# Coming Events

```
lune
25th SCRA Field day setup - Youth Park, Santa Rosa
26th & 27th ** Field Day **
     SCRA Club Meeting 7.30pm - Hewlett Packard 1400 Fountain Grove Parkway
     SCRA Fox Hunt 9.00am - Piner High School, Fulton Rd, Santa Rosa
      SCRA Board Meeting 5.30pm - 8979 Conde Lane Windsor
     SCRA VE Exam - 9.00am Hewlett Packard 1400 Fountain Grove Parkway Talk-in
                          146,730
```

Sonoma County Radio Amateurs, Inc. PO Box 116 Santa Rosa CA 95402-0116

**BULK RATE** U.S. POSTAGE PAID SANTA ROSA CA

PERMIT NO. 658

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Year Paid = 1999 BILL HILLENDAHL KH6GJV P. O. BOX 4151 SANTA ROSA, CA 95402-4151



Club Station W6LFJ

# **Short Skip**



Sonoma County Radio Amateurs, Inc.

PO Box 116, Santa Rosa, CA 95402-0116

Repeater Station W6SON

146.730 MHz • 224.48 MHz • 441.375 MHz

Volume 24 Number VI

June 1999

# Become the 'Ultimate' Dx'er

Join the SCRA in the search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence! By Jeff Basham KF6TGQ, Larry Gustafson KD6VUM, Wesley Chapman K7DXG

Larry KD6VUM and I (KF6TGQ) have created a SCRA SETI team. SETI is an acronym for Search For Extraterrestrial Intelligence. The project is based at UC Berkeley. SETI@home is a scientific experiment that will harness the power of hundreds of thousands of Internet-connected computers in the Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence (SETI). There's a small but captivating possibility that your computer will detect the faint murmur of a civilization beyond Earth.

How SETI@home works Story by Ron Hipschman The Problem — Mountains of Data

Most of the SETI programs in existence today, including those at UC Berkeley build large computers that analyze that data from the telescope in real time. None of these computers look very deeply at the data for weak signals nor do they look for a large class of signal types. The reason for this is because they are limited by the amount of computer power available for data analysis. To tease out the weakest signals, a great amount of computer power is necessary. It would take a monstrous supercomputer to get the job done. SETI programs could never afford to build or buy that computing power. There is a trade-off that they can make. Rather than a huge computer to do the job, they could use a smaller computer but just take longer to do it. But then there would be lots of data piling up. What if they used LOTS of small computers, all working simultaneously on different parts of the analysis? Where can the SETI team possibly find thousands of computers they'd need to analyze the data continuously streaming from Arecibo? The UC Berkeley SETI team has discovered that there are already thousands of computers that might be available for use. Most of these computers sit around most of the time with toasters flying across their screens accomplishing absolutely nothing and wasting electricity to boot. This is where SETI@home (and you!) come into the picture. The SETI@home project hopes to convince you to allow us to borrow your computer when you aren't using it and to help us "... search out new life and new civilizations." We'll do this with a screen saver that can go get a chunk of data from us over the internet, analyze that data, and then report the results back to

Continued on page 3

Call sign

First Name

#### 1999 Club Officers PRESIDENT Larry Gustafson KD6VUM 523-0266 VICE-PRESIDENT Stephen Brinck KF6RCH 415-693-7095 SECRETARY Bill Hillendal 538-0331 KH6GJV TREASURER KJ6LF 545-1782 Joel Nadler MEMBERS-AT-LARGE N6IIY 575-5871 Brian Torr Jim Cardillo-Lee KE6VGV REPEATER CHAIRMAN KD6CJQ 837-9434 Kelly Cureton ACTIVITIES AC6VJ 523-7077 Greg Gordon PUBLIC SERVICE John Mullen KD2LQ 575-9176 PAST PRESIDENT Dave New AA6YX 820-6608 SHORT SKIP STAFF **EDITOR** Wesley Chapman K7DXG 206-0669 CIRCULATION Ken Harrison N6MHG 539-2701 AUDIO TAPING John Breckenridge WB6FRZ Laurel Meyer KC6FKX **Bob Phillips** N6RMW Ken Harrison N6MHG SWAP SHOP EDITOR Ken Harrison N6MHG SCRA Webmaster N6MHG Ken Harrison Assistant Webmaster Claude Jones AB6OL

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.

SCRA HOTLINE: 707-579-9608 Web Address: http://cds1.net/scra

Short Skip On-line: http://cds1.net/shortskip

Next Meeting: July 7<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm **Dayton Hamfest** 

# **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 Am

### Short Skip Advertising Rates **Business Cards:** First Quarter Column: \$11 Each Additional Quarter Column \$3 Full Page, one side \$32 Pre-printed inserts \$32/sheet

Guaranteed Circulation of 200 per month.

; Short Skip is published monthly by the Sonoma County Radio Amateurs, Inc. Per do not necessarily represent the views of the SCRA and/or its editors. Letters, photos, and articles sent to the editor are subject to editing, publication, or rejection at the

S Hig	hway 101 N		
	<del>}</del>		
Mendox	cino Avenue	ountain	
Hewlet	t-Packard	Fountain Grove Parkway	<u> </u>
		way	

### SHORT SKIP SONOMA COUNTY RADIO AMATEURS, INC. **CONTACTS**

ARRL Public Relations	Steve Camiglia	KV6A	579-9608
QSL Manager	Fred Leoni	N6YEU	431-8202
TVI/RFI	Al Bloom	NIAL	538-7115
Field Day	Greg Gordon	AC6VJ	523-7077
Education	Greg Gordon	AC6VJ	
VEC Exams	Bill Kinder	KO6ZG	894-9591
Refreshments	Ted DeCroff	KB6PTA	
Meeting Raffle	Ken Harrison	N6MHG	
Membership Lottery	Jeff Basham	KF6TGQ	575-9354
Activities/Foxhunts	Greg Gordon	AC6VJ	523-7077
Antenna Ordinance/Legal	Lee Dibble	KE6EAQ	



