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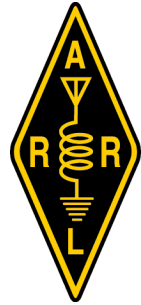
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## Vibroplex in Sonoma County

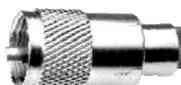
Horace Greeley Martin is not a name recalled by more than a handful of SCRA members, and those will undoubtedly be skilled in CW. Mr. Martin was the great-grandfather of Katherine, a friend from my workout center. Although he died in 1939, before Katherine was born, his legend has been passed down through her family. Literature about him as the inventor of the Vibroplex "bug" is easily found [on the web](#).

Mr. Martin patented the Vibroplex in 1904 and approximately 300,000 of them have been made, and remarkably they are still in production. Various models were developed, but basically not much changed over the years. Apart from collector units, they can be found new or used for between \$200 and \$300. The picture shows Katherine's unit. It was manufactured in 1927 and it is thought that it might have been used by Mr. Martin. I checked the setting of the "dots" arm and it sends at well over 20 words per minute, so perhaps it's true.



"Poppy" as he was known in the family was born in 1873 and as a young lad was fascinated with trains and telegraphy. At the age of nine, he was so proficient that he was hired as an extra operator for the railroad. Over the years he worked for brokerage firms on Wall Street, news organizations and Western Union where he became manager of southern operations. In 1898 at the age of 25, he entered a "The Grand National Telegraphy Contest" in Madison Square Garden, for receiving. He copied 5 minutes of code at over 50 wpm without error, as lauded by the judges, but was given third place rather than first because he forgot to put the name of the sender on the top of each page. But, why enter for receiving only?

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE DECEMBER 2017



This is the last of the President's Messages that I will be doing. Kind of sad, but I think I am ready to semi-retire, again! It has been fun, and rewarding, but 'ready to let go and let John do it.'

Having gained new members this year, on the other hand, we have lost two members. Silent Keys Bob Jones WA6NIV and Phil Kinny K6AXY passed this year, Bob following a long illness, and Phil passed suddenly in his sleep. All who knew these hams are greatly saddened by their passing.

2017 brought SCRA a lot of new members, members who will (hopefully) step out of their comfort zones and get involved with the many activities that SCRA has to offer. This is the only way SCRA will serve hams for another 78 years.

New members since last month are: Charles Tillman KG6GTT; Jonathan Fisk KK6EMU; Paul Seaman W6MAS; Ryan Peterson and Jamey Sherfy, Associates. Welcome to SCRA! 'Houston, we have a problem.' Last month I forgot to get signups for December! My bad. So, I am requesting volunteers to contact me via email or phone to take the Tuesday Net responsibilities for December 12, 19, 26, or January 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please! [K6SON@ARRL.NET](mailto:K6SON@ARRL.NET) OR 538-2031. Thank you!

Hope to see many of you at the Holiday Dinner Party on the 6<sup>th</sup>. If you have not made reservations yet, give Brian a call or ship him an email. As of the writing of this article, we

have 40 reservations with lots of space left, so please make your decision fast and come have some fun. [n6iiy@arrl.net](mailto:n6iiy@arrl.net) / 707-575-5871. Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah & Chanukah, and have a great New Year!

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Iola kk6hre, over and out!



## DECEMBER PROGRAM

# HOLIDAY PARTY

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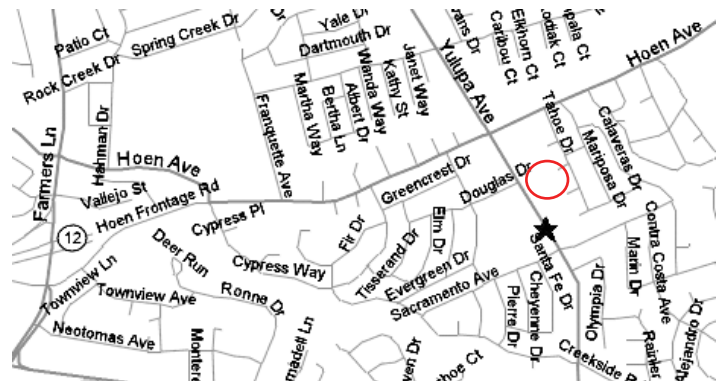
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## SCRA Club Meetings

The club normally meets the first Wednesday of each month, socially at 6:30 pm, program starting at 7:00 pm. Exceptions are holidays or other big events.

