

COMING EVENTS

September

- 2 SCRA General Club meeting. HP Santa Rosa, 7:30p.m
- 6 Livermore Swap Meet
- 9 SCRA Board Meeting, Bank of the West community room, Marlow Shopping Center, 5:30p.m.
- 12 VE Exam, 9:00a.m. Kaiser Hospital, San Rafael. Talk-in on 147.330 Repeater
- 19 **SCRA SWAP MEET!!!** 7:30a.m. Holy Ghost Hall, Sebastopol
VE Exam, 9:00a.m. Holy Ghost Hall, Sebastopol
Beginner DF-Hunt at the Swap Meet, 9:00a.m.
- 20 Public Service Event (unknown at press time)
- 26-27 Another Public Service Event (unknown at press time)

October

- 16 - 18 PACIFICON Convention, Sheraton Concord 8:00am-7:00pm Friday, 6:00am-7:00pm on Saturday and 6:00am-12:00pm on Sunday. Join the "Foot and Fanny Contest", Swap Meet (Saturday 6:00am-3:00pm), and the T-hunt (Sunday 8:00am). Talk in 147.06 + (PL 100Hz)

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1998 SWAP MEET & AUCTION

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 19, 1998

You are cordially invited to the 16th annual SCRA Swap Meet. Just a short skip north of the Golden Gate Bridge in the heart of Sonoma County's wine country. Come see what we have to offer!

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FOOD: Breakfast and lunch will be served for a modest fee.

BEGINNER'S DF HUNT: For those of you who like a challenge, join us at 9:00am for a transmitter hunt on foot. Be sure to bring your HT's and direction-finding antenna if you have one!

FCC LICENSE EXAMS: VE Exams for all classes of FCC Amateur licenses will be held. Bring the original and a copy of your license, any CSCE's, a photo ID and your checkbook. The exam fee is \$6.35 except Novice.

DOOR PRIZES: Be sure to register for your free door prize ticket. You need not be present to win the Grand Prize! Tickets will be available at the next club meeting!

TIMES: Seller set-up at 6:30a.m. General Admission at 7:30a.m. **NO EARLY BIRDS!!**
Auction at noon.

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707/578-4098

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www.cds1.net/scra/swapmeet/

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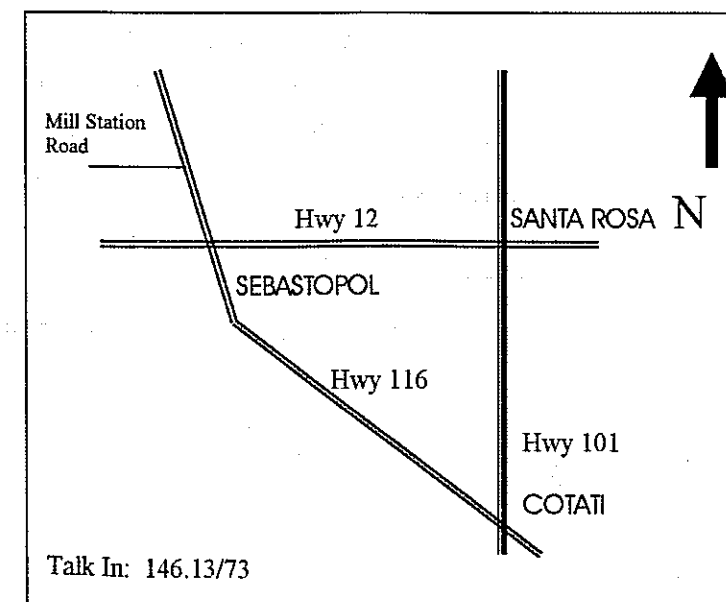
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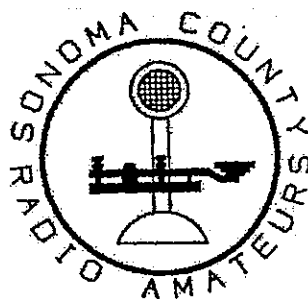
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Club Meetings

7:30 pm on the first Wednesday each month at the Hewlett-Packard plant in SANTA ROSA. (See map below). All are welcome.

We invite you to attend our next monthly meeting (see below). Membership in SCRA is open to anyone interested in Amateur Radio. If you would like to join, there is a membership application in this issue.

