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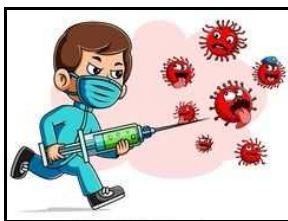
Meetings & Gatherings

Our in-person meetings have resumed--please remember to wear a mask. The board meeting will be held verbally at the normal day and time on our 2 m repeater immediately following the Monday night net.

The electronic flea market have been canceled for the rest of this year.

The latest news on covid in Santa Clara County: 87.0% have been vaccinated (86.6% last month), 69.0% have received the booster. Average number of new cases daily is 420 (851 last month).

The Santa Clara County Health Dept. strongly recommends masks. A new booster formulated for the Omicron variant will be available soon.



SCCARA Picnics

8/20/2022 and 9/10/2022

SCCARA's next picnic on Saturday 9/10/22 will be at the same location as the first picnic: Henry Schmidt Park, 555 Los Padres Blvd., Santa Clara, CA. This is between Forbes and Saratoga Ave. Talk in will be on W6UU 2 m 146.985- 114.8 Hz.

An advance crew will arrive about 7AM to get space. Others will arrive around 9:30AM. This will be a pot luck and SCCARA will provide soda, ice, charcoal, hotdogs and buns. Bring your folding chairs, hats, and sun screen.

At the first picnic on 8/20/22 we had 5 HF stations set up:

- 1) John KM6TUX had a vertical Buddystick portable multi-band antenna.
- 2) Roy KB6GHF had a portable vertical antenna.
- 3) Ned AC6YY had a home brew vertical antenna and an Elecraft QRP radio.
- 4) John W6PP had a modified EMMCOM vertical antenna and a 100W radio.
- 5) Goertz had an end fed 10M - 80M wire antenna up at 40' and an ICOM QRP radio.

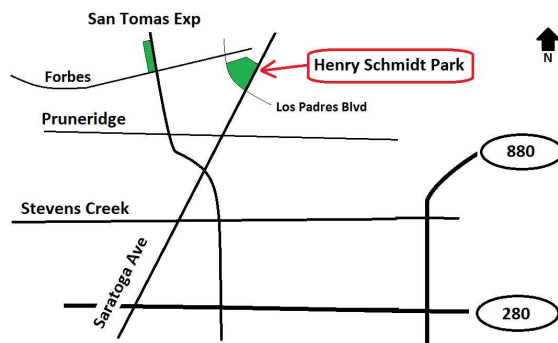
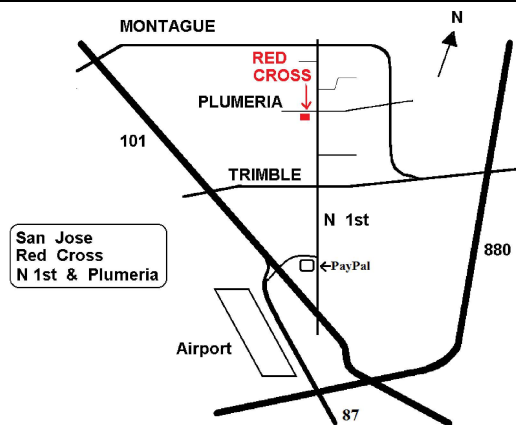
John W6JPP brought his 1,000 watt Honda generator and John KM6TUX brought a battery and a solar panel. There were

Calendar

- 9/12 **SCCARA General Meeting**
9/19 **SCCARA Board Meeting:** On our 2 m repeater after the net at 7:30 PM)

General Meeting

- Day: Monday, September 12
Time: 7:30 PM
Place: San Jose Red Cross, meeting room 3
Featuring: {to be announced}



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

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SCCARA REPEATERS

SCCARA owns and operates two repeaters under the call W6UU:

2 meter: 146.985 - PL 114.8
70 cm: 442.425 + PL 107.2

Phone auto-dial and auto-patch is available. The two meter repeater is located at Eagle Rock near Alum Rock Park in the foothills of east San Jose. The 70 cm repeater is located at the Regional Medical Center (formerly Alexian), east of downtown San Jose, north of 280 and 101.