Repeater Control Op's			
Kelly	KD6CJQ	837-9434	
Ken	N6MHG	539-2701	
Steve	KV6A	579-9608	
Merl	N6VUC	584-3898	
Joel	KJ6LF	545-1782	
Larry	KD6VUM	523-0266	

Application	for Membership in SC	RA
Name	Call sign	License Class
Address	Phone	Date
City Zip	E-mail	
New Renewal		
member initiation (badge) fee is \$6/person. New n \$2/25 per month for families starting at renewal tin ARRL Dues: \$34/year or \$28/year for seniors wi Make che	ne.	21 rates require application form.)
I WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION ABOU  (	<ul><li>Helping with SC</li><li>Acting as Net Co</li><li>Helping with VE</li><li>Field Day and ot</li><li>Helping with Sho</li></ul>	ontrol Station
BADGE (New Members Only) ill in this section exactly as you want it to appear n your badge.	to a repeater auto slo	st: Licensed SCRA members are entitle ot. Fill in the information below to apply SCRA, PO Box 116, Santa Rosa CA

ır	to a repeater auto slot. Fill in the information below to appl and send the form to: SCRA, PO Box 116, Santa Rosa CA
<del></del>	95402 Name:
-	Call sign:

Phone Number:

### Sonoma County Radio Amateurs, Inc. Board of Directors Meeting 6-9-99

#### MINUTES

Board Members Present: Larry Gustafson KD6VUM, Steve Brink KF6RCH, Bill Hillendahl KH6GJV, Joel Nadler KJ6LF, Jim Cardillo-Lee KE6VGV, Greg Gordon AC6VJ and John Mullan KD2LQ.

Board Members Excused: Brian Torr N6IIY

Board Members Absent: Kelly Cureton KD6CJQ, Wes Chapman K7DXG and Dave New AA6YX.

Guests Present: Bill McCall KF6VNR and Sue Mullan.

- Call to Order. Verification of Quorum, Introductions The meeting was called to
  order by Vice President Steve KF6RCH at 5:43 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 ten voting board members were present.
- Approval of Minutes Bill KH6GJV moved that the minutes of the Board meeting of May 12, 1999, be approved as amended. The motion passed unanimously.
- Officer & Director Reports
- a. Treasurer
- Current Financial Joel KJ6LF reviewed the income, expenses and balances in the club accounts. Steve KF6RCH moved that the Treasurer be authorized to purchase 60 first class postage stamps. The motion passed. John KD2LQ moved that the Treasurer be reimbursed for the Quicken accounting software update. The motion passed.
- b. Officers No reports.
- c. Directors No reports.

#### 4. Committee Reports

- a. Activities Committee
- i. Field Day 6/25-27 Bill and Larry will co-ordinate office supplies for FD. Public Service Announcements were given to Ted KB6PTA to give out to radio stations. The county communications trailer 2929 (formerly OES-1) will not be available. It is being reworked. Six tables, ten chairs, the generator, two BBQs and a grill will be obtained from Big 4 Rents. Larry will purchase the EZ-Up canopy approved by, but not purchased by last year's BoD. Setup will be on Friday the 25th starting at 2 PM. Larry, Joel and Jeff KF6TGQ will be staying over Friday night to watch the equipment. John KD2LQ showed a Timex large digit clock that might be modified to show 24-hour time. Joel KJ6LF moved that the club purchase five MFJ Dual-Time clocks. The motion did not pass. Joel KJ6LF moved that the club purchase six clocks, either Timex if they can be modified to display 24-hour format or MFJ single display clocks. The motion passed. John KD2LQ said that he will be shopping for the food on Thursday before FD.
- ii. Swap Meet Jim KE6VGV reported that the Petaluma Marina office building is not available. Greg AC6VJ said that the Petaluma Poultry Products lot may be available. Food service by Richardson's Ribs was out. Willie Bird's did not reply. Jim KE6VGV will check on a catering truck suggested by Joel and on using Luchese Park.
- Repeater Steering Committee Lee Dibble KE6EAQ is Chairman. Next meeting will be on Thursday, July 8th at 6:30 PM at Round Table Pizza by Coddingtown.
- iv. PCAM Special Event Aug 21/22 Co-ordinated by EARS. No report.
   b. Newsletter Wes Chapman K7DXG Wes was not present to make a report.
- c. Public Service Committee John KD2LQ reported the following events: June 20th - Mini-Vineman - Starts at 6 AM on Sunday. Information will be sent to volunteers shortly.

June 26th - Terrible Two - Event seems to be staffed.

July 31st - Full Vineman

September 26/27th - Waves to Wine

- d. Repeater Committee No one was present to make a report,
- Net Control Operators for the Weekly Net 6/15 RMW, 6/22 IIY, 6/29 LF, 7/6 VGV, 7/13 TGQ, 7/20 RMW, 7/27 RCH, 8/3 VUM, 8/10 VGV, 8/17 RMW, 8/24 VNR, 8/31 LF

#### 5. Unfinished Business

- Meeting Programs July Dayton Hamvention; August Repeater Resources. Future program ideas - Member Shacks and Use of the Club's Spectrum Analyzers.
- Club Calendar No changes.
- c. Storage of Club Property
- Storage Facilities Larry has most of the property at this time. He has not had the opportunity to explore the offer of free storage made by a club member. He will continue working on this issue.
- d. Club Property Inventory Steve KF6RCH will start updating the inventory at Field Day.
- c. Club Stationary Bill KH6GJV reported that he had found about a ream of old letterhead with the old WB6PVS callsign on it and envelopes. The BoD members asked Bill to get a price on new letterhead.
- f. Dipole Antenna Purchase Joel reported that the W9INN was going to out of service for about sixty days. The antenna will be made and shipped late in the Summer.
- g. Club Shirts/Logo Larry KD6VUM had the logo screens made for silk-screening shirts. Cost of a printing run will depend on the number of shirts. No one presented shirts from the Spring Bud Break for printing. The issue of screened versus embroidered logos was discussed. Bill KH6GJV will look into who made the embroidered club patches and if the program was available to sew on to shirts.

