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SCCARA 2021 Elections

SCCARA will be electing its officers for 2021 in November. In the past we have held elections at the November General Meeting on the 2nd Monday of the month. Because SCCARA's meetings have been canceled due to Covid-19 we are going to vote by email this year. Members will get a ballot by email listing each office and the name/names of members running for that office. Voting will be done by stating your preference for each office and sending this information to w6uw@sbcglobal.net and be tallied by Wally Britten KA6YMD.



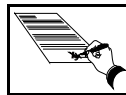
At the time of this article there are still candidate vacancies for Secretary and two Directors. If you are interested in running for Secretary, Director or any other office, nominations can be made during SCCARA's Monday night net (on our 2 m repeater) or email your nomination to Wally ka6ymd@arrl.net or Gregg kf6fna@comcast.net until November 9, 2020. The results of the election will be announced on SCCARA's Monday night net on November 23, 2020 and in the next *SCCARA-GRAM*.

The list of offices and candidates at this time are:

- President - Gregg Lane KF6FNA
- Vice President - Ned Tufekcic AC6YY
- Secretary - (none)
- Treasurer - Goetz Brandt K6GKB
- Station Trustee - Don Village K6PBQ
- Director - Ben Shuford KK6CCU
- Director - (none)
- Director - (none)

Note: There are a total of 5 Directors in SCCARA, each with a term of 2 years. Wally Britten KA6YMD and Lou Steirer WA6QYS each have one more year on their terms. The Station Trustee is for an indefinite term.

73, Gregg KF6FNA, kf6fna@comcast.net



Meetings & Gatherings



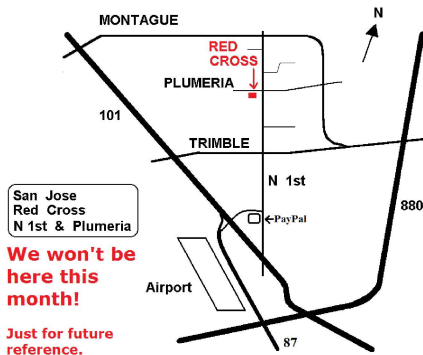
Our General meetings are canceled because of the pandemic. The Board meetings are held at the usual day and time,

Calendar

- 11/9 SCCARA General Meeting -- **canceled**
- 11/16 SCCARA Board Meeting: On our 2 m repeater after the net at 7:30 PM)

General Meeting

Day: Monday, Nov. 9 -- **Canceled**
 Time:
 Place:
 Featuring:



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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

but on our 2 m repeater immediately after the Monday night net.

Club Station News

We were able to open up our club station at the Red Cross for the California QSO Party on Oct 3rd. We made 31 contacts.

In November we will operate the CW and Phone Sweepstakes contest from our club station. On Saturday Nov. 7 is the CW Sweepstakes and Nov. 21 is the SSB Sweepstakes. Both will be from 1 PM PST (2100 UT) to 4 PM PST.

Members may come down to the Red Cross to operate the club station. We'll have two radio positions separated for social distancing and BYOM (bring your own mask). Remember--the radio room is fairly cozy, we need to keep the number of people there at any given time to a minimum.

73, Don K6PBQ

ARRL News

From *The ARRL Letter*, Oct. 1, 2020

WSJT-X Beta Release Introduces Digital Protocols Designed for LF and MF Bands

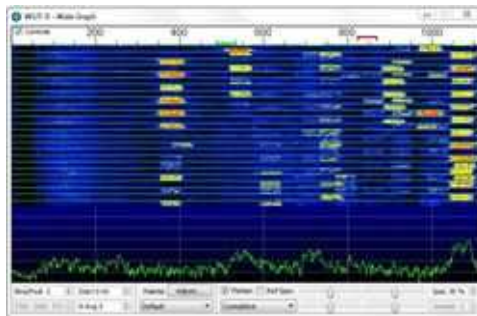
The latest beta release of the WSJT-X digital software suite includes digital protocols particularly designed for communication on LF and MF bands, such as 2200 meters and 630 meters, and its developers say that during its first few months of testing, contacts have spanned intercontinental paths "many times" on those bands. New protocols FST4 and FST4W are included in WSJT-X version 2.3.0-rc1 (release candidate 1).

http://physics.princeton.edu/pulsar/k1jt/FST4_Quick_Start.pdf

FST4 is for two-way contacts, while FST4W is for "quasi-beacon" style WSPR-type transmissions. Both modes offer a range of options for T/R-sequence lengths and threshold decoding sensitivities extending well into the -40 dB range, developers said.

