

## Coming Events

### March

20 VE Exam 5:30pm Petaluma

### April

7 SCRA Club Meeting 7:30pm, Santa Rosa Hewlett-Packard, 1400 Fountain Grove Parkway

10 SCRA Fox Hunt 9:00am Piner High School, Fulton Road, Santa Rosa

14 SCRA Club Board Meeting 5:30pm Bank of the West community room, Marlow Shopping Center, Santa Rosa.

16 SCRA Mini-DX Setup at Kendall Jackson Winery 5:00pm

17 SCRA VE Exam 9:00am

17-18 SCRA Mini-Dxpedition @ Kendall Jackson Winery 9:00am-5:00pm

18 MS Walkathon 8:00am-2:00pm

24 Vomarc VE-Exam 9:00AM

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## BAY AREA REPEATER SHUT DOWN AFTER FCC ORDER

The San Francisco area's K7IJ Grizzly Peak repeater system is off the air in the wake of an FCC shut-down order, and the FCC's amateur radio enforcer Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH, says he's been in touch by telephone with the repeater's licensee and owner, Bruce Wachtell of Carson City, Nevada. Citing what it called "an alarming and unacceptable lack of control over the operations of these repeaters," the FCC had notified Wachtell that it was ordering his system shut down for 120 days as of midnight, February 28. The K7IJ system includes repeaters for the 146, 222, and 440 MHz bands.

Wachtell, 64, a shipboard operator on a container vessel, has been at sea in the Pacific and did not receive the FCC's notification. Subsequent efforts to reach him by satellite telephone proved unsuccessful. On March 2, after he had not heard from Wachtell and was unable to contact him, Hollingsworth got the repeater site owner to shut down the four K7IJ machines and lock out access. Hollingsworth said he considered the K7IJ system "a runaway repeater" since the licensee apparently was not in control and was unavailable to the FCC.

Hollingsworth said that while he and Wachtell had a generally fruitful conversation, the repeater will remain shut down, and the FCC still expects Wachtell to respond fully and in writing to FCC inquiries. In his letter to Wachtell, Hollingsworth requested a reply within 30 days as to "any detailed steps you may propose to take to correct the operational problems with your repeater system and in regard to the control operator."

In the meantime, the FCC continues to look into "actions and omissions" of the individual identified as the K7IJ control operator, Blake B. Jenkins, N6YSA, as well as the conduct of an alleged secondary control operator Steven R. Rossi, KE6LNH. Hollingsworth said the FCC has information indicating that Jenkins "invited unlicensed operators to use the repeater, encouraged jamming, and has otherwise taken no action to control the repeater systems to ensure compliance with our rules."

The K7IJ shutdown has put some repeater operators into a panic, Hollingsworth said. "There is no general cause for alarm," he advised. The only repeater owners who need to be worried are those who fail to maintain control over their repeaters, he said.

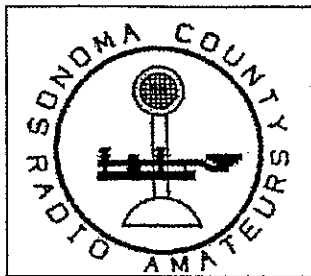
In a related move, the FCC also set aside recent license grants or upgrades of four operators while it continues its investigation. The FCC said three of the four--James C. Walker, KF6VAA; Michael J. Nichols, KF6UAS; and Eric B. Shuler, KF6BMG (ex-KF6UJU)--used the K7IJ system before obtaining their amateur licenses. The Commission said it had evidence that the fourth operator, Gordon B. Reese III, KF6QKA, was "engaging in rebroadcasts of cordless telephone calls and other broadcasting, along with profanity & obscenity." The FCC has permitted Reese, who had just upgraded to Tech Plus, to retain his Technician operating privileges for now. Hollingsworth said he's been in touch with all four individuals and will carefully consider their written explanations.

The FCC also issued warnings to Mervyn Ehambrave about alleged unlicensed operation on the K7IJ repeater, and to Timmy O Sheen Sr, N6MZA, about alleged jamming and rebroadcasts of cordless phones.

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**1999 Club Officers**

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**CLUB MEETINGS**

7:30pm on the first Wednesday of 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. 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: April 7<sup>th</sup>**  
 7:30pm  
 Home brew!!!!

