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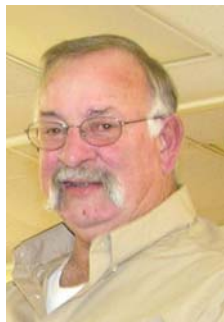
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December SCRA Update

by Dave Santori, KF6CLG
SCRA President

It is time for our annual Holiday Dinner so make sure to check your e-mails for information and the application form. You can

call me Dave 585-1873 or Brian Torr at 707-575-5871 or e-mail n6iit@arrrl.net.

I would like to thank the hams who helped keep this club running especially the staff Vice President John KG6PEP, Treasurer Pat KG6JSL, Secretary Becky KE6PZV, Directors: Darryl KI6MSP and Mike AD6YB and Past President Dave W6IBC. With out them I would have stumbled badly.

I would also like to thank the new elected officers for stepping up President Dave KF6CLG, Vice President Darryl KI6MSP, Treasurer Jack K6ROW, Secretary Evelyn KI6PAY, Directors John KG6PEP, Mike AD6YB and Past President Dave W6IBC. Again a big thanks to all for the excellent service in keeping this club going.

**Let's meet each other socially on Dec 4,
2009 at our holiday party.**



SCRA HOLIDAY PARTY

Friday December 4, 2009

6:30 PM

See you there!!!

SCRA Christmas Dinner:

When: Friday, December 4, 2009, 6:30 pm until ~9:30 pm

Where: Luther Burbank Art & Garden Center
2050 Yulupa Ave, Santa Rosa

What: Bring a salad, side dish, or dessert. Roast Turkey, Ham, Coffee, and Tea provided. You are welcome to bring your own beverages.

How Much: \$5.00 per person, kids under 12 free!

RSVP Required

Door Prize: 2-meter Mobile Radio

Questions? Call Brian Torr at 575-5871 or e-mail to n6iyy@arrrl.net

**Registration must be received by Monday,
November 30, 2009**



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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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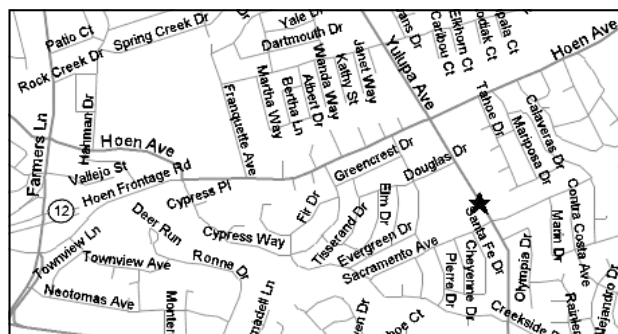


SCRA Club Meetings

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

SCRA Holiday Party is 6:30 PM Friday, December 4th 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.

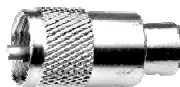
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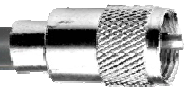
Join us for dinner! We meet at Coco's restaurant, 1501 Farmers Lane (corner of Farmers & Hwy 12), Santa Rosa. People start showing up at 5:30 PM. No RSVP is required.

See you there every month except December.

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<http://www.arrl.org/sections/?sect=SF>
<http://www.pdarrrl.org/sfsec/>





November Technician Class Participants

Congratulations to all who completed the Technician class on November 14th and 15th. You are all winners whether the result was passing the Technician exam or not. For those who are not yet licensed, don't give up; with your attention in class you are much closer to earning that license – keep trying! Of course, welcome to ham radio to all that did qualify for a license; the adventure is just beginning for you! Nine people who took the class received their licenses; hearty congratulations to you all. I wish to acknowledge the teaching efforts of Tom Boag, AF6TB and Darryl Paule, KI6MSP whose help was greatly appreciated. Thank you also to Denise Lebel, KI6REP, for her presentation on Red Cross radio opportunities for volunteers. Thanks also to Brian Torr, N6IIY and the entire VE team for all your efforts to come out on Sunday to serve at the VE session. I especially want to thank the Santa Rosa Red Cross for their outstanding support of our classes by graciously donating a wonderful place to meet and hold our classes. Thank you!




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SCRA BoD Meeting Minutes for October 14, 2009

The meeting took place at Narsi's Hof Brau & Grill, Coddington Mall, Santa Rosa.
Board members present: Darryl KI6MSP, Dave KF6CLG, Pat KG6JSL, John KG6PEP, Dave W6IBC and Becky KE6PZV.
Club members present: Brian N6IIY and Bob WB6TGI

The meeting was called to order by Dave, KF6CLG.

