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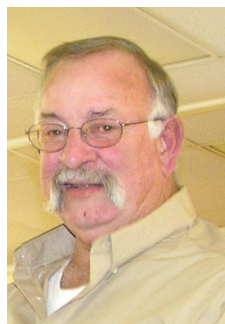
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May SCRA Update

by Dave Santori, KF6CLG
SCRA President

Well here we go the public service season. It's upon us last weekend as it was wine country century. Coming up

is Emcom West, Human Race, Tour of California and in June Field Day: 25-27 June. We are going to be very busy!

For those that might be interested in our program for May is keys and oscillators. Code Interested hams should like this one, program that is; even new hams will like this month's program.

If you have any old, big or small or even hand made keys please bring them in to share with the club. See you at the May meeting!

May 5, 2010 Meeting Announcement:

Keys and Oscillators

Presented by Past SCRA President /
Repeater Chair: John KE5RI

IN MEMORIAM



**Robert (Bob) McQuilkin,
WB6TGI/SK
8/2/45 - 4/15/10**

Although the coils of his linear amplifier have gone dark, we shall always feel their warmth.

88 Dad,

Becky
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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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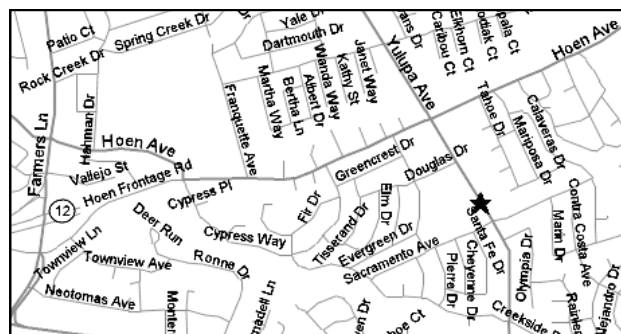
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**SCRA Club Meetings**

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

Next meeting is 7:00 PM Wednesday, May 5th 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.

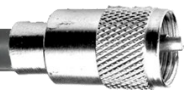
Hungry before the meeting?

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.

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 these web-sites:

<http://www.arrl.org/sections/?sect=SF>
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General and Extra Class Study Hall

Beginning on May 7th and continuing through July 30th for a total of ten Friday evenings, we will be meeting at the Santa Rosa Red Cross building on Aero Drive to study and discuss topics of interest and concern contained on the General and Extra Class examinations. This is an experiment, and is a compromise between full-blown courses for these license classes and no class at all. Specific topics will be chosen and published ahead of time so that everybody will know the topic of discussion for each meeting. But I want the students to tell us what areas they would like to discuss! So we will be taking inputs from all participants the first class on May 7th to establish the topics. We will be using the following textbooks:

ARRL General Class License Manual, Sixth Edition; and the ARRL Extra Class License Manual, Ninth Edition.

For May 7th, General Class participants should bring the manual, a list of topics that are giving you trouble and to be used as topics of discussion, and read pages 4-1 through 4-13 up to "Series and Parallel Circuits and Components."

For May 7th, Extra Class participants should bring the manual, a list of topics that are giving you trouble and to be used as topics of discussion, and read pages 5-1 through 5-13.

I need students AND instructors to make this work!

If you would like to help teach, or If you have not yet signed up for a "study hall" and wish to participate, contact:

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Human Race Update:

Here is the Link for members to make a donation to the Volunteer center's human race. This is a major fund raiser for the club.

<http://humanrace.kintera.org/faf/search/searchTeamPart.asp?ievent=333321&lis=1&kntae333321=2C8C38A2267A4473B35BBD600205C867&team=3728301>

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Contest Corner - continued from page 12

15-16 May – **His Majesty King of Spain Contest** – CW, 160-10 meters. See: www.ure.es.

15-16 May – **All America Contest** – CW, 80-10 meters. See: www.powerline.com.br/cw/jf/eng4.htm.

16 May – **Worked All Britain – LF Phone** – SSB, 80-40 meters. See: www.worked-all-britain.co.uk.

22-23 May – **EU EME Contest** – Phone/CW, 1.2 GHz. See: www.dubus.org.