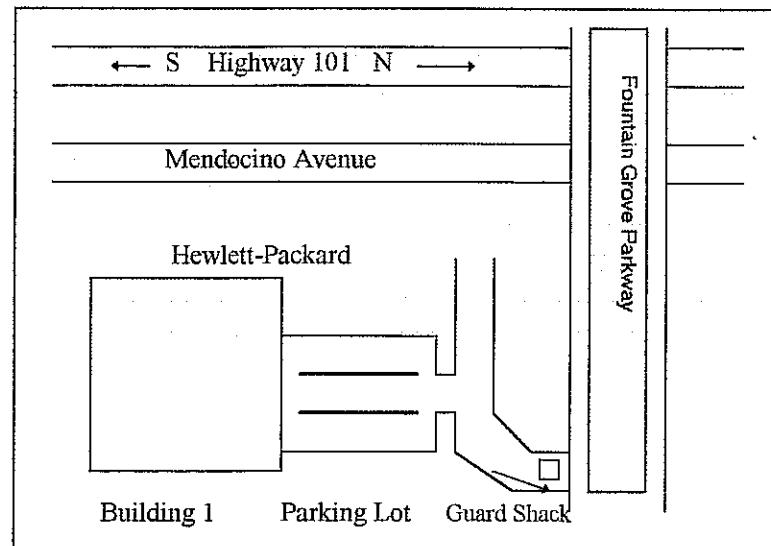
**Tuesday Night Net**

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

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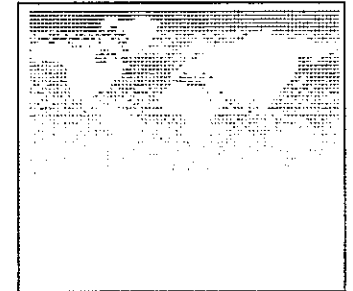
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Merl	N6VUC	584-3898
Joel	KJ6LF	545-1782
Larry	KD6VUM	523-0266

**Application for Membership in SCRA**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Call sign \_\_\_\_\_ License Class \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

New  Renewal

**SCRA Dues:** The renewal date is March 1<sup>st</sup>. Dues are \$18/year for individuals and \$27/year for families. New member initiation (badge) fee is \$6/person. New member dues are prorated at \$1.50/month for individuals and \$2/25 per month for families starting at renewal time.

**ARRL Dues:** \$34/year or \$28/year for seniors with proof of age. (Under 21 rates require application form.)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Public Service Events                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Helping with SCRA Flea Market               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Services                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Acting as Net Control Station               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Taking a Novice or Technician class   | <input type="checkbox"/> Helping with VEC license exams              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Teaching a Novice or Technician class | <input type="checkbox"/> Field Day and other operating events        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Taking an upgrade class               | <input type="checkbox"/> Helping with <i>Short Skip</i> (newsletter) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Teaching an upgrade class             | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                                 |

**BADGE (New Members Only)**

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

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City: \_\_\_\_\_

**Auto slot Request:** Licensed SCRA members are entitled to a repeater auto slot. Fill in the information below to apply and send the form to: SCRA, PO Box 116, Santa Rosa CA 95402

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Hank's Swap Shop

Hosted by Ken Harrison, N6MHG

### FOR SALE: 3-9-99 Listing.

**ICOM 730 HF Rig** - w/ power supply, mic. \$500.  
 Cushcraft HF Vertical antenna - \$200.  
 Kenwood TR-7950 - 2m. mobile with power supply. \$300.  
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 150 W. out. Ex. cond. w/mic, manual, factory box.  
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 Contact Steven @ 707-664-8199 or email:  
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**Cushcraft 13B2 2 Meter Beam** - 13 elements on a 15'  
 boom, Asking \$50  
 Down East Microwave 432MHz transverter - model  
 432-28, 28MHz IF, 30Watts, includes second crystal  
 installed, Asking \$250  
 Henry 2K Classic Amplifier (80M-10M); newer model;  
 excellent shape; 2 x 3-500Z; console model; comes  
 with manual. Asking \$700.  
 MFJ IsoLoop Antenna (30M-10M continuous); control  
 through coax; control box included; great for limited  
 space. Asking \$200

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Outbacker Perth antenna (80M-10M including  
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 Asking \$195.  
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 778-9150 or email: n6oj@jps.net

**WANTED:** No wants at this time.

## Upcoming Events

### Livermore Swap Meet

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month at Las Positas College in  
 Livermore, 7:00am to 12:00pm all year. Talk in  
 147.045 from the west, 145.35 from the east. For  
 more info, contact Cliff Kibbe, KF6EII (209)-835-  
 6715 or e-mail larkswap@hotmail.com

### VOMARC Club Meetings

3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month in McDougal Hall at the  
 Sonoma Developmental Center, 15000 Arnold Drive,  
 Eldridge Meetings start @ 19:30 local

### REDXA Club Meetings

3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month, 7:15pm. Carrows  
 Resturant in Petaluma

## The Belated February Board Meeting Minutes

Board Members Present: Larry Gustafson KD6VUM, Steve Brink KF6RCH, Bill  
 Hillendahl KH6GJV, Joel Nadler KJ6LF, Brian Torr N6IY, Greg Gordon AC6VJ and  
 John Mullan KD2LQ.

Board Members Absent: Dave New AA6YX and Kelly Cureton KD6CJQ.

Guests Present: Jeff Basham KF6TGQ, Rich Freitas KF6SZA and Wes Chapman  
 K7DXG.