Approval of August BoD meeting minutes: Pat, KG6JSL moved that the August BoD meeting minutes be approved. All in favor, motion carried.
Approval of September BoD meeting minutes: Dave, W6IBC moved that the September BoD be approved. All in favor, motion carried.

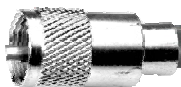
Treasurer's Report: Pat reported that all of the bills have been paid and up to date. An insurance bill for the communications van is due in November for approximately \$200.00. Pat also reported that he spent \$230.00 on the club picnic and he noted that it was over budget. Dave, W6IBC moved to reimburse Pat for the \$230.00 expense. All in favor, motion carried.

Membership: Mike, AD6YB was not present, but Dave, KF6CLG reported that there have been five recent new membership applications submitted.
Public Service: Dave, KF6CLG reported that Craig, K6XLT will volunteer as Public Service Chairman for 2010.

Repeater: Acting Repeater Chairman, Dave W6IBC confirmed the repeater ops as: Bob WB6TGI, Dave W6IBC and Brian N6IIY.

Website: Dave, W6IBC would like to pass on to the 2010 webmaster the listing with GoDaddy.com ICAN, the domain name registration for the club. Dave will be looking to the board for approval to pass the ICAN on to Bob, KD6ZDN. Dave, W6IBC asked why the website is out of date. Dave, KF6CLG said that he has not been able to get a hold of Bob, KD6ZDN and Dave, W6IBC will track him down.

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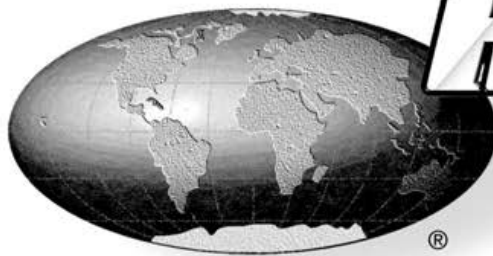
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Course Fee is \$25.00 Registration is required by December 1, 2009.

Date: Saturday, December 19, 2009 Time: 8:30 am

Location: American Red Cross Sonoma County Chapter
5297 Aero Drive (near Airport Blvd. and Old Redwood Hwy.)
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

For additional information contact: Rich Freitas KF6SZA
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SCRA Membership Meeting Minutes for November 2009

The meeting was held at the Luther Burbank Art and Garden Center in Santa Rosa and a quorum was present. Vice President, John Chavez KG6PEP presiding.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm and the club officers and committee chairs introduced themselves along with those present.

Program: Buddy Poles presented by Bud Drummond, W3FF.

Break

Business meeting began at 8:35pm.

Treasurer's Report: Pat, KG6JSL reported that "we are doing fine". The club received a check from the MS Walk and Public Service Chairman, Craig K6XLT presented a \$500 check from the Gran Fando.

Repeater Report: No report

Membership Report: Mike AD6YB had nothing to report.

Mentoring Report: John WB6FRZ announced that there will be one more technician weekend course November 14 & 15 at the Red Cross in Santa Rosa. John took a poll from those present to try and determine what kinds of classes would be desired from the membership in the future.

ARES Report: Rich KF6SZA gave a big thank you to those who participated in the Shake Out drill. Rich announced that there will be a Level 1 Emcomm course on December 19 at the Red Cross in Santa Rosa. The class will cap at 25 enrollees and will have a fee of \$25. Rich gave a reminder of the Monday night ARES net on the 147.315 repeater.

VE Report: Brian N6IIY reported that the last VE session had 4 candidates and all passed their exams. Brian announced that there are some new Volunteer Examiners and that the next testing session will be following the technician course on 11/15. The next session after that will be sometime in January.

Public Service Report: Craig K6XLT reported that all of the public service events are done for the year. Those present gave Craig a big thanks for his hard work this year.

JOTA: John, KG6PEP reported that SCRA donated \$150 for food for the amateur radio operators that volunteered at the event. John also gave a big thank you to those who volunteered and handed out certificates of appreciation.

Future Programs: The board of directors will discuss at the next board meeting.

Membership List: Pat KG6JSL will contact Dave KF6CLG. Mike AD6YB will circulate some more copies of the current list.

New Business: Greg, K6SRO offered an opportunity to camp out and operate. Those interested can email Greg.

NCOs: 11/10 = Brian, N6IIY - 11/17 = Darryl, KI6MSP - 11/24 = Greg, K6SRO - 12/1 = Saraj, KI6TII

Next Club Meeting: Holiday dinner, Friday, December 4.