22-23 May – **Baltic Contest** – SSB/CW, 80 meters. See: www.lrsf.lt/bcontest/english/rules.html.

29-30 May – **CQ WW WPX Contest** – CW, 80-10 meters. See: www.cqwpw.com.

30 May – **QRP ARCI Hootowl Sprint** – CW, 80-10 meters. See: www.qrparki.org.

31 May – 1 Jun – **MI QRP Memorial Day CW Sprint** – CW, 160-10 meters. See: www.miqrp.org.



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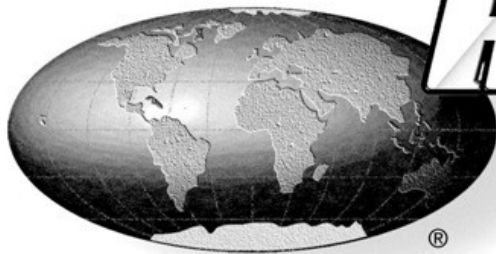
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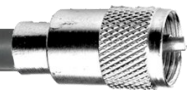
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Explore the World at Field Day 2010

June 25, 26, 27

ALERT!! Field Day is only seven weeks away! We will again be having Field Day at the Youth Community Park (aka "the skateboard park"), 1725 Fulton Rd, in Santa Rosa (across the street from Piner High School). The theme this year is "Explore the World". As hams, the world is our playground, so what better place to have Field Day than in a public park. Field Day is one of our best opportunities to demonstrate amateur radio to the public.

Plans are coming together, but there are still lots to do in the next few weeks. 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 need station captains and radios for both the SSB and CW stations, so if you can help us with this, please let me know. The SSB station will be in John, KE5RI's motor home. The CW station will again be in the SCRA communication van (the "Toaster").

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 hopefully also 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.

The GOTA station did an awesome job last year, and I would like to see it do even better this year.

There is also room for a VHF/UHF station. If you have a VHF and/or UHF rig that can operate FM, CW, and SSB, please bring it along. We would also like to try making a satellite contact. We were able to hear the satellite last year, but didn't get through.

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

New this year will be a demonstration station. This station will primarily be used to show visitors what we can do with ham radio. Any contacts made on this station will not count.

We will also be having an Educational Activity. The exact time and content of this activity has not yet been determined, so watch for announcements on the SCRA website and your e-mail for further 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. Radios for the SSB, CW and VHF/UHF stations
2. Station captains for the SSB, CW, GOTA, and UHF/VHF stations
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!
7. "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 25. We will try to get most of the antennas set up before sundown. Setup will continue Saturday morning, June 26. The event starts at 11:00am and runs until 11:00am Sunday morning, June 27. 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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Roundup May 2010

I'll try to keep this month's roundup nice and short. For April we had the Spring Hill Road Race again out on Chileno Valley and Spring Hill Roads. I can't think of a wetter event we've ever had to work in other than last year's Tour of California. Well, I didn't work it, but several of you did. Hope you've seen the photos. Even what I read from the racers was quite amazing. One fellow talked about putting his heater on 'Broil' for the trip home. But as always the racers raced and the Hams provided great support. Thanks to all working under Pat's (KG6JSL) leadership.

April 18 we tried to turn out for the MS Walk but were confronted with no one at the Druid's Hall. And that was because they were at Howarth Park. So after a little coffee at my house we all headed over to Howarth Park for a low key walk around the Slater Middle School neighborhood. I confess I am always impressed with the folks suffering from this scourge that turn out year after year if only to walk a few blocks because that is as far as they can go.

May is here and on the 1st we will either be at the Hamfest or at the WCC. Or both. Hope to have a good report next month. May 8th again is the Human Race. Darryl KI6MSP has a full crew at this time so we'll look forward to that report as well. The next weekend is when the big fun hits. Saturday, May 15, SCRA will be returning to the Rose Parade in Santa Rosa. Don't know how many years it has been since they had ham radio support. So far I have about 6 folks signed up and can use a few more. Duty is mostly manning barricades and keeping an eye on the progress of the parade from early to noonish. As part of the double header, on Monday the 17th will be the Tour of California. This year the tour will arrive around 1400-1430 to do 1 lap around the downtown. Shifts will be from roughly 1300 - 1600. I've been attending the planning sessions for the event and hams are integral part of the plan

working with both police, fire and the public works crews to make the event safe. I realize that it is a working day but if you are available, please contact me to get on board. We will need all the help we can get.

