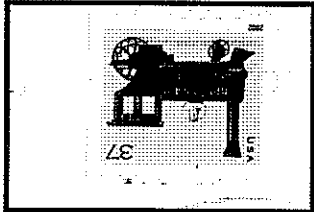


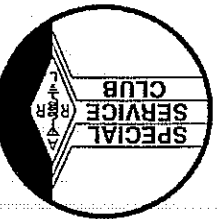
Calendar of Events			
Apr 2	Fri	7:30 PM	Marin ARC Meeting, Alto Clubhouse, 27 Shell Road, Mill Valley
Apr 3	Sat	9:00 AM	VE Test Session - SCRA Location to be announced.
Apr 3	Sat	10:00 AM	Red Oak Victory ARC Meeting, Point Richmond
Apr 7	Wed	5:30 PM	Dinner at Marie Callenders, 2460 Mendocino Ave, Santa Rosa
		7:30 PM	SCRA Meeting, Luther Burbank Art & Garden Center, 2050 Yulupa Avenue, Santa Rosa
Apr 14	Wed	6:30 PM	SCRA Board of Directors Meeting
Apr 20	Tues	7:30 PM	Hamilton Wireless Assoc., Bldg 549, Hamilton Field, Novato
Apr 21	Wed	7:00 PM	REDXA Meeting, Carrow's, Petaluma
	Wed	7:30 PM	Valley of the Moon ARC Meeting, McDougall Hall, Sonoma Developmental Center, Glen Ellen.
Apr 23-25 Fri-Sun			International DX Convention, Holiday Inn, Visalia, CA - Info: www.scdxc.org
Apr 24	Sat	7:00 AM	VOMARC Hamfest, Veterans Hall, Sonoma

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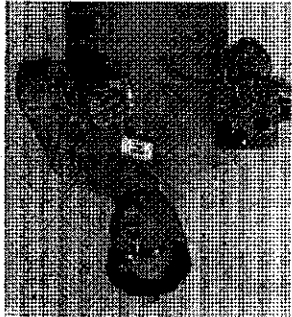
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FCC INVITES COMMENTS ON AMATEUR RADIO RESTRUCTURING PLANS

The FCC is seeking comment on three plans, one from the ARRL, that would reshape the Amateur Service licensing structure. Each Petition for Rule Making responds to World Radiocommunication Conference 2003 actions last summer that made changes to Article 25 of the international Radio Regulations. While differing substantially in some other aspects, the three petitions call for modifications at Amateur Radio's entry level and for a three-tiered license system. One petition goes beyond licensing structure to recommend additional changes to amateur testing and HF digital privileges. A fourth petition focuses solely on the Morse requirement. Comments are due by April 24 on all four petitions.

Designated RM-10867, ARRL's petition asks the FCC to create a new entry-level license class--being called "Novice" for now. It would offer limited HF CW/data and phone/image privileges on 80, 40, 15 and 10 meters plus certain VHF and UHF privileges. The League plan also would consolidate Technician, Tech Plus (Technician with Element 1 credit) and General licenses into a new General license that no longer would require a Morse examination. Current Technician and Tech Plus licensees automatically (continued on page 7)



I am pleased to report that John Mullian, KD2L, has agreed to be our Public Service chairman for one more year. Our first event should be in April, and is usually pretty low key; a great opportunity to get your feet wet in public service. And anybody who is interested in emergency communications will find these public service events to be good training.

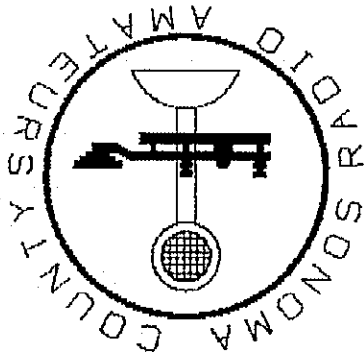
Also coming up soon is Field Day 2004. It was decided at our last meeting that we will have Field Day on English Hill. Josh "El Jefe de Field Day" Fiden, W6XU, will be focusing on getting the radios and antennas organized for maximum effectiveness. We want to have all radios operating during the entire event. Jim, KE6VGV, has offered his services to handle the food. We are looking for others to help with other logistics. Please let any of the board members know if you can be of assistance.