1. Call to Order, Verification of Quorum, Introductions - The meeting was called to  
 order by Vice President Steve KF6RCH at 5:32 PM. The meeting was held at the  
 Bank of the West meeting room at Guerneville and Marlow Roads. A quorum was  
 present in that seven of the nine board members were present.  
 Bill KH6GJV moved that Jim Cardillo-Lee KE6VGV be appointed as interim  
 Member-at-Large to replace Tracy Reese who resigned at the last membership  
 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.
2. Approval of Minutes - Bill KH6GJV moved that the minutes of the Board meeting of  
 January 13, 1999, be approved as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.
3. Officer & Director Reports
  - a. Treasurer
    - i. Current Financial - Joel KJ6LF reviewed the club financials with the  
 Board. Joel noted that about 50% of the 1999/2000 dues had been  
 received to date. The dues envelope seems to be working. Joel presented  
 various invoices to the Board for payment. Joel moved that the discussed  
 bills be paid. The motion passed unanimously.
    - ii. Bill Payment Policy - Joel presented a draft routine bill payment policy.  
 The policy will accommodate the prompt payment of routine club bills.  
 Specific vendors were identified to include in the policy. Steve KF6RCH  
 moved that the policy identified as 1999 Board of Directors Policy 99-1  
 be approved. The motion passed unanimously. The policy will be  
 attached to the minutes.
  - b. Officers - Reservation of Michele's for the 1999 Christmas party was discussed.  
 Bill KH6GJV moved that the \$100 deposit to reserve the room at Michele's be  
 paid. The motion passed unanimously.
  - c. Directors - No reports.
4. Committee Reports
  - a. Activities Committee
    - i. DXpedition - Larry KD6VUM: The notices to the radio magazines were  
 sent out; the event will operate on three bands with one back-up band.  
 Custom versus off-the-shelf logging software was discussed. The club has  
 used Hyperlog and Prolog. Both loggers lacked the ability to track  
 operator. A contest software like Log-NA may work. Jeff KD6TGQ will  
 look into the offer to produce custom software. BoD Meeting Minutes  
 2-10-99
    - ii. Field Day - Greg AC6VJ will chair the event. Board members will assist  
 in the planning and execution. Locations were discussed: Finley Park,  
 Youth Park and Franklin Park. The locations will be toured on Sunday,  
 February 14th at Noon starting at Finley Park.
    - iii. Swap Meet - The reward versus the risk and work was discussed. A more  
 accessible site would be preferred. The Petaluma Marina parking lot or  
 Petaluma Big 4 Rents location were discussed and will be investigated. It  
 may also be more advantageous to hire a catering wagon to provide food  
 and the club realize a percentage of the sales.
  - b. Newsletter - Holly Gleason KE6MNT had resigned as Editor. Larry KD6VUM  
 appointed Wes Chapman K7DXG as Newsletter Editor.
    - i. Personnel Corrections in Newsletter - Wes will correct the listings.
    - ii. Listing of Other Clubs in the Calendar - It was agreed that it was  
 important to promote the amateur radio community as a whole. The Board  
 members agreed that other club activities should be listed in Shortskip.
  - c. Public Service Committee - John KD2LQ reported that the short Vineman in  
 March does not need the communications. April will bring the MS Walkathon.  
 The Mini-Vineman will be held on June 20th. The full Vineman will be on July  
 31st. The Waves to Wine event will be September 26 and 27th. John will be  
 making calls for participation.
  - d. Repeater Committee - No report.
    - i. Net Control Operators for the Weekly Net - Members at the meeting  
 signed up for dates covering through April.

5. Unfinished Business
  - a. Meeting Programs - Mar - Cliff Vaniman WB7PSE on Personal and  
 Family Emergency Preparedness; April - Homebrew Night
  - b. Club Calendar - No changes.
  - c. Life Membership - The award was located and reviewed by the Board. The  
 award will be personally presented by several members as soon as possible.
  - d. Storage of Club Property
    - i. Location of Generator - Larry KD6VUM reported that he received a call  
 from John Wallack about a month ago saying that he would bring the  
 generator back from Yorkville. Larry will handle this matter.
    - ii. Storage Facilities - Larry KD6VUM and Bill KH6GJV presented storage  
 unit costs that they had collected. Steve KF6RCH moved that Larry and  
 Bill be authorized to rent a facility at a cost up to \$40 per month for club  
 property. The motion passed with one abstention.
    - iii. Club Property Inventory - Steve KF6RCH will monitor the inventory as  
 club Vice President. He will continue to identify outstanding club  
 property. Bill suggested that the club Radio Shack 2 meter HT be given  
 to Steve to hold.
6. New Business
  - a. Weekly Net Attendance Raffle - There being no objections, this item will be  
 deferred until the next meeting.
7. Announcements - None.
8. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM

## Insignificant things to think about...

(From the ARNS Bulletin)

Why are a wise man and a wise guy opposites?