That wraps up May. In June we will have the Terrible Two on June 19 so bookmark that in your calendars. If you're interested in helping out our Mendocino friends to the north, the Rotary in Ukiah is putting on the Mendocino Monster on June 6. This again is another century-style bike ride. It includes the Masonite Road out to the coast. The Mendocino ARC can always use some of our well seasoned veterans to help out up there.

As always for more info on any public service events, k6xlt@sonic.net or 545.4133.

Craig
K6XLT
Public Service Wrangler

Short Skip Archives

The archives of Short Skips is growing thanks to the contributions of several members and the "discovery" of the box of old Short Skips retained by officers of the club over the years. See www.winepi.com/SCRA.htm for the archive. If you have any of the missing issues, please contact Mike Von der Porten AD6YB at mikevdpc@aim.com.

We have the very first issues of Short Skip. It has changed over the years -- sometimes done in an 5-1/2" X 8-1/2" format, but mostly in the 8-1/2" X 11" format. There have been changes in the layout and content, too. Of course, Microsoft Word gives a more professional look than WordStar and a dot-matrix printer!

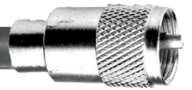
There are also some interesting links on this page with a history of the club and information on an early VE session conducted by SCRA.

Thanks,

Mike
AD6YB

EDITOR NOTE: The Short Skip Archives are a must see!! www.winepi.com/SCRA.htm.





Public Service Operating

by
Rich Freitas, KF6SZA
San Francisco Section ASM/DEC

We are now well into this year's public service events and all of us need to remember that Public Ser-

vice is one of the reasons the FCC has granted us the use of the many frequency bands we enjoy. Each and every one of us **OWES** it to our community to spend some time working these events; it's also good to remember that the donations from these events is mainly responsible for keeping our repeaters in top shape. If we all worked just one event each year there would be plenty of volunteers to ensure the success of every Public Service request we receive. Besides, it's a chance to get out in the sunshine, meet some new people, and practice your radio skills.

The following items are taken from the *ARRL Field Forum*; Volume 13 Number 2 by William L. Continelli, AB2CA:

Make sure your radio is in top operating condition.

Small problems (such as loose antenna connections, bad microphones, intermittent operation, etc.) may be just annoying during casual operation, but **WILL** cause major grief under the continuous/severe service of net/emergency operation.

Don't operate your handheld with it hanging on your belt. Using the radio while it's strapped to your waist reduces your effective radiated power by more than 10 dB. That's a 90% reduction in power! Hold the radio in your hand with the antenna in the clear.

Regarding antennas, those 3" rubber dummy loads may be cute but you're throwing away 3-6 dB of power when using one. (If you're *really* into math, compute the loss of a 3" rubber dummy load used on a belt clip!) A telescoping half-wave has a gain of as much as 10dB over a 3" rubber duck and a quarter-wave provides a 4-6 dB improvement. Even a 12-15" rubber duck will boost your signal by 3-6 dB over the 3" ones. Remember that one dB can mean the difference in whether or not a critical message gets through.

Have charged batteries and spare battery packs! If you also have a dry cell battery case, fill it with alkaline batteries. Make sure you have enough batteries with you to carry you through the event, even

on high power.

Use headphones or an earphone rather than a speaker/mike. Most earphones will plug directly into your HT. Low cost stereo headphones are widely available and will work perfectly with your HT using a mono-to-stereo adapter. The headphones also have the advantage of concentrating the communications in your ears while partially shutting out the outside noise. Headphones will also prolong battery life by allowing the radio to operate at lower audio output. A speaker/mike is the worst thing you can use – it doesn't cut the outside noise, it doesn't save batteries, and where is that HT while you're using the speaker/mike?? (Hint – see #2 above!)

Speak slowly and clearly when transmitting! You may take pride in your ability to run your words together and mumble but the station on the other end may be in a noisy environment and may not be able to receive your message.

