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Jan 31	Mon	7:00 PM	ARES Meeting - Round Ta. Pizza, 2065 Occidental Rd., Santa Rosa. Training session on
Feb 2	Wed	5:30 PM 7:30 PM	Written Radiogram Traffic. There will be an informational session followed by a workshop.  No-Host Dinner at Coco's, 1501 Farmers Lane, Santa Rosa  SCRA Meeting, Luther Burbank Art & Garden Center, 2050 Yulupa Avenue, Santa Rosa
Feb 4	Fri	7:30 PM	Marin ARC Meeting, Alto Clubhouse, 27 Shell Road, Mill Valley
Feb 5	Sat	10:00 AM	Red Oak Victory ARC Meeting, Point Richmond
Feb 9	Wed	6:30 PM	SCRA Board of Directors Meeting
Feb 15	Tues	7:30 PM	Hamilton Wireless Assoc., Bldg 549, Hamilton Field, Novato
Feb 16	Wed Wed	7:00 PM 7:30 PM	REDXA Meeting, Carrow's, Petaluma Valley of the Moon ARC Meeting, McDougall Hall, Sonoma Developmental Center, Glen Ellen.

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# President's Column

John Felton KE5RI SCRA President

Greetings, All!

I can say without hesitation that our January meeting was an outstanding success. We had an excellent turnout and the level of participation was terrific. Our "brainstorming" session yielded more than one hundred ideas and suggestions. It fact the list was so overwhelming that we are still working on categorizing and prioritizing each item. As of this writing, your board has scheduled a special meeting to analyze and evaluate each and every idea. Our goal is to consolidate the list to make it more manageable. We will report back to you at the earliest possible date.

In the days following the meeting I received a number of calls and messages. All were positive in nature and expressed support of our stated goal to move forward and make 2005 a year of fun and progress.

Now to answer the question you are all thinking. What is the program for the next meeting? Well, I am pleased answer that question. The speaker for our February meeting will be our past president, Brian Torr, N6IIY. Brian will discuss and demonstrate Spectrum Analyzers. As you probably know, Brian has worked for HP for many years and has offered to share his knowledge with us. [See note below] Be prepared to move into another world. We are all used to dealing with the time domain. Maybe because we LIVE in the Time Domain. Brian will lead us into the Frequency Domain. Now I have a question for you. Since Time is

(continued on page 3)

# FCC CHAIRMAN MICHAEL K. POWELL ANNOUNCES HIS RESIGNATION

FCC Chairman Michael K. Powell announced that he'll step down, effective "sometime in March." Powell's resignation comes just one day after President George W. Bush's inauguration for a second term in the White House. Nominated by former President Bill Clinton, Powell--whose father is Secretary of State Colin Powell--joined the FCC in 1997. He became its chairman two days after President Bush was sworn in for his first term in 2001. ARRL CEO David Sumner, K1ZZ, called Powell's performance "a deep disappointment" after some initial optimism. While the League is not unhappy about Powell's departure--especially given his unabashed cheerleading on behalf of the FCC's broadband over power line (BPL) initiative--there's also concern about whom President Bush might call upon to replace him.

"It's no secret that we thought Chairman Powell was going entirely in the wrong direction on BPL and (continued on page 8)

### **DUES ARE DUE!**

Yes, it's that time of year again. The SCRA dues for the 2005-2006 fiscal year are due. The dues are \$24 per year for individual members and \$36 per year for a Family membership. If you are a current SCRA member, a renewal envelope is included in the February issue of Shortskip to make it easy to send in your dues. Please take a couple of minutes and complete the membership information on the envelope flap so that we can update the roster. If the envelope is missing, please use the membership application on the inner last page. Thanks!

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# **Tuesday Night Net**

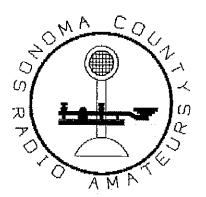
Check in to the SCRA net each Tuesday evening on the 146.985-(PL 88.5) repeater at 7:00 PM. Announcements are made of upcoming SCRA and other amateur radio activities in the area and what is listed in Hank's Swap Shop. You will also hear the weekly Amateur Radio Newsline broadcast.

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## HUNGRY BEFORE THE MEETING?

