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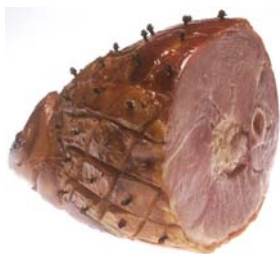
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June SCRA Update

by John Chavez, KG6PEP
SCRA Vice President and proud Ham

Hello everyone! The year is almost half over and I'm finally writing the Short Skip greeting. This is just another one of the many things that Dave KF6CLG, our president, usually does. If you haven't heard through the grape vine, Dave has found a bug that didn't like him. Now I'm teasing, but he has been fighting a serious health issue and hasn't been active with the club for the last month. He has asked the Board of Directors and me to do some of his chores until he's feeling better. I've just spoken with Dave today and He said that it's OK to call him on his cell. If you don't have his number handy, contact me. He's hoping to be home by this Friday.

Our monthly member's meeting program for June is "Field Day." Brian, N6IYY, will be discussing SCRA's plans for this year's event. With everyone's help and participation, this should be more than just a readiness exercise. It should give us all plenty of time to visit with each other as well as show off this hobby that we all love to the public.

See all of you at the meeting on June 3rd.

John KG6PEP

SCRA Vice President

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June 2009 Meeting Program

Field Day 2009 Planning

Brian Torr, N6IYY, will be discussing the plans for Field Day 2009. For many hams, Field Day is the high point of the ham radio year. I know it is for me! Field Day is a unique combination of a contest, social event, public awareness opportunity, an emergency preparedness drill, and always an excellent learning experience (especially when Murphy shows up).

We will review the layout of the stations and antennas, the logging program (a much easier to use Windows-based program), the educational activity, and how you can help to make this the best Field Day ever! See the full article on Field Day in this issue of Short Skip.

I hope to see you all at the June meeting and Field Day!

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Tuesday Night Net

Remember to check in to the SCRA net each **Tuesday** evening on the **147.315+(PL 88.5)** repeater at **7:00 PM**. Announcements are made of upcoming SCRA and other amateur radio activities in the area. You will also hear the weekly *Amateur Radio Newsline* broadcast.

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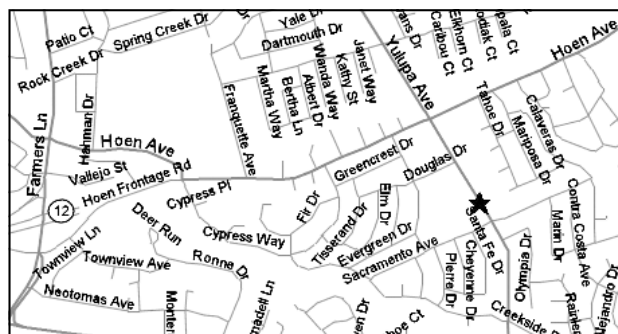
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**SCRA Club Meetings**

The club normally meets the first Wednesday of each Month. Exceptions are holidays or other big events.

Next meeting is 7:00 PM Wednesday, June 3rd at:

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



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.

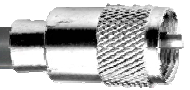
Hungry before the meeting?

Join us for dinner! We meet 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 every month except December.

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Field Day 2009: June 26, 27, 28

By the time you read this, Field Day will just over four weeks away! We will be at the Youth Community Park, 1725 Fulton Rd, in Santa Rosa (across the street from Piner High School). We had a wonderful Field Day last year at the Youth Community Park and I am sure we'll have a great time again this year.

Plans are shaping up, but we still need to tie up a few loose ends. We will be operating as a "2A" classification, meaning that we will have two HF transmitters. One of these will be on SSB and the other on CW. We still need a station captain and radio for the CW station, so if you can help us with this, please let me know. Bob, WB6TGI, will be the SSB station captain, and the SSB station will be in John, KE5RI's motor home. The CW station will again be in the SCRA communication van (the "Toaster"). Bob Arthur, KG6ZDN, will be the station captain for the VHF/UHF station.

We will also have a Get-On-The-Air, or GOTA, station. I encourage all of our recently-licensed hams and even those old-timers that have not had an opportunity to get on the HF bands in the last year to give the GOTA station a try. It will be operating on SSB and possibly PSK-31. We will need control operators (General or higher) to allow the unlicensed and under-licensed hams the ability to work HF. We get extra points if there is always a mentor at the GOTA station.