SCCARA NETS

On our two meter repeater: Mondays at 7:30 PM, (not the second Monday--our meeting night). Coordinator: Don Village, K6PBQ. On ten meters, 28.385 MHz USB, Thursdays at 8:00 PM. Net control: Wally Britten, KA6YMD. Visitors welcome.

NØARY PACKET BBS

SCCARA hosts the packet BBS NØARY (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

enough band openings that everyone made contacts.

I especially want to thank the one man army of John W6JPP for providing a canopy (that everyone enjoyed), ice chest, antenna launcher, generator, and his folding wagon. Hope to see you at the next picnic, John!

Gregg KF6FNA

Club Station

Our club station at the Red Cross will be open on Saturday Sept. 24th for our members to come down and operate. Time is 10am-4pm. Hope to see you there.



73, Don Village K6PBQ

CB or Not CB

My first acquaintance with CB radio was when the radio manufacturer's Washington lobby stole part of our 10 meter band. Thus began the saga of ham radio privileges to those unwilling to learn the fundamentals of radio. I must admit that when the Smokey and the Bandit movie came out I was happily entertained by Jerry Reed and his CB lingo, gorgeous to say the least. Sadly, some of that slang has slipped into ham radio and this annoys me greatly.

Once again you must be wondering where this article is headed? My son Sterling shares a shop with his former boss Roger, who is preparing a "Lakester," a streamlined four wheel traction vehicle which will attempt a record speed run at the Bonneville salt flats. The Lakester is geared too high to start on its own and the camshaft is so radical that the engine won't run at low RPM. In comes the "pusher" vehicle, an F-450 Super Duty Ford pickup truck. This truck nudges the lakester forward through the queue waiting to make a run and once released at the starting line, pushes the vehicle until it can run under its own power. Just a glorious transition from growling snarling popping to a clear note as the engine comes into its own. Then the symphony of gear changes as the car disappears into the distant mirage.

So Roger turned to me and said: "You're a Ham. I need a CB radio in the pusher truck, could you handle this SoCal Timing Association requirement?" A bit of an Oxymoron, but I accepted without displaying the sting! To my surprise the internet was not able to provide a CB radio in the short time available. That's when I remembered the Peterbilt truck repair facility next to the 101 freeway near First Street. Surely their accessory department would carry CB radios! And they did, one for \$350 and one for \$119. I chose the cheaper one, as the maximum distance from race control to the pusher truck would never be more than a quarter mile. This and a mag mount antenna and my services were completed. I trust that those reading this article will keep my expertise in CB radio a secret. 10-4 Good Buddy?



Goetz Brandt, K6GKB

For Sale

I have for sale a very clean Kenwood TS-940SAT. This radio has recently been totally gone through by John Klewer, N6AX, in Los Angeles. There are no issues. It has the built-in Auto Antenna Tuner and also the Voice module. Available for pickup or if interested I will put it on the air for you to test. Manual is included. Payments can be arranged for local hams. Asking \$500.



Dick Letrich, W6KM, 408-264-0965

ARRL News

From *The ARRL Club News*, August 16, 2022

New ARRL Radio Lab Inspires Innovation in the Ham Shack

ARRL has unveiled its new Radio Laboratory, W1HQ. In a new [YouTube video](#), Jherica Goodgame, KI5HTA, a summer intern at ARRL Headquarters, takes viewers on a tour of the station. <https://youtu.be/68BJxGHg74Y>

“The ARRL Radio Lab is an innovative test space designed to reshape the way we imagine and build a ham radio shack,” said Goodgame. The station is intended to inspire members to build, organize, and equip their own stations in innovative ways. “From a decluttered workspace and a digital user interface, to being able to remote into the equipment from anywhere, W1HQ is a step towards the future of amateur radio stations,” Goodgame added.

The W1HQ station includes a new tower and antennas atop the main administrative building at ARRL Headquarters in Newington, Connecticut. Inside the station, three operating positions provide an interface to rack-mounted and computer-controlled transceivers, amplifiers, antenna switches, and rotators.

Goodgame said that the Radio Lab will also support equipment testing, including those done for QST “Product Review.” She continued to explain that “An extension of product reviews in the future will be to take that piece of gear that we’re testing, put it on this test bench, and see how it integrates with a station that’s already under full automation and control.”

From *The ARRL Letter*, August 4, 2022

Hi-Z Antenna's full line of HF directive receiving array products will now be designed and manufactured by DX Engineering.