Board of Directors Meeting: Next Wednesday at Narsi's.

Future Activities: John, KG6PEP asked those present for any suggestions on what might be programs of interest for next year. The following suggestions were made: Camp-out, KPH, Dxpediton, Swap meet.

Club Elections: Nominations for SCRA 2010 Board of Directors: President / Dave, KF6CLG - Vice President / Darryl, KI6MSP - Treasurer / Jack, K6ROW - Secretary / Evelyn, KI6PAY - Directors / John, KG6PEP Bob, WB6TGI and Mike, AD6YB.

John, KG6PEP made a call for any other nominations: Michael, KC6UNA nominated Brian, N6IIY for President. Brian declined.

Brian and John began to pass out ballots for the positions of Director and Bob, WB6TGI withdrew from the running for Director.

Brian, N6IIY moved that Dave, KF6CLG be voted President by acclamation. Motion seconded by Craig, K6XLT. All in favor, motion carried.

Brian, N6IIY moved that Darryl, KI6MSP be voted Vice President by acclamation. Motion seconded by Greg, K6SRO. All in favor, motion carried.

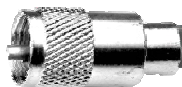
Brian, N6IIY moved that Jack, K6ROW be voted Treasurer by acclamation. Motion seconded by Fred, KQ6OB. All in favor, motion carried.

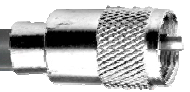
Brian, N6IIY moved that Evelyn, KI6PAY be voted Secretary by acclamation. Motion seconded by Darryl, KI6MSP. All in favor, motion carried.

Brian, N6IIY moved that John, KG6PEP and Mike, AD6YB be voted Directors by acclamation. Motion seconded by Rich, KF6SZA. All in favor, motion carried.

Raffle: Raffle Chairman, Bob WB6TGI collected \$54.00 in raffle ticket sales. Bob, WB6CWT won the drawing.

9:05pm - Darryl, KI6MSP moved that the meeting adjourn. Motion seconded by Dale, AF6OE. All in favor, meeting adjourned.





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NARCC: The Castle Rock repeater is coordinated is not linked to the English Hill repeater as the 440 link radio is on the bench right now. As the acting Repeater Chair, Dave W6IBC will monitor the repeater for control. If Dave feels that the repeater is not controlled, he will shut it down.

ARES: Dave, W6IBC reported that this Thursday will be a state wide earthquake drill. Three ARES stations will be set up: Blood Bank of the Redwoods, Red Cross and Coddington Mall.

VE: Brian, N6IYY reported that he has sent out emails to those who may assist at the next VE session.

Tom Boag / Semiconductor Program: John, KG6PEP let Tom know that, since his program needed to be postponed, that it would be added to the 2010 list of meeting programs.

Old Business

Darryl, KI6MSP reported that he has spoken to the United Way. SCRA will be added to next year's United Way Combined Fund. The United Way may request a presentation from the club. Darryl, KI6MSP reported that he left a message with Celebrate Community.

JOTA – John, KG6PEP thanked those hams who made a presentation at the Boy Scouts leader meeting in preparation for the JOTA event.

New Business

Dave, W6IBC gave an inventory of the equipment included with the donation from the Floyd Becker estate. Dave has tested most of it and has offered to continue storing the equipment until next year, if needed. Items donated include: HF rigs (Drake TR-7 & FT-301), 2 power supplies, a MARS 2M rig, Oscillators, SWR bridges, meters and antennas.

Holiday Party – Dave, W6IBC relayed a question

from Joy, KI6ASJ: Will there be a budget for non-amateur radio related raffle prizes? The question was asked: How much was spent on last year's party? Brian, N6IYY reported that the club came out in the positive. The BoD will decide how much is to be spent at the November BoD meeting. Dave, KF6CLG will confirm the amount for rent for the December event. It was suggested that \$100 be spent on decorations. Brian, N6IYY will come up with an estimate for what to charge each attendee. For party invitations, Brian suggested a downloadable pdf from the club web page.

Bud Drummond / Buddy Poles, November 2009 meeting program: The board agreed that SCRA will provide Bud with dinner before the meeting. Bud will be coming down from Redding and will need to stay overnight. The question was asked: Should the SCRA provide accommodation? Dave, W6IBC stated that traditionally, the SCRA has provided the meal and not accommodations for program presenters. Dave, W6IBC was also in more in favor of providing mileage versus accommodations. John, KG6PEP will contact Bud to ask if he has any expectations.

Pat, KG6JSL moved that the meeting adjourn, all in favor, the meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.