One key position still open is Activities Chairperson. We've heard several ideas for club activities, such as field trips to the Maritime Museum, the USS Pampanito, a new ham radio store in Sacramento, and a breakfast.

Our April meeting will feature one of my favorite programs: Homebrew Night. See the Homebrew Night article elsewhere in this issue. As a ham living in an antenna-restricted subdivision, I am seeing a glimmer of hope coming from the west. There are two bills making their way through the Hawaii legislature relating to amateur radio antennas. The first would allow hams in condominiums (continued on page 3)

RED "LAST ISSUE" STICKER?

Is there a RED STICKER next to your name on the mailing label? If so, then that means that we have not received your dues for the 2004-2005 fiscal year. This IS your LAST issue of *Shortskip*! We will miss YOU! The dues are \$24 per year for individual members and \$36 per year for a Family membership. Students under 18 years of age are half price (\$12). Please take a couple of minutes and complete the membership information on the inner last page and mail it and your dues. Better still, bring them with you to the April meeting. If you have been stickered in error, please contact Bill KH6GJV. Thanks!



NEXT MEETING

April 7th
7:30 PM

Program:
Homebrew Night

(see article)

CLUB MEETINGS

The club normally meets the first
Wednesday of each month. This
month's meeting will be at:

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

The meeting starts at 7:30 PM

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Please join us at our next meeting.
Anyone interested in Amateur Radio
membership application is included in
this newsletter.

For more information, contact any
SCRA officer, director or member.

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Tuesday Night Net
Check in to the SCRA net each Tuesday evening on the **146.985-**
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HUNGRY BEFORE
THE MEETING?

JOIN US FOR DINNER! We meet
at Marie Callenders restaurant,
2460 Mendocino Avenue (corner of
Mendocino & Chanate), Santa
Rosa. People start showing up at
5:30 PM. No RSVP is required!
See you there! (Except December!)

CONTEST CORNER

by Kevin Alt, K6BSG
Hello contesters. Lots of little contests this month, but
no major events. Plenty of QSO parties to hone those
contesting skills. Happy DX'ing.

3-4 Apr - Missouri QSO Party - CW/SSB, 80-10 meters. See:
<http://www.qsl.net/w0ma>.
3-4 Apr - Montana QSO Party - Phone/CW/Digital, 160 meters-70 cm. For
more information, contact kj7iz@bresnan.net.
3-4 Apr - EA RTTY Contest - 80-10 meters. For more information contact
ea1mv@ure.es.
3-4 Apr - 48th Annual QWA QSO Party - CW/Digital/SSB, 160-10 meters
plus all VHF/UHF bands. See: [http://qwa.org/2004-qso-party-](http://qwa.org/2004-qso-party-rules.htm)
3-4 Apr - SP DX Contest - CW/SSB, 160-10 meters. See:
<http://www.contest.spdx.org/p/len/index.php>.
7-9 Apr - DX YL to North American YL Contest - CW, all HF bands. See:
<http://www.ylrl.org/>.
10-18 Apr - Lighthouse Spring Lites QSO Party - all modes, 160-10 meters.
See: <http://arlis.com>.
10-11 Apr - QRP ARCI Spring QSO Party - CW, 160-10 meters.
See: <http://qrp-arci.org/>.