Hi-Z's CEO, Founder, and Chief Engineer Lee Strahan, K7TJR, said, “The time has come for me to pass along Hi-Z Antennas' technology to DX Engineering. It is my wish that they will usher in a new pinnacle of performance as they carry forward Hi-Z's latest designs and ideas. It is great to know that Hi-Z will be in such capable hands.” Strahan became interested in low-band operating more than two decades ago, after reaching Japan on 160 meters while contesting. He began building array systems for personal use, but after publishing one of his designs on the internet, he drew the attention of like-minded hams. Since then, Hi-Z's

singular focus has been producing and refining receiving systems that deliver reduced noise, superb weak-signal HF reception, and reliable performance, especially for 160 and 80 meters and AM DXing. DX Engineering has been the exclusive dealer of Hi-Z equipment since 2013.

From *The ARRL Letter*, August 18, 2022

International Space Station Upgrades Amateur Radio Operations

ARISS, Amateur Radio on the International Space Station, announced that simultaneous operations of the ARISS voice repeater and digital APRS (Automatic Packet Reporting System) communications on the Space Station are now a reality.

Current ARISS operations include voice repeater transmissions with the JVC Kenwood TM-D710GA in the Columbus module and APRS operation from an identical radio in the Zvezda module. Packet operations are on 145.825 MHz.

NASA Astronaut Kjell Lindgren, KO5MOS, tweeted this photo of the ham radio station in the Columbus module, just before ARRL Field Day in June. <https://tinyurl.com/2p9cr53f>



The Columbus module radio uses the call sign NA1SS and the new radio in Zvezda uses RS0ISS. Aside from the call signs, the radios are identical, and packet operations are the same as before. You can use RS0ISS, ARISS, or APRSAT as the packet path. Both radios are expected to be running full time, except during educational contacts, extra vehicular activities (EVAs), and docking maneuvers. Final checkouts and equipment activation occurred on August 11.

ARISS International Chair Frank Bauer, KA3HDO, said, “Simultaneous operation of APRS and the voice repeater on ISS is transformative for ARISS. It represents a key element of our ARISS 2.0 initiative, providing interactive capabilities 24/7 that inspire, engage, and educate youth and lifelong learners -- especially lifelong learning in ham radio operations. Our heartfelt thanks to Sergey Samburov, RV3DR, for making this crucial ARISS 2.0 initiative become a reality.”

Rosalie White, K1STO, one of two US delegates to ARISS, said the ham radio community will be very happy with the new radio operations from the ISS. “Hams really love doing ARISS packet, cross-band repeater, and Slow-Scan Television (SSTV) operations. Besides the thousands who download ARISS SSTV images downlinked from the ISS, we discovered that in a year's time, hams did 80,000 ARISS packet messages,” she said. “We are not sure how many have been enjoying the ARISS cross band repeater, but we know it is a lot. This simultaneous operation capability is going to make many hams happy -- and we know that keeping hams on the air is good for ARRL and good for amateur radio,” White added.

Operational status and expected downtimes of the ISS radios can be found at www.ariss.org/current-status-of-iss-stations.

ARISS is a cooperative venture of international amateur radio societies and space agencies that support the ISS. In the US,

sponsors are the Radio Amateur Satellite Corporation (AMSAT), ARRL The National Association for Amateur Radio®, and NASA's Space Communications and Navigation (SCaN) program. The primary goal of ARISS is to promote exploration of science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics topics. ARISS does this by organizing scheduled contacts via amateur radio between crew members aboard the ISS and students. Before and during these radio contacts, students, educators, parents, and communities take part in hands-on learning activities tied to space, space technologies, and amateur radio.

For more information, see <http://www.ariss.org> and <http://www.arrl.org/amateur-radio-on-the-international-space-station>.

Meeting Minutes

General Meeting, June 13, 2022



Meeting held at the American Red Cross, Room #3

Meeting called to order at 7:30 PM by Gregg Lane KF6FNA, President.

There were 10 members present, and one visitor. Goetz had an excused absence, and Jerod Mandrel KM6CUH was the visitor.

Gregg KF6FNA gave thanks to George Williams K6NKT for making the room at Red Cross available.

Announcements:

Gary WB6YRU: Talked about a call sign that SCCARA had originally, 6SV. It became W6SV around 1928 along with all others. He suggested we try to get that call sign back.