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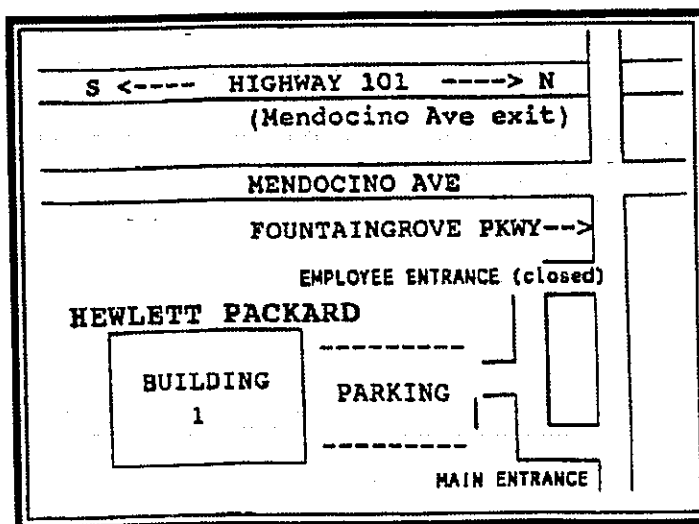
Next Meeting: September 2
7:30 P.M.
Hewlett Packard in SANTA ROSA

Tuesday Night Net

Check into the Tuesday Night SCRA net on the 146.73 repeater at 7:00 pm. Announcements of upcoming SCRA activities, a Swap Shop, and the latest Amateur Radio Newsline broadcasts can be heard.

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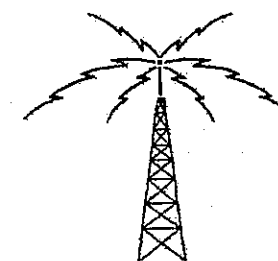
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Application for membership in SCRA

Name _____ Callsign _____ License Class _____

Address _____ Phone _____ Date _____

City _____ ZIP _____ E-mail _____ () New () Renewal

SCRA Dues: The renewal date for SCRA dues is March 1st. Dues are \$18/year for individual and \$27/year for families. The new member initiation (badge) fee is \$6/person. Dues for new members only are prorated at \$1.50/month for individuals and \$2.25/month for families, starting at renewal time.

ARRL dues: \$34/year, \$28 over 65 with proof of age. (Under 21 rates require application form).

Make checks payable to SCRA

I WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION ABOUT:

- () Public Service Events
() Emergency Services
() Taking a Novice or Technician class
() Teaching a Novice or Technician class
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() Teaching an upgrade class
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() Acting as club Net Control Station
() Helping with VEC license exams
() Field Day, other operating events
() Helping with *Short Skip* Newsletter
() Other _____

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Individual \$18, Family \$27 + _____
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Prorate discount _____ X _____ - _____
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ARRL Dues:

\$34 or \$28 if over 65 + _____
Additional donation to SCRA: + _____
Total dues: _____

Badge (New Members Only)

Fill in this section exactly as you want it to appear on your badge.

Callsign _____

First Name: _____

City: _____

AUTOSLOT REQUEST: Licensed SCRA members are entitled to a repeater autoslot. Fill in the information below to apply and send the form to: SCRA, PO Box 116, Santa Rosa CA 95402

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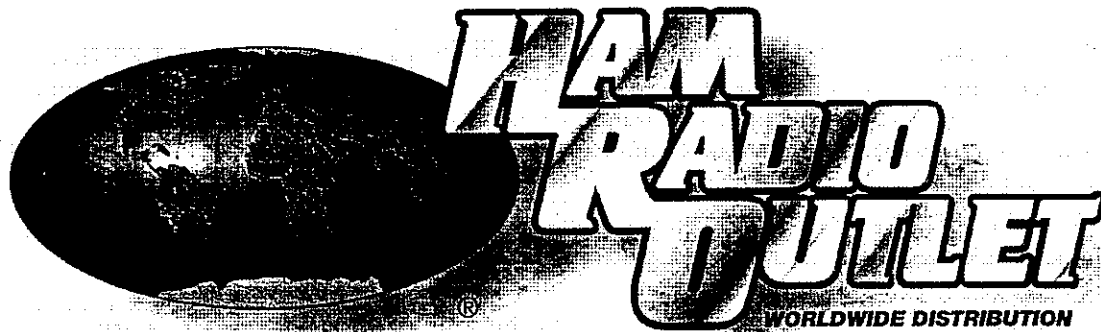
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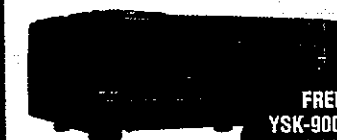