JOIN US FOR DINNER! We mee at Coco's restaurant, 1501 Farmers Lane (corner of Farmers & Hwy 12) Santa Rosa. People start showing up at 5:30 PM. No RSVP is required! See you there! (Except



# **NEXT MEETING** February 2nd 7:30 PM

# Program:

**Spectrum Analyzer Basics** 

By Brian Torr N6IIY (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 may be eligible for membership. A membership application is included in this newsletter.

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

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CONTEST CORNER by Kevin Alt, K6BSG Hello contesters. I hope that everyone is recovered from the holidays. February is a busy contest month with plenty of activity. I recommend the FYBO Field Day... On the serious side the ARRL DX contest is 19-20 February. Happy DX'ing!

5 Feb - FYBO (Freeze Your Butt Off) Winter QRP Field Day - CW, 160-10 meters. See: http://www.azgrp.org/azgrp/FYBO2005.htm.

5 Feb - Minnesota QSO Party - CW/Phone, 160-10 meters. See: www.w0aa.org. 5 Feb - Northern New York (NNY) QSO Party - all modes, 80 m-70 cm. See: www.oarc.us

5-6 Feb - New Hampshire QSO Party - Phone/CW/Digital, 160-10 meters. See: www.wz1f.net/2005\_NH\_QSO\_Pary\_Rules.doc.

5-6 Feb - Ten-Ten International Winter Phone QSO Party - 10 m only See: www.ten-ten.org.

5-6 Feb - XE International RTTY Contest, 80-10 meters. See: www.fmre.org.mx. 5-6 Feb - Delaware QSO Party - CW/Phone/Digital/RTTY, 160-10 meters. See: www.fsarc.org.

5-6 Feb - Vermont QSO Party - CW/Phone/Digital, 160-10 meters. For more information: Davidca@wpgate1.ahs.state.vt.us.

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o Feb - YL International QSO Party - CW/SSB, 160-10. See: www.qsl.net/yl-issb/. 6 Feb - North American Sprint - SSB, 80-20 meters. See: www.ncjweb.com. 6 Feb - QRP ARCI Winter Fireside SSB Sprint, 80-10 meters. See: http://2hams.net/ARCI/index.htm.

8 Feb - Spartan Sprint - CW, 80-10 meters. See: www.arsgrp.com.

12 Feb - Asia-Pacific Sprint - CW, 20 and 40 meters See: http://jsfc.org/apsprint/aprule.txt.

12 Feb - FISTS CW Winter Sprint - CW, 80-10 meters. See: www.FISTS.org.

12-13 Feb - Louisiana QSO Party - CW/Phone, 160-10 meters.

See: http://laqso.w5yl.org. 12-13 Feb - British Columbia QSO Challenge - CW/SSB/Digital, 160-6 meters. See: www.deltaamateurradio.com. 12-13 Feb - RSGB 1.8 MHz Contest - CW. See: www.rsgbhfcc.org.

12-13 Feb - 50th Anniversary Dutch PACC Contest - CW/SSB, 160-10 meters. See: www.dutchpacc.com.

12-13 Feb - OMISS QSO Party - SSB, 80-10 meters. See: www.omiss.net. 12-13 Feb - CQ World Wide RTTY WPX Contest, 80-10 meters.

See: www.cg-amateur-radio.com

13 Feb - North American Sprint - CW, 80-20 meters. See: www.ncjweb.com.

13-14 Feb - Classic Exchange - CW/Phone, 160-10 meters. See: http://qsl.asti.net/CX.

14-19 Feb - School Club Roundup - all modes, all bands except 30, 17, and 12 meters. See: http://www.arrl.org/contests/announcements/scr.html.

19-20 Feb - ARRL International DX Contest, CW, 160-10 meters. See: http://www.arrf.org/contests/rules/2005/intldx.html.

19-20 Feb - CQC Winter QSO Party - CW/Phone, 160-10 meters.

See: www.cqc.org/,

26-27 Feb - CQ WW 160-meter SSB Contest. See:

cq-amateur-radio.com/160%20Contest%20Rules%20200510272004.pdf.

26-27 Feb - UBA Contest - CW, 80-10 meters. See: www.uba.be. 26-27 Feb - REF French Contest - Phone, 80-10 meters.

See: www.ref-union.org/concours/.

26-27 Feb - Mississippi QSO Party - CW/Digital/Phone, 80-10 meters. For more information: w5xx@vicksburg.com.