John W6JPP: Pacificon will be held in San Ramon as in other years. If you volunteer for 4 hours during the event, your registration shall be refunded.

Gregg KF6FNA: This is the first time in two years that we have held an in-person meeting. The card keys need to be checked at secured doors and updated if needed. Card key holders are: Don Village K6PBQ; Wally Britten KA6YMD; Lou Steirer WA6QYS.

Don K6PBQ: The radio room at the Red Cross is open the last Saturday of the month. There will be no Field Day event held at the Red Cross this year. If you can, try to get the assistant Section manager for SCC at the ARRL. It will be bonus points.

John W6JPP: We can't go to Mt. Madonna for Field Day due to a fire there. George Williams K6NKT says the ARC doesn't want a large set-up in the parking lot this year. Everyone is to operate from home. Contacts lists are to be sent into the ARRL by snail mail. Class D is regular power, E is emergency power. Our call sign is W6UW. Time will be in universal time.

SPEAKER:

Ned AC6YY: Gave a talk on computer logging for field day.

John W6JPP: We need to have a cleanup of the antenna trailer at the American Legion hall parking lot. No time was set at this time.

Gregg KF6FNA: Need to put the antennas back on the roof of the Red Cross, but not until it gets cooler. We have enough antennas to run two radios.

SCCARA would like to have a picnic in a park in Santa Clara in August. No date as of yet.

John W6JPP and Ned AC6YY: Would like to schedule camping with radios for sometime in the future. Dates to be determined.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Barbara K. Britten, KD6QEI, Secretary.

General Meeting, July 11, 2022



Held at the American Red Cross, room #3, San Jose, CA

The meeting began at 7:55 by President, Gregg Lane KF6FNA. Gregg KF6FNA started the introductions of people present: 9 people present, George Williams.

Don K6PBQ: The radio station at the Red Cross will be open on Saturday, July 30 from 10 AM – 4 PM. Contests: A Digital Event; Tennessee Parks on the air.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Ned AC6YY, wants to put an HF/digital station in the cabinet at the Red Cross. We need UHF/HF antennas to do this. George N6NKT, said that he would like to have a digital station in the radio room, and that there is plenty of room in the cabinet to put in an HF station. Gregg KF6FNA said that a new radio and computer were purchased before the Covid pandemic hit, but it hasn't been implemented yet. Gary WB6YRU suggested a satellite station, and maybe an ATV station, too. The radio room is cramped when two stations are working in the radio room.

Don K6PBQ: is going to be in Colorado for two weeks. Gregg KF6FNA will be doing the Monday night nets for those two weeks, and would like to get the digital station up first.

Gregg KF6FNA: No antenna party scheduled for the Red Cross roof yet because there are several members who are not feeling well right now, who would be doing the work. Some people have sustained injuries to where they don't feel comfortable climbing up the ladder to get to the roof of the ARC building.

Gregg KF6FNA asked if there were any more questions. If you have any questions for George N6NKT, now is a good time to ask him.

FIELD DAY:

Lou WA6QYS operated from a park in Santa Clara under a different category, under an individual call sign. Then went home and transmitted under a different category. When you send the log into the ARRL, use the club call, W6UW, and send in your own log. Everyone who operated that day, used their own call sign, and submitted it into the ARRL under the club call, W6UW. Gary WB6YRU, suggested that we look up the rules before the next event. If you operate under solar power or gasoline engine, you can get extra credit. Gregg KF6FNA, said it was the biggest learning experience on how to write the logs.

Pacificon: They are still looking for volunteers. If you work 4 hours, your registration will be returned to you. The dates: October 28, 29, 30, the last full weekend in October.

International DX Convention in Visalia still has rooms for people to attend. Dates: 14, 15, and 16 of October.

Gregg talked about a new strain of Covid that is more courageous, worse than Covid 19. It affects the sinuses, a sore throat that feels like it is on fire. The vaccinations that you have already had, are not working so well on this strain. The home Covid tests show a false negative. You might consider wearing the mask all the time.

Picnic: Plan is to have it in September. We need to recheck how things are in August before we go ahead and make plans for September or push it ahead to October.

Gary WB6YRU: Talked about an article that Goetz wrote several years ago about digital radios that can be used by anyone remotely on a home computer. Digital radios are expensive, but should eventually come down. Gary commented that these modern radios may change the nature of Amateur radio.