Pat Coyle, KG6JSL, will be coordinating the dinner Saturday night and Dave Harrison, W6IBC, will be making breakfast Sunday morning. A donation of \$10 gets you both dinner Saturday night and breakfast Sunday morning.

I've found an easy-to-use logging program, the Field Day Contest Log, by N3FJP. The cost is only \$6 (\$19 if you also want the CD). I've tried it and it seems to work quite nicely. It

generates maps of the sections worked and it is easy to edit the entries.

We will also be having an Educational Activity. John Breckenridge, WB6FRZ, and I are working out the details.

We need your help!

First of all, I would like to hear from anyone who is hoping to participate in any way in Field Day this year. Even if you might only be there to observe for an hour or two to help logging, cooking, or whatever, please call me or send me an e-mail.

Specific areas where we need help are:

1. Radio for the CW station
2. Station captains for the CW and GOTA
3. Control operators for the GOTA station.
4. Laptop computers to use for logging.
5. Coax cable and UHF(f) to UHF(f) adapters. It's a real bummer when the station and antenna are separated by 120' and you only have 100' of coax!
6. "Tour Guides" to help show visitors around our Field Day site and explain what we are up to

We will begin setup around 4pm on Friday, June 26. We will try to get most of the antennas set up before sundown. Setup will continue Saturday morning, June 27. The event starts at 11:00am and runs until 11:00am Sunday morning, June 28. We will immediately start tearing down at 11:00am Sunday and should be leaving the park by 3:00pm.

Hope to see you all there!

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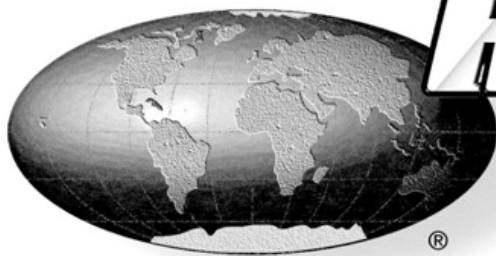
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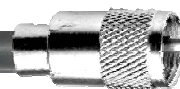
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Public Service Roundup

A wetter year for public service, I cannot remember - short of the floods in the last millennium - but that was before the wrangler had his license. First it was the Tour of California and then for May we have the Wine Country Century. While the early morning of the WCC looked ride-able, by 8, Mother Nature had something else in mind. It started raining and before long it was coming down at a steady rate. It wasn't long before the SAGs were pushed into immediate action to bring in soaked riders from all over the course. The vans went to work to hustle in the wet ones from Warm Springs Dam while others tried to make the express run to Monte Rio to gather riders from the area with the heaviest downpours. Even the wrangler left the relative safe confines of the toaster to gather the soggy ones. Driving on River Road, there was a steady procession of riders headed straight back to Wells Fargo Center. A mix of accidents on the slick roads didn't help matters either.

The scene inside the Toaster was pretty exciting as well with W6IBC taking the early morning shift followed with KF6CLG, Dave the President, doing the afternoon shift. All the time, there was a slow leak from one of the vents in the roof. What with the SAG drivers and myself hanging out in the Toaster it was a little noisier than it needed to be but then there sure was a lot going on. Everything tapered off in the afternoon as most of the riders made it back to lunch early and only the hardy ones were out there to finish.

Sometimes we (hams) don't get feedback from riders, but one guy posted this on the club's WCC forum: "...such a well run event. hated to sag at lunch but thanks for organizing a sag for all of us. on the ride back to WF center from lunch stop, we could hear the radio operators talking to each other. they had lots of rescues to make and they were determined to help everyone they could. they were communicating back and forth and they all sounded so eager to help. what a great group of people who came out on such a stormy day to help us all get the help we needed."

Our thanks to N3SU, N1AL, Ki6TII, W6IBC, KG6JSL, WB6FRZ, K6HKY, KI6MJC, K9KUV, K6ROW, KI6TEZ, KI6REJ, KI6MSP, KI6ASJ, KE6HID, KG6GFV, KI6REK, and KF6CLG

The next weekend turned out to be the weekend we wished we had for the WCC. But this was for the Human Race. Again a good turnout with Dave W6IBC taking command again so that the Wrangler could go out and get some miles (75) with the bike club. Our thanks for this event go to: W6IBC, N3SU, N1AL, N6LAV (fresh off knee surgery), K6HKY, KG6JSL, and KI6REP.

The last day of May will see us out at the Spring Hill Road Race and we'll have that report in July.