26-27 Feb - North American QSO Party - RTTY, 160-10 meters.

See: www.ncjweb.com/nagprules.php 26-27 Feb - 1st Annual US Virgin Islands QSO Party - CW/SSB/PSK/RTTY, 160-6

meters. See: www.atthehelm.com

26-27 Feb - AM QSO Party- AM Phone, 80-20 meters.

See: www.antiquewireless.org. 27 Feb - High Speed CW Contest - 80-10 meters. For more information:

hsc-contest@dl3bzz.de.

27-28 Feb - North Carolina QSO Party - CW/Phone, 80-10 meters. See: www.w4nc.com

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ragging the other commissioners and FCC staff along--willing or not--because he was, after all, the chairman," Sumner said. "A new chairman might be a chance for a fresh start."

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Last October when the FCC adopted new Part 15 rules for BPL, Powell called it "a banner day." While conceding that BPL will affect some spectrum users, including "all those wonderful Amateur Radio operators out there," the chairman implied that the FCC must balance the benefits of BPL against the relative value of other licensed services.

Powell listed the Commission's adoption of BPL rules among the "policy highlights" of his tenure. "Broadband to power plugs would lower prices, expand deployment," the chairman's list of accomplishments asserts.

Possibilities to replace Powell include the other Republican members of the five-member FCC--Kathleen Q. Abernathy, a staunch BPL supporter, and Kevin J. Martin. Speculation also has been raised about various candidates outside the commissioners. "We look forward to the opportunity to work with the new chairman, whoever that may be," Sumner said.

Powell, in his announcement, said it was "with a mixture of pride and regret" that he informed the president of his decision to step down.

"Having completed a bold and aggressive agenda, it is time for me to pursue other opportunities and let someone else take the reins of the agency," he said. "During my tenure, we worked to get the law right in order to stimulate innovative technology that puts more power in the hands of the American people, giving them greater choices that enrich their lives."

The chairman said the seeds of the Commission's policies under his leadership "are taking firm root in the marketplace and are starting to blossom." He cited the increased use of cell phones, digital TV and other digital technology "increasingly connected anytime, anywhere by a wide variety of broadband networks."

"Our children will inherit this exciting future," Powell proclaimed, adding that he looks forward to spending some time with his wife and two sons "before taking up my next challenge."

As FCC chairman, Powell also has been in the forefront of enforcing the Commission's rules on indecency, largely through imposing huge fines on violators. He also supported changes in media

ownership rules that permitted even greater concentration in the ownership of broadcasting outlets.

Powell's formal resignation announcement followed widespread reports in the media that he would be leaving. Communications Daily said the chairman's last day would be March 10.

From ARRL Letter

# INDUSTRY CANADA REPORTS "OVERWHELMING AGREEMENT" TO DROP MORSE

Radio Amateurs of Canada (RAC) reports that an Industry Canada (IC) analysis has found "overwhelming agreement" that Canada should move away from retaining a Morse code requirement as "the sole means of gaining access" to the HF amateur bands. IC has posted a summary of comments from the amateur community to RAC's Recommendations from Radio Amateurs of

Canada to Industry Canada concerning Morse Code and Related Matters.

"Amateurs should note that while the responses heavily favored deletion of the Morse Qualification as a requirement for access to the HF bands, Industry Canada still has to make and announce a decision on Morse retention or deletion," RAC emphasized. IC reported 123 comments in favor of relaxing the code requirement in Canada and only 19 "clearly opposed." Another six comments were inconclusive.

The regulatory agency also has attempted to gauge the level of support for each of RAC's 12 license restructuring recommendations. IC said it would formulate a plan to implement changes emerging from the consultation process.

RAC notes that until IC announces a decision to delete Morse, Canadian amateurs not holding the Morse Qualification may not operate on the HF bands.

The Industry Canada comment summary is on IC's Web site http://strategis.ic.gc.ca/epic/internet/insmt-gst.nsf/en/sf08280e.html>

Here in the US, the FCC has made no recommendation or decision regarding the future of the current 5 WPM (Element 1) Morse requirement for HF access. It's also reviewing several petitions, including one from the ARRL, that propose further Amateur Radio license restructuring.