#### 6. New Business

- Board Retreat The BoD members felt that there was no need for a mid-year retreat.
- b. New BoD Meeting Place Bill McCall KF6 VNR offered his conference room as a meeting place. There being no objections, the BoD agreed to use the conference room and thanked Bill McCall. Larry KD6 VUM asked the BoD members to indicate whether a 6 or 6:30 PM meeting time was better. The preference was for 6:30 PM. The BoD meetings will continue to be held on the second Wednesday of each month, but will be located at the offices of Masters Touch Mortgage, 8979 Conde Lane, Windsor, CA. The meetings will start at 6:30 PM.
- c. Magnetic Signs Bill KH6GJV discussed some magnetic signs that he had seen at Dayton. The signs promote amateur radio and the special event/emergency communications services that the ham community provides. They can be produced with the club logo. Members in the past have asked for such signs. Bill will bring in samples to the next meeting.
- 7. Announcements None
- Adjournment The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM

Sonoma County Radio Amateurs, Inc.



A note from the editor

CQ, CQ, CQ DE K7DXG...

Hi everyone, I'm looking for someone with artistic talents who would be interested in drawing stuff for Short Skip. I am going to purchase a scanner soon and I see great potential. If you're interested please contact me at 707-206-0669 (weird prefix but it is a local call)or by E-mail: westerly@pacbell.net 73's and Thanks!!!

Continued from front page...

When you need your computer back, our screen saver instantly gets out of the way and only continues it's analysis when you are finished with your work. It's an interesting and difficult task. There's so much data to analyze that it seems impossible! Fortunately, the data analysis task can be easily broken up into little pieces that can all be worked on separately and in parallel. None of the pieces depends on the other pieces. Also, there is only a finite amount of sky that can be seen from Arecibo. In the next two years the entire sky as seen from the telescope will be scanned three times. We feel that this will be enough for this project. By the time we've looked at the sky three times, there will be new telescopes, new experiments, and new approaches to SETI. We hope that you will be able to participate in them too! If you are interested in participating in this project as part of the SCRA team, please visit the SETI@home web site to download the software. The software is available for Windows, Macintosh, and UNIX. After you download the software, during the installation process you will create an account. You will then have to get your password by visiting: http://setiathome.ssl.berkeley.edu After having your password emailed to you, return to the SCRA SETI Team Page at: http://setiathome.ssl.berkeley.edu, click on Groups, go to the bottom of the page and run a search for SCRA. Once our club is located, the statistics and members are listed. Click 'Join This

See you at the next general meeting!

of the SCRA SETI Team.

Group', you will be asked for your email address

that information, you will be participating as part

and password. After completing the form with

## Hank's Swap Shop FOR SALE:

FREE! - Two 220 MHz beam antennas. Pick up ONLY

Contact Rick, K6ZWB @ 707-575-4455

Compaq Presario 7232 Computer - 120 MHz.,1.2 Gig HD, 75 Meg of mem. CD Rom, 1.44 FD., 28.8 Modem, Packard Bell Monitor with Amp. and speakers mounted on sides of monitor, Super Good Phone system answering mach. Fax, Also a Epson Stylus IIs Color Printer. \$400. Contact Bill, KA6JLP @ 707-823-5652 or email: billkik@msn.com

Swan Astro 102BX SSB/CW transceiver.

160-10 meters (no WARC). Can do split operation, 100 watts output, all factory updates, with matching PSU-6 power supply/speaker unit. 110/220 vac. \$500. INDEX LABS QRP+ SSB/CW transceiver, 5 watts (adj.) QRP rig. All band receiver with transmit on all bands, internal keyer, digital display, memories, w/mic. \$420. DENTON 160-40V Vertical Antenna for 160 through 40 meters. Unused. \$30. ICOM IC-735 SSB/CW transceiver, 100 watts, general coverage receiver, 160-10 meters including WARC bands, narrow CW filter, w/matching PS-55 power supply. \$725.

Contact Ken, N6KM @ 707-938-2626 or email: kmct@vom.com

HyGain 153 BAS 3 element, 15 meter mono band yagi. \$25. ICOM IC-751A HF transceiver. \$500. Contact John, W6TLK @ 707-833-1873 or email: jwallack@jps.net

TRI-EX Tower - Model LM-470D. Weight 1148 lbs. Height extended 70'. Height nested 23'6". Self supporting Ham and Industrial Crankup with 40:1 ratio winch. Top section can accommodate Ham-IV or prop pitch motors. Can support 16 sq ft @ 60 MPH. Down and ready to move. \$2000 /BO Contact Bill, N6GHG @ 707-431-8636

### WANTED:

No wants at this time.

### SCRA INCOME AND EXPENSES

5/21/99 - 6/13/99

ASSETS AS OF 5-21-99

CASH AND BANK ACCOUNTS SCRA CHECKING 3333.91 SCRA PETTY CASH 96.62 SCRA SAVINGS 1543.14

TOTAL CASH AND BANK ACCOUNTS \$4973.67

### INFLOWS

ARRL INC	28.00
DONATION INCOME	6.65
DUES	85.50
REFRESHMENT INC	10.35
SHORTSKIP INC	10.00

TOTAL INFLOWS

\$140.50

### **OUTFLOWS**

ACTIVITIES: FIELD DAY	7157.67
ARRL MEMBERSHIP	26,00
BADGES, NEW MEM	40.68
BADGES, REPLACE	5.38
OVERHEAD:	
MISCELLANEOUS	10.00
OFFICERS'EXP	19.80
REFRESHMENTS	11.97
REPEATER: PHONE	19.58

TOTAL OUTFLOWS

\$291.08

### ASSETS

CASH AND BANK ACCOUNTS
SCRA CHECKING 3191.33
SCRA PETTY CASH 88.62
SCRA SAVINGS 1543.14

TOTAL CASH AND BANK ACCOUNTS \$4823.09

# More on the K7IJ Repeater

ARRL PACIFIC DIVISION UPDATE
JULY 1999
by Brad Wyatt, K6WR, Director, Pacific Division, ARRL