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See: <http://2hams.net/ARCI/index.htm>.
10-11 Apr - CIS DX Contest - SSB, 80-10 meters. See:
<http://www.sras.org/cisdx.htm>.
10 Apr - EU Spring Sprints - SSB, 80-20 meters. See:
<http://www.qsl.net/eusprint>.
10-11 Apr - Japan International DX Contest (JIDX) - CW, 80-10 meters.
See: <http://jgetcka.jzap.com/jidx>.
10-11 Apr - Georgia QSO Party - CW/SSB, 80-10 meters. See:
<http://gqp.contesting.com>.
12 Apr - Low Power Spring Sprint - CW, 160-10 meters. For more
information contact om3kty@zozenam.sk.
12 Apr - DX YL to North American YL Contest - SSB, all HF bands. See:
<http://www.ylrl.org/>.
17 Apr - TARA Skirmish-Digital Prefix Contest - 160-6 meters. See:
http://www.n2ty.org/seasons/ara_dpx_rules.html.
17 Apr - Holyland DX Contest - CW/SSB, 160-10 meters. See:
<http://www.larc.org/>.
17 Apr - ES Open HF Championship - CW/SSB, 80 and 40 meters. See:
<http://www.erau.ee/index.php?newlang=eng>.
17 Apr - EU Spring Sprints - CW, 80-20 meters. See:
<http://www.qsl.net/eusprint>.
17-18 Apr - Michigan QSO Party - CW/SSB, 80-10 meters. See:
<http://www.miqp.org/>.
17-18 Apr - YU DX Contest - CW/SSB, 160-10 meters. See:
<http://solar.eunet.yu/~yulab/awards/rules.htm>.
17-18 Apr - GACW DX Contest "Mr Samuel Morse Party" - CW, 80-10
meters, everyone works everyone format. See: [http://gacw.no-](http://gacw.no-ip.org)
17-18 Apr - Ontario QSO Party - CW/Phone, 160-10 meters. See:
<http://www.odxa.on.ca/oqphome.html>.
17-18 Apr - EA QRP Contest - CW, 80-10-meters. See:
<http://www.eaqrp.com/>.
24-25 Apr - Florida QSO Party - CW/SSB, 40-10 meters. See:
<http://www.floridagqso.org/>.
24-25 Apr - Nebraska QSO Party - CW/SSB, 160-2 meters. See:
<http://www.qsl.net/hdxa>.
24-25 Apr - Kentucky QSO Party - CW/SSB/RTTY/PSK31, 80-10 meters.
See: <http://www.qsl.net/ky4ky/qsoqso/rules.html>.
24-25 Apr - Helvetia Contest - CW/SSB/Digital, 160-10 meters. See:
http://www.uska.ch/html/en/index_e.htm

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Name _____ Call Sign _____ License Class _____ Date _____
Address _____ Hm Phone _____ Wk Phone _____ E-Mail _____
City/State _____ Zip _____
ARRL Member? [] Yes [] No

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BPL Demonstration Given at Local School Science Fair



Darin Wick KG6GFG with his BPL demonstration

would be restricted to portions of the 160, 15 and 10-meter bands. The group also proposes retaining the 5 WPM Morse requirement for General and Amateur Extra applicants, upgrading Advanced class holders to Extra and Novices to Technician. The Radio Amateur Foundation said it sees no need to change licensing requirements for General or Amateur Extra applicants.

The RAF also wants to scrap existing Amateur Radio question pools and start over from scratch, keeping the question pools out of the public domain and requiring a 10-day waiting period before retesting. In addition, it would permit only Generals and Amateur Extras--or Technicians licensed more than two years--to request vanity call signs. The RAF has further asked the FCC to permit digital experimentation from 29.0 to 29.3 MHz at bandwidths of up to 15 kHz.

In his two-page petition designated RM-10869, Ronald D. Lowrance, K4SX, calls on the FCC to retain the 5 WPM Morse code requirement for General class applicants and to raise the Morse requirement to 13 WPM for Amateur Extra class applicants. He called Morse code "the most reliable mode of communication" in an emergency. Lowrance would make no change in Technician licensing requirements.

The National Conference of Volunteer Examiner Coordinators (NCVEC) wants the FCC to establish a new "Communicator" entry-level license. Its petition, designated RM-10870, reiterates the NCVEC's call--first made last fall in RM-10787--to altogether eliminate the Morse code testing requirement.

The NCVEC petition would upgrade all current Novices to Communicator class, all current Technician and Tech Plus (Technician with Element 1 credit) licensees to General and all Advanced class licensees to Amateur Extra without further testing. Once the Morse requirement goes away, the NCVEC said in its filing, "there will be no effective difference between the Technician and General class licenses."

The new Communicator ticket would permit a power limit of 100 W on bands below 24 MHz and 50 W on all frequencies above 24 MHz. Communicator licensees would have to use commercially manufactured equipment (or gear built from a commercial kit). Communicator licensees could operate both voice and digital modes on 80, 40, 15 and 10 meters plus VHF and UHF up to 70 cm.

All three license restructuring plans call for changes to the present HF subbands.

Interested parties may view and comment on these petitions via the FCC Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) <http://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/>. When entering the RM number in the ECFS "Proceeding" field, RM must be in capital letters and the hyphen must be included.