Gregg KF6FNA, asked if there were any more questions or comments. None were heard.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Barbara K. Britten KD6QEI, Secretary

General Meeting, Aug. 11, 2022



San Jose Red Cross, room 3.

Meeting called to order by President Gregg Lane KF6FNA at 7:43 PM

Customary self introductions: Attendance (9): Gregg Lane KF6FNA, Gwen Steirer KF6OTD, Lou Steirer WA6QYS, Don Village K6PBQ, Janet Motha KF6PUQ, Wally Britten KA6YMD, WB6YRU Gary Mitchell, Ned AC6YY.
Visitors: George Williams N6NKT

Announcements

Gregg KF6FNA:

The club station will be open Aug 27, 2022, 10 AM to 4 PM
Out digital station is up in running, thanks to Ned AC6YY. He will give a demo to anyone who is interested after the meeting.
Don K6PBQ will be gone for a while, KF6FNA will be the net control Aug 15 and 22.
Pacificon is Oct 15, 16. If you volunteer for 4 hours or more, you get free admission.
Deadline for SCCARA-GRAM is Aug. 29

Gregg KF6FNA:

Possible picnic at Henry Schmidt Park Aug. 20 or 21 (Sat. and Sun), Goetz K6GKB and John W6JPP could bring a stations. They won't be available later. It's usually a pot-luck. There's an upcoming board meeting where we could approve supplying food. Since it's short notice we can call members on the phone and email. And we could have another one in Sept. or Oct.
Discussion followed. It was decided to try it on Aug. 20.
Wally will send an email notice to the membership tonight or tomorrow.

George N6NKT: Last Wed. there was a 6 m opening to Europe. This morning there was a 6 m opening to So. Africa.

Gregg KF6FNA:

Club station was open last Sat. The Vertical ant. was not working. We have the parts for a beam, need to put that up (it's 10, 15, and 20 m). Maybe we could have a fan dipole, or might be cleaner to have an end-fed dipole.
Discussion followed on setting up an end-fed dipole, a G5RV, and other antennas.

Ned AC6YY:

I had trouble setting up the digital station. I re-set everything and it was working. When you connect the radio to the computer, the drivers don't get updated. Different ports are used for PTT, computer control, etc. making it more complex. That was using Windows 7. Now with Windows 10 it's better, it's working now. We may need to get newer anti-virus software.

Gregg KF6FNA:

We need to arrange an antenna work party at the club station.

Meeting adjourned at 8:29 PM

Gary Mitchell WB6YRU, recording for the Secretary

Board Meeting, July 18, 2022



Held on the W6UU repeater.

Meeting started at 7:35 PM by President Gregg Lane KF6FNA

Roll call of officers:

President, Gregg Lane KF6FNA; Vice President, Ned Tufekcic AC6YY; Secretary, Barbara K. Britten KD6QEI; Treasurer, Goetz Brandt K6GKB; Station Trustee, Don Village K6PBQ; Director, Lou Steirer WA6QYS; Director, Wally Britten KA6YMD.

Absent: Director, Ben Shuford II KK6CCU

Excused Absences: Goetz Brandt K6GKB; John Parks W6JPP

Guests: Gary Mitchell WB6YRU, Editor; Paul Gorny KK6HWN.

Announcements:

Gregg KF6FNA thanked Gary WB6YRU, for the minutes in the SCCARA-Gram. They looked really good.

Don K6PBQ wanted to thank Paul KK6HWN for trying to get the new FNR number from the FCC for renewing the license. The Club will follow through with that.

Club station: Will be open on Saturday, 07/30/2022. Don K6PBQ, said that the club station at the Red Cross will be open from 10A-4PM. He would like people to come down and operate to get a "Worked All States" award. Don will be going on vacation 15-24 Aug. Gregg KF6FNA will be doing the nets for both Monday nights.

Pacificon: To be 14-16 October, 2022. Is there any new news about that? None heard.

10 Meter Net: Wally KA6YMD, said that the 10 meter net has routinely been held on Thursday nights at 8:00 PM on 28.385 upper side band. Gregg KF6FNA thanked Wally for doing that. Gregg asked if there were any more announcements. Nothing heard.