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CONTEST CORNER by Kevin Alt, K6BSG

Hello testers. I hope that everyone enjoyed November's big contests. December is the time to break out the long dipoles and check out 160 meters. Happy DX'ing!

3 Dec – **Top Band Sprint** – CW, 160 meters. See: qrparci.org/contests.
 4-6 Dec – **ARRL 160 Meter Contest** – CW, 160 meters. See: www.arrl.org/contests.
 5 Dec – **TARA RTTY Melee** – digital, 160-10 meters. See: www.n2tv.org/seasons/tara_melee_rules.html.
 5-6 Dec – **ARRL EME Competition** – all modes, 50-1296 MHz. See: www.arrl.org/contests.
 5-6 Dec – **Top Operators Activity Contest** – CW, 80 meters. See: www.procwclub.vo6ex.ro.
 12 Dec – **Feld-Hell Monthly Sprint** – digital, 160-10 meters. See: www.feldhellclub.org.
 12-13 Dec – **ARRL 10 Meter Contest** – Phone/CW, 10 meters. See: www.arrl.org/contests.
 12-13 Dec – **28 MHz SWL Contest** – Phone/CW, 10 meters. See: swl.veron.nl/swlcontest.htm.
 12-13 Dec – **PSK Death Match** – digital, 160-6 meters. See: www.mdxa1.org/deathmatch.html.
 12-13 Dec – **Russian 160 Meter Contest** – Phone/CW, 160 meters. See: www.radio.ru/cq/contest/rule-results/.
 12-13 Dec – **Croatian CW Contest** – CW, 160-10 meters. See: www.hamradio.hr.
 12-13 Dec – **UBA Winter Contest** – all modes, 160-40 meters. See: users.telenet.be/on6lv.

12-16 Dec – **North American VHF WSJT Contest** – digital, 50-22 MHz. See: www.sportscliche.com/wb2fko/w09/rules_w09.pdf.
 13 Dec – **Great Colorado Snowshoe Run** – CW, 20 meters. See: www.cqc.org/contests/snow2009.htm.
 19 Dec – **RAC Winter Contest** – Phone/CW, 160-2 meters. See: www.rac.ca.
 19-20 Dec – **OK DX RTTY Contest** – digital, 80-10 meters. See: www.crk.cz/ENG/DXCONTE.HTM.
 19 Dec – 3 Jan – **Lighthouse Christmas Lights QSO Party** – Phone/CW, 160-2 meters. See: arlhs.com.
 20 Dec – **Holiday Spirits Homebrew Sprint** – CW, 160-10 meters. See: qrparci.org/contests.
 26 Dec – **South Dakota QSO Party** – all modes, 160-10 meters. See: www.w0blk.org.
 26 Dec – **RAEM Contest** – CW, 80-10 meters. See: www.srr.ru/CONTEST/cup_raem_engl_09.php.
 26 Dec – **DARC Christmas Contest** – SSB/CW, 80-40 meters. See: www.darc.de/referate/dx/fedcx.htm.
 26-27 Dec – **Stew Perry Top Band Distance Challenge** – CW, 160 meters. See: jzap.com/k7rat/stew.rules.txt.
 27 Dec – **070 Club QRP DX Scramble** – digital, 20 meters. See: www.podxs070.com.
 1 Jan – **ARRL Straight-Key Night** – CW, all bands. See: www.arrl.org/contests.
 1 Jan – **New Years Snowball Contest** – SSB/CW, 80 meters. See: ev5agb.com/index.htm.
 1 Jan – **SARTG New Year RTTY Contest** – digital, 80-40 meters. See: www.sartg.com.
 1 Jan – **AGCW Happy New Year Contest** – CW, 80-20 meters. See: www.agcw.org.

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

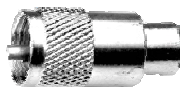
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 First Name _____
 City _____

Payment Calculations: Make checks payable to SCRA

Dues - Full Year	\$ _____
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Prorated _____ Qtrs. x \$ _____ /qtr	\$ _____
Badge	\$ _____
Other - _____	\$ _____
Donation	\$ _____
Total	\$ _____

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Tentative Programs for 2009:

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

October 7: Semiconductors: What they are, how they work and how we use them in ham radio, Presented by SCRA Member Tom Boag AF6TB, an expert in the field.

November 4: BUDDYPOLE NIGHT. Budd Drummond will present his "Buddypole" Antenna product line; also our annual CLUB ELECTION NIGHT,

December 4 –Annual Club Holiday Party (Friday)

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 3: Levi Leipheimer Grand Fondo Bicycle Tour of Sonoma County

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

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