Why do overlook and oversee mean opposite  
 things?

If lawyers are disbarred and clergymen  
 defrocked, doesn't it follow that electricians  
 can be delighted, musicians denoted, cowboys  
 deranged, models deposed, tree surgeons  
 debarked and dry cleaners depressed?

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## SCRA Club Meeting Minutes

From February meeting.

Submitted by Bill Hillendahl KH6GJV

February 3, 1999

1. Call to Order, Verification of Quorum - The meeting was called to order by President Larry Gustafson KD6VUM at 7:37 PM at the Santa Rosa HP facility. There were 54 people present.
  - a. Introductions
    - i. Visitors - Wes McCoy KF6USC, Chris Wikeen KF6CAU, James Judson KF6ICY and his family Ann and Michele, Sam KD6PSA and Bill McCall were introduced.
    - ii. New Calls and Upgrades - None
2. Approval of Minutes - The minutes of the January 6, 1999, meeting were not printed in Shortskip as submitted. Item 2 - Approval of Minutes should have read, "Minutes of the December meeting were not published." John Mullan KD2LQ moved that the minutes be approved as corrected. The motion passed.
3. Officer & Director Reports
  - a. Treasurer - There being no objection, this item was deferred until the next meeting.
  - b. Officers - None.
  - c. Directors - Tracy Reese WB6TMY resigned as a Member-at-Large of the Board of Directors as he is unable to attend the meetings. Volunteers for the position are Jim Cardillo-Lee KE6VGV, Phil Humes KF6GNH and Henry Tate KE6ORF. A special election will be held at the next membership meeting.
4. Committee Reports
  - a. Activities Committee - Greg Gordon AC6VJ reported that he is looking for Field Day and Swap Meet Chairmen.
  - i. DXpedition - Larry Gustafson KD6VUM reported on the event which will be held on April 17 and 18th.
  - iii. Fox Hunt - No report.
  - b. Newsletter Editor - Holly Gleason KE6MNT submitted her resignation. Wes Chapman K7DXG volunteered to take over the post.
- c. Public Service - John Mullan KD2LQ reported that the first event will be a "pre-event" for the Vineman. It will be a bike ride on March 27th. Volunteers to staff the event will be appreciated.
- d. Repeater Committee - No one was present to make a report.
5. Unfinished Business
  - a. Joel Nadler KJ6LF distributed the Hamcall CDs to those who had ordered them
6. New Business
  - a. Larry KD6VUM asked for volunteers to act as Net Control for the weekly club net. He also discussed the possibility of a raffle to increase net check-ins.
7. Show & Tell - Dave Willey KD6KWM showed a dual band 2 meter/220 Mhz J-pole he was building. Cullen Tendick W6TDR showed a coil that he had built for a centerloaded 80 meter whip.
8. Recess - The meeting went into recess at 8:13 PM and resumed at 8:29 PM.
9. Program - Cortland Richmond KA5S gave a presentation on RFI tracking.
10. Raffle
  - a. Regular - The raffle prizes donated by Basham's Electronics and HSC Electronics were raffled off.
  - b. Membership - Not conducted.
11. Announcements
  - a. Next Program - The program for the next meeting will be Cliff Vaniman WB7PSE who is the Santa Rosa Fire Marshall. He will talk on personal and family emergency preparedness.
  - b. Board Meeting next Wednesday at Bank of the West, Guerneville and Marlow at 5:30PM.
  - c. John KD2LQ announced that a CPR class will be conducted on March 6th at the HP facility in Rohnert Park. All are welcome.
12. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 9:14 PM.

## March 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting Minutes

Sonoma County Radio Amateurs, Inc.