June 1999

[UPDATE] OAKLAND, CA: The FCC has dismissed the pending Amateur Radio application of James C. Walker, formerly KF6VAA. In February, the FCC had set aside Walker's Technician class grant in conjunction with the K7IJ repeater shutdown, alleging that Walker had transmitted on the K7IJ repeater before getting his amateur license. In a letter to Walker May 26, FCC Legal Adviser Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH, dismissed Walker's stillpending Technician application. Hollingsworth said the Commission had evidence that, despite the setaside. Walker had continued to transmit on amateur frequencies using KF6VAA and had been operating on the WA6SEK 145.21 MHz repeater in the Stockton, California, area. Walker was warned May 20 about that operation. Hollingsworth issued a second warning notice for unlicensed radio operation in his May 26 letter. He said that if Walker later reapplies for an amateur license, he would have to attest that he had ceased unlicensed operation. Hollingsworth also said that the FCC wants to resolve issues related to Walker's operation on the K7IJ and WA6SEK repeaters before it entertains another amateur application from Walker. Hollingsworth said that Walker could face criminal prosecution if he operates radio transmitting equipment again without a license. The call sign KF6VAA no longer appears in the FCC database.

# BASHAM'S ELECTRONIC SUPPLY

345 West College Ave., Santa Rosa, CA 95401 (2 Doors West of Dution Ave.)

Mon.- Fri. 8:00-5:30 Saturday 9:00-12:00 Sunday Closed Steve Basham

(707) 527-6000 (800) 675-7557 Fax (707) 527-1368

### Membership Meeting 6-2-99

#### MINUTES.

- Call to Order, Verification of Quorum The meeting was called to order by President Larry Gustafson KD6VUM at 7:40 PM at the Santa Rosa HP facility. There were 37 people present.
  - a. Introductions
    - Officers & Directors The club officers and directors introduced themselves.
    - ii. Guest Speaker Field Day presentation by club members.
    - iii. Visitors Betty Brown WA6KQC introduced herself.
    - iv. New Calls & Upgrades Andy Goldstein KF6TYQ upgraded to Advanced and changed his callsign to KR6BF.
- Approval of Minutes Bill Hillendahl KH6GJV read the minutes of the May 5, 1999, meeting. Bill moved that the minutes of the May 5, 1999, meeting be approved as read. The motion passed.
- 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. No one ordered a new callbook CD. Joel also asked if anyone knew of a meeting place for the Board of Directors. The Bank of the West branch was moving and the meeting room would no longer be available. Bill McCall KF6VNR offered the conference room at his office in Windsor. Location: Masters Touch Mortgage, 8979 Conde Lane, Windsor.
- b. Officers None.
- c. Directors None
- 4. Committee Reports
- Activities Committee Greg Gordon AC6VJ announced the coming events. 6/3
  Repeater Steering Committee at Round Table Pizza on Montecito Blvd. at 6:30 PM;
  6/6 Livermore Swap Meet; 6/12 Foothill Swap Meet; 6/16 REDXA meeting at
  Petaluma Carrows at 7 PM; 6/26-27 Field Day
  - i. Field Day John Mullan KD2LQ circulated a signup sheet for Field Day meals. The menu will be chicken and ribs. Pre-event dinner sales are now open at \$8 per meal. Cost the day of the event will be \$10. Dinner will be at 6 PM on Saturday and breakfast will be at 8 AM on Sunday. Larry KD6VUM will be getting the media information out. Larry said that with the county communications trailer not being available that the club needed to purchase another tent for VHF/UHF operations. Bill KH6GJV moved that the club purchase another tent. The motion passed.
- b. Newsletter Editor No report. Members were invited to submit articles of interest to the membership.
- c. Public Service John Mullan KD2LQ took signups for the 6/20 Mini-Vineman and the 6/26 Terrible Two bike race. The Mini-Vineman starts at 6 AM. The TT starts at about 7 AM. John needs volunteers to help out from 5 to 10 PM on the TT.
- d. Repeater Committee Kelly Cureton KD6CJQ reported that he and Ken Harrison N6MHG had spent time at the Sonoma Mountain site last Monday. The 440 repeater transmitter power was bumped up to about 60 watts. The Uniden transceiver needs to come off the site to have the frequency drift problem fixed. He expressed concern about a repeater in the Sacramento Valley area that shares the same frequency conflicting if the repeater is off the air for too long. The 220 repeater was cleaned and is now operating better. It has a power output of about 55 watts and the antenna shows an SWR of 1.3 to 1. Kelly also reviewed how to deal with jammers on the air.
- 5. Unfinished Business
- a. QSL Cards Larry KD6VUM laid out QSL cards that had been received. Larry encouraged members to pick up the cards of stations that they had worked for their own collections. Some of the cards date back to the 1996 Alcatraz trip.
- 6. New Business None.
- 7. Show & Tell Jeff Basham KF6TGQ showed a dualband telescoping antenna for HTs by Pryme. The antenna sells for about \$35.
- 8. Recess The meeting went into recess at 8:24 PM and resumed at 8:43 PM.

9. Program - Field Day - Larry KD6VUM made a presentation on the Field Day layout and setup at Youth Park. Brian Torr N6IIY showed the membership the logging and "duping" process.

#### 10. Raffle

- a. Regular The raffle was not conducted.
- Membership The membership raffle was conducted. Greg Gordon AC6VJ was drawn. Greg was present and won 6.65.
- 11. Announcements
- Next Program The program for the July meeting will be on the Dayton Hamvention.
- b. Board Meeting next Wednesday at Bank of the West, Guerneville and Marlow at 5:30PM.
- Andy KR6BF asked for help obtaining 20 wpm code tapes. John Breckenridge WB6FRZ offered his help.
- d. Rich Freitas KF6SZA announced that the Empire Amateur Radio Society was coordinating a trip to the Rail Fair '99 in Sacramento on Saturday, June 19th. They will be leaving the east Macy's parking lot at Coddingtown at 8 AM. Everyone is responsible for their own tickets.
- e. Al Bloom N1AL has an article in the most recent edition of OST.
- f. Ken DeBrecht WB6NOV spoke about the new radio club forming on the Red Oak Victory ship in Richmond. They currently have about 12 members. Ken also reported that a website was up for the USS Hornet radio club.
- g. Larry KD6VUM showed the new president's badge. A similar Life Member badge is available. All past presidents and life members are eligible to receive a badge at club expense. Contact the club Secretary to order.
- 12. Adjournment The meeting was adjourned at 9:47 PM.