"On these bands, their fundamental sensitivities are better than other WSJT-X modes with the same sequence lengths," the WSJT-X development team. "FST4 and FST4W do not require the strict, independent time-synchronization and phase-locking of modes like EbNaut," a protocol for VLF and LF communication.

The WSJT-X development team said operators familiar with the software suite will find using FST4 and FST4W straightforward.



The new modes use 4-GFSK modulation and share common software for encoding and decoding messages. FST4 offers T/R sequence lengths of 15, 30, 60, 120, 300, 900, and 1,800 seconds,

while FST4W omits the lengths shorter than 120 seconds.

Message payloads contain either 77 bits -- as in FT4, FT8, and MSK144 -- or 50 bits for the WSPR-like messages of FST4W.

WSJT-X version 2.3 offers 12 different protocols: FST4, FT4, FT8, JT4, JT9, JT65, QRA64, ISCAT, MSK144, WSPR, FST4W, and Echo.

The WSJT-X 2.3 User Guide and the Release Notes include additional information. <http://physics.princeton.edu/pulsar/kljt>

From *The ARRL Letter*, Oct. 8, 2020

FCC Orders Amateur Access to 3.5 GHz Band to “Sunset”

Despite vigorous and continuing opposition from ARRL and others, the FCC has ordered the “sunset” of the 3.3 - 3.5 GHz amateur radio secondary spectrum allocation. The decision allows current amateur activity on the band to continue, “grandfathering” the amateur operations subject to a later decision. The FCC proposed two deadlines for amateur operations to cease on the band. The first would apply to the 3.4 - 3.5 GHz segment, the second to 3.3 - 3.4 GHz. The FCC will establish the dates once it reviews additional comments.

“We adopt our proposal from the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to remove the amateur allocation from the 3.3 - 3.5 GHz band,” the FCC said in its Report and Order. “[W]e adopt changes to our rules today that provide for the sunset of the secondary amateur allocation in the band, but allow continued use of the band for amateur operations, pending resolution of the issues raised in the Further Notice.”

The Report and Order (R&O) and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in WT Docket No. 19-348 adopted on September 30. <https://ecfsapi.fcc.gov/file/1002214202488/FCC-20-138A1.pdf>

followed a 2019 FCC Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) in which the FCC proposed re-allocating 3.45 - 3.55 GHz for “flexible-use service” and auctioning the desirable “mid-band” spectrum (generally defined as between 1 GHz and 6 GHz) to 5G providers. These and other recent spectrum-repurposing actions stem from the MOBILE NOW Act, enacted in 2018, in which Congress directed the Commission to make additional spectrum available to auction for mobile and fixed wireless broadband.

In the run-up to the Commission’s decision, ARRL met with the FCC’s professional staff to explain its concerns and to answer questions. In subsequent meetings with the wireless advisors to the FCC Chairman and two Commissioners, ARRL reiterated that continued secondary status for amateurs will not impair or devalue use of this spectrum by primary licensees intending to provide 5G or other service. ARRL noted amateur radio’s long history of successful coexistence with primary users of the 9-centimeter band, sharing this spectrum with the federal government users and secondary, non-federal occupants.

ARRL pointed out that vital links in amateur television and amateur radio high-speed mesh networks using the band have been especially valuable during such emergency situations as the wildfires currently raging on the west coast. Deleting the amateur secondary allocation will result in lost opportunities for experimentation and public service with no countervailing public interest benefit, ARRL said.

The FCC action means that amateur radio will lose access to the 3.5 GHz secondary allocation even where commercial operations do not exist. ARRL has argued that amateur operations should be

permitted until and unless an actual potential for interference exists.

Deletion of the 3.3 - 3.5 GHz secondary amateur allocation will become effective on the effective date of the FCC’s order, but amateur radio operation as of that date may continue while the FCC finalizes rules to license spectrum in the 3.45 - 3.55 GHz band and establishes deadlines for amateur operations to cease.

IARU Region 2 Releases 2020 Revision of its Band Plan

IARU Region 2 (IARU R2) -- the Americas -- has released the September 2020 revision of its Band Plan and made procedural changes to shorten the time to reflect future adjustments. The Band Plan includes a change approved at the October 2019 General Assembly to add an Amateur Satellite uplink subband, 21.125 to 21.450 MHz, on a non-exclusive basis. This matches similar changes in the Region 1 and Region 3 band plans.