Membership Meeting 3-3-99

### MINUTES

1. Call to Order, Verification of Quorum - The meeting was called to order by Vice President Steve Brink KF6RCH at 7:35 PM at the Santa Rosa HP facility. There were 58 people present.
  - a. Introductions
    - i. Officers & Directors - The club officers and directors were introduced.
    - ii. Visitors - Frank Henry KE6CSK, Peter Newman KF6ABS and Bill McCall were introduced. Brad Larsen KF6USB was introduced as a new member.
    - iii. New Calls and Upgrades - None
2. Approval of Minutes - There being no objection, approval of the February meeting minutes was deferred until the next meeting.
3. Officer & Director Reports
  - a. Treasurer - Joel Nadler KJ6LF reported the current club account balances, and, the income and expenses for the last reporting period. Joel reminded members to renew their ARRL dues through the club as the club gets to keep \$2 for each renewal. Club dues are payable now.
  - b. Officers - President Larry Gustafson KD6VUM presented the following awards: Jim Pelmuider N6PTM was presented a Life Membership in SCRA for his many years of dedication to SCRA and the amateur radio community. The Life Membership was originally authorized by the 1997 Board of Directors. Kelly Cureton KD6CJQ, Jennifer Dewey KD6DDQ and Joel Nadler KJ6LF were presented award plaques for their service on the 1998 Board of Directors.
  - c. Directors - None
4. Committee Reports
  - a. Activities Committee
    - i. Spring Bud Break Mini-DXpedition - Larry Gustafson KD6VUM reported on the event which will be held on April 17 and 18th. Signup lists for operators and setup crew were passed out.
    - ii. Fox Hunt - Greg Gordon AC6VJ reported that Mike Miller WB6TMH has volunteered to head up the T-Hunts.
    - iii. Field Day - Larry KD6VUM reported that this year's FD will once again be at Youth Park. Finley Park was already reserved. Setup will be on Friday, June 25th. Operating will take place on Saturday and Sunday, June 26th and 27th. All are welcome to participate.
  - b. Newsletter Editor - Wes Chapman KD7DXG said that Shortskip was not sent out this month as he was getting his feet wet on the process. Look for the new Shortskip for next month.
  - c. Public Service - John Mullan KD2LQ reported that it was decided that the club was not needed for the Vineman "pre-event" on March 27th. The MS Walk-a-thon will take place on Sunday, April 18, from 8 AM until 1 or 2 PM. Eight volunteers to staff the event will be appreciated.
  - d. Repeater Committee - Kelly KD6CJQ reported that they had worked on the repeaters last Saturday. The new filter and preamp on the 2 meter repeater seems to be working well. The new crystals were installed in the 440 repeater and appear to be stable. The repeater is operating at about ten watts right now. It will be brought up to normal operating power in the near future. They changed the antenna connectors on the 220 system.
5. Unfinished Business - None
6. New Business
  - a. Election of Member-at-Large - Nominations were opened for the vacant director position. Jeff Basham KF6TGQ was nominated by Joel KJ6LF. Jim Robinson KE6UAR moved that nomination be closed. The motion passed. Candidates for the position were Jeff Basham KF6TGQ, Jim Cardillo-Lee KE6VGV, Phil Humes KF6GNH and Henry Tate KE6ORF. The candidates made presentations. Ballots were distributed. Jim Cardillo-Lee KE6VGV was elected.
  - b. Ken DeBrecht WB6NOV reported on the operation of a special event station on the USS Hornet Museum on the weekend of March 20th. The event would coincide with the Navy/Marine "Forward from the Sea Expo" that weekend.
7. Show & Tell - The member show and tell was conducted.
8. Recess - The meeting went into recess at 8:10 PM and resumed at 8:30 PM.
9. Program - Santa Rosa Fire Marshall Cliff Vaniman WB7PSE gave a presentation on Personal and Family Emergency Preparedness.
10. Raffle
  - a. Regular - The raffle prizes donated by Basham's Electronics and HSC Electronics were raffled off.
  - b. Membership - The membership raffle was conducted.
11. Announcements
  - a. Next Program - The program for the April meeting will be the annual Home Brew Night & Contest
  - b. Board Meeting next Wednesday at Bank of the West, Guerneville and Marlow at 5:30PM.
12. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 PM.

### Editor's Note



Allow me to introduce myself. I can do that because I'm the editor and the little disclaimer on page two that no ones reads says I can do pretty much whatever I want as long as I don't mess with Bill's minutes. My name is Wesley Chapman, K7DXG and I'm the new editor of Short Skip. I've been a resident of the Northern Bay Area for around 13 years.

I am a new Ham, currently holding a No Code Technician rating (ham-lite my Elmer claims) but I practice code every night with the goal of being at least a Tech Plus by Field day.

Thanks for welcoming me into the SCRA and I look forward to many great issues of Short Skip.

## Sonoma County Radio Amateurs, Inc.

### Board of Directors Meeting 3-10-9

#### MINUTES

Board Members Present: Steve Brink KF6RCH, Bill Hillendahl KH6GJV, Joel Nadler KJ6LF, Jim Cardillo-Lee KE6VGV, Brian Torr N6IY, Greg Gordon AC6VJ, John Mullan KD2LQ and Wes Chapman K7DXG.

Board Members Absent: Larry Gustafson KD6VUM, Dave New AA6YX and Kelly Cureton KD6CJQ.

Guests Present: Jeff Basham KF6TGQ, Lee Dibble KE6EAQ, Cortland Richmond KA5S and Sue Mullan.