Check out your ability to use simplex. Even if the operation is being conducted on a repeater, there may be "dead spots," the repeater may go down, or, sad to say, there may be jamming. Even if you can only work the two or three stations closest to you, a message can still be relayed. To maximize your simplex range, please re-read #2 and #3 above!

Listen to net control and direct all communications through him/her. Identify your station when calling net control and keep all communications direct and to the point.

If you must leave the radio or the area to which you have been assigned, first seek permission and acknowledgement from the net control station, make your "time off" as short as possible, and check back in with NCS immediately upon your return.

Project a good image to the non-hams around you that are part of the event/emergency. This means acting professionally, dressing appropriately, using basic hygiene skills, etc.

Above all else ... enjoy yourself! Working Public Service events is a rewarding experience and a fun way to give something back to the community.

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. Please join us.





SPRING HILL RACE

It was a dark and stormy day.....so began the SCRA support of the Spring Hill Bicycle Race on April 11, 2010. And stormy it was, with the rain creating a flood at the Start line where over 300 crazed riders braved the elements and started in 11 different races throughout the morning with mobile operators following each race. Net Control operated out of the venerable Toaster in warm and relatively dry conditions and was able to provide timely information to the Race Committee from the mobile operators who also provided assistance to the riders. Despite the weather and adverse conditions the radio team functioned effectively throughout the race and proved once again that amateur radio is able to provide reliable communication in adverse conditions and provided valuable experience for all of us. Thanks to Jim, KI6REK; Darryl, KI6MSP; Brian, N6IY; Dan, WA6CRB; John, KG6PEP; Al, N1AL; Sue, N3SU; Patti and Steve, KI6VKJ; John, KA6TBQ; Jim, K6HKY; Waldon, W1NGD; Saraj, KU6F; Pat, KG6JSL; Lorenzo, N6LAV; Kel, KJ6FAO; Mike Holli-baugh. Radio discipline and operation was excellent and all can be proud of their preparation and operational skills.

73,
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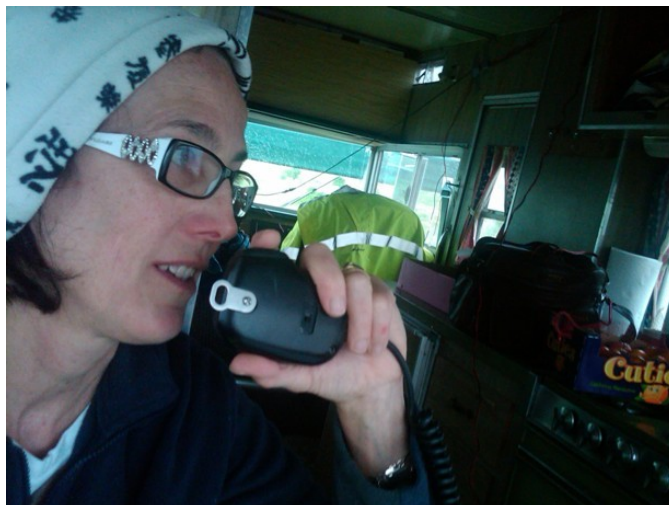


Photo: Saraj, KU6F operating at Spring Hill Road Race. Courtesy of Pat, KG6JSL.



Photo: A very wet group at the Spring Hill Road Race. Courtesy of Pat, KG6JSL.



Photo: Spring Hill Road Race. Courtesy of Pat, KG6JSL.

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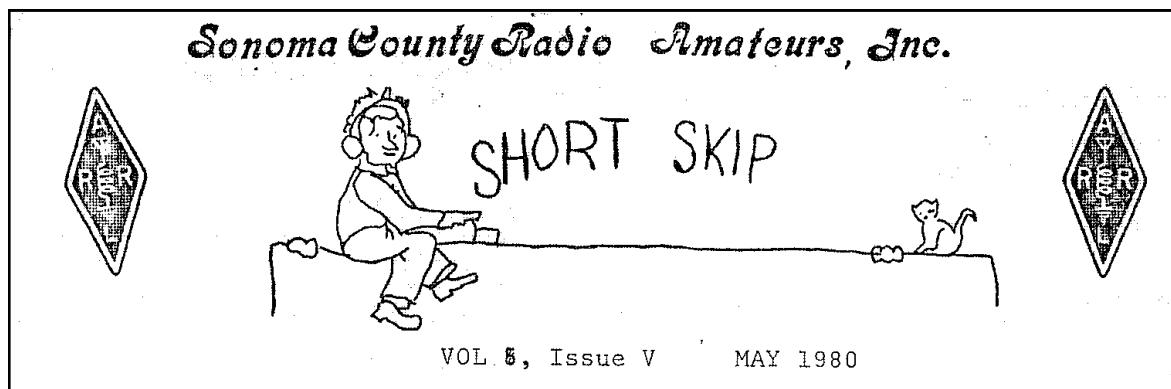
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Left: If you happened to have been a SCRA member in May of 1980 you might remember this banner of the Short Skip Newsletter. Look how it has changes in 30 years.