Finally, the Terrible Two is at hand. June 20th. I still have a few openings for rest stops, but I could also so use some SAG drivers. Let me know if you're interested. You will get a lot good experience on this event.

73s
Craig
K6XLT

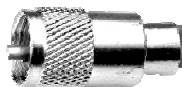
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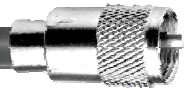
Hi all , the following new badges are on order. Please pick up your badges - I still have several that have not been picked up by members. I will have them displayed on one of the tables at the meeting.

1. Michelle KI6TEZ Sebastopol
2. Dale AF6OE Santa Rosa
3. Tom KI6VHI Jenner

See you all at the June SCRA Club meeting. Be thinking about whether or not you would be interested in having a club T-SHIRT with the club logo on it. Please let me or Pat know if you are interested into us looking into having the shirts made up? We need to know if there is enough interest in doing that. See you all at the June meeting.

Your Badge chairman,
Ken Rawles N6PWV 73s





Tips for Net Control Operators in an Emergency

by

Rich Freitas, KF6SZA

Sonoma County ARES DEC

Here are some tips that can be useful to net control operators during times of emergency. Most of these are common sense and have been mentioned before but, it never hurts to have a little reinforcement once in awhile.

1. It is highly desirable that the net control operator (NCO) be prepared for emergencies with a well thought-out go-kit. In this go-kit should be a list of frequencies of the local repeaters and the simplex frequencies commonly used by the ARES groups of the local communities.
2. There is a reason for the word "control" in the expression "net control operator." The NCO must maintain control of the frequency by being competent, confident, and aware of the environment – both the radio environment and the situation in the community at large as the emergency develops.
3. The NCO must prioritize the communications traffic on the frequency based upon the level of the emergency. Highest priority is to be given to situations where human life is at stake, next priority to non-life threatening injuries, then to incidents involving property damage. Routine (road) traffic reports and the like should be allowed on frequency only if there is no higher priority communications traffic at that time.
4. It is highly desirable for the NCO to take written notes during the emergency. That way the NCO will be able to efficiently and accurately match offers of help with needs that were previously requested.
5. To avoid misunderstandings, the NCO should use phonetics for important information, for example, street names having uncommon spelling.
6. If the frequency being used for the operation becomes too crowded, the NCO should establish subnets or one-off communications links on other frequencies. These might be simplex frequencies or other repeaters.
7. The NCO should try to follow pre-established procedures where possible, but this must be tempered by common sense. For example, if the pre-established procedure calls for everything to be submitted via a formal, signed, written request but a remote station with no packet capability is reporting, over a handheld, a live-threatening emergency, the report should be ac-

cepted by voice lest the victim's life be jeopardized while someone tries to find a packet radio.

These guidelines also apply to net control situations for public service events; that is why they are such good training ground for emergency communications.

On A Lighter Note ... (Courtesy of Dave Thorne, K6SOJ)

NEW OFFICIAL EMCOMM MRE FIELD RATION:

Sandwich: SPAM and processed American Cheese on "squishy white bread" with Miracle Whip dressing and a pickle on the side.

Snack: Doritos Habanero Corn Chips

Beverage: Orange and/or Grape Soda

Dessert: OREO "Double Stuff" cookies

Vegetarian Option: Homogenized peanut butter (must contain at least 50% real peanut product) and grape jelly on "squishy white bread."

The APATHETIC AMATEUR RADIO CLUB MEETING has been cancelled.

The PROCRASTINAORS EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS CHAPTER MEETING has been postponed indefinitely.

AMATEUR RADIO OXYMORONS:

1. "Negative Copy"
2. "Mobile Station"
3. "Bootleg Ham"
4. "Wireless Cable"
5. "Mobile. No Traffic" (if you're in LA-LA Land)

What is a dipole?

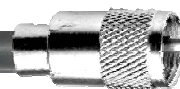
- a. A bisexual tadpole.
- b. A Mexican chili-cheese dip. Ole!
- c. An antenna with two masts holding it up.
- d. A non-grounded half-wave doublet antenna.

What does "Can I get a radio check" mean?

- a. I would like a signal report.
- b. I don't know if my radio is working properly. Can someone come over to my house, bring some test gear, and check it out for me?
- c. I bought a new rig ... will I get my rebate check soon?
- d. How does this here rad-ee-yo sound down in yo' neck of the woods?