From ARRL Letter

FCC (from page 7)

APRIL PROGRAM Homebrew Night! Wednesday, April 7th at 7:30 PM

Well, it's that time of year again... Homebrew Night! This traditional program for the April meeting gives each of us a chance to show off something of our own creation. If you've built something interesting, whether in the last year or the last century, dust it off and bring it in. And even if you don't think it would be of interest, bring it in anyway; almost assuredly someone else will find it interesting. Big or small, simple or complex, it doesn't matter, bring it! If it's too big to haul in, bring pictures.

Could some gizmo you've got be too simple for Homebrew Night? Not likely. Sometimes something simple you cobbled together, and may have even forgotten about by now, could be just the thing to help another ham solve some nagging problem. So, even if it's something you no longer use, bring it.

Ham radio is about education, and we are teachers as well as students. We learn from each other. Homebrew night is an excellent opportunity to show what we've learned and pass that knowledge on to others.

73, Brian Tort, N6IIV

SCRA's DIGIPEATER IS Back On The Air

ARES District Emergency Coordinator Rich Freitas the DIGIPEATER put back on the air. The repeater committee obliged Rich by installing the DIGIPEATER in the club's vaults. The DIGIPEATER is back on the air on 145.050MHz. To DIGIPEATER through it connect to W6SON, and, to connect to the bulletin board use SCRA.

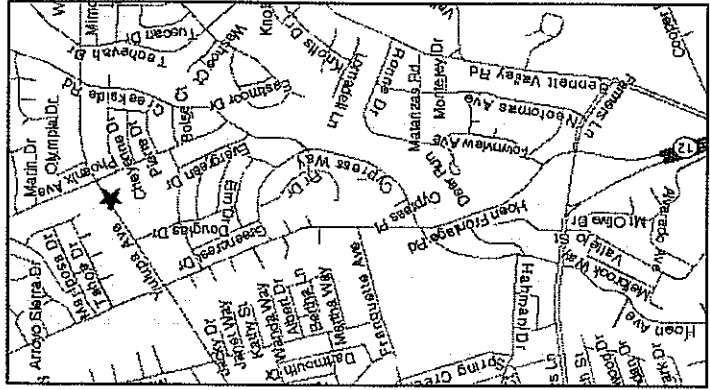
Gregory Gordon AC6VJ

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Ever wonder what effect you might have on someone by being an Elmer? In the March 12, 2004 issue of the ARRL Letter, Joe Walsh, WB6ACU, of the Eagles, cited the kindness of his Elmer as one of the main reasons he has gotten involved in the ARRL Amateur Radio Education and Technology Program. Many of us know his Elmer, Jim Walden, W6ESJ, then W2IEY, who lives in Santa Rosa.



MEETING LOCATION

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by Rich Freitas KF6SZA
Sonoma County District
Emergency Coordinator

ARES Comm Log

Chemical Emergencies

The following article is adapted from a Red Cross pamphlet on the subject.

Chemicals are a natural and important part of our environment. Even though we don't often think about it, we use chemicals every day. Chemicals help keep our food fresh and our bodies clean. They help our plants grow and fuel our cars. And chemicals make it possible for us to live longer, healthier lives. Under certain conditions, chemicals can be poisonous or have a harmful effect on your health. Some chemicals which are safe, and even helpful in small amounts, can be harmful in larger quantities or under certain conditions. Chemical accidents do happen ... at home and in the community, and it is important that you be prepared. You may be exposed to a chemical in three ways:

1. Breathing the chemical
2. Swallowing contaminated food, water, or medication
3. Touching the chemical, or coming into contact with clothing or things that have touched the chemical.

Remember, you may be exposed to chemicals even though you may not be able to see or smell anything unusual. Many people think of chemicals as only those substances used in manufacturing processes. But chemicals are found everywhere - in our kitchens, medicine cabinets, basements, and garages. In fact, most chemical accidents occur in our own homes, and they can be prevented. A major chemical emergency is an accident that releases a hazardous amount of chemical into the environment. Accidents can happen underground, on railroad tracks or highways, and at manufacturing plants. These accidents sometimes result in a fire or explosion, but many times you cannot see or smell anything unusual. In the event of a major chemical emergency, you will be notified by the authorities. To get your attention, a siren could sound, you may be called by telephone, or emergency personnel may drive by and give instructions over a loudspeaker. Officials could even come to your door. Listen carefully to radio or television emergency alert stations and strictly follow instructions - your life could depend on it. You will be told:

- The type of health hazard
- The area affected

- How to protect yourself
- Evacuation routes (if necessary)
- Shelter locations
- Type and location of medical facilities
- And the phone numbers to call if you need extra help.