1. Call to Order, Verification of Quorum, Introductions - The meeting was called to order by Vice President Steve KF6RCH at 5:36 PM. The meeting was held at the Bank of the West meeting room at Guerneville and Marlow Roads. A quorum was present in that seven of the nine board members were present.
2. Approval of Minutes - Bill KH6GJV moved that the minutes of the Board meeting of February 10, 1999, be approved as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.
3. Officer & Director Reports
  - a. Treasurer
    - i. Current Financial - Joel KJ6LF reviewed the club financials with the Board. Joel noted that about 140 of the 1999/2000 dues had been received to date. He reported that \$15 was sent to the ARRL QSL Bureau as per an e-mail authorization from the Board Members. He will prepare a Fiscal year End (2-28-99) financial report for the next meeting.
    - b. Officers - Steve KF6RCH reported that he had received the club HTX202 2 meter handheld from Larry KD6VUM. There are still two club awards to be presented: Dave New AA6YX for his service last year and Jim Rutherford WB6PER for his service in 1996. Also discussed was the e-mail Bill KH6GJV had sent to the board members regarding the recent FCC action against a Berkeley repeater system, its trustee and control operators. Of specific concern was the FCC's demand for documentation of powers, authority and duties from the trustee to the control operators. Bill's concerns were if the FCC was requiring formal paperwork for the control operators and the possibility of the club being viewed as having an absentee trustee. The general consensus of the board members was that SCRA has a close-knit relationship between the trustee and the control operators. A wait and see position was felt appropriate to see what transpired with the Berkeley system to see if a more formal, written relationship with the control operators will be needed in the future. No action was taken.
    - c. Directors - Jim KE6VGV reported that he had checked with the California Secretary of State and found that the 1998 annual Statement of Domestic Non-Profit Corporation had not been filed by the 1998 Board of Directors. He said that the office of the Secretary of State informed him that failure to file the annual statement could bring a \$250 fine to the club. The 1999 report has already been filed by Bill KH6GJV. Joel KJ6LF will review the club checkbook to confirm that the annual filing fee was not issued for the 1998 report and report back to the Board.
4. Committee Reports
  - a. Activities Committee
    - i. Spring Bud Break Mini-DXpedition - Steve KF6RCH reported for Larry KD6VUM that all was on track for the event. Bill KH6GJV showed the announcement that appeared in the April edition of World Radio. Bill also stated that he was going to purchase a copy of the NA logging program for possible use in the event and for Field Day. NA allows recording of the operator in the log, which the prior DXpedition participants wanted.
    - ii. Field Day - The event will return to Youth Park. Wes K7DXG has secured a Honda 5KW generator for the club to use. John KD2LQ will again serve as chef for Saturday dinner and Sunday breakfast. Dinner will be BBQ chicken and ribs. Fred Leoni N6YEU has offered the use of his tubular pushup tower for Field Day and the Bud Break.
    - iii. Swap Meet - Jim KE6VGV said that he had talked to the City of Petaluma about the use of the Petaluma Marina parking lot. The City would approve the use with a small fee. Permission would have to be obtained from the Marina Building manager. Bill KH6GJV gave the property manager's name and number to Jim. Wes K7DXG had also had some talks with Big 4 Rentals to see if the club could use their lot.
- iv. Fox Hunt - Greg AC6VJ reported that Mike Miller WB6TMH had agreed to take over the T-Hunt activity. Mike had expressed concern about the poor attendance. It was felt that a class and/or a club program should be conducted on hunting. Chris Stewart KE6MNR had done this in the past. Brian N6IY will contact Chris, who is currently in Japan, to see if he is interested.
  - b. Newsletter - Wes Chapman K7DXG
  - i. Personnel Corrections in Newsletter - Bill KH6GJV went over corrections in the club personnel listings with Wes.
  - ii. Listing of Other Clubs in the Calendar - Bill KH6GJV gave the REDXA meeting dates to Wes. Bill reported that he had asked VOMARC for a list of their dates. It has not been received yet. Bill reported that VOMARC asked if SCRA members would want to help with the VOMARC Swap Meet on April 24th. They need VEs to help man the test session.
  - c. Public Service Committee - John KD2LQ reported the following events:
    - April 18th - MS Walkathon 8AM to 1 or 2 PM. Finley Park
    - May 1st - Wine Country Century Bike Race
    - June 20th - Mini-Vineman
    - July 31st - Full Vineman
    - September 26/27th - Waves to Wine
  - d. Repeater Committee - No report.
  - i. Net Control Operators for the Weekly Net - 3/16 RMW, 3/23 TGQ, 3/30 GJV, 4/6 DXG, 4/13 IY
5. Unfinished Business
  - a. Meeting Programs - April - Homebrew Night; May - Contesting for Beginners (REDXA) possible; June - Field Day preparations
  - b. Club Calendar - No changes.
  - c. Storage of Club Property
    - i. Location of Generator - The generator has not been returned from Yorkville as of yet. Larry KD6VUM is handling the issue. Larry has been informed that an longtime SCRA member has located two boxes of old records. They may have information on the origin of the generator.
    - ii. Storage Facilities - A possible free storage area is being explored. Steve said that Larry will clean out Claude Jones' trailer when he returns.
  - d. Club Property Inventory
    - i. Advanced Class Instructor Materials - Bill KH6GJV had received the Advanced Class materials from Cortland KA5S. These materials were not on the club property inventory prepared by the 1998 board. Bill gave a list of the materials to Steve and will hold them until the storage facility issue is resolved. Bill advised that there are materials for the Novice/Tech class still unaccounted for.
    - ii. Status of Hunt for Other Club Property - Steve KF6RCH will be reviewing equipment as it appears for the Spring Bud Break and Field Day. He will be updating the inventory list and developing a formal tracking system for the future. Steve has the club HTX202.
6. New Business
  - a. ARRL Special Service Club status - Joel had advised Bill that SCRA no longer appeared in QST as a Special Service Club. Bill stated that he had already sent an e-mail to the ARRL to see what happened and what is needed to get reinstated. Bill found the 1998 ARRL club and Special Service Club report forms in the records turned over to him. They had not been completed and sent in to the ARRL by the 1998 board. Joel reported that he had updated the club report via the internet late in 1998. It appears that the Special Service Club reporting form had not been sent in. Bill will follow up on the matter.
  - b. Weekly Net Attendance Raffle - Feeling that net participation is good, this issue was dropped.
  - c. Life Membership - Granting Life Membership to (name deleted) for years of dedicated service to SCRA and the amateur radio community was discussed. Steve KF6RCH moved that the Life Membership be granted. The motion passed unanimously.
  - d. Computer Donation - Lee Dibble KE6EAQ reported that he was aware that Bank of America was looking for non-profits to which they would donate desk-top and lap-top computers. Lee said that a letter needed to come from the club to ask for the donation. Bill KH6GJV moved that a letter be sent. The motion passed. Bill and Lee will get together and put together the letter.
  - e. HP Access for Meetings - Brian N6IY asked if anyone had had any problems recently gaining access at the HP gate for the meetings. No one reported any problems. Brian gave Bill a copy of the memo he sent to HP Security for the club records.
7. Announcements - None.
8. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM

# Money Matters

SCRA INCOME AND EXPENSES  
2/13/98 - 3/31/98

ASSETS as of 2/13/98

Cash and Bank Accounts	
SCRA Checking	2055.70
SCRA Petty Cash	79.60
SCRA Savings	1493.63
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TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts	3628.93

## INFLOWS

ARRL Inc	214.00
DUES	1318.75
MONTHLY RAFFLE	47.50
REFRESHMENT INC	19.41
SHORTSKIP INC	256.00
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TOTAL INFLOWS	1855.66

## OUTFLOWS

ACTIVITIES:	
FIELD DAY	75.00
ARRL MEMBERSHIP	200.00
BADGES, NEW MEM	19.35
MEM. SUPPLIES	13.01
REFRESHMENTS	11.97
REPEATER:	
MAINTENANCE	77.78
PHONE	35.51
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TOTAL REPEATER	113.29
SHORTSKIP EXP	391.01
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TOTAL OUTFLOWS	823.63

ASSETS as of 3/31/98

Cash and Bank Accounts	
SCRA Checking	3083.82
SCRA Petty Cash	83.51
SCRA Savings	1493.63
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TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts	4660.96

From ARRL Headquarters  
Newington CT March 8, 1999  
To all radio amateurs  
FCC SEQUENTIAL CALL SIGN UPDATE

The following is a list of FCC sequentially assigned call signs issued as of March 1, 1999. For more information about the sequential call sign system, see Fact Sheet PR5000 #206S or contact the FCC, 1270 Fairfield Rd, Gettysburg, PA 17325-7245, e-mailfccitd@fcc.gov.

District    Group A    Group B    Group C    Group D  
Extra    Advanced    Tech/Gen    Novice

0	AB0IJ	KI0PK	++	KC0FBU
1	AA1UI	KE1KZ	++	KB1DSM
2	AB2GA	KG2QA	++	KC2ESG
3	AA3SE	KF3CO	++	KB3DLO
4	AF4NO	KU4YO	++	KG4CDR
5	AC5SG	KM5UL	++	KD5GLP
6	AD6HY	KQ6ZR	++	KF6VBR
7	AB7AN	KK7SG	++	KD7EHA
8	AB8DT	KI8HT	++	KC8LVJ
9	AA9WX	KG9PG	++	KB9UFG

N. Mariana Is NH0K AH0BC KH0HW H0ABK  
Guam ++ AH2DK KH2UC WH2ANZ  
Hawaii NH7V AH6PS KH7JZ WH6DFJ  
American Samoa AH8R AH8AH KH8DN WH8ABG  
Alaska AL0N AL7RJ KL0SI WL7CVA  
Virgin Islands ++ KP2CP NP2KJ WP2AIK  
Puerto Rico NP3Z KP3BM WP3BH WP4NOM

++All call signs in this group have been issued in this district.