Operate with NO transmitter or antenna in your mobile home, apartment or antenna restricted residence!!!!

The Full Duplexers club

www.jps.net/radions/amateur.htm

707-527-8127





# Serving You From Coast to Coast and Around the World



# Order Toll-Free From a Location Near You

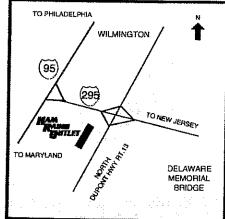
If your closest 800 number is busy, please call one of our other numbers.

Phone Hours: 9:30 AM to 5:30 PM Monday - Saturday

24-Hour Internet Ordering: http://www.hamradio.com 24-Hour FAX Order Lines: At All 12 Locations

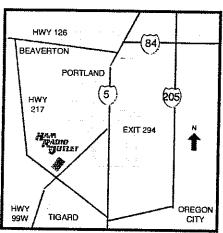
Jack KG7LX Mgr

Rene K7YG

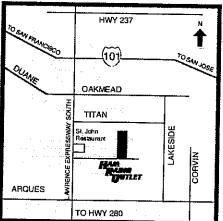


NEW CASTLE, DE 19720
1509 North Dupont Hwy, US13 Bob N9GG Mgr
Parkway Plaza
(302) 322-7092 Hick K3TL, Glenn N3WIM
(800) 644-4476 Gene K1NR,

24 Hour Fax (302) 322-8808



PORTLAND, OR 97223 11705 S.W. Pacific Hwy (99W) Suite Z (503) 598-0555 (800) 854-6046 24 Hour FAX (503) 684-0469



SUNNYVALE, CA 94086 510 Lawrence Expwy, #102 (408) 736-9496 (800) 854-6046 24 Hour FAX (408) 736-9499

6 Ken K1ZKM Mgr Jack AC6FU Rob W6KR George WB6DSV Roy W6II, Jim W6KVA Jon Harry KB6RR

Phone Orders

Joe KI3B, Eli

West 1-800-854-6046 • Mountain / Central 1-800-444-9476 • Southeast 1-800-444-7927

# Easy Operation Overseas Now a Reality for US Hams:

perating overseas and in certain South American countries just got much easier for US hams. The FCC has implemented the European Conference of Postal and Telecommunications

Administrations (CEPT) Recommendation T/R 61-01 that eliminates the need to obtain a special license or permit for US hams wishing to operate for brief visits to most European countries. In addition, the ARRL has begun issuing International Amateur Radio Permits to simplify operation by US hams in certain South American countries.

Earlier this year, the US rendered paperless operation by hams from countries that have a reciprocal operating agreement with this country. Alien operators no longer need to file an FCC Form 610A to operate here. Alien visitors to the US holding an amateur license issued by their home country may operate in the US without submitting any FCC paperwork--provided that a reciprocal operating agreement is in effect between the two countries. The only documentation required is proof of citizenship and an Amateur Radio license issued by the country of citizenship. These arrangements are similar to long standing arrangements between the US and Canada.

The US State Department applied for US participation in CEPT Recommendation T/R 61-01 in 1997, and the request was approved in principle in early 1998. On June 7, 1999, the FCC put the final pieces of the CEPT arrangement into place by issuing a Public Notice in English, German, and French that spells out the basic information about Amateur Radio operation in CEPT countries. To operate in a CEPT country, US hams only need a copy of the Notice, their original Amateur Radio document, and proof of US citizenship (a US- issued passport or a birth certificate should suffice). The documents must be shown to authorities that ask to see them.

US hams holding any license class but Novice are eligible to operate in CEPT countries. A US citizen with a Technician ticket may be authorized privileges equivalent to a CEPT Class 2 (i.e., VHF-only) license, while a US citizen holding a higher class license may be authorized CEPT Class 1 (i.e., all amateur and amateur-satellite) privileges.

The authorization is for use of a portable or mobile station only, including stations set up at hotels or a camping site. Authorization is also granted for US hams to operate the stations of permanent licensees in host countries. The use of Amateur Radio aboard an aircraft is not allowed, however.

To identify while overseas. US stations will use their assigned call signs preceded by the CEPT call sign prefix for the country or territory visited. Stations that are mobile or portable must so indicate following the call sign

by declaring "portable" or "mobile" on phone or by signing "/P" or "/M" on CW. For example, if W1AW were operating portable in France, it would identify as "F stroke W1AW portable" on phone or as "F/W1AW/P" on CW.

US licensees operating under this agreement overseas cannot request protection against harmful interference. Operators must abide by the provisions of the ITU Radio Regulations as well as CEPT Recommendation T/R 61-01 and the regulations in force in the host country. This means that US operators planning to operate in other countries must become familiar with that country's regulations and frequency allocations, paying special attention to regional differences. For example, the 40-meter band in Europe and the UK only runs from 7.0 to 7.1 MHz.

Participating CEPT countries as of June 7, 1999, include Austria, Belgium, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France (including Corsica, Guadeloupe, Guiana,

Martinique, St Bartholomew, St Pierre et Miquelon, St Martin, and Reunion/Dependencies), Germany, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Monaco, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Romania, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, and the United Kingdom (including Great Britain, Northern Ireland, the Channel Islands, and the Isle of Man). For updates, visit the ERO Web site, http://www.ero.dk and click on "Implementation," then "Decision/Recommendation," then "T/R-61-01".

The ARRL has begun issuing the International Amateur Radio Permit (IARP) that allows US amateurs to operate from Argentina, Brazil, Peru, Uruguay, and Venezuela without having to obtain a special license (the US and Canada also are CITEL signatories). The IARP is valid in any country that is a signatory to the CITEL Amateur Convention.