Officers Reports:

President: We will be having a general meeting on the 08 of August, 2022 at the Red Cross. Talk to Ned AC6YY if you have any suggestions for speakers.

Vice President: Ned AC6YY Nothing to report.

Secretary: Gregg asked if there were any corrections to minutes of June 2022, as published in the SCCARA-GRAM. None heard. Minutes approved by acclamation. Barbara KD6QEI, thanked Gary for doing the minutes for the month of June. Also, she asked if Gary received the gen meeting minutes that were sent to him last Friday. He answered, "no". Barbara KD6QEI Nothing new to report. She will recheck and remail them to Gary.

Treasurer: Per Gregg KF6FNA, Checking \$10,945, Cash \$78.04, Total = \$11023.04

Station Trustee: Don K6PBQ He is all set for his two week vacation to Colorado in August. The nets are to be covered by Gregg KF6FNA during that time, and will return in time for the station to be open at the Red Cross 27 August.

Standing Committees:

Newsletter: Gary WB6YRU Thanks to Goetz for his article to the

newsletter. I would like to encourage others to do the same.

BBS: Gary WB6YRU Possibility of using a node up north that is still being worked on. There may be an announcement later. Now, there is not much new.

Repeater Chairman: Wally KA6YMD Nothing remarkable. No changes.

Webmaster: Wally KA6YMD As soon as he gets information, things are being updated to reflect current situations. Nothing new to update since the last update.

Old Business:

Antenna Party: Gregg KF6FNA Need to put together an antenna party on the roof of the Red Cross. He will be calling around when a date is known.

Board meeting: Gregg KF6FNA We will continue to have the Board meeting on the 2 meter repeater. It is a month to month situation regarding meetings at Red Cross due to Covid-19.

Need a treasurer: Goetz has requested to be replaced as current treasurer. If anyone is interested, please call Gregg KF6FNA. He has said that he will continue to cover until a new treasurer is found. He wants to move into a more retired situation.

New Business:

Gregg KF6FNA: asked if there was any more new business to be brought up. Paul asked if Ned KC6YY brought up the digital station. George N6NKT said he was going to clear a space on the shelf in the Red Cross radio room. A discussion between Gregg KF6FNA and Paul KK6HWN regarding the digital radio. George N6NKT is working on it. Paul said that it takes time to set up the radio and a computer, rather than have it sitting in a box. Don K6PBQ said he will help as much as he can to get it set up before August. Don will be able to be there on 23 July, and someone who knows what they are doing to set it up.

Gregg KF6FNA asked if there was any new business to be brought before the board. Nothing heard.

Meeting closed at 8:02 PM.

Barbara K. Britten, KD6QEI, Secretary.

Board Meeting, Aug. 15, 2022



Held verbally on 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; Treasurer Goetz Brandt K6GKB; Director John Parks W6JPP; Director Lou Steirer WA6QYS; Director Wally Britten KA6YMD

Excused absence: Secretary Barbara Britten KD6QEI; Director Ben Shuford KK6CCU; Station Trustee Don Village K6PBQ.

Visitors: Editor Gary Mitchell WB6YRU

Announcements:

Gregg KF6FNA: SCCARA picnic, Henry Schmidt Park, Aug. 20, 2022, show up around 9 or 10 AM. It will be pot-luck, the club will provide some food and beverages.

Club station will be open Aug. 27, 10AM-4PM

Pacificon is Oct. 14-16, 2022.

SCCARA 10 m net is on Thursdays 28.385 MHz USB

Our digital HF station is up a running at the club station, thanks to

Ned AC6YY.

President's Report, Gregg KF6FNA: Nothing to report

Vice President's Report, Ned AC6YY: Nothing to report

Secretary's Report, Gregg KF6FNA: No minutes were published nor sent out this month. That will have to wait for a later date.

Treasurer's Report, Goetz K6GKB:

Checking = \$10973.00, Cash = \$ 78.04, Total = \$11051.04

Standing Committees

Editor's report: Gary WB6YRU: Not much new to report. Thanks to Goetz K6GKB for continuing to contribute articles.

BBS Sysop's report: Gary WB6YRU: Nothing new with the BBS, it's plugging along.

Repeater chairman's report, Wally KA6YMD: Everything is working well.