Do not call the telephone company and do not call EMS, 911, or the operator for information. These people will have their hands full handling the emergency logistics. Dial these numbers only for a possible life-threatening emergency. One of the basic instructions you may be given in a chemical emergency is to "shelter in place." This is a precaution aimed to keep you and your family safe while remaining in your home. If you are told to shelter in place, take your children and pets indoors immediately. You can provide a minimal amount of protection by covering your mouth and nose with a damp cloth, closing all windows in your home, turning off fans, closing fireplace dampers and wetting towels and jamming them in the crack under doors. If you are told there is a danger of explosion, close the window shades, blinds or curtains and stay away from the windows.

Authorities may decide to evacuate an area for your protection. If you are told to evacuate, listen to your radio to make sure the evacuation order applies to you and to understand if you are to evacuate immediately or if you have time to pack some essentials. Do not use your telephone. If you have to evacuate, make sure you take medication, eyeglasses, health aids, personal items and any "special" items such as food, formula or diapers for your baby.

There are many organizations that help the community in an emergency, such as police, fire, and sheriff departments, the Red Cross, Salvation Army, government agencies, and, yes, ARES. Even if you shelter in place or are evacuated to a shelter you can help by relaying traffic or requesting health and welfare information. The same rules apply when checking into an emergency net whether you're at home or shadowing emergency personnel. All of these groups must coordinate their activities through the local office of emergency management. In many areas there are local Hazardous Materials, or Haz-Mat Teams, who are trained to respond to chemical accidents. In the event of a chemical emergency it is very important that you follow the instructions of these highly-trained professionals. They know best how to protect you and your family.

The weekly ARES net for the greater Santa Rosa area meets on Mondays at 7:30 pm on 146.835 MHz, (-) offset, 88.5 PL; it is currently linked to 444.900 MHz, (+) offset, 88.5 PL. You may use either of these frequencies. All ARES members and guests are invited to check-in. Please join us.

Sonoma County Radio Amateurs, Inc.
Membership Meeting 3-3-2004
MINUTES
1) Call to Order, Verification of Quorum - The meeting was called to order by President Brian Torr NG1Y at 7:30 PM at the Luther Burbank Art & Garden Center. There were 23 people present.
a) Introductions
ii. Officers and Directors - The club officers and directors introduced themselves.
c. Program - John Felton, KE5RI Shared his experience in intelligence gathering during the Cold War
iii) Visitors - There were no visitors at the meeting this month.
iv) New Calls and Upgrades - There were no new calls or upgrades this month.
2) Approval of Minutes - John KE5RI moved that the minutes of the February 4, 2004 meeting be approved as amended. The amendment changed the activities position to an open position. The motion was passed.
3) Officer and Director Reports
a) President - Brian Torr, NG1Y - Brian reminded the members that dues are due.
b) Vice President - John Mullian, KD2L was not present
c) Secretary - Walter Masten, KG6OXW - Nothing to report
d) Treasurer - Jim Lee, KE6VGV was not present
e) Directors
i) Randy Black, KE6VMZ - Nothing to report
ii) Gregory Gordon, AC6VJ - Nothing to report
f) Past President - Bill Hillendahl, KH6GJV - The fundraiser with the sale of computer shelves is going quite well. We got some more shelves.
4) Committee Reports
a) ARES - Rich Freitas, KF6SZA reported that we have a face to face coming up, and the HF antenna was going to be put up at BBR
b) Mobile Comm Van - Gregory Gordon, AC6VJ - Greg reported that the Comm Van is ready to be painted.
c) Activities Committee - Open position
d) Newsletter - Bill Hillendahl, KH6GJV - Nothing to report
e) Public Service Committee - Position Open
f) VE Liaison - John Mullian, KD2L - Not present
g) Repeater Committee - Greg Gordon, AC6VJ
h) SCRA v NARCC Update - Nothing to report
5) Unfinished Business - None
6) New Business
a) Field day - Are we going to have it on the hill or in the park. The members voted to have it on the hill. Josh is going to have a contesting class for those new to contesting.
7) Member Biography - Walter KG6OXW shared about knowing someone when he was growing up that was a Ham. With that in the back of his mind he finally got his license last January. He now holds a General Class License.
8) Recess - A recess was held from 7:45 PM until 8:15 PM
9) Program - John Felton, KE5RI gave a wonderful presentation on his experience in intelligence gathering during the Cold War and what was actually done at Skaggs Island
10) Raffles - Karl Johnston, KG6MT - Was not present
11) Announcements
a) Next Membership Meeting - April 7: Program: Home Brew Night
b) Board Meeting - March 10 at Marie Calendars
12) Adjournment - There being no objections the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 PM.
Sonoma County Radio Amateurs, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting 3-10-2004
MINUTES
Board Members Present: Brian Torr NG1Y, Walter Masten KG6OXW, Randy Black KE6VMZ, Bill Hillendahl KH6GJV, John Mullian KD2L
Guests Present: None
Board Members Excused: John KD2L
1) Call to Order, Verification of Quorum, Introductions 6:30 - The meeting was called to order by President Brian Torr NG1Y at 6:40 PM. The meeting was held at Marie Calendars, 2460 Mendocino Avenue, Santa Rosa. A quorum was present in that four of the seven voting board members were present.
2) Approval of Minutes - Bill KH6GJV moved that the minutes of the 2-11-2004 be approved. The motion passed.
3) Officer & Director Reports
a. President - Brian NG1Y - Nothing to report