Similar to the CEPT license, there are two classes of IARP. The Class 1 IARP--available to Tech Plus and higher class licensees—requires knowledge of Morse code and carries all operating privileges. The Class 2 IARP--equivalent to the US Technician ticket--does not require knowledge of Morse code and carries all privileges above 30 MHz. An IARP is not a license, but it certifies the existence of a license. There's a \$10 application fee to obtain an IARP from the ARRL. Complete information on CEPT and IARP operation, including an IARP application form and a copy of the FCC Public Notice on CEPT, is available from the International Operating page on ARRLWeb, http://www.arrl.org/field/regulations/io/.

The new procedures affect operation only in participating CEPT (European) and CITEL (Central and South American) countries. They do not changethe procedures for US hams wishing to operate overseas in countries that are not CEPT participants or CITEL Amateur Convention signatories.

### Update on the Amateur Radio Spectrum Protection Act:

It's round two in Congress for the Amateur Radio Spectrum Protection Act. At the request of the ARRL, Rep Michael Bilirakis introduced the 1999 version of the proposed legislation, HR 783, on February 23. As of June 8, the bill had received 66 co-sponsors including Pacific Division Congresswoman Mink (HI - 2), Congressmen Farr (CA - 17), Miller (CA - 7), Campbell (CA - 15) and Abercrombie (HI - 1). [in order of co-sponsorship] The Pacific Section has a clean sweep! Great work in so short a time!

The bill is aimed at ensuring the availability of spectrum to Amateur Radio operators. It would protect existing Amateur Radio spectrum against reallocations to or sharing with other services unless the FCC provides "equivalent replacement spectrum" elsewhere. Bilirakis, a Florida Republican, also sponsored last year's measure, which attracted upwards of 83 cosponsors on both sides of the aisle. Rep Frank Pallone Jr., a New Jersey Democrat, is the initial cosponsor of the 1999 bill.

ARRL Legislative and Public Affairs ManagerSteve Mansfield, N1MZA, says the 1999 bill "is largely the same as last year's HR 3572." The major difference is that the 1999 version adds "Amateur Satellite Service" frequencies to "Amateur Radio Service" in detailing the frequencies that would be afforded protection under the act.

Specifically, HR 783 would amend the Communications Act to require the FCC to provide "equivalent replacement spectrum" to Amateur Radio and the Amateur Satellite Service in the event of a reallocation of primary amateur allocations. It would also require equivalent replacement spectrum in case of any reduction in secondary amateur allocations, or "additional allocations within such bands that would substantially reduce the utility thereof" to amateurs.

Mansfield said it's too soon to predict how HR7 83 will fare in the new Congress, but said the fact that it has been introduced so early in the session "bodes well for our prospects." He said that a number of the cosponsors from last year already have indicated an interest in signing on again, "so I think we'll have a lot of support."

A copy of the measure is available via the THOMAS Web site,. http://thomas.loc.gov/

Thanks, ARRL Bulletin and THOMAS Web site.

If at first you don't succeed, then skydiving definitely isn't for you...

A conscience is what hurts when all your other parts feel so good. ©

# **Coming Events:**

Livermore Swap Meet - 1st Sunday of each month at Las Positas College in Livermore, 7:00 AM to noon, all year. Talk in 147.045 from the west, 145.35 from the east. Contact Cliff Kibbe, KF6EII, (209) 835-6715, e-mail: larkswap@hotmail.com.

Foothill Flea Market - 2nd Saturday of each month from March to October at Foothill College, Los Altos Hills, CA.

ARRL Field Day, June 26-27. For complete details, see May QST pages 95 and 96. General contest rules are on the ARRL web site at <a href="http://www.arrl.org/contests/">http://www.arrl.org/contests/</a>.

Amateur Radio Techfest sponsored by the Humboldt ARC - Saturday, July 31 and Sunday, Aug. 1 at the Humboldt County Fair Grounds in Ferndale, CA. Contact: Marci (KE6IAU) at (707) 442-3866, email marcidon@quick.com or Clem, (WA6TVQ) at (707) 445-2336, email clem@humboldt1.com. Talk-in 146.85 (minus), no PL.

## REDXA Invitational No-Host BBQ

Friday, August 6th from 7 PM San Francisco Yacht Club 98 Beach Road, Belvedere (Marin) \$10 per person; Cash bar available RSVP (mandatory) by Friday, July 30 via Bill H6GJV at 544-4944 or KH6GJV@arrl.net

Special Event Station at the Pacific Coast Air Museum Air Show Sponsored by the Empire Amateur Radio Society Members of all clubs are invited to participate. August 21 and 22 Members wishing to assist with planning, setup and operating, please contact Bill KH6GJV at 544-4944 or H6GJV@arrl.net

# ARRL Pacific Division Convention (PACIFICON99)

Concord, CA., Oct. 15 - 17. Contact Dick Brown, KT6X, (925) 676-9048, email -accon99@pacbell.com.

# HSC ELECTRONIC SUPPLY

\* NEW LOCATION! \*

5681 Redwood Drive, Rohnert Park

## **RAMSEY KITS**

- VHF power amplifiers
- All-mode HF receivers
- QRP CW Transmitters
- Etc...

## **ARRL BOOKS**

- ARRL Handbook
- License Manuals
- Antenna Books
- Etc...

# OAK HILLS QRP KITS

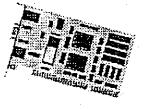
- Transceivers: 80, 40, 30 & 20M
- Wattmeters
- SCAF Filters
- MFJ accessories
- Code keys
- Van Gorden Antennas
- Surplus Electronics
- Tools, parts, etc...

# YOUR IBM CLONE HEADQUARTERS

FROM PC-AT'S TO STATE-OF-THE-ART PENTIUM SYSTEMS,
YOU'LL FIND IT AT HSC







- Complete systems
- Cases, Supplies, Motherboards
- Hard/Floppy Discs, Monitors
- I/O Cards, Memory Chips
- Software, etc...