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ARRL NEWS

ARRL Proposes Simplified Amateur License Structure

The ARRL Board has agreed to propose a simplified Amateur Radio licensing structure with four classes. Lengthy discussion and debate during the Board's meeting July 16-18 led to majority support for a plan for four written examination elements to establish amateurs' operational and technical qualifications instead of the present five, and two Morse code examination elements instead of the present three.

Under the plan adopted by the Board, the entry level to Amateur Radio would be known as Class D and would convey the privileges of the present Technician license. The written examination would be at the same level of difficulty as that of the present Technician examination, but consistent with the privileges of the license. All amateurs now licensed as Technicians would become Class D.

The next step would be known as Class C and would convey the privileges of the present General license, but with phone sub-bands expanded by 50 kHz on 75 and 15 meters and by 25 kHz on 40 meters. Class C would be the entry level to high frequency (HF) operating privileges. To upgrade from Class D to Class C, an amateur would pass a written examination on the operational and technical qualifications required for HF operation and a 5 word per minute Morse code examination. All amateurs now licensed as General, Technician Plus, and Novice would become Class C. The expansion of the telephony sub-bands would result from "re-farming" of the Novice CW bands that are no longer required for their original purpose.

The third step would be known as Class B and would convey the privileges of the present Advanced license, but with phone sub-bands expanded by 50 kHz on 75 and 15 meters and by 25 kHz on 40 meters. To upgrade from Class C to Class B, an amateur would pass a more advanced written examination similar in difficulty to the present Element 4A and a 12 word per minute Morse code examination. All amateurs now licensed as Advanced would become Class B.

The final step would be known as Class A and would convey the full privileges of the present Amateur Extra Class, with telephony sub-bands expanded by 50 kHz on 75 and 15 meters and by 25 kHz on 40 meters. To upgrade from Class B to Class A, an amateur would be required to pass the most difficult written examination in the sequence. Consistent with the practice in many other countries, no additional Morse code examination would be required beyond 12 words per minute.

All amateurs presently licensed as Amateur Extra Class would become Class A.

In their discussions, Board members emphasized that the objective is to rationalize and simplify the amateur licensing structure without reducing the requirements for any class of license. Where reductions in Morse code requirements are proposed, there would be a corresponding increase in written examination standards. On the other hand, Board members were adamant that simplifying the structure should not come at the expense of privileges already earned by amateurs. Therefore, present Novice and Technician Plus licensees, having earned entry-level HF operating privileges, would be granted the new entry-level HF license.

Adoption of the simplification plan marks the culmination of 30 months of work by the Board, during which time the input of literally thousands of ARRL members and other amateurs and prospective amateurs was considered. The Board debated a wide variety of options including both smaller and larger numbers of license classes, higher and lower qualification levels, and different privileges. Nine of the 15 Directors voted in favor of the plan, with six opposed. Following the meeting ARRL President Rod Stafford, W6ROD, observed, "The debate was at times contentious and the result was not unanimous. Some Board members preferred greater simplification; others were uncomfortable with some of the changes being proposed. However, every Board member, without exception, left the meeting knowing that each of his or her colleagues did what they believe is best for the future of Amateur Radio."

Members are urged to contact their ARRL directors to comment on this proposal. E-mail addresses are on page 10 of any issue of QST. Members also may comment on the proposal via the ARRL Web site, <http://www.arrl.org> or via e-mail at restrux@arrl.org. ARRL Special bulletin for editors 7/25/98

Can you help??

Due to recent changes at CDF, the club is looking for a member who may have room to store the club's equipment on their property. Because the equipment is used for emergency communication, 24-hour access will be required.