From ARRL Letter

# February Program Spectrum Analyzer Basics

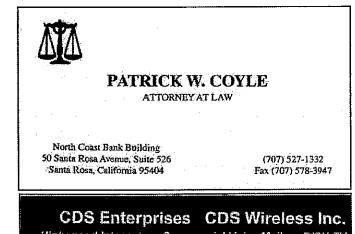
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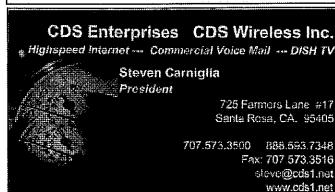
The February program will be a presentation on Spectrum Analyzer Basics by Brian Torr, N6IIY. You've probably seen many spectrum analyzer displays in the pages of ham radio magazines such as QST, 73, and CQ. And many high-end transceivers today feature a spectrum analyzer display. This presentation will describe the block diagram of a spectrum analyzer and there will be a demonstration of one or two spectrum analyzers making measurements typical of what a ham might need to make. Hope to see you there!

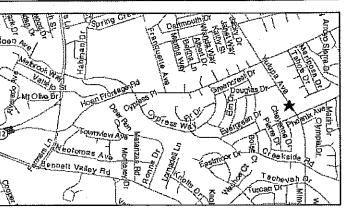
### ALASKA!

Have you thought about making a cruise to Alaska? Bill KH6GJV is putting together a cruise for July 2005 on the luxurious Holland America line departing Vancouver BC on July 17, 2005 for Anchorage, AK. The seven day cruise will head north through Ketchikan, Juneau, Skagway, Glacier Bay and on to Seward/Anchorage. Pre and post cruise tours of Vancouver, Victoria and Denali are also available.

Interested? Contact Bill for more details. 707 544-4944 or kh6gjv@arrl.net (This is not an SCRA or ARRL sponsored event.)







MEETING LOCATION

Luther Burbank Art & Garden, 2050 Yulupa Ave, Santa Rosa (Bennett Valley)

KE5RI (from page 1)

the reciprocal of Frequency, is the Frequency Domain up-side-down compared to the Frequency Domain? Let's see what Brian has to say about that!

Now that I have your attention, please plan to attend the February meeting and bring along someone new.

In further news, your board has filled many important positions for the new year but we still have some opportunities. Please feel free to step forward and offer your help. We understand that some jobs require more attention than others. For this reason we are attempting to spread out the responsibility a bit which will lighten the load on any one individual.

See you at the February meeting and again, thank you for your continued support.

John Felton, KE5RI

[OK guys, I know it is now Agilent but as an old time user of their test equipment, it is still HP to me.]

Are you a budding author? Write an article for *Short Skip* on a Ham radio-related subject, technical or non-technical. E-mail the article to kh6gjv@arrl.net. We'd love to see YOU in print!





# **ARES Comm Log**

by Rich Freitas KF6SZA Sonoma County District Emergency Coordinator

# Jeopardy

I believe most of you are familiar with the TV game show called "Jeopardy" and how it works.

ANSWER: personnel.

Organized, trained, and disciplined

personnel.
QUESTION:

What is always in short supply in

any incident?

Message ORIGINATION is rarely the problem in emergency communications; however, message DELIVERY is nearly ALWAYS the weakest aspect of any communications system. During ARRL's NTS tests in 2003, the failures were for message accuracy and delivery. If you would like to dig into the raw data of the test, you can check it out at:

http://home.earthlink.net/~k7bfl/NTSSurvey.pdf

Average accuracy for text was 85 percent with 17 percent being perfect. To me that seems pretty dismal. None of us will accept 85 percent accuracy on our paychecks, nor is such a standard acceptable to those agencies we seek to serve. Eighty percent of the sent messages were delivered with a median travel time of 35 hours and average travel time of 52 hours. In a time of global near-instantaneous communications, few of us will accept a 11/2 to 2-day delivery of even non-important messages. Think of the problems this would cause in a critical event where property and possibly lives are at stake.

Any proposed backup communications system that compromises accuracy had better do such in the quest for blinding speed so the corrections can be received before the incorrect action can be initiated or completed. Manual communications systems require a human presence at each end of the circuit. This is the traditional voice Amateur Radio network and it requires a properly licensed, trained, and equipped Amateur Radio operator to both initiate and receive the message for delivery.