VE Sessions

On Saturday, April 17, SCRA sponsored a VE session open to all candidates. We had a total of 12 candidates and all but two went away with either a new call or upgrade. If you hear any the following new calls on the air, please be sure to give them a warm welcome:

Don Ingram, AF6WL
 Dave Schulz, KJ6HGF
 Jack Limper, KJ6HGI
 Christopher Carpenter, KJ6HGE
 Kyle Roberts, KJ6HGH
 Kathleen Wood, KJ6HHF
 Gerald Kvalheim, KJ6HGG

On Sunday, April 25, SCRA sponsored a VE session in conjunction with the Technician Video Course taught by John Breckenridge, WB6FRZ. There were 5 candidates. Four earned their Technician class license and one earned a General class license. Very excellent results!

I would like to extend my thanks to all the VEs that helped make these sessions possible: Dave New, AA6YX, Rick Sealock, N6RXA, Jim Kershner, K6HKY, Bill Finklestein, WB6JAO, Mary Mack, KG6GEX, John Breckenridge, WB6FRZ

Our next VE exams are tentatively scheduled for July 17, from 9am until noon, 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).

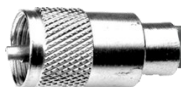
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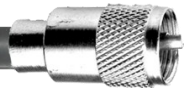
- One (1) photo ID or two (2) non-photo ID
- Social Security Number (if not currently licensed) or FCC Registration Number (FRN, if licensed)
- Original and photocopy of your current amateur radio license (if licensed)
- Original and photocopy of any valid CSCEs (if applicable)
- #2 Pencil and eraser
- \$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. The calculator function in a cell phone or PDA may not be used! If you have any special needs, please contact Brian Torr, N6IIY in advance.

Good Luck!

Brian Torr, N6IIY
n6iiy@arrl.net
 (707) 575-5871





SCRA Meeting Minutes 4/7/10

SCRA early arrivers found the LB Center already occupied. The meeting was moved to the Round-table Pizza on Sonoma. The move was announced on the radio. Our apologies to any who could not find us.

Eight jackets were awarded to 8 people, picked from the hat, who worked the Lake Sonoma service. An antenna was won by Brian N6IYY.

Dave W6IBC gave a presentation on Accessorizing Your Shack. Many thanks to Dave for an insightful presentation.

Net control will be:

4/13	Brian	N6IYY
4/20	Darryl	KI6MSP
4/27	Sutter	KI6ZON
5/4	Jim	K6HKY

A check was given to the treasury for \$2000.00 from the Santa Rosa Cycling Club as a donation for our service at their events.

Craig K6XLT reported that the Spring Hill race and the MS walk are staffed. The Wine Country Century on 5/1 still needs help. Darryl KI6MSP is collecting pledges for the Human Race. The Tour of California on 5/17 should be short service. The Terrible Two is on 6/19.

John KG6PEP asked for CW help on 5/1 for the BSA camporee at Lake Sonoma.

Brian N6IYY will hold a VE session on 4/17 at The Blood Bank of the Redwoods.

Members are encouraged to check our website and note that we also are socohams.org

John WB6FRZ reported on his classes and encouraged newcomers. New hams K6GZR and KF6YYX and one new student were in attendance.

Patti KI6VKI reported on the Expanding Horizons event.

JohnKE5RI reported the repeaters are linked as directed.