Meeting location:  
Luther Burbank Art & Garden Center  
2050 Yulupa Avenue  
Santa Rosa, CA



All are welcome!

Please join us at our next meeting. Anyone interested in Amateur Radio is eligible for membership. A membership application is included in this newsletter. For more information, contact any SCRA officer, director or member. Hungry before the meeting? Join us for dinner! We Meet at IHOP restaurant, 4th and Farmers Lane, Santa Rosa. People start showing up at 5:15 PM. No RSVP is required.

## Board of Directors Meeting

The SCRA Board of Directors will meet monthly on the Second Wednesday at the IHOP Restaurant, Fourth Street, Santa Rosa (in the Safeway/CVS Pharmacy center). All members are welcome to attend, no reservations necessary. Arrive around 5:15- 5:30pm for dinner. Meeting starts at 6:00pm.

## LOANER RADIOS AVAILABLE

The Club has a variety of radios available to members to try out and improve their skills. We have a Kenwood T590 SG HF radio; Yeasu FT 2900 2 meter mobile; Yeasu FT1D, an analog/digital 2 meter and 440mhz HT; Yeasu FT 60, a 2 meter and 440 mhz HT; and a TYT TH-F5 VHF 2 meter HT. Trying these out is an excellent way to learn some radio and test before you buy. Contact Joe, K6AWA, at [k6awa@yahoo.com](mailto:k6awa@yahoo.com) with your request. Joe will forward an information form to you by return email.

## UPGRADE TO GENERAL OR AMATEUR EXTRA CLASS

Get more privileges and enjoyment from your Ham Radio Hobby. [Mentoring assistance](#) is available. Contact Dave W6IBC, SCRA Education Chair, at 707-838-8155 or [w6ibc@arrl.net](mailto:w6ibc@arrl.net).

## Tuesday Night Net

The Sonoma County Radio Amateurs' net meets Tuesday at 7:00 PM on the SCRA repeater, 147.315, positive offset, PL 88.5.

All members and guests are invited to check in. The Net includes updates on SCRA activities, and News-line, the amateur radio community news service.

Anyone wishing to work as net control should contact lola kk6hre, at [K6SON@ARRL.NET](mailto:K6SON@ARRL.NET) for assignment. Script and logs are available on the Website at <http://sonomacountyradioamateurs.com/wp/resources/net-script/>



## 10 Meter Net

There will be a net on 10 meters hosted by Joe K6AWA at 8:30pm (new time) following the regular SCRA net Tuesday nights. Set your dial to 28,403.00 SSB, USB. Please note that all license classes (including technician) are welcome.

## 2017 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Check the [Club website](#) for details

Wed., Dec 6                      Holiday Party

Check back for an event filled 2018!

## December Net Control

The following have agreed to do Net Control for:

December 5 - Darryl KI6MSP

December 12 - Joe K6AWA

December 19 - Iola KK6HRE

December 26 - Nathaniel KI6VVX

January 2 - Doug KF6LMB



## Weekly SBARA Youth Net New Day and Time!

- For young people 18 and under
- Licensed youth or youth with a licensed control operator are welcome to check-in
- Check-in via EchoLink, if you are outside of the area
- Adults can check-in towards the end of the Net to answer questions and mentor the youth.

Please join our new, 13-year-old net control operator, Truman Lindsey, KM6AQS, and help us grow this important Net for young hams!

- SBARA Youth Net
- Every Tuesday evening, 6:30pm (1830), PACIFIC
- N6NFI repeater, Palo Alto, CA (145.230 MHz, -600 kHz, PL 100 Hz.)
- EchoLink Station: KR6DD-R

Steve Wilson KG6HJU  
South Bay Amateur Radio Association  
Fremont, CA  
[kg6hju@arrl.net](mailto:kg6hju@arrl.net)

## Kids Net

Kids Net meets Thursdays at 7:30 pm on the Sonoma Mountain Repeater Society repeater at 146.910 MHz - PL 88.5 Petaluma.

Hosted by Ellen KJ6BHG and Joseph KJ6BHH for kids of all ages. It is focused on kids still in school, but all are welcome. They said to bring jokes to share.