Ed Jacobson "A860L"

Store Manager

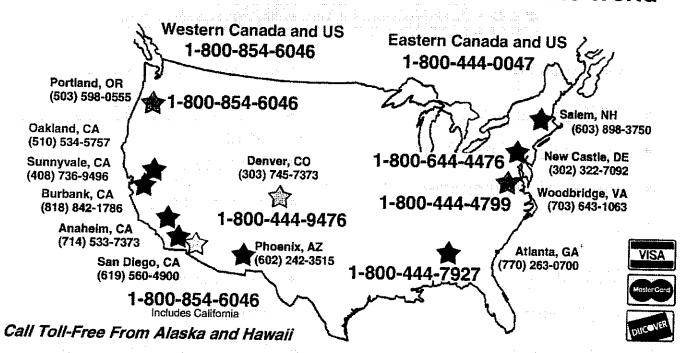
5681 REDWOOD DRIVE ROHNERT PARK, CA 94928

PH: (707) 585-7344 FAX: (707) 585-7597

-8-



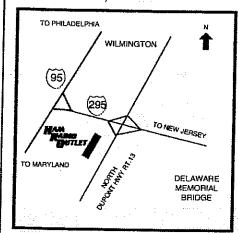
# Serving You From Coast to Coast and Around the World



# Order Toll-Free From a Location Near You

If your closest 800 number is busy, please call one of our other numbers. Phone Hours: 9:30 AM to 5:30 PM Monday - Saturday

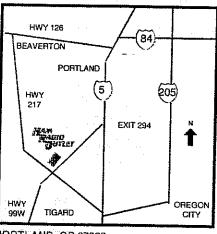
24-Hour Internet Ordering: http://www.hamradio.com 24-Hour FAX Order Lines: At All 12 Locations



**NEW CASTLE, DE 19720** 

1509 North Dupont Hwy, US13 Bob N9GG Mgr Parkway Plaza (302) 322-7092 (800) 644-4476 24 Hour Fax (302) 322-8808

Jimmy KA3LLL Rick K3TL, Glenn N3WIM Joe KI3B, Eli

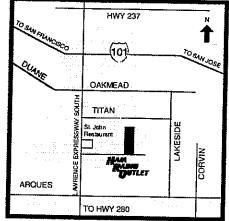


PORTLAND, OR 97223 11705 S.W. Pacific Hwy (99W) Suite Z (503) 598-0555

24 Hour FAX (503) 684-0469

(800) 854-6046

Jack KG7LX Mor Rene K7YG Ron W7ATX



SUNNYVALE, CA 94086 510 Lawrence Expwy, #102 (408) 736-9496 24 Hour FAX (408) 736-9499

Ken K1ZKM Mar Jack AC6FU George W86DSV Roy W6II, Jim W6KVA

Phone Orders

West 1-800-854-6046 • Mountain / Central 1-800-444-9476 • Southeast 1-800-444-7927

# Easy Operation Overseas Now a Reality for US Hams:

perating overseas and in certain South American countries just got much easier for US hams. The FCC has implemented the European Conference of Postal and Telecommunications Administrations (CEPT) Recommendation T/R 61-01 that eliminates the need to obtain a special license or permit for US hams wishing to operate for brief visits to most European countries. In addition, the ARRL has begun issuing International Amateur Radio Permits to simplify operation by US hams in certain South American countries.

Earlier this year, the US rendered paperless operation by hams from countries that have a reciprocal operating agreement with this country. Alien operators no longer need to file an FCC Form 610A to operate here. Alien visitors to the US holding an amateur license issued by their home country may operate in the US without submitting any FCC paperwork--provided that a reciprocal operating agreement is in effect between the two countries. The only documentation required is proof of citizenship and an Amateur Radio license issued by the country of citizenship. These arrangements are similar to long standing arrangements between the US and Canada.

The US State Department applied for US participation in CEPT Recommendation T/R 61-01 in 1997, and the request was approved in principle in early 1998. On June 7, 1999, the FCC put the final pieces of the CEPT arrangement into place by issuing a Public Notice in English, German, and French that spells out the basic information about Amateur Radio operation in CEPT countries. To operate in a CEPT country, US hams only need a copy of the Notice, their original Amateur Radio document, and proof of US citizenship (a US- issued passport or a birth certificate should suffice). The documents must be shown to authorities that ask to see them.

US hams holding any license class but Novice are eligible to operate in CEPT countries. A US citizen with a Technician ticket may be authorized privileges equivalent to a CEPT Class 2 (i.e., VHF-only) license, while a US citizen holding a higher class license may be authorized CEPT Class 1 (i.e., all amateur and amateur-satellite) privileges.

The authorization is for use of a portable or mobile station only, including stations set up at hotels or a camping site. Authorization is also granted for US hams to operate the stations of permanent licensees in host countries. The use of Amateur Radio aboard an aircraft is not allowed, however.

To identify while overseas, US stations will use their assigned call signs preceded by the CEPT call sign prefix for the country or territory visited. Stations that are mobile or portable must so indicate following the call sign

by declaring "portable" or "mobile" on phone or by signing "/P" or "/M" on CW. For example, if WIAW were operating portable in France, it would identify as "F stroke WIAW portable" on phone or as "F/WIAW/P" on CW.

US licensees operating under this agreement overseas cannot request protection against harmful interference. Operators must abide by the provisions of the ITU Radio Regulations as well as CEPT Recommendation T/R 61-01 and the regulations in force in the host country. This means that US operators planning to operate in other countries must become familiar with that country's regulations and frequency allocations, paying special attention to regional differences. For example, the 40-meter band in Europe and the UK only runs from 7.0 to 7.1 MHz.

Participating CEPT countries as of June 7, 1999, include Austria, Belgium, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France (including Corsica, Guadeloupe, Guiana,

Martinique, St Bartholomew, St Pierre et Miquelon, St Martin, and Reunion/Dependencies), Germany, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Monaco, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Romania, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, and the United Kingdom (including Great Britain, Northern Ireland, the Channel Islands, and the Isle of Man). For updates, visit the ERO Web site, http://www.ero.dk and click on "Implementation," then "Decision/Recommendation," then "T/R-61-01".

The ARRL has begun issuing the International Amateur Radio Permit (IARP) that allows US amateurs to operate from Argentina, Brazil, Peru, Uruguay, and Venezuela without having to obtain a special license (the US and Canada also are CITEL signatories). The IARP is valid in any country that is a signatory to the CITEL Amateur Convention.

