting, March 16, 2020



Santa Clara County, held on the air using our 2 m repeater, W6UU/R

Meeting called to order by President Gregg Lane KF6FNA at 7:40 PM

Attendance:

President Gregg Lane KF6FNA; VP Ned Tufekcic AC6YY; Secretary Barbara Britten KD6QEI; Treasurer Goetz Brandt K6GKB; Station Trustee Don Village K6PBQ; Directors: Lou Steirer WA6QYS, Wally Britten KA6YMD, Truman Lindsey N6TRU.

Absent: James Rustermier KI6ZSK, Janet Motha KF6PUQ

Visitors: Editor Gary Mitchell WB6YRU, Paul Gorny KK6HWN, and some others listening in.

Announcements:

Lou WA6QYS: The SVECS breakfast on April 25 has been cancelled due to the Coronavirus. The next possible one is July 25. Not sure yet whether that one will be cancelled.

President's Report, Gregg KF6FNA: Due to the Coronavirus out-break and new restrictions, it's not clear whether our usual

meeting room at Kaiser will be available.
Truman N6TRU: Let's look into the possibility of having the meeting streamed on the internet.

Vice President's Report, Ned AC6YY: We're having to re-evaluate in-person meetings under the circumstances.

Secretary's Report, Barbara KD6QEI: Will get the latest minutes written up and sent to Gary for the newsletter.

Treasurer's Report, Goetz K6GKB:
Checking = \$13183.89 Cash = \$196.04 Total = \$13379.93

Trustee's Report, Don K6PBQ: March 28 is the usual date for the club station to be open, not sure yet if that will be possible.

Standing Committees:

Repeater chairman's report, Wally KA6YMD: Nothing new to report, it's working fine.

Webmaster's report, Wally KA6YMD: Nothing new to report.

Editor's report, Gary WB6YRU: The new column "What Do You Like About Amateur Radio" is doing well so far. With the new social restrictions due to the Coronavirus, we need to put in extra effort to have info in the newsletter about that we will or won't do, what will or won't happen.

BBS Sysop's report, Gary WB6YRU: Nothing new about N0ARY, but there's a possibility of a new BBS (AA6AX) coming on-line.

Old Business:
Ned AC6YY: Regarding the radio we were going to get for digital, there's the Yaesu FT-891 and FT-991. The 991 will also do VHF and UHF, but it's more expensive. Discussion on the merits of each.
Gregg KF6FNA: Let's table this for now, discuss it next time after we've done some research.

Gregg KF6FNA: We may do Field Day at the San Jose Red Cross, we don't know yet, still waiting to hear back from George Williams. The antenna work at the Red Cross for the club station is a work in progress.

New Business:
Paul KK6HWN, Wally KA6YMD: The March Flea Market was cancelled due to the Coronavirus. The April flea market may be cancelled, we don't know yet. People should watch the ASVARO website for the latest info. <http://www.electronicfleamarket.com/>
Gregg KF6FNA: Due to the Coronavirus, the City of Sunnyvale (where the flea market is held) is following the County Dept. of Health's restrictions on the size of groups in all venues and recommending people stay home unless it's for something very necessary.

Meeting adjourned 8:35 PM

Gary Mitchell WB6YRU, recording for the Secretary

Date: 29 Nov 2012 23:55
From: GM3YEW@GB7YEW
To: HUMOUR@WW
Subject: Jokes 29/11

An older gentleman had an appointment to see the urologist. The waiting room was filled with patients. As he approached the reception desk he noticed that the receptionist was a large unfriendly woman who looked like a Sumo wrestler. He gave her his name.

In a very loud voice, the receptionist said, 'YES, I HAVE YOUR NAME HERE; YOU WANT TO SEE THE DOCTOR ABOUT IMPOTENCE, RIGHT?'

All the patients in the waiting room snapped their heads around to look at the very embarrassed man. He recovered quickly, and in an equally loud voice replied, 'NO, I'VE COME TO INQUIRE ABOUT A SEX CHANGE OPERATION, BUT I DON'T WANT THE SAME DOCTOR WHO DID YOURS.'

First Time

A girl asks her boyfriend to come over Friday night to meet and have dinner with her parents. Since this is such a big event, the girl announces to her boyfriend that after dinner, she would like to go out and make love for the first time. The boy is ecstatic, but he has never had sex before, so he takes a trip to the pharmacist to get some condoms. He tells the pharmacist it's his first time. The pharmacist helps the boy for about an hour. He tells the boy everything there is to know about condoms and sex. At the register, the pharmacist asks the boy how many condoms he'd like to buy, a 3-pack, 10-pack, or family pack. The boy insists on the family pack because he thinks he will be rather busy, it being his first time and all.