The weekly ARES net for the greater Santa Rosa area meets on Mondays at 7:30 PM on 147.315 MHz, + offset, 88.5 PL. All ARES members and guests are invited to check-in. Please join us.






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VE Testing- Next Session: July 25, 2009

We had our last VE Test Session on Saturday, May 16 at the Blood Bank of the Redwoods. A total of 7 candidates were tested. Three earned new licenses and three earned upgrades. Congratulations to the following new licensees:

Sutter Laird, KI6ZON
 Judith Iverson, KI6ZOO
 Donald Biener, KI6ZOP

And thanks to the following VEs for making the test session possible:

John Breckenridge, WB6FRZ
 Dave Harrison, W6IBC
 John Chavez, KG6PEP

Our next session will begin at 9am on Saturday, July 25 at the Blood Bank of the Redwoods, 2324 Bethards Dr. in Santa Rosa. All test elements will be administered. Please arrive by 9:15am to be signed in. Testing will begin shortly thereafter.

Directions: From Hwy 101, take Hwy 12 east toward Sonoma. Turn right onto Farmers Lane. Turn left onto Bennet Valley Road. Turn left on Bethards Drive. Please park on the street (parking lot is for blood donors).

Candidates should bring the following:

- One (1) photo ID or two (2) non-photo ID
- Social Security Number (if you are not li-

censed) or FCC Registration Number (FRN, if you are upgrading)

- Original and photocopy of your current amateur radio license (if licensed)
- Original and photocopy of any valid CSCEs (if applicable)
- #2 Pencil and eraser
- \$15.00 exam fee. Checks may be made payable to "ARRL-VEC"

Calculators may be used, but it must be demonstrated that all memories and programs have been erased. PDAs and cell phones with calculators may not be used! If you have any special needs, please contact Brian Torr, N6IIY in advance.

Good Luck!
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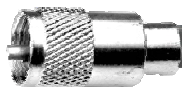
What company manufactured "Viking" amateur radio gear?

- Hammarlund
- Eico
- Globe
- Johnson

What does the "R" stand for in the name "R. L. Drake & Co."?

- Rodney
- Richard
- Ralph
- Robert

Answers on page 9





SCRA Membership Meeting Minutes for May 2009

7:00pm – The meeting was called to order by club Vice President, John Chavez, KG6PEP. Introduction of club officers & committee chairs. Introduction of the evening's program: COPE w/ Fred, KQ6OB and CERT w/ Lorenzo, N6LAV.

8:15pm – Break

8:23pm – Business meeting called to order. A quorum was present.

April meeting minutes approval: Dave, W6IBC moved that the April meeting minutes be approved as published in Short Skip. Motion seconded by Jim, KI6PBB. All in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer's report: Pat, KG6JSL reported that the club checking account has \$4,466 and savings has \$5,620 for a total balance of \$10,086. We are about \$87 "in the hole" due to a lack in membership renewals.

Repeater report:

- Repeater issue: John is aware of the "hose" sound and he surmises that it could be a mixer problem. Saraj, KI6TII mentioned that she heard something similar on the 145.350 repeater. This information may very well give John a clue to the actual problem.
- Repeater site internet access. Pogowave has officially completed the club's free internet connection at both the English Hill and Castle Rock repeater locations. The connection is again, free of charge as a donation from Pogowave and will be grandfathered in when Pogowave is bought out. The connection works and now allows remote access to the repeater system.
- NARCC: John reported that at the last NARCC meeting, D-Star and Packet were discussed. The issue at hand is the designation of Packet as digital repeaters and their location in the spectrum as well as resizing the spectrum to allow for more use.

The FCC now classifies D-Star as a repeater. There are no repeater pairs left and the spectrum needs to be made narrower. The next NARCC meeting is July 11 and John announced that he will represent SCRA as being a body that will be neighborly about the spectrum usage and open to new technologies.

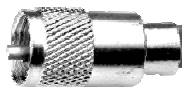
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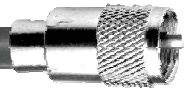
- Craig, K6XLT reported that the MS walk had a nice turn out and that the Wine Country Century was "one for the books". The Human Race has plenty of volunteers. The Spring Hill Road Race is being spearheaded by Pat, KG6JSL and the Terrible Two will be on June 20 this year.
- Spring Hill Road Race:
- Pat, KG6JSL reported that this race is put on by the United States Cycling Association and will be a 22 mile closed course out near Two Rock.
- Pat is in need of follow vehicles for 10 of the 12 races involved in the event. The vehicles need mobile rigs and APRS.
- The event will utilize the Petaluma WB6TMS repeater on 145.350 MHz.
- Human Race: Volunteers for this event need to email Dave Harrison, W6IBC at w6ibc@arrl.net for assignments.