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## Silent Keys

Like many telegraphers, Mr Martin, although only in his early 20's, developed a "glass arm", now known as RMD, "Repetitive Motion Disorder", and in his case, Carpal Tunnel Syndrome. As an amateur inventor he was determined to find a solution. The result is his Vibroplex, a mechanical semi-automatic key based on a lever mounted vertically rotating around a vertical pivot. Pushing a paddle mounted on the lever to the right generates a continuous series of "dots" as it vibrates. Pushing to the left and releasing creates a "dash" manually. This greatly reduces the amount of wrist movement required and helped telegraphers send faster and without pain. Since telegraphers were usually paid by the word, the Vibroplex became very popular.

In the early days of telegraphy, a poor operator was called a "bug". Some operators bought Vibroplexes and started using them without much training or practice. The result was poor sending, and the keys themselves also became known as "bugs."

Most modern HF Transceivers have built-in electronic keyers, and keyers are also available as stand-alone units. These keyers generate "dots" without need of the Vibroplexes complex mechanical method and unlike the Vibroplex, automatically generate properly proportioned "dashes". They also include features that enable one to send almost perfect code and have memories for sending common code sequences. Keyed with much simpler paddles, the paddles are available starting under \$150.

For much of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, for a telegrapher or a Ham, owning one of Mr Martin's Vibroplexes was a dream come true.

Jack, K6ROW

For video demonstration and setup hints, check these YouTube presentations:

How it works:

<https://youtu.be/i77urMwJ9NM>

How to set it up correctly:

<https://youtu.be/qekmyx31Uxw>

Phil Kenny K6AXY died a few days after evacuating from his home in Oakmont during the Tubbs Fire Storm. He and his wife had gone to their daughter's house where he died in his sleep. John KE6RI first met Phil when they worked for Varian Associates in Palo Alto back in 1968. He was an engineer in R&D and John was a technician. John was transferred to Walnut Creek in 1969 and had not seen Phil in more than 50 years. He did not even know he was a ham. They met again this year when he showed up in Oakmont. John said "I will always remember him as a nice guy."

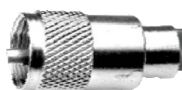
Outside of club activities Phil helped many of his Oakmont neighbors with their computer hard drive issues along with a few members of SCRA once he was a part of the group. Phil joined SCRA on December 14, 2016 and joined John WB6FRZ's radio code class in January where several of us met him. Duane N6DMR got closest to Phil and is taking his passing quite hard. Phil had known Morse code in his younger years so was 'ahead of the class' with his code as the code came back quite fast. He retook his Technician's test and acquired his call sign in February of 2017. Phil was just getting active in SCRA and pursuing his passion with radio now that he was retired and moved into a community that is very active in emergency preparedness and advocating active radio communications.

John WB6FRZ said "I am comforted in that he had enough time to re-ignite his interest in amateur radio and made some new friends in the process. He was active in amateur radio to the end."

Mrs. Kenny has donated all of Phil's new equipment to SCRA. John KE6RI accepted the donations on our behalf and has passed the equipment to Joe K6AWA for the Radio Loan-Out Program. The equipment will be marked as having been donated by Silent Key, Phil K6AXY.

Robert Jones WA6NIV. In 1995, Robert Jones became WA6NIV when he passed his novice exam. He set up his station with a Knight T-150 transmitter and Hallicrafters SX-115 receiver he had acquired some years before.

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He strung a wire dipole between the house and garage that covered 80 meters and up. He only made a few contacts with this setup as he never took much time from maintaining his property.

In 2001, his license was upgraded to Tech+, which in 2005 would be renewed as simply a Technicians license, and acquired an Alinco DJ-G5.

His son, Randy (formerly WA6VSQ), gave him a 5/8 wave 2 meter antenna that he attached to the end of the house. With this and a mobile antenna, he started appearing on the SCRA net and participating in many public service events.

In 2009, he passed the General class test. He then acquired an Icom IC-7000 on which he mostly listened but would sometimes make a contact or two. But property maintenance kept him mostly a listener. Meanwhile, his participation in public service events continued.

Bob WA6NIV also held a General Class Radiotelephone (originally a Second Class) commercial license since sometime around 1960. This was a requirement for his long career as a radio and broadband engineer with Pacific Telephone. He retired there in 1982.