Similar to the CEPT license, there are two classes of IARP. The Class 1 IARP--available to Tech Plus and higher class licensees—requires knowledge of Morse code and carries all operating privileges. The Class 2 IARP--equivalent to the US Technician ticket-does not require knowledge of Morse code and carries all privileges above 30 MHz. An IARP is not a license, but it certifies the existence of a license. There's a \$10 application fee to obtain an IARP from the ARRL. Complete information on CEPT and IARP operation, including an IARP application form and a copy of the FCC Public Notice on CEPT, is available from the International Operating page on ARRLWeb, http://www.arrl.org/field/regulations/io/.

The new procedures affect operation only in participating CEPT (European) and CITEL (Central and South American) countries. They do not changethe procedures for US hams wishing to operate overseas in countries that are not CEPT participants or CITEL Amateur Convention signatories.

### Update on the Amateur Radio Spectrum Protection Act:

It's round two in Congress for the Amateur Radio Spectrum Protection Act. At the request of the ARRL, Rep Michael Bilirakis introduced the 1999 version of the proposed legislation, HR 783, on February 23. As of June 8, the bill had received 66 co-sponsors including Pacific Division Congresswoman Mink (HI - 2), Congressmen Farr (CA - 17), Miller (CA - 7), Campbell (CA - 15) and Abercrombie (HI - 1). [in order of co-sponsorship] The Pacific Section has a clean sweep! Great work in so short a time!

The bill is aimed at ensuring the availability of spectrum to Amateur Radio operators. It would protect existing Amateur Radio spectrum against reallocations to or sharing with other services unless the FCC provides "equivalent replacement spectrum" elsewhere. Bilirakis, a Florida Republican, also sponsored last year's measure, which attracted upwards of 83 cosponsors on both sides of the aisle. Rep Frank Pallone Jr., a New Jersey Democrat, is the initial cosponsor of the 1999 bill.

ARRL Legislative and Public Affairs ManagerSteve Mansfield, N1MZA, says the 1999 bill "is largely the same as last year's HR 3572." The major difference is that the 1999 version adds "Amateur Satellite Service" frequencies to "Amateur Radio Service" in detailing the frequencies that would be afforded protection under the act.

Specifically, HR 783 would amend the Communications Act to require the FCC to provide "equivalent replacement spectrum" to Amateur Radio and the Amateur Satellite Service in the event of a reallocation of primary amateur allocations. It would also require equivalent replacement spectrum in case of any reduction in secondary amateur allocations, or "additional allocations within such bands that would substantially reduce the utility thereof" to amateurs.

Mansfield said it's too soon to predict how HR7 83 will fare in the new Congress, but said the fact that it has been introduced so early in the session "bodes well for our prospects." He said that a number of the cosponsors from last year already have indicated an interest in signing on again, "so I think we'll have a lot of support."

A copy of the measure is available via the THOMAS Web site,. http://thomas.loc.gov/

Thanks, ARRL Bulletin and THOMAS Web site.

If at first you don't succeed, then skydiving definitely isn't for you...

A conscience is what hurts when all your other parts feel so good. ©

# **Coming Events:**

Livermore Swap Meet - 1st Sunday of each month at Las Positas College in Livermore, 7:00 AM to noon, all year. Talk in 147.045 from the west, 145.35 from the east. Contact Cliff Kibbe, KF6EII, (209) 835-6715, e-mail: larkswap@hotmail.com.

Foothill Flea Market - 2nd Saturday of each month from March to October at Foothill College, Los Altos Hills, CA.

ARRL Field Day, June 26-27. For complete details, see May QST pages 95 and 96. General contest rules are on the ARRL web site at <a href="http://www.arrl.org/contests/">http://www.arrl.org/contests/</a>.

Amateur Radio Techfest sponsored by the Humboldt ARC - Saturday, July 31 and Sunday, Aug. 1 at the Humboldt County Fair Grounds in Ferndale, CA. Contact: Marci (KE6IAU) at (707) 442-3866, email marcidon@quick.com or Clem, (WA6TVQ) at (707) 445-2336, email clem@humboldt1.com. Talk-in 146.85 (minus), no PL.

### REDXA Invitational No-Host BBO

Friday, August 6th from 7 PM San Francisco Yacht Club 98 Beach Road, Belvedere (Marin) \$10 per person; Cash bar available RSVP (mandatory) by Friday, July 30 via Bill H6GJV at 544-4944 or KH6GJV@arrl.net

Special Event Station at the Pacific Coast Air Museum Air Show Sponsored by the Empire Amateur Radio Society Members of all clubs are invited to participate. August 21 and 22 Members wishing to assist with planning, setup and operating, please contact Bill KH6GJV at 5-14-4944 or H6GJV@arrl.net

ARRL Pacific Division Convention (PACIFICON99)

Concord, CA., Oct. 15 - 17. Contact Dick Brown, KT6X, (925) 676-9048, email -accon99@pacbell.com.

# HSC ELECTRONIC SUPPLY

\* NEW LOCATION! \*
5681 Redwood Drive, Rohnert Park

## RAMSEY KITS

- VHF power amplifiers
- All-mode HF receivers
- QRP CW Transmitters
- Etc...

## **ARRL BOOKS**

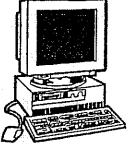
- ARRL Handbook
- License Manuals
- Antenna Books
- Etc...

## OAK HILLS QRP KITS

- Transceivers: 80, 40, 30 & 20M
- Wattmeters
- SCAF Filters
- MFJ accessories
- Code keys
- Van Gorden Antennas
- Surplus Electronics
- Tools, parts, etc...

# YOUR IBM CLONE HEADQUARTERS

FROM PC-AT'S TO STATE-OF-THE-ART PENTIUM SYSTEMS,
YOU'LL FIND IT AT HSC







- Complete systems
- Cases, Supplies, Motherboards
- Hard/Floppy Discs, Monitors
- I/O Cards, Memory Chips
- Software, etc...



Electronics • Prototyping Supplies • Computers • Lasers

Ed Jacobson "A860L" Store Manager

5681 REDWOOD DRIVE ROHNERT PARK, CA 94928 PH: (707) 585-7344 FAX: (707) 585-7597