<https://www.iaru-r2.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/IARU-Region-2-Band-plan.pdf>

A number of administrative changes have been made to the text, although the Band Plan itself has not been modified. These changes include:

- Modifications to the wording of the Band Plan to ensure that national regulators understand it is a voluntary document, and that countries may depart from the plan based on national requirements.
- Definition additions: Amateur Radio Direction Finding (ARDF), primary service, secondary service, and several acronyms.
- Inclusion of information detailing the primary and secondary users in each amateur radio allocation band.
- Correction of minor typographical errors.

At its May 2020 meeting, the IARU R2 Executive Committee added text to the Standard Operating Procedures that provides a process for the Band Plan to be updated in a more timely manner. Prior to this change, Band Plan modifications could only be approved at a General Assembly, held once every 3 years. Under the new provision, the Band Planning Committee may circulate proposed changes to member-societies with the approval of the Executive Committee. “Should no more than one objection be received within a 60-day period, the change shall be deemed accepted and reported as such at the next conference,” the Band Planning Committee’s terms of references state.

The IARU R2 Band Planning Committee has a member from each of the seven areas in Region 2, and one of those members also serves as the committee’s chair. The current Committee Chair is Alphonse Penney, VO1NO/VA1AVR.

-- Thanks to IARU Region 2 Secretary George Gorsline VE3YV

From *The ARRL Letter*, Oct. 15, 2020

While FCC Plans to Delete 3.5 GHz Band, Canadian Privileges Will Remain

Although the FCC has announced plans to delete the secondary amateur radio 3.3 - 3.5 GHz allocation, that amateur allocation will remain in place right across the northern US border. Radio

Amateurs of Canada (RAC) said this week that the FCC action has raised concerns among Canadian amateurs.

“This FCC action does not directly affect Canadian amateurs, who continue to have a secondary allocation on this band,” RAC stressed.

As RAC explained in a bulletin, Canadian regulator ISED published Gazette Notice SLPB-001-19: Decision on Revisions to the 3500 MHz Band to Accommodate Flexible Use and Preliminary Decisions on Changes to the 3800 MHz Band.

“In that document, ISED announced changes to the primary allocations to the Radiolocation, Fixed, and Mobile services at 3450 - 3500 MHz, removing Radiolocation, maintaining the Fixed services (used primarily for rural internet), and adding Mobile to 3450 - 3475 MHz, in line with its policy objective to ‘foster innovation, investment, and the evolution of wireless networks by enabling the development and adoption of 5G technologies.’” RAC said this was the latest step in realigning allocations in the band that began with changes announced in December 2014. “At that time, as in the June 2019 announcement, the secondary allocation to amateur radio was not changed,” RAC noted.

“As the 5G rollout advances, maintaining compliance with the ‘no interference, no protection’ requirement for secondary services is likely to impose increasingly severe restrictions on the ability of amateurs to use this band, even as the secondary allocation to the Amateur Service remains in place [in Canada],” RAC pointed out.

World Radiocommunication Conference 2023 (WRC-23) will include an agenda item to consider worldwide allocations to mobile internet services in several bands, among them 3.3 - 3.4 GHz and 10.0 - 10.5 GHz. The International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) has announced its intention to vigorously defend amateur interests in both bands at WRC-23, “and RAC representatives in Canadian working groups preparing the Canadian positions for WRC agenda items will be doing likewise,” RAC said.

-- Thanks to Radio Amateurs of Canada

From *The ARRL Letter*, Oct. 22, 2020

Active LF Operator Offers Advice on New FST4 and FST4W Protocols

The recent beta release WSJT-X version 2.3.0-rc1 (release candidate 1) digital software suite includes two new protocols, FST4 and FST4W.

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FST4 is for two-way contacts, while FST4W is for “quasi-beacon” style transmissions. Both modes offer a range of options for T/R-sequence lengths and threshold decoding sensitivities extending well into the -40 dB range, developers said, as well as a wide variety of parameters that can be tweaked, such as transmission time, bandwidth, and so forth. On the WSJT-X development reflector, Paul Kelley, N1BUG, discussed whether the wide variety of options are really necessary or a stumbling block to two uncoordinated stations attempting a contact. Kelley said he understands the concern regarding the transmission times, but, as a “very active” 2200-meter operator, he advises that the new protocols were developed with the LF and MF bands in mind.

“LF and MF are not HF,” Kelley said. “There is no one-size-fits-all for these bands. On HF, you may be able to work the whole world with one relatively fast speed. It is not so down here.”