If you can help, please call Kelly Cureton, KD6CJQ at 837-9434. *Thanks!*

Hank's Swap Shop

Hosted by Ken Harrison, N6MHG

Kenwood TS-430 HF Transceiver w/power supply, YK-88C CW Filter, FM board. \$550. MFJ 962B Antenna Tuner. \$50. Bencher Keyer chrome / black base. \$35. HK5A Keyer 8 - 50 wpm, weight control. \$ call. Hustler Mobile Antenna everything but the mount. \$call. A bunch of coax and misc. items. \$call.

Contact Bud, KB6GMW @ 707-575-1009

Icom IC-751A HF Transceiver. \$675. MFJ DSP Digital Signal Processor. (new!) \$225. 500+ Watt HF Amp. Solid State, homebrew/kit. Used once. \$575. Variable Power Supply 1500 Watts 20V. / 150 Amps. New was \$5,000, sell \$225. Kenwood AT 250 Antenna Tuner. \$50. Misc. goodies. Call and make offers.

Contact Jack, WB6ZRP @ 707-578-1927

Old Magazines - 1950's era CQ and Popular Mechanics magazines. Call-

Contact Connie, N6FYV @ 707-823-6668

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Contact Mike, KF6ALB @ 650-359-3793 or email: kfbalb@juno.com

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Contact Ed, AB6YV @ 707-763-9413 or email: edsu@sonic.net

ICOM IC-706 HF Rig. \$700.

Contact Jim, KD6WIS @ 707-928-9805

15 element 2m Cushcraft Yagi - 15.5 dB gain, aluminum, great shape. \$75. Also 6 element 2m Yagi, copper construction - homebrew. \$40.

Contact John, WB6FRZ @ 707-838-6398 or email: johnbr@csl.net

Yaesu FT-757 GXII HF rig. \$550 firm. QF1A Autek Audio Filter. \$25/bo. TV Rotator and control box. \$10.

Contact Ray, KF6RS @ 707-528-3332

ICOM IC-245 10 Watt 2m Mobile. \$80. MFJ 5/8 wave 2m antenna. \$10. 12 V. regulated power supply. \$25. MFJ CW/RTTY Decoder. \$125. RS DX-390 Shortwave Receiver. \$150.

Contact Chris, KF6IVC @ 707-579-2145 (Home) or 707-582-8743 (voicemail)

WSWSS VHF+ Conference:

The 50 MHz and Up Group of Northern California, Inc. and the Western States Weak Signal Society will hold the annual WSWSSVHF+ Conference October 3, 1998 at the Sunnyvale Hilton, Sunnyvale, California. The conference will have two presentation paths, one for general interest and one for technical specialties. Papers or presentations are being accepted at this time. Topics should be of general VHF+ interest or detailed technical content. Those interested in participating should submit a paragraph outlining content to Jim Moss, 862 Somerset Dr, Sunnyvale, CA 94087; e-mail n9jim@aol.com. See <http://www.qsl.net/wb9ajz/wswss98> for more information.--AMSAT News Service

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Hams track down errant marine transmitter

Hams in Florida recently helped to track down the source of a signal on marine channel 16, the one most often used for emergencies and as a calling frequency. DEC Linda Mullen, AD4BL, reports that WA4IMC was able to find the offending transmitter "through a process of elimination" of reports from other amateurs monitoring the 156.80 MHz signal. Apparently, a sailboat operator had dropped a bag on his marine radio's mike. The signal remained on the air for several hours. "The Coast Guard was in a tizzy," AD4BL reports.--thanks to Nils Millergren, WA4NDA

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SCRA Board Meeting Minutes

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Dave will call Lee Dibble, KE6EAQ, to see if he will do a financial audit of the club's books.

The board will look at 3 restaurants for the Christmas dinner: Los Robles, Michelle's, and Cattlemen's. Will get prices and sample menus.

November meeting room -- Dave N. will check HP in Rohnert Park and the HP Santa Rosa Cafeteria availability.

Need speakers for October and November. Possible subjects are moon bounce, APRS, and Search & Rescue. KELLY: 440 is off air and dead. The power amp that was struck by lightning earlier has finally given out. It will be \$300 to fix or \$430 to buy a used Uniden commercial repeater with 70W, 2 receivers and a power supply included. Discussion about bringing up in front of club meeting was overshadowed by length of time repeater would be off air. Board felt it was important to get repeater back on air quickly. Dave W. motioned to buy new repeater and sell existing repeater. Seconded by Ken. Motion passed. Kelly also said there has been interference with the 2M repeater. This has been caused by problems with power to repeater on English Hill. LARRY: Angel Island Mini-Dxpedition. Food will not be bought by club, but group will use club tents, antennas, etc. Kelly proposed the club write \$25 check to State Park & Rec. Dept. for usage fee. Dave Willey seconded. Motion passed. There are 19 more openings if anyone wants to go.