Two premises have been put forth regarding manual communications systems: one is that trained people are always in short supply, and the other is that the problem is always at the delivery end, not the origination point. In an incident, it is relatively easy to initiate the primary response and get a ham to the scene. Once there, they can usually initiate a message. Then the problem begins because, for them to actually move that message, there must be at least one other similarly equipped Amateur Radio operator at the

desired message destination. This problem exists with any manual communication system regardless of hardware, mode, frequency, or computer program being used.

One way to overcome the fundamental message delivery problem with all manual communications systems is to automate the delivery process; because of this I believe we will continue to see systems such as WinLink2000 (more about this topic in future articles) continue to be developed. Because of the long-proven systems and techniques employed, messages can be delivered to the intended recipient without extraordinary human intervention on the receiving end. Systems such as this only require "special" equipment, training, knowledge and licensing at one end of the message path: either originating or delivery. A licensed Amateur Radio operator need not be present within the Command Center in order for the emergency management employees to receive incident reports originated by Amateur Radio operators.

However, in order for these future systems to perform flawlessly, it requires perfect character-level accuracy for every message. Drop a single letter and the message goes to K6JAB instead of KK6JAB (sorry, Jeff). Whoops! Miss a letter or two on CW or RTTY or PSK31 and the message context can generally be understood. Such is not the case with automated systems. Despite nice front-end applications, the fundamental communications network on the back end is still a manual communications system. As such, it has the same inherent problems of all other manual systems: it requires skilled and very specialized labor and is prone to inaccuracy. There are many choices for manual communications systems; there are few proven choices for automated communications systems. As these new automated systems are developed and become available for emcomm purposes, I suggest we embrace them, learn them, and use them; they are the tools of the future.

We should never forget that Amateur Radio is a unique "hobby" in the aspect that Amateur Radio Operators are charged with a legal duty to society relating to emergency communications as stated in Part 97.1; we are specifically charged with the legally imposed duty or "fundamental purpose" of providing emergency communications.

The above article was partially taken from an email sent by Jerry Reimer, KK5CA

The ARES net meets on Mondays at 7:30 PM on the SCRA repeater on 146.985 MHz, - offset, 88.5 PL. You are invited to check in anytime.

#### Sonoma County Radio Amateurs, Inc. Membership Meeting, January 5, 2005 MINUTES

- 1 Call to Order; Verification of Quorum The meeting was called to order by President John Felton, KE5RI, at 7:38 pm at the Luther Burbank Arts and Garden Center.
- 2 Introductions
  - Officers & Directors President, John, KE5RI, welcomed the new Board of Directors, all members, and guests.
- b Program Introduction Brainstorming Session
- c Visitors There were a number of inactive past members and visitors.
- d New Calls and Upgrades None
- Approval of Minutes It was moved and seconded by Brian, N6IIY, and Bob, WD6DPE, that the minutes as printed in Short Skip be approved. The motion passed.
- Officer and Director Reports
  - President John, KE5RI, Nothing to report.
  - Vice President Kevin, K6BSG, Nothing to report.
  - Secretary Rich, KF6SZA, Nothing to report.
     Treasurer Jim, KE6VGV, Nothing to report.
  - e Directors
  - i Bruce, N6CT, Nothing to report.
  - ii Bill, KH6GJV, Nothing to report.
  - Past President Brian, N6IIY, Nothing to report.
- Committee Reports
- ARES Rich, KF6SZA, reported that there will be a face-to-face training session on written radiograms at the end of January; exact date, time and place to be announced on the ARES reflector.
- Mobile Comm Van Greg, AC6VJ, reported that arrangements to paint the Comm Van are in progress.
- c. Activities Position Open
- d. Newsletter No report.
- e. Public Service Position Open
- . Repeater
  - John, KE5RI, reported that the 146.73 repeater at Castle Rock is off. The 2 meter repeater on English Hill had low power due to a blown fuse and it is currently operating "barefoot". New antennas and feedlines are planned to be installed.
- ii Net Control Volunteers: 2/1 Dave, W6lBC; 2/8 Craig, KG6THE; 2/15 - Brian, N6llY; 2/22 - John, KE5RI
- 6 Unfinished Business None
- 7 New Business There is a Board of Directors' retreat on January 15th.
- 8 Show and Tell
  - a We have a DB Products antenna for Castle Rock
- b Cal Sites donated a 4-bay 70cm antenna c We are looking for a 220 MHz antenna
- Recess @ 8:05 pm
- 10 Call back to order @ 8:27 pm
- 11 John, KE5RI, led a brainstorming session to determine member ideas and suggestions for the future direction of SCRA. Bruce, N6CT, assisted
- 12 Adjournment It was moved and seconded by Ted, KB6PTA, and Michael, KC6UNA, that the meeting be adjourned at 9:30 pm. The motion passed.