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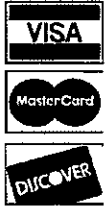
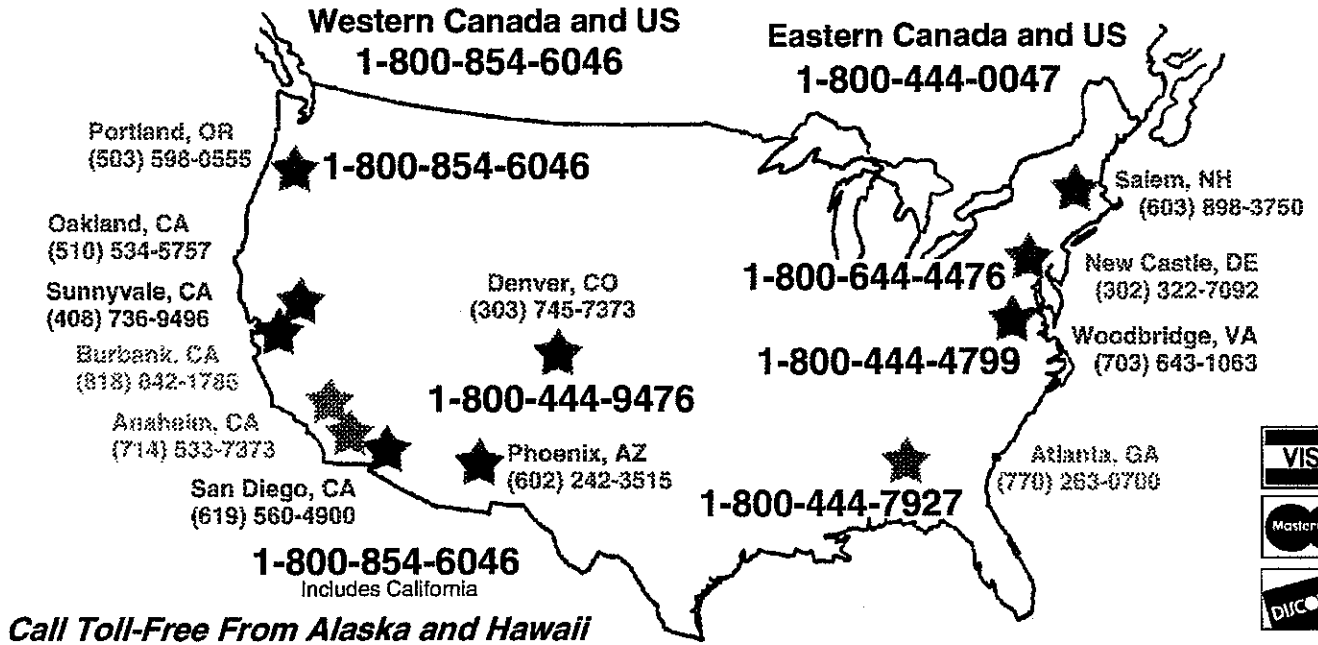
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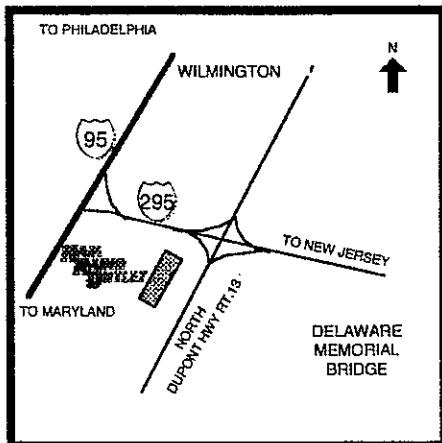
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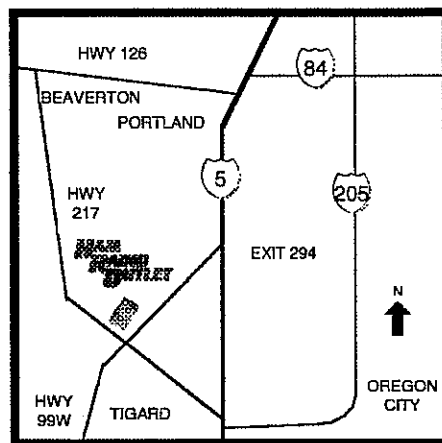
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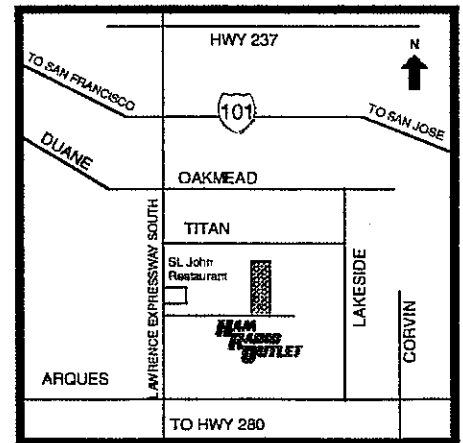
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