In July, 2016, while working in a dry creek bed clearing some branches, he slipped hitting his head on a rock. There was concussion and brain bleeding which stole him from us. On August 30, 2017 his body finally gave in to the inevitable, and 'Bob,' WA6NIV became a Silent Key.

Both of these Silent Keys will be missed.  
Submitted by Iola kk6hre



## NEW TECHNICIAN QUESTION POOL JULY 1, 2018

By Dave Harrison W6IBC

Every four years the Question Pool Committee revises the collection or "pool" of questions from which particular questions are extracted for a particular ham license examination. The current question pool for the Technician License expires on June 30, 2018, about nine months from now.

Rumors abound that the new question pool will be more difficult than the present pool of questions. So, Gordon West WB6NOA is suggesting we all urge potential hams to prepare for and obtain their licenses before July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018. In his recent instructor newsletter, Fall 2017 edition, Gordon quotes the Chair of the Question Pool Committee, Larry Pollock, NB5X: "We're deleting questions on older technology and updating the pool with new questions on digital modes, FCC changes and more".

If you know of someone who wants to enter the exciting hobby of amateur radio, encourage them to consider our November 17-19, 2017 Technician License class. More information is available on the SCRA website. Click "classes" under the Events dropdown tab on the Home page.

### JUST KIDDING





## CONTEST CORNER

Short Skip is reprinting Contest Corral from the ARRL Contest page to give you an idea of what is going on this month. Short Skip is looking for someone to take over this feature. If you are interested please contact [shortskippeditor@gmail.com](mailto:shortskippeditor@gmail.com).

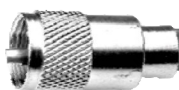
# Contest Corral – December 2017

Check for updates and a downloadable PDF version online at [www.arrl.org/contests](http://www.arrl.org/contests).

Refer to the contest websites for full rules, scoring information, operating periods or time limits, and log submission information.