The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Evelyn
KI6PAY

SCRA BOD Minutes - 3/3/2010

In attendance: Dave KF6CLG, Darryl KI6MSP, Mike AD6YB, Pat KG6JSL, Ken N6PWV, Dave W6IBC, Jack K6ROW, John WB6FRZ, Brian N6IYY, Evelyn KI6PAY.

Meeting called to order at 6pm.

Treasurer's Report :

Jack K6ROW requested approval of the budget presented at the last meeting and modified. Dave W6IBC moved to approve the budget for 1/1/2010 to 12/31/2010. Darryl KI6MSP seconded and the motion was approved. Jack also presented a request from Saraj for a donation to Expanding Horizons. Darryl KI6MSP moved to donate \$50.00 to Expanding Horizons. Dave W6IBC seconded and the motion was approved.

Vice President's Report:

Darryl KI6MSP reported that Dave W6IBC will do the April presentation. He is still looking for a presenter for May. Suggestions were made to contact John Felton, Roy Fields, and Larry Nutting. It was also suggested that members could bring strange or different keys or microphones and have a joint presentation. The presentation in June will be on Field Day by Brian N6IYY. July will be on Semiconductors and the presenter will be Tom Boag. August is Home Brew and Boat Anchor. Either September or October will be a presentation by Bill Hillendahl.

Past President's Report:

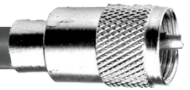
Dave W6IBC reported that the Web Master has moved the site to cleaner files and updated and improved it. He also said that Craig K6XLT proposed that we pay \$14.00 per year to secure Sonoma Hams.org which is available and link it to our web site. With much discussion, the board decided that we might anger VOMARC. It was decided that we ask Craig to check the availability of SoCo Hams.org. Dave W6IBC moved that we reserve and pay for SoCo Hams.org if it is available. Mike AD6YB seconded and the motion was approved. Dave W6IBC did the minutes of the last meeting and sent them to Dave KF6CLG, who will send them to me. Dave KF6CLG said that he had not received the minutes of the last BoD meeting and I will resubmit them to him.

Membership Report:

Mike AD6YB reported that he had mailed dues requests to members who are unpaid. The Board agreed that he should send Short Skip via email to unpaid members to keep communications open. Mike is also keeping copies of Short Skip on file and compiling them on his web site. Dave W6IBC moved that SCRA allow Mike to file and publish Short Skip on his site. Jack K6ROW seconded and the motion was approved.

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VE Report:

Brian N6IYY had nothing new to report. The repeater chairman was not present, but had asked when to link the repeaters. Dave W6IBC moved to link the repeaters Mondays 1700 hours to Tuesdays 2200 hours. Darryl KI6MSP seconded and the motion was approved.

John WB6FRZ reported that he has a conflict with the Penngrove Museum dates and cannot host on Saturday 7/10. Dave W6IBC will host and encourages participation.

Dave W6IBC discussed the communications section in the Bylaws and what was meant when they were written. He proposed new wording to read: "Resolved, that the SCRA Board of Directors hereby authorize communications on behalf of SCRA to be made by SCRA officers, directors, committee chairs, and members in carrying out their SCRA duties and tasks, subject to clarification, correction, or completion by the president as the president may deem necessary." His motion was seconded by Mike AD6YB and was approved.

There was a question of who was authorized to sign checks. Dave W6IBC moved that the signers will be the president, vice president, past president, and treasurer. Darryl KI6MSP seconded and the motion was approved. Pat KG6JSL asked for a donation to the Sonoma Mountain Repeaters. Dave W6IBC moved to donate \$50.00 to the Sonoma Mountain Repeaters Society in the event that we use their system for the Springhill bike race. Darryl KI6MSP seconded and the motion passed.

It was reported that Craig K6XLT will soon deliver a check from the Springhill bike group to

SCRA for \$1750.

Darryl KI6MSP reported extra equipment in the RV was unnecessary. He moved to sell it on EBay. Dave W6IBC seconded and the motion was approved. The suggestion was made to ask John Felton to sell it.

Darryl KI6MSP reported that Greg K6SRO wanted to video our presentations and put on the web site for those who could not attend. There was disagreement and discussion. Dave W6IBC suggested maybe on a case by case basis and most of the Board agreed.