JAMES: Swap meet: Booth fees are \$10 for inside or outside booths. Kelly will check prices of small Yaesu VX-1R HT for grand prize. Holly to have flyer done by Thursday and e-mail to Ken for posting on web and to James. Flyers will be posted at HSC, Ardco, Radio Shacks, HP, and taken to Livermore swap meet by various board members.

DAVE W. Two people volunteered to do net control. One was from San Francisco, the other is not even a club member. It was agreed that if there are no volunteers to take the nets, there will be no more nets. Will try to sign four people up at next general meeting to rotate for three months.

JOEL: PacBell service was discussed.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:18p.m.

Calling all Radio Amateurs!



NET CONTROL PROCEDURE

BOLD CAPITAL LETTERS = material to be spoken by the Net Control Station (NCS) on the air.
small letters = instructions to you, the NCS.

IMPORTANT: Remember to ID every 10 minutes!

CALLING ALL RADIO AMATEURS, CALLING ALL RADIO AMATEURS, THIS IS (give your name and call), NET CONTROL STATION FOR THE SONOMA COUNTY RADIO AMATEUR SERVICE NET. THIS NET IS SPONSORED BY THE SONOMA COUNTY RADIO AMATEURS, INC. AND MEETS ON THIS FREQUENCY EVERY TUESDAY AT 7 PM.

EMERGENCY TRAFFIC ALWAYS HAS PRIORITY OVER ALL OTHER COMMUNICATIONS. ANY STATION HAVING EMERGENCY TRAFFIC WILL CONTACT NET CONTROL.

SCRA MEMBERSHIP IS OPEN TO ANYONE INTERESTED IN AMATEUR RADIO. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT ANY MEMBER OR WRITE TO: SCRA, PO BOX 116, SANTA ROSA, CA 95402. THE CLUB MEETING IS HELD AT 7:30 PM ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT THE HEWLETT-PACKARD FACILITY ON FOUNTAIN GROVE PARKWAY IN SANTA ROSA UNLESS SPECIFIED OTHERWISE ON THIS NET.

THE PURPOSE OF THIS NET IS TO PROVIDE INFORMATION OF INTEREST TO ALL RADIO AMATEURS.

AT THIS TIME I WILL TAKE STATION CHECK-INS. (The check-in procedure is up to the NCS, although groups of five in any order with no phonetics seems to work as well as any. It is not a hard and fast rule to acknowledge check-ins, but it is a popular practice. The check-in list is not kept after the net.)

THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING IN THE SCRA NET. DO ANY OF THE CLUB OFFICERS HAVE ANY ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE NET?

DOES ANYONE ELSE HAVE ANY ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE NET?

HOPPY, WD6CKP, DO YOU HAVE A NEWSLINE REPORT TONIGHT?

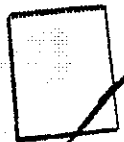
KEN, N6MHG, WHAT DO YOU HAVE IN HANK'S SWAP SHOP FOR TONIGHT?

ARE THERE ANY OTHER COMMUNICATIONS FOR THE NET?

ARE THERE ANY LATE CHECK-INS?

(optional) TOTAL CHECK-INS FOR TONIGHT WAS ____.

THANK YOU FOR LISTENING TO THE SCRA NET. THIS SESSION IS NOW CLOSED. THIS IS (your name and call), NET CONTROL. 73!

SCRA Club Minutes**August 5, 1998****Submitted by Darlene LaMont,
KD6GCK**

Meeting was called to order by President Dave New AA6YX at 7:40pm. Meeting was held in HP Santa Rosa Cafeteria due to evacuation of Building 1 where the meeting is usually held. Dave explained that a scrubber fan, used for air purification, had failed and was being replaced by helicopter.

Visitors: Bill WB6IYS, Rich (no call yet) from Novice Class and Von (no call yet) interested in becoming a 'ham'. There were no new calls or upgrades.