	Start Date-Time	Finish Date-Time	Bands	Contest Name	Mode	Exchange	Sponsor's Website
1	2200	3 1600	1.8	ARRL 160-Meter Contest	CW	W/VE: RST, ARRL/RAC section; DX: RST	<a href="http://www.arrl.org/160-meter">www.arrl.org/160-meter</a>
2	0600	2 0800	7-14	Wake-Up! QRP Sprint	CW	RST, serial, suffix of previous QSO	<a href="http://qrp.ru/contest/wakeup/333-wakeup-eng">qrp.ru/contest/wakeup/333-wakeup-eng</a>
2	1600	3 1559	3.5-28	TOPS Activity Contest	CW	RST, serial, club (if member)	<a href="http://proclub.ro/TAC%20Rules.html">proclub.ro/TAC%20Rules.html</a>
2	2000	3 1959	3.5-28	EPC Ukraine DX Contest	Dig	RSQ, Ukr Admin Region or serial	<a href="http://qrz.ru/contest/detail/261.html">qrz.ru/contest/detail/261.html</a>
3	0000	3 2359	28	Ten-Meter RTTY Contest	Dig	RST, state (W) or province (VE) or serial (DX)	<a href="http://www.rttycontesting.com">www.rttycontesting.com</a>
3	1300	3 1600	3.5-14	SARL Digital Contest	Dig	RST, serial	<a href="http://www.sarl.org.za">www.sarl.org.za</a>
5	0200	5 0400	3.5-28	ARS Spartan Sprint	CW	RST, SPC, power	<a href="http://arsqrp.blogspot.com">arsqrp.blogspot.com</a>
7	0000	7 0600	1.8	QRP ARCI Topband Sprint	CW Ph	RST, SPC, mbr or power	<a href="http://www.qrparci.org">www.qrparci.org</a>
7	1800	7 2200	28	NRAU 10-Meter Activity Contest	CW Ph Dig	RS(T), 6-char grid square	<a href="http://nrau.net/activity-contests">nrau.net/activity-contests</a>
9	0000	10 2359	28	ARRL 10-Meter Contest	CW Ph	RST, state/province (W, VE, XE) or serial (DX)	<a href="http://www.arrl.org/10-meter">www.arrl.org/10-meter</a>
9	1200	10 2359	1.8-50	SKCC Weekend Sprintathon	CW	RST, SPC, name, mbr or "none"	<a href="http://www.skccgroup.com">www.skccgroup.com</a>
9	1600	10 1559	3.5-28	International Naval Contest	CW Ph	RS(T), club/mbr or serial	<a href="http://www.marinefunker.de/eng/show.php3?pos=16">www.marinefunker.de/eng/show.php3?pos=16</a>
9	2300	17 2300	1.8-7	AWA Bruce Kelley 1929 QSO Party	CW	RST, name, QTH, equipment name and type	<a href="http://www.antiquewireless.org">www.antiquewireless.org</a>
10	2000	10 2359	1.8-28	QRP ARCI Holiday Spirits Homebrew Sprint	CW	RST, SPC, mbr, power	<a href="http://www.qrparci.org">www.qrparci.org</a>
10	2100	10 2259	14	CQC Great Colorado Snowshoe Run	CW	RST, SPC	<a href="http://www.coloradoqrpclub.org">www.coloradoqrpclub.org</a>
11	0100	11 0300	1.8-28	4 States QRP Group Second Sunday Sprint	CW Ph	RS(T), SPC, mbr or power	<a href="http://www.4sqrp.com">www.4sqrp.com</a>
13	0130	13 0330	3.5-14	NAQCC CW Sprint	CW	RST, SPC, mbr or power	<a href="http://naqcc.info">naqcc.info</a>
15	2000	15 2359	1.8	Russian 160-Meter Contest	CW Ph	RS(T), Oblast code or serial	<a href="http://qrz.ru/contest/detail/90.html">qrz.ru/contest/detail/90.html</a>
15	2100	15 2359	3.5-7	AGB-Party Contest	CW Ph Dig	RST, serial, mbr (if any)	<a href="http://ev5agb.com/contest/agb_party.htm">ev5agb.com/contest/agb_party.htm</a>
16	0000	16 2359	1.8-50	Feld Hell Sprint	Dig	RST, mbr, SPC, grid	<a href="http://sites.google.com/site/feldhellclub">sites.google.com/site/feldhellclub</a>
16	0000	16 2359	3.5-28	OK DX RTTY Contest	Dig	RST, CQ Zone	<a href="http://okrty.crk.cz/index.php?page=english">okrty.crk.cz/index.php?page=english</a>
16	1200	16 2359	3.5-28	Padang DX Contest	Ph	RST, serial	<a href="http://padang.qrzyb.com">padang.qrzyb.com</a>
16	1400	17 1400	1.8-28	Croatian CW Contest	CW	RST, serial	<a href="http://9acw.org">9acw.org</a>
17	1800	17 2359	3.5-50	ARRL Rookie Roundup, CW	CW	Name, 2-digit year licensed, SPC	<a href="http://www.arrl.org/rookie-roundup">www.arrl.org/rookie-roundup</a>
18	0200	18 0400	1.8-28	Run for the Bacon QRP Contest	CW	RST, SPC, mbr or power	<a href="http://qrpcontest.com/pigrun">qrpcontest.com/pigrun</a>
21	0130	21 0330	3.5-14	NAQCC CW Sprint	CW	RST, SPC, mbr or power	<a href="http://naqcc.info">naqcc.info</a>
24	0000	24 1159	3.5-28	RAEM Contest	CW	Serial, latitude, longitude (e.g., 57N 85W)	<a href="http://raem.srr.ru/en/main">raem.srr.ru/en/main</a>
26	0830	26 1059	3.5-7	DARC Christmas Contest	CW Ph	RS(T), DOK or serial	<a href="http://www.darc.de/?id=820">www.darc.de/?id=820</a>
27	0000	27 0200	1.8-28	SKCC Sprint	CW	RST, SPC, name, mbr or power	<a href="http://www.skccgroup.com">www.skccgroup.com</a>
30	0000	30 2359	1.8-144	RAC Winter Contest	CW Ph	RS(T), province/territory or serial	<a href="http://wp.rac.ca">wp.rac.ca</a>
30	1500	31 1500	1.8	Stew Perry Topband Challenge	CW	4-char grid square	<a href="http://www.kkn.net/stew">www.kkn.net/stew</a>
31	1200	31 2359	3.5-7	Bogor Old and New Contest	Ph	RS, operator age	<a href="http://www.orari-bogor.org">www.orari-bogor.org</a>

All dates refer to UTC and may be different from calendar dates in North America. No contest activity occurs on the 60-, 30-, 17-, and 12-meter bands. Mbr = Membership number. Serial = Sequential number of the contact. SPC = State, Province, DXCC Entity, XE = Mexican state. Listings in blue indicate contests sponsored by ARRL or NCJ. The latest time to make a valid contest QSO is the minute listed in the "Finish Time" column. Data for Contest Corral is maintained on the WA7BNM Contest Calendar at [www.hornucopia.com/contestcal](http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal) and is extracted for publication in QST 2 months prior to the month of the contest. ARRL gratefully acknowledges the support of Bruce Horn, WA7BNM, in providing this service.