Brian N6IYY reported that Jim Andrews has a military mast smaller than what we have. It is useful and easy to store. Dave W6IBC moved to authorize Brian to discuss acquiring it from Mr. Andrews. Darryl KI6MSP seconded and it was approved.

John WB6FRZ reported the 3/19 class has 5 new people, the 4/24 tech class has 1 person and the Ukiah 5/22 class has 5.

Ken N6PWV reported on shirts and hats. Hats would be an \$80. one time set up fee and \$10.00 apiece. Darryl KI6MSP suggested that he check with local companies. Pat KG6JSL suggested that in the previously approved shirt order there should be one dozen long-sleeved shirts, various sizes.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Evelyn
KI6PAY





CONTEST CORNER by Kevin Alt, K6BSG

Hello testers. Lots of activity in May, especially over the first weekend. The annual CQWW CW contest is over the Memorial Day weekend, and there are several state QSO parties to tune up with. Happy DX'ing!

1 May – **Microwave Spring Sprint** – all modes, 902 MHz and above. See: tinyurl.com/springsprints.

1 May – **QRP-QRP-Party** – CW, 80-40 meters. See: www.agcw.org.

1-2 May – **2 GHz and Up World Wide Contest** – all modes, 2.4 GHz and above. See: www.ham-radio.com/sbms.

1-2 May – **MARAC CW and SSB Contests** – Phone/CW, 80 meters – 70 cm. See: www.marac.org.

1-2 May – **10-10 Spring Digital Contest** – Digital, 10 meters. See: www.ten-ten.org.

1-2 May – **7th Area QSO Party** – all modes, 160-2 meters. See: www.7qp.org.

1-2 May – **Indiana QSO Party** – SSB/CW, 160-10 meters. See: www.hdxcc.org/inqp.

1-2 May – **Radio Club of America QSO Party** – SSB, 80-15 meters. See: www.radio-club-of-america.org.

1-2 May – **ARI International DX Contest** – all modes, 160-10 meters. See: www.qsl.net/contest_ari.

1-2 May – **New England QSO Party** – all modes, 80-10 meters. See: www.neqp.org.

8 May – **FISTS Spring Sprint** – CW, 80-10 meters. See: www.fists.org/sprints.html.

8-9 May – **Armed Forces Communications Test** – CW/Digital. See: www.netcom.army.mil/mars.

8-9 May – **CQ-M International DX Contest** – SSB/CW, 160-10 meters. See: www.cq-m.andvs.ru.

8-9 May – **Alessandro Volta RTTY DX Contest** – Digital, 80-10 meters. See: www.contestvolta.com.

8-9 May – **Portuguese Navy Day** – SSB/CW, 80-10 meters. See: www.nra.pt.

8-9 May – **Nevada QSO Party** – all modes, 160-6 meters. See: nv.arrrl.org/NQP/.

8-9 May – **50 MHz Spring Sprint** – all modes, 6 meters. See: tinyurl.com/springsprints.

15 May – **Portuguese Navy Day** – Digital, 80-10 meters. See: www.nra.pt.

15-16 May – **EU PSK DX Contest** – Digital, 80-10 meters. See: www.eu.srars.rog.

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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@arrrl.net.

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Badge	\$10

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Tentative Programs for 2010:

May meeting will be:

Keys and Oscillators

Our presenter will be John, KE5RI

Remaining 2010 Programs TBD....

Tentative 2010 Club Activities:

March 27: Lake Sonoma 50 Foot Race

April 11: Spring Hill Road Race

April 25: MS Walk - Santa Rosa (TBC)

April 30-May 2: Emcomm West - Reno Nevada

May 1: Wine County Century Bicycle Tour

May 8: Human Race - Santa Rosa

May 17: Tour of California Bicycle Race - Santa Rosa Segment

June 6: Event TBD

June 19: Terrible Two Bicycle Tour

June 26-27: Field Day

August 14-15: PCAM "Wings over Wine Country" Air Show

September 25-26: MS Waves to Wine

October 9: Levi Leipheimer's Gran Fondo

October 16-17: "Jamboree on the Air"

October 15-17: ARRL Division Convention - Pacificon

December 3: SCRA Holiday Party

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