Kelley pointed out that MF operators are limited to 5 W EIRP on 630 meters and a mere 1 W EIRP on 2200 meters. Working “real DX” requires some specialized modes, plus determination and patience.

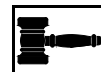
“One would probably not want to use anything slower than 120 seconds for QSOs with well-equipped stations at 1,000 kilometers (620 miles) distance,” he said. “It would be very boring and waste a lot of time. But for some DX paths on 2200 meters, only 1,800- or 900-second periods would offer any hope for success. It’s not so boring when you are about to set a new world record or make a personal best DX QSO. We need this flexibility.”

Kelley predicts that some new conventions will emerge over time -- for example, 900- and 1,800-second periods might not see much use on 630 meters, while most of the faster choices probably will. “On 2200 meters, I think all four FST4W speeds will be quite useful,” he said. “It may be that the fastest FST4 options won’t see a lot of use on 2200 meters, but it may be too early to know for sure.”

-- Thanks to ARRL Contest Update <http://www.arrl.org/the-arrl-contest-update>

Meeting Minutes

General Meeting, Oct. 12 2020



{meeting was canceled}

Board Meeting, Oct. 19, 2020



Held on our 2 m repeater, W6UU, San Jose.

Meeting called to order by President Gregg Lane KF6FNA at 7:35 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, Janet Motha KF6PUQ.

joined late: Truman Lindsey N6TRU

Absent: James Rustermier KI6ZSK

Visitors: Editor Gary Mitchell WB6YRU, Ed KN6KOC, Paul KK6HWN

Announcements:

Don K6PBQ: Well operate both the CW and SSB Sweepstakes. CW on November 7, SSB November 21. Both starting 2100 UTC.

President’s Report, Gregg KF6FNA: nothing to report

Vice President’s Report, Ned AC6YY: nothing to report

Secretary’s Report, Barbara KD6QEI:

I request last month’s minutes be approved as published in the SCCARA-GRAM. Having heard no objections, approved by president’s proclamation.

Treasurer’s Report, Goetz K6GKB:

Checking = \$ 11017.67, Cash = \$ 196.04, Total = \$11213.71

Trustee’s Report, Don K6PBQ: nothing to report

Standing Committees

Repeater chairman's report, Wally KA6YMD: Nothing new to report

Webmaster's report, Wally KA6YMD: I'm updating it as info comes in, especially the archive section from Gary WB6YRU. Yahoo is ending their groups, there's another one "groups io". We need someone to transfer our board list to that, I'm not sure how. Ned AC6YY: I can look into that.

Editor's report: Gary WB6YRU: There hasn't been any submissions from the club. We need info about the club elections for the next edition.

BBS Sysop's report: Gary WB6YRU: Nothing new, the BBS is running normally.

Old Business:

100th QSL:

Gary WB6YRU: Don K6PBQ said the sample text is good as is. Any other comments on that? (none heard)

Don K6PBQ: The QSL part should say UTC not UT. The text in the middle could be a little bigger. Make the call bigger, and preferably not over the images. Other than that, the sample text was good as is. And center the images a little more vertically.

Gary WB6YRU: Should the images be individual images or collages?

Gregg, KF6FNA: I think it'd be better just to have two images rather than collages. Anyone else? (No other comments heard.)

Ned AC6YY: Maybe have one of the members be female in the "now" image to show the club isn't all male, or our youngest member to show diversity.

Truman N6TRU: I'd be willing to do that.

Don K6PBQ: For the "now" photo, one of the radios could be our Yaesu FT-991A.

Paul KK6HWN: For the most modern radios, the Flex 6300 or 6500, or the Hailcraft K3 and K4 radios are very popular, or the Icom 7300.

Don K6PBQ: The latest Flex seems to be the 6600M, there's an ad for it in QST.

KF6FNA: It might be false advertising to show equipment the club doesn't have. (three others agreed.)

Ned AC6YY, Gary WB6YRU: The goal is to show how radios have progressed. It doesn't have to be limited to what the club owns.

Gregg KF6FNA: A radio showing a spectrum view would be nice.

Paul KK6HWN: Or have a computer screen showing the radio display, that will be easy to see.

Gregg KF6FNA: I invite people to send in sample photos. We can decide later.

Don K6PBQ: On a related topic -- I sent in our info to QST about our 100th special event station which we'll have in February 2021. We will also operate the rest of the year of course, but not as a special event station.

Ned AC6YY: I will follow up on our info on the QSL.net web site.