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For additional contest calendars and resources check:

[WA7BNM Contest Calendar](#)

[ARRL Contests Page](#)

## SONOMA COUNTY RADIO AMATEURS CLUB

### Membership Meeting Minutes

November 1, 2017

The November 1, 2017 regular Membership meeting of SCRA was called to order by President Iola Beckley KK6HRE at 7:00 PM.

A quorum of 43 members were present. After introduction of officers and directors, four guests John KK6EMU, Nathaniel KI6VVX, Erin and Sheila were introduced.

Net Control Assignments for:

Nov 7 =	Joe K6AWA
14 =	Keith AG6CI
21 =	Fred AE6SF
28 =	Nathaniel KI6VVX
Dec 5 =	Doug KF6LMB

### ANNOUNCEMENTS, NEW CALLS, UPGRADES, LIES AND BRAGS -

Joe, K6AWA made a ten-minute contact on 20 meters to Slovenia. Darryl, KI6MSP announced a HF station has been set up at Brook Haven School. Additionally, Iola, KK6HRE and Darryl are exploring starting an Amateur Radio Club at Santa Rosa High School. John Breckenridge, WB6FRZ and his wife, Carrie, are passing on the Refreshment Committee duties torch to someone else for 2018. John is thinking about teaching a morse code class via Skype. Dennis, KD7UWD is looking to purchase a new tower. Joe, K6AWA wanted to spend \$1,088 on an Yaesu FT 450D along with a ATS 25 portable screwdriver antenna for the Loan Out Program. Joe, K6AWA, made a motion, seconded by Steve, KM6VMZ to purchase equipment. After a lengthy discussion a motion was made to table the purchase of the equipment. The motion to table passed.

The Nominating Committee presented the ballot of new officers and Board of Directors. President, Iola kk6hrs asked for nominations from the floor for each

office. No nominations were made. Dave, W6IBC made a motion seconded by Darryl KI6MSP to accept the ballot. Motion passed. The following are the results for 2018:

President	John KE5RI
Vice President	Joe K6AWA
Treasurer	Aaron KK6ZDB
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Director	Fred AE6SF
Director	Jeff KI6PBF

This month's program, "Who Wants to Be an Extra" was presented by Brian Torr N6IYY. The meeting members were divided into three teams - Elmer, Club, and Contestants. There were 5 questions for each license group - Technician, General and Extra. After a ten-minute break, President Iola KK6HRE began the Business Meeting.

The minutes of the October 2017 membership meeting were discussed. A motion to approve the October 2017 minutes were seconded, motion passed. Treasurer's report by President Iola KK6HRE in the absence of the Treasurer Aaron KK6ZDB.

### Unfinished Business

Member of the Year Award Nominations are now closed. The award will be given at the December Holiday Dinner on December 6, 2017.

### New Business

The Holiday setup/clean up crews are as follows:  
Setup - Dan KK6VIQ, Darryl KI6MSP, John WB6FRZ, Gary KM6CPU  
Cleanup - Dan KK6VIQ, Kathy K6KDW, Jeff KI6PBF, Steve KK6VMZ

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:41 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kathy Wells, K6KDW  
Secretary



## Minutes SCRA Board of Directors Meeting November 8, 2017

The November 2017 Board of Directors regular meeting was called to order by President Iola KK6HRE at 6:00 PM at IHOP restaurant, 2745 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Santa Rosa CA. SCRA Board members present included President Iola KK6HRE, Vice President Joe K6AWA, Director John KE5RI, Past President Pat, KLG6JSL and Secretary Kathy K6KDW. A quorum of Officers and Directors were present. Other SCRA members in attendance included Brian N6IYY, Charlie KZ6T, Jeff KI6PBF, Darryl K6MSP, Dan KK6VIQ, Fred AE6SF, and Doug KF6LMB.