Repeater site host Goetz K6GKB: I've got two more batteries for backup, I had to clean the contacts of corrosion, and they are charged. They're not currently connected, but would be easy enough to connect. Four others batteries are connected.

Wally KA6YMD: A little Vaseline on the battery contacts will help prevent corrosion.

Webmaster's report, Wally KA6YMD: I updated the web site indicating we have resumed in-person general meetings again, nothing else new.

Old Business:

Gregg KF6FNA: Regarding the antenna work at the Red Cross, Lou and I checked out conditions on the roof.

We still need to check out the antennas on our antenna trailer. John W6JPP will coordinate that.

We still need someone to take over the Treasurer's post, anyone? (nothing heard)

New Business:

Gregg KF6FNA: This Saturday we'll have a picnic at Henry Schmidt park (same location as previous years). The club will provide hotdogs, sodas, and the grill, the rest is pot-luck. We'll have two stations set up and a generator thanks to Goetz K6GKB and John W6JPP.

Goetz K6GKB: John, you need to bring your wire antenna launcher. (nothing heard)

Gregg KF6FNA: I'll get that message to John.

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 PM

Gary Mitchell WB6YRU, recording for the Secretary

Packet Pieces

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UK Virus ALERT

The English are feeling the pinch in relation to the recent virus threat and have therefore raised their threat level from "Miffed" to "Peeved." Soon, though, the level may be raised yet again to "Irritated" or even "A Bit Cross."

The English have not been "A Bit Cross" since the blitz in 1940 when tea supplies nearly ran out.

The virus has been re-categorized from "Tiresome" to "A Bloody Nuisance." The last time the British issued a "Bloody Nuisance" warning level was in 1588, when threatened by the Spanish Armada.

The Scots have raised their threat level from "Pissed Off" to "Let's Get the Bastard." They don't have any other levels. This is the reason they have been used on the front line of the British army for the last 300 years.

Australia, meanwhile, has raised its alert level from "No worries" to "She'll be alright, Mate." Two more escalation levels remain: "Crikey! I think we'll need to cancel the barbie this weekend!" and "The barbie is cancelled." So far, no situation has ever warranted use of the final escalation level.

While visiting my mother in the hospital I stopped in the cafeteria for Breakfast. I set a piece of bread on the moving toaster rack and waited for it to pass under the heated coils and return golden brown. Instead it got stuck at the back of the toaster and I couldn't reach it. The woman next to me in line quickly seized a pair of tongs reached in and fished out the piece of toast.

I joked "You must be an emergency room worker."

"No," she replied with a grin. "I'm an obstetrician."

After having had to repeat herself several times as her husband was Engrossed on the football game on TV the exasperated wife finally got his attention and said "Honey sometimes I think you love football more than me!" Glancing at her then quickly looking back to the game the husband replied "Well that may be true dear, but I love you more than hockey, basketball, or tennis!"

A lady was picking through the frozen turkeys, but she couldn't find one big enough for her family. She asked a passing assistant "Do these turkeys get any bigger?" The assistant replied "I'm afraid not, they're dead."

The policeman got out of his car and approached the boy racer he stopped for speeding. 'I've been waiting for you all day' he said. The boy replied 'Yes, well, I got here as fast as I could.' When the policeman finally stopped laughing he sent the kid on his way without a ticket.

A lorry driver was driving along on a country road. A sign came up that read 'Low Bridge Ahead.' Before he realized it the bridge was directly ahead and he got stuck under it. Cars are backed up for miles. Finally a police car comes up. The policeman got out and said to the driver 'Got stuck?' The lorry driver said 'no I was delivering this bridge and ran out of Petrol!'

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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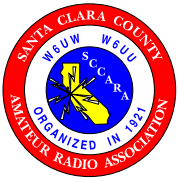
Newsletter Notes

Thanks to Goetz K6GKB for another article, even if *technically* it isn't exactly *amateur* radio. 🤔

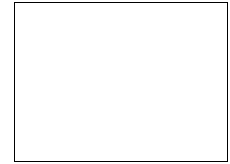
SCCARA did indeed have a picnic last month, but unfortunately the powers that be weren't able to get an announcement in the *SCCARA-GRAM*. The August picnic was sort of a trial run, after having not done much for 2 years due to the pandemic. Now we're having a second one. And this time we do have an announcement.



73, Gary WB6YRU, editor



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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

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