Regarding our station at the Red Cross:

Gregg KF6FNA: No news regarding the re-installation of antennas, still working on that.

New Business:

Club elections:

Directors Janet KF6PUQ and Truman N6TRU are not running for re-election. Directors Wally KA6YMD and Lou WA6QYS have another year to go.

Nominations:

Gregg KF6FNA: I will run for re-election to President. Don K6PBQ seconds.

Don K6PBQ nominates Ned AC6YY for re-election to VP. Lou WA6QYS seconds.

Barbara KD6QEI will not run for re-election to Secretary.

Don K6PBQ nominates Goetz K6GKB for re-election to Treasurer. Barbara KD6QEI seconds.

Don K6PBQ: Before we nominate Rusty KI6ZSK for re-election as director, first let's ask him. Ben KK6CCU mentioned he'd like to run for Director. I can ask for nominations during the weekly 2 m nets.

Meeting adjourned 8:45 PM

Gary Mitchell WB6YRU, recording for the secretary

Packet Pieces

Downloaded from the BBS packet network:

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Date: 21 Nov 2012 01:54
From: GM3YEW@GB7YEW
To: HUMOUR@WW
Subject: Jokes 21/11

A new teacher was trying to make use of her psychology courses. She started her class by saying, "Everyone who thinks they're stupid, stand up!" After a few seconds, Little Johnny stood up. The teacher said, "Do you think you're stupid, Johnny?" He said "No, ma'am, but I hate to see you standing there all by yourself!"

Being a parent changes everything. But being a parent also changes with each baby. Here are some of the ways having a second and third child is different from having your first:

Clothes

1st baby: You begin wearing maternity clothes as soon as your OB/GYN confirms your pregnancy.

2nd baby: You wear your regular clothes for as long as possible.

3rd baby: Your maternity clothes ARE your regular clothes.

Preparing for the Birth

1st baby: You practice your breathing religiously.

2nd baby: You don't bother practicing because you remember that last time, breathing didn't do a thing.

3rd baby: You ask for an epidural in your 8th month.

The Layette

1st baby: You pre-wash your newborn's clothes, color-coordinate them, and fold them neatly in the baby's little bureau.

2nd baby: You check to make sure that the clothes are clean and discard only the ones with the darkest stains.

3rd baby: Boys can wear pink, can't they?

Worries

1st baby: At the first sign of distress - a whimper, a frown-you pick up the baby.

2nd baby: You pick the baby up when her wails threaten to wake your firstborn.

3rd baby: You teach your 3-year-old how to rewind the mechanical swing.

Pacifier

1st baby: If the pacifier falls on the floor, you put it away until you can go home and wash and boil it.

2nd baby: When the pacifier falls on the floor, you squirt it off with some juice from the baby's bottle.

3rd baby: You wipe it off on your shirt and pop it back in.

Diapering

1st baby: You change your baby's diapers every hour, whether they need it or not.

2nd baby: You change their diaper every 2 to 3 hours, if needed.

3rd baby: You try to change their diaper before others start to complain about the smell or you see it sagging to their knees.

Activities

1st baby: You take your infant to Baby Gymnastics, BabySwing, and Baby Story Hour.

2nd baby: You take your infant to Baby Gymnastics.

3rd baby: You take your infant to the supermarket and the dry cleaner.

Going Out

1st baby: The first time you leave your baby with a sitter, you call home 5 times.

2nd baby: Just before you walk out the door, you remember to leave a number where you can be reached.

3rd baby: You leave instructions for the sitter to call only if she sees blood.

At Home

1st baby: You spend a good bit of every day just gazing at the baby.

2nd baby: You spend a bit of everyday watching to be sure your older child isn't squeezing, poking, or hitting the baby.

3rd baby: You spend a little bit of every day hiding from the children.

Swallowing Coins

1st child: when first child swallows a coin, you rush the child to the hospital and demand x-rays.

2nd child: when 2nd child swallows a coin, you carefully watch for the coin to pass.

3rd child: when the 3rd child swallows a coin you deduct it from his allowance!!

They Walk Among Us!

My colleague and I were eating our lunch in our cafeteria, when we overheard one of the administrative assistants talking about the sunburn she got on her weekend drive to the beach. She drove down in a convertible, but "didn't think she'd get sunburned because the car was moving".

I was hanging out with a friend when we saw a woman with a nose ring attached to an earring by a chain. My friend said, "Wouldn't the chain rip out every time she turned her head?" I had to explain that a person's nose and ear remain the same distance apart no matter which way the head is turned.