b. Vice President - John KD2L - Nothing to report
c. Secretary - Walter KG6OXW - Nothing to report
d. Treasurer - Jim KE6VGV - Reviewed account balances
e. Directors
i. Randy KE6VMZ - Nothing to report
ii. Greg AC6VJ - Nothing to report
f. Past President - Bill KH6GJV - Nothing to report
4) Committee Reports
a. ARES - Rich KF6SZA -
i. The first aid face to face has been canceled due to lack of sign-ups
ii. Possible ARES station at the Red Cross
iii. HF antenna set up at Blood Bank of the Redwoods
b. Mobile Comm Van - Greg AC6VJ - Nothing to report
c. Activities Committee - Position not yet filled.
Field Day (26-27 June) was discussed
d. Newsletter - Bill KH6GJV - Nothing to report
e. Public Service - Position not yet filled
f. VE - John KD2L - We will be having a VE session on Saturday, April 3rd.
g. Repeaters - Greg AC6VJ
i. Status of Repeaters - Greg AC6VJ - The status of the repeaters was discussed.
3. Weekly Net Control - Greg AC6VJ - 4/6 - AC6VJ, 4/13 - KG6THE, 4/20 - NG1Y, 4/27 - KD2L
5) Unfinished Business
a. Meeting Programs - 2004
January - The Secret Wireless War, Part 2 July
February - ARRL Restructuring August
March - Through the Keyhole
April - "Homebrew Night" October
September -
May -
June - "Field Day" & Contesting December
"Christmas Party" & Photos
6) New Business
a. Email reflector - The email reflector was discussed
b. Walter KG6OXW was appointed QSL manager.
c. Walter KG6OXW proposed a QSL card for W6SON. The proof was approved.
7) Executive Session - Nothing to report
8) Announcements - None.
9) Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.
If you are not getting the ARRL San Francisco Section news by e-mail and you are an ARRL member, be sure to subscribe under your Members Only information or go to <http://www.arrl.org/sections/?sect=SF> or <http://www.pdarrl.org/sfsec/> (from page 1)
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would gain General privileges, and Advanced license holders automatically would be upgraded to Extra without further testing. Applicants for Amateur Extra would still have to pass a 5 WPM Morse code examination, but the General and Extra written exams would stay the same.
A news report "ARRL to Propose New Entry-Level License, Code-Free HF Access," <http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2004/01/19/1/>, has further details. Frequently asked questions (FAQs) are addressed on the ARRL Web site, <http://www.arrl.org/news/restructuring2/faq.html>.
In a wide-ranging petition designated as RM-10868, an "unincorporated grassroots organization" calling itself the Radio Amateur Foundation (RAF) has asked the FCC to modify the Technician ticket to allow limited HF phone, image, data and CW privileges. HF phone/image privileges (continued on page 8)

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