#### Sonoma County Radio Amateurs, Inc. Board of Directors Meeting, January 12, 2005 MINUTES

Board Members Present: John Felton, KE5RI; Kevin Alt, K6BSG; Jim Lee, KE6VGV; Rich Freitas, KF6SZA; Bruce Donecker, N6CT; Bill Hillendahl, KH6GJV; Brian Torr, N6IIY

Guests Present: Greg Gordon, AC6VJ; Pat Coyle, KG6JSL

- Call to Order; Verification of Quorum The meeting was called to order by President John Felton, KE5RI, at 6:58 pm. The meeting was held at Marie Callendar's, 2460 Mendocino Avenue, Santa Rosa. A quorum was present in that all seven voting board members were present.
- Approval of Minutes It was moved by Kevin, K6BSG, that the minutes of the 12/8/2004 meeting as printed in Short Skip be approved. The motion passed.
- Officer and Director Reports
- President John, KE5RI, reminded board members of the planned retreat on Saturday, January 15, 2005, at 11:00 am.
- b Vice President Kevin, K6BSG, Nothing to report.
- Secretary Rich, KF6SZA, Nothing to report.

- d Treasurer Jim, KE6VGV, reported that the club had \$2900 in the checking account, \$4900 in the savings account, and \$844 to deposit.
- e Directors -
  - Bruce, N6CT, Nothing to report.
  - Bill, KH6GJV, commended everyone on the preceding membership meeting. He passed out copies of an existing handout stating the club purpose. The list of new hams from ARRL is again available. There was discussion regarding the difficulties of getting meeting notices published in the Press Democrat.
- Past President Brian, N6IIY, reported that a letter of thanks for their donation was sent to the cycling club. He also mentioned that the bill for the Christmas Party has not yet been presented.
- Committee Reports
  - ARES Rich, KF6SZA, reported that there will be a face-to-face training session on Written Radiogram Traffic on Monday, January 31, 2005, at Round Table Pizza, 2065 Occidental Road.
  - Mobile Comm Van Greg, AC6VJ, reported that the Comm Van would be taken to Opperman's Trucking the next day to assess painting requirements. Graphics designs will be forthcoming. There was general discussion as to what is left to be done on the vehicle.
- c Activities Position Open Potential ideas discussed included 1) a trip to Sacramento to IMAX and the Train Museum; 2) a trip to HRO, the USS Hornet, and/or the Red Oak Victory ship; 3) a tour of the KPH Marconi station.
- Mewsletter The deadline for next publication is the coming weekend. Bill also informed the Board that, due to other priorities, the February issue of Short Skip would be his last.
- PublicService Position Open Brian, N6IIY, has contacted John Mullen for a list of public service contacts.
- VE Liaison Brian, N6IIY, reported that he has obtained the VE materials from John Mullen. There was discussion regarding potential sites for future VE sessions.
- g Repeater
  - i Greg, AC6VJ, reported that he will step down as chairman due to his work schedule. He currently has two backup radios for every club radio. We still need to build storage shelving at Lee Dibble's home.
  - SCRA vs NARCC Update Pat, KG6JSL, presented a proposed letter to be sent to NARCC.
- 5 Unfinished Business Greg suggested a synopsis of local club happenings be mentioned on the weekly net.
  - a Bank Account signature cards need to be changed.
  - b Jim, KE6VGV, will bring FY2004 information to the retreat.
  - c Bill, KH6GJV, made a motion that the annual membership dues be maintained at \$24.00. The motion passed.
  - d The WAS card checker has moved. Bill, KH6GJV, made a motion that Chuck, N6OJ, be nominated for the position. The motion passed.
- 7 Adjournment It was moved by Kevin, K6BSJ, that the meeting be adjourned at 8:06 pm. The motion passed.

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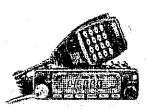




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