VE:

- Brian, N6IYY reported that the next VE session will be on May 16 at the Blood Bank of the Redwoods. Participants need to arrive by 9:15am and bring the necessary documentation.
- Field Day (last full weekend in June):
- Brian, N6IYY reported that SCRA Field Day 2009 will have four stations: SSB in John, KE5RI's RV, CW in the "Toaster", VHF/UHF and a GOTA station. There will also be an educational activity. The cost for meals will be \$10 and that will cover both dinner on Saturday and breakfast on Sunday.

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Mentoring:

- John, WB6FRZ reported that of the 10 participants in the General class, of those who have taken the exam, 5 have received their upgrade.
- John will be holding an assembly class to produce an AM/FM receiver.
- The second Saturday in July is an opportunity for hams to demonstrate amateur radio at the Penngrove Power and Implement Museum using the SCRA donated generator.
- John also reported that there will be a person from Cloverdale commuting to the Windsor area for one-on-one mentoring and John asked for mentors to help with the General class theory information.
- Code practice is held on the 147.315 repeater at 8:30pm after the SCRA net on Tuesdays.

Refreshments:

- Jim, KI6REK reported that he is getting away from store bought goodies and that if anyone would like to bring in items, that they are welcome to and just need to let him know ahead of time.
- Jim also requested that an alternate refreshments chairperson be ready to bring in refreshments for a meeting if Jim is not able to attend.

ARES:

- Fred, KQ6OB reported that the Reno club did a great job with EMCOM West and PACIFICON.
- All are welcome to check into the ARES net on Monday nights at 7:30pm on 147.315.

Human Race:

- Darryl, KI6MSP announced that he is looking for volunteers to walk in the Human Race and get pledges to benefit the SCRA. Darryl passed around a sign in sheet.

Old Business:

- Leak on the "Toaster": Pat, KG6JSL reported that it has been addressed.

New Business:

- T-Shirts: Pat, KG6JSL approached the membership with the idea of T-shirts with the SCRA logo for around \$15. He will bring it to the board for further discussion.

Net Control Operators:

- 5/12 = Brian, N6IY
- 5-19 = Saraj, KI6TII
- 5/26 = Craig, K6XLT
- 6/2 = Darryl, KI6MSP

Next Board of Directors Meeting: Wednesday, May 13 at Narsi's in Coddington at 6:30.

Adjournment: Fred, KQ6OB moved that the meeting be adjourned. All in favor.

Update on the Human Race:

Between John WB6FRZ and myself Darryl KI6MSP we raised \$387.00 for the club. The Volunteer Center takes 25% for their share and the club gets the rest.

John and I walked the 10K, which is 6.2 miles.
73

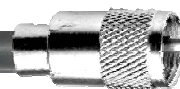
Darryl
KI6MSP

QRZ Trivia Answers from page 7:

1. Correct Answer is D
Johnson Company manufactured "Vicking" Amateur Radio Gear

2. Correct Answer is D
The "R" in R.L. Drake & Co. stands for Robert





CONTEST CORNER by Kevin Alt, K6BSG

Hello testers. Well it's that time of year again. Field Day is the last weekend of this month. Make plans to come out to Youth Park and join the fun. Happy DX'ing!

6-7 Jun – **Australian Shires Contest** – SSB/CW, 80-10 meters. See: groups.yahoo.com/group/vkshires.

6-7 Jun – **SEANET Contest** – all modes, 80-10 meters. See: www.sabah.net.my/seanet/the_contest.htm.

6-7 Jun – **IARU Region I Field Day** – CW, 160-10 meters. See: www.iaru-r1.org/.

6-7 Jun – **Alabama QSO Party** – SSB/CW, 160-10 meters. See: www.AlabamaQSOParty.org.

13 Jun – **Asia-Pacific Sprint** – SSB, 20-15 meters. See: jsfc.org/apsprint/aprule.txt.

13-14 Jun – **GACW WWSA CW DX Contest** – CW, 80-10 meters. See: gacw.no-ip.org.

13-14 Jun – **ANARTS WW RTTY** – RTTY, 80-10 meters. See: www.bartg.org.uk.

13-14 Jun – **WFF Grenn Days** – all modes, 160-10 meters. See: wff44.com/en/contest/.