Approval of last month's minutes: Moved by Ted DeCroff, KB6PTA; seconded by Lee Dibble, KE6EAQ. Motion passed.

Activities: Dave Willey, KD6KWM.

FOX HUNT will be on Saturday, August 15, 9a.m. at Piner High School.

ADVANCED CLASS will start next Monday. Cortland Richmond, KA5S, will be instructor. There will be a \$12 ARRL Advanced Class upgrade book required. Course materials haven't arrived yet.

A 10-METER NET is held on 28.45 after the regular Tuesday night SCRA net.

PUBLIC SERVICE: James Dean KF6DHB, said he has some Terrible Two T-shirts for those who haven't picked them up yet. There are two more public service events in September on the 20th and the 26/27th for which volunteers are still needed.

SWAP MEET: James passed around a sign-up sheet.

ELMER PROGRAM: John Breckenridge, WB6FRZ, described the program and passed around a sign-up sheet for students to sign up under the subject they are interested in studying. Students are asked to study up a little in advance.

PATCHES Dave has some club patches available for \$3.00 each.

BOOK LOAN PROGRAM: "2 Meters On Down"-a book on history of ham radio is available for loan.

"Inside Amateur Radio"-vignettes, some humorous. Dave read one aloud. Everyone enjoyed it.

Repeater: Kelly Cureton, KD6CJQ, Tune-up hasn't been done because of heat and unavailability of staff.

NET CONTROL: No volunteers.

NEW BUSINESS: Claude Jones, AB6OL, has 1999 KZST coupon book. New deal; buy 1999 book and get 1998 book free for regular \$25. Our club gets \$10 for every book sold. Claude has 9 left.

ANGEL ISLAND MINI DX-PEDITION: Larry Gustafson, KD6VUM, has this set for August 29/30. Cost is \$6.00 for ferry ride and 4 hours of community service. Fee to club is \$25.00. Dave and Brian Torr, N6IY, went for visit: Community service campground is on northeast side. Will have 3 stations; 2 inverted-V's and a dipole. Battery power only. Lots of sights. Larry will take his boat and is asking for 1 other member to bring a boat to carry flammable liquids. Ferry leaves to island from 10am to 5pm; returns 10:30am to 5:30pm. **BRING OWN FOOD.** Campsite has grills and outhouse. Walk to site is 1.5 miles. Equipment will be hauled; perhaps rides too. Sign-up sheet and a photo album were passed around.

RAFFLE PRIZES: Described by Ken Harrison, N6MHG. **VE EXAM SESSION:** One will be held 8/18 at HP Santa Rosa. It was announced that Laurel Meyer, KC6FXK got her Advanced.

PROGRAM: John Wallack, W6TLK, ARRL SF Section Manager spoke on ARRL League license restructuring.

Pacificon: Will be held Oct 16-18 at Concord Sheraton. The dinner will be in a hangar at the nearby airport.

Thanks to Basham Electronics and HSC Electronics for donating the raffle prizes.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20p.m.

SCRA Board Meeting**August 12, 1998****Submitted by Holly Gleason, KE6MNT**

Officers present: All except Jennifer Dewey, KF6DDQ. Guests: Holly Gleason-KE6MNT, Brian Torr-N6IY, Bill Hillendahl KD6GJV, Larry Gustafson, KD6VUM

Dave New had a number of things to discuss: turnover for next board, nominations committee, member of the year committee, inventory of club equipment/assets, generator, financial audit, Christmas dinner, November meeting room and speakers for Oct/Nov meetings. All officers were asked to come to next board meeting with ideas of folks for next year's Board. It was decided that Larry Gustafson will chair the Member of the Year committee.

Regarding inventory, Kelly has two lists; needs list from Al Bloom. Dave N. will help Kelly get Al's list. Kelly will put serial numbers on all club equipment. He will have an itemized list with serial numbers by September general club meeting. We need storage space for club gear. Would like to know if there are any club members who have room. A storage locker was suggested and will be looked into, but we need 24-hr emergency access. Generator the one we have is old and needs to be replaced. Larry to talk to Hoppy regarding state of current generator; how much we can expect to get if it is sold. Money from sale of generator will be earmarked for new generator. We need to look at cost of new super-quiet generator such as the Honda rented for Field Day.

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