That night, the boy shows up at the girl's parents house and meets his girlfriend at the door. "Oh, I'm so excited for you to meet my parents, come on in!"

The boy goes inside and is taken to the dinner table where the girl's parents are seated. The boy quickly offers to say grace and bows his head. A minute passes, and the boy is still deep in prayer, with his head down. 2 minutes pass, then 3... Finally the girl leans over and whispers to the boy, "I had no idea you were so religious."

The boy turns, and whispers back, "I had no idea your father was a pharmacist."

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Date: 1 Dec 2012 23:56
From: GM3YEW@GB7YEW
To: HUMOUR@WW
Subject: Jokes 1/12

This is a test of the basic logic process that a person acquires from simply living life. I didn't do well with my attempts to answer these, how about you?

1.How do you put a giraffe into a refrigerator?

Stop and think about it and decide on your answer before you look at the answers below!

Packet Pieces

Downloaded from the BBS packet network:

The correct answer is: Open the refrigerator, put in the giraffe, and close the door. This question tests whether you tend to do simple things in an overly complicated way.

2 Now, how do you put an elephant into that same refrigerator?

Did you say, Open the refrigerator, put in the elephant, and close the refrigerator? Wrong Answer.

Correct Answer: Open the refrigerator, take out the giraffe, put in the elephant and close the door. This tests your ability to think through the repercussions of your previous actions.

3. The Lion King is hosting an animal conference. All the animals attend, except one. Which animal does not attend?

Correct Answer: The Elephant. The elephant is in the refrigerator. You just put him in there. This tests your memory.

Okay, even if you did not answer the first three questions correctly, you still have one more chance to show your true abilities.

4. You're at a river you must cross, but it is used by crocodiles and you do not have a boat. How do you manage it?

Correct Answer: You jump into the river and swim across. Have you not been listening? All the crocodiles are attending the Animal Meeting. This tests whether you learn quickly from your mistakes.

According to Anderson Consulting Worldwide, around 90% of the Professionals they tested got all questions wrong, but many preschoolers got several correct answers. Anderson Consulting says this conclusively proves that most professionals have the brains of a four-year-old.

An oldie but still a goodie. :)

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Date: 19 Oct 2015 02:57
From: GM3YEW@GB7YEW
To: HUMOUR@WW
Subject: Jokes 17/10

Customer: Waiter there's a fly in my soup!

Waiter: Don't worry sir. The frog should surface any moment now.

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**
HF operating techniques: **NV6W, K6PBQ**
Homebrew projects, construction: **WB6YRU**
Legal, FCC rules: **WB6YRU**
License testing, new amateurs: **W6JPP**
Lightning protection, grounding: **WB6YRU**
Packet Network (BBS, forwarding): **WB6YRU**
SCCARA (club inner workings): **K6PBQ, WB6YRU, WA6QYS**
Station set-up, equipment: **K6PBQ, W6JPP**
TVI, RFI: **WB6YRU**

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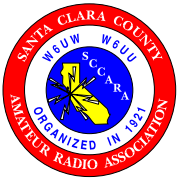
Newsletter Notes

Well, this is a first... sort of. And no April fools. We aren't having any face-to-face gatherings for a while.

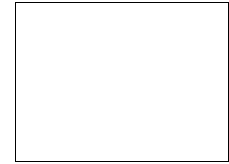
I say "sort of" because this wasn't the first time circumstances put a damper on amateur radio activities. Amateur radio was shut down during World War 1, and again during World War 2. The club was formed in 1921 after WW1 and after the Spanish flu pandemic around 1918. But we were around when amateur radio was shut down during WW2. We even lost our club call, W6SV. But we started up again after the war, got a new club call, W6UW, and became a non-profit corporation.

We got through that, we'll get through this. Just cooperate with the authorities and medical experts, stay safe, and hang in there. At least this time the club is still active, so is the *SCCARA-GRAM*, and best of all we're still on the air!

73, Gary WB6YRU, editor



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SCCARA Membership Form for 2020

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

Name: _____ Call: _____ Class: _____

Address: _____ Licensed since (year): _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip+4: _____

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% For example: July would be \$20 x (11-7) x 0.1 = \$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 \$15 per year

(Prorated, \$1.25 per month. That's \$13.75 if starting in February, \$12.50 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.