13-14 Jun – **Portugal Day** – SSB/CW, 80-10 meters. See: www.rep.pt/concursos/REP_Concurso_Dia_Portugal_HF.pdf.

13-15 Jun – **ARRL June VHF QSO Party** – Phone/CW, 6 meters and up. See: www.arrl.org/contests.

14 Jun – **Spanish Islands Contest**, all modes, 80-10 meters. See: www.ea5ol.net/die.

20 Jun – **Feld-Hell Monthly Sprint** – digital, 80-10 meters. See: www.feldhellclub.org.

20 Jun – **Kid's Day** – SSB, 80-10 meters. See: www.arrl.org/FandES/ead/kd-rules.html.

20-21 Jun – **All-Asian DX Contest** – CW, 160-10 meters. See: www.jarl.or.jp/English.

20-21 Jun – **SMIRK QSO Party** – Phone/CW, 6 meters. See: www.smirk.org.

20-21 Jun – **West Virginia QSO Party** – SSB/CW, 80-10 meters. See: www.qsl.net/wvsarc.

27-28 Jun – **His Majesty King of Spain** – SSB, 160-10 meters. See: www.ure.es.

27-28 Jun – **ARRL Field Day** – all modes, 160 meters and up. See: www.arrl.org/contests.

27-28 Jun – **QRP ARCI Milliwatt Field Day** – all modes, 160 meters and up. See: <http://www.qrparci.org>.

From the Editor:

Questions? Comments? If you have any news, photos or any other interesting information that relates to Amateur Radio, please feel free to send submissions to af6oe@arrl.net.

Sonoma County Radio Amateurs, Inc. Membership Application

Please Print Clearly

New ☐ Renewal ☐

Name _____ Call Sign _____ License Class _____ Date _____

Address _____ H Phone _____ W Phone _____

City/State _____ Zip _____ E-Mail _____

ARRL Member? Yes ☐ No ☐

Receive Short Skip Newsletter by E-mail: Yes ☐ No ☐

Dues & Fees: March 1 - February 28

Individual / Associate Member	\$24 (\$6.00/qtr)
Family Membership	\$36 (\$9.00/qtr)
Under 18 Membership	\$18 (\$3.00/qtr)
Badge	\$10

Badge Information

Call Sign _____

First Name _____

City _____

Payment Calculations: Make checks payable to SCRA

Dues - Full Year \$ _____

Dues - _____

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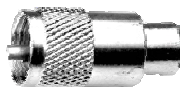
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Other - _____ \$ _____

Donation \$ _____

Total \$ _____

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Tentative Programs for 2009:

January 7: Basic APRS by Pat Coyle KG6JSL

February 4: Amateur Radio Operating Procedures---Required, Preferred, Customary---With emphasis on public service communications. Presented by John WB6FRZ Mentoring Chairman and Craig K6XLT Public Service Chairman

March 4: Cross Band Repeating and Repeaters---Methods and Issues Presented by Darryl KI6MSP SCRA Board Member at Large

April 1: Internet Radio Linking Project (IRLP) What it is, How it works, and how you can use it. Presented by Jeff KK6JAB IRLP Node Manager for KF6SZA Repeater

May 6: Local Emergency Response Teams and Training---CERT, COPE

June 3: ARRL Field Day Preparations. Presented by Brian N6IY SCRA 2009 Field Day Chairman

July 1: Amateur Radio Equipment Night---The latest offerings from the Ham Radio Commercial Suppliers

August 12: (Note Second Wed in August) Annual Homebrew and Boatanchor Night

December --Annual Club Holiday Party

Club Activities:

February 15: (Sunday) TOUR OF CALIFORNIA

March 28: LAKE SONOMA 50

April 26: MS Walk.

May 1-3: EMCOM West & PACIFICON

May 2: Wine Country Century bicycle tour.

May 9: The Human Race, Sonoma County Volunteer Center.

June 6: Visit to the Red Oak Victory Ship in Richmond, CA

June 20: Terrible Two 200 mile bicycle tour.

June 27-28: Field Day

July 11: Visit to and operate Amateur Radios from the Penngrove Power and Implement Museum in Penngrove, CA

August 15-16: Pacific Coast Air Museum's Wings over the Wine Country

September 12-13: (Saturday-Sunday) MS Society Waves to Wine.

October 16-18: Jamboree On The Air (JOTA)

To Be Announced:

Club Picnic and Fox Hunt (Date TBA)

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