Minutes of the October 2017 Board Meeting were approved on motion by John KE5RI, and seconded by Iola KK6HRE. Motion passed.

**Officer and Director Reports**, there was one report.

President Iola KK6HRE reported there was no significant changes in our financial status since last meeting.

### Committee Reports and Business,

Community Outreach Chair Darryl KI6MSP. Set up a booth at the Northern Bay Area Science Festival. He presented how to make a Tape Measure Antenna and the basics of Fox Hunting. Contacts on 20 meters were also made.

Membership Committee Chair Karen K6KSM forwarded we now have 176 members.

Merchandise Committee Chair Dan KK6VIQ received free samples of caps the merchandise committee is reviewing.

Education Committee Chair Dave W6IBC reported we have approximately 23 students lined up for the Ham Radio Technician Class.

Em Com Committee Chair Pat KG6JSL will send Fred's AE6SF article to QST about the firestorm in Sonoma County.

Field Day Committee Chair Brian N6IYY indicated that Winter Field Day is tabled. He will work on it for 2018.

Website Chair Dave KI6UGB noted that non-members can use PayPal to pay for the Holiday dinner, however, they cannot indicate what they will be bringing. Discussion was held on putting a map of members home addresses on the website produced by John KE5RI and Joe K6AWA.

Repeater Committee Chair Jack K6ROW stated the he and Fred AE6SF went to Castle Rock and brought back a non-functioning computer. The repeater is not on full time at Castle Rock (Note: It is for test purposes). Computer on-going maintenance has been performed.

Radio Loanout Program Joe K6AWA received a FT991 radio and an Elkcraft antenna from deceased HAM Phil K6AXY. The radio will be labeled "Donated by Phil Kenny K6AXY. Joe made a motion to allow \$500 for possible equipment needs for the new FT991. Motion failed for lack of a second.

### Unfinished Business,

Incoming Board Members – there will be a meeting at 6:30pm December 13<sup>th</sup> for *BOTH* incoming and outgoing board members at IHOP on Highway 12.

Holiday Dinner – Iola KK6HRE made a motion, seconded by John KE5RI, to pay for fire victim's dinner along with a free membership for 2018. Motion passed. Brian, K6IYY will pick up the Yaesu FT-60 handheld radio from HRO as the club's major gift.

Insurance – Mike AD6YB will finish up the club's inventory so it can be submitted for insurance bids. *Continued on page 11...*

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### New Business,

Fire Storm Report – Charlie KZ6T and Jeff KI6PBF started the Fire Net the first night of the fire. Charlie, living in the Coffey Park residential area, relayed to the net an urgent need for fire suppression equipment. Joe K6AWA ran Net Control for the Fire Net for 8 hours relaying sourced information to individuals who accessed the net. Kevin KK6CPH drove through people's back yards, knocking down fences, and saving neighbors. Ken KF6KEN and Matt WE1A also assisted in running net control.

Members Who Have Lost Their Homes – A lively discussion was held about how SCRA can help SCRA fire victims. Several ideas were presented. At minimum, the Club will send a condolence letter to each victim expressing our sympathies and offering support within the guidelines of our non-profit status.

Holiday Dinner Party – The party will be held on Wednesday December 6, 2017 in lieu of our December 2017 membership meeting. Brian N6IYY will prepare the turkey and ham. Everyone is asked to bring a dish to be shared with others. The cost will be \$8.00 per person and signups will be online at the SCRA website. The main door prize would be an HT.

Community Outreach Chair Darryl KI6MSP would like the club to sponsor a school, e.g. Brookhaven, radio club and wants club members to help teach and run the club.

Education – Dave W6IBC will not be continuing as Education Chairman.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Wells K6KDW

Secretary

### SCRA Website Forum

So how many of you know that the SCRA website has a forum page? Its there for all members to use.

There is a Section for Activities, Announcements and News, Public Service, and Technical Issues.

To visit the site,

Navigate to the SCRA website,

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Click on Member Area, then [Forums](#)

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This forum contains 22 topics and 10 replies, and was last updated by wb6jao 4 months ago.

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Topic	Voices
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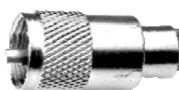
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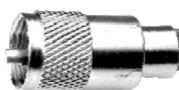
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