I couldn't find my luggage at the airport baggage area. So I went to the lost luggage office and told the woman there that my bags never showed up. She smiled and told me not to worry because she was a trained professional and I was in good hands. "Now," she asked me, "Has your plane arrived yet?"

While working at a pizza parlor I observed a man ordering a small pizza to go. He appeared to be alone and the cook asked him if he would like it cut into 4 pieces or 6. He thought about it for some time before responding. "Just cut it into 4 pieces, I don't think I'm hungry enough to eat 6 pieces."

THE WEDDING NIGHT

Fred and Mary get married but couldn't afford a honeymoon, So they go back to Fred's Mom and Dad's house for their first night together.

In the morning, Johnny, Fred's little brother, gets up and has his breakfast. As he is going out of the door to go to school, he asks his mom if Fred and Mary are up yet.

She replies, "No".

Johnny asks, "Do you know what I think?"

His mom replies, "I don't want to hear what you think! Just go to school."

Johnny comes home for lunch and asks his mom, "Are Fred and Mary up yet?"

She replies, "No."

Johnny says, "Do you know what I think?"

His mom replies, "Never mind what you think! Eat your lunch and go back to school."

After school, Johnny comes home and asks again, "Are Fred and Mary up yet?"

His mom says, "No."

He asks, "Do you know what I think?"

His mom replies, "Oh OK... what you think?"

He says: "Last night Fred came to my room for the Vaseline and I think I gave him my airplane glue."

The Obedient Wife

There was a miserly man who had worked all his life, had saved all of his money. Just before he died, he said to his wife, "When I die, I want you to take all my money and put it in the casket with me. I want to take my money to the afterlife with me."

He got his wife to promise him, with all of her heart that when he died, she would put all of the money into the casket with him.

When he died and stretched out in the casket, his wife was sitting there - dressed in black, and her friend was sitting next to her. When they finished the ceremony, and just before the undertakers got ready to close the casket, the wife said, "Wait just a moment." She had a small metal box with her; she came over with the box and put it in the casket. Then the undertakers locked it and took the casket down and they rolled it away.

Her friend said, "Girl, I know you were not foolish enough to put all that money in there with your husband."

The loyal wife replied, "Listen, I'm a Christian; I cannot go back on my word. I promised him that I was going to put his money into the casket with him. But I'm no fool either. I put it all into my account and wrote him a check--that's what's in the casket. If he can cash it in the hereafter, he has all his money."

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Date: 31 Mar 2011 00:24
From: W1GMF@W1GMF
To: HUMOR@USA
Subject: Census Taker

The old man was setting on his porch, when a young man walked up with a pad and pencil in his hand.

"What are you selling, young man," he asked.

"I'm not selling anything, sir." the young man replied. "I'm the Census Taker."

"A what?" the man asked.

"A Census Taker. We are trying to find out how many people are in the United States."

"Well," the man answered. "You're wasting your time with me, I have no idea."

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Date: 1 Apr 2011 00:24
From: W1GMF@W1GMF
To: HUMOR@USA
Subject: Changed Meaning

Mrs. Jones was reading a letter at breakfast. Suddenly she looked up suspiciously at her husband.

"Henry," she said, "I've just received a letter from mother saying she isn't accepting our invitation to come and stay, as we do not appear to want her. What does she mean by that? I told you to write and say that she was to come at her own convenience. You did write, didn't you?"

"Er, yes, I did." said the husband. "But I, I couldn't spell 'convenience,' so I made it 'risk.'"

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



By the time you read this you've probably already voted in the elections. But wait, there's more! It's time for SCCARA elections too!

The eagle-eyed among us may notice there's already a director vacancy in the masthead (page 2). Rusty KI6ZSK has resigned. Furthermore,

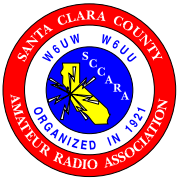
directors Truman N6TRU and Janet KF6PUQ won't be running for re-election. Barbara KD6QEI won't be running for re-election to Secretary. So we've got three director seats and one officer open.

Ben KK6CCU has stepped forward for director and most of the officers are running for re-election. Anyone else?

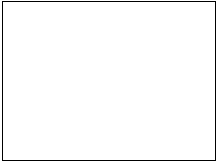
Wally KA6YMD ka6ymd@arrl.net is gathering nominations. If you'd like to run for any office, please send him an email. You've got until November 9.

73, Gary WB6YRU, editor





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