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FIELD DAY RECAP

by Darryl Paule, KI6MSP
SCRA Vice President

This is my first time writing the
Presidents message.

In thinking of what to cover I've de-
cided to talk about Field Day.

This is my third field day, the first in having a general
class license.

I decided that since a part of ham radio is home brew. I
decided to demonstrate my two home brew antennas. The
infamous tape measure as well as my buddistick.

With the budistick I was on 20m and made a few contacts.
In particular I was impressed that I got a contact in Ha-
waii.

Field Day is also a learning experience for me, as well as
reconnecting with some people I haven't seen in a while.

Field Day was well attended. Brian N6IY has published
the results of our contacts.

See you at the next meeting on July 7th.

Also remember that I'm still asking for food donations for
the Redwood Empire Food Bank.

73,
Darryl
Vice President
KI6MSP

July 7, 2010 Meeting Announce- ment:

WHY QRP?

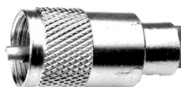
Presented by Bob KG6ZDN

ARRL Field Day: It's a Wrap!

07/02/2010

With more than 500 Field Day reports already re-
ceived -- and more coming in every day -- it's safe
to say that this year's ARRL Field Day was a
smashing success! Conditions, at least on the East
Coast, were quite good. Operators at W1AW, the
Hiram Percy Maxim Memorial Station, worked
many stations during Field Day, including a few
California stations on 6 and 10 meters, as well as
North Dakota on 10 meters on Saturday. Don't for-
get to send in your Field Day dupe sheets, along
with your summary sheet and proof of any bonus
points you earned. These reports for 2010 ARRL
Field Day must be postmarked, e-mailed to the
ARRL, posted to the Field Day Web Submission
Applet site or submitted by 2059 UTC Tuesday,
July 27, 2010. Late entries cannot be accepted.
You can also post your Field Day stories and pho-
tos on the Field Day Soapbox. The 2011 ARRL
Field Day will be June 25-26.

(Article courtesy of ARRL.org)
<http://www.arrl.org/news/arrl-field-day-it-s-a-wrap>



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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 Newline* broadcast.

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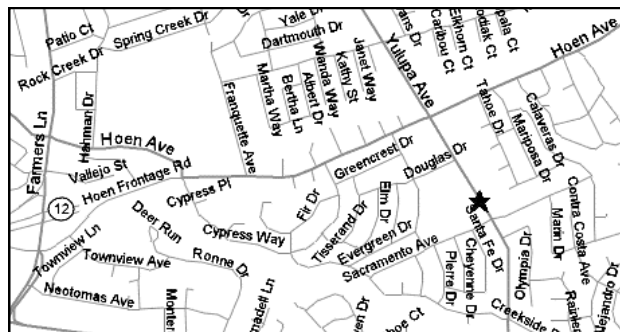
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**SCRA Club Meetings**

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

Next meeting is 7:00 PM Wednesday, July 7th 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.

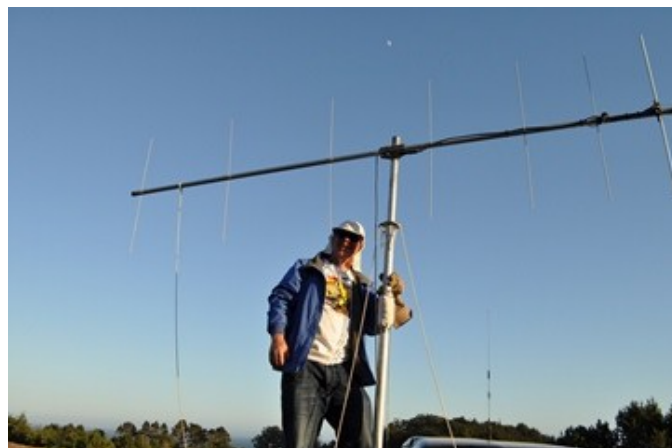
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Public Service Roundup for June 2010

Not much going on in June. Just the TT. The Terrible Two. (It's such a good opening line, I had to use it again.) Don't know how we manage to get such pleasant weather for the TT but once again mild temps contributed to a fairly good finishing rate. For some reason though this year was plagued by numerous crashes, some fairly serious. One rider, one of the front runners, slid out near a cattle guard and ended up with a broken femur just above the knee. Not good. He and one other person who crashed on Ft. Ross Rd. required ambulance transport out of these remote areas. This year as in past, we had W6IBC and KI6ASJ out at the Wolf Ranch Relay and boy am I glad they were there. This is the second year in a row they've relayed the crash information so that we could get the emergency calls placed. We're continuing to refine our communications plan for that area. This year we included the Seaview Repeater up on Myers Grade and from the reports I've read so far it looks like that solved a lot of issues in this remote area of Sonoma County. We had a few new folks on board as well who quickly picked up the tempo of transferring rider time and bib numbers in addition to the several emergency calls. This year it seemed all hams were at their very best.

One thing I've been looking to do with some of these events, knowing I can't do it for all, is to in-



John WB6FRZ at Terrible Two. (Photo courtesy of K6XLT)

clude some of the hams that are more physically challenged in some aspect. For the last 2 years I was able to include WB6TGI (SK) at the afternoon NC shift. This year, when Terry, KF6CA, expressed some interest I couldn't resist. I was able to slot her in at the same afternoon shift. The TT is such a physical event that it was a great pleasure to include someone who had great use of her many other abilities. With her Braille typewriter/notebook it was a real pleasure to watch as times came rolling over the radio and Terry would follow with a perfect read back. Well done Terry!

Again many thanks from both Santa Rosa Cycling Club and SCRA. A tip of the chapeau to those who manned the rest stops and SAG wagons: KI6TUR KJ6DSD KI6REK KI6MSP KF6CLG KG6JSL K6ROW KD6FIL WB6FRZ KU6F KG6ZDN K6BSG W6IBC KI6ASJ WA6CRB KE6HID N6IIY KG6BHI KI6MJC KJ6DSF KF6CA

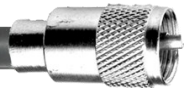
As far as I know there are no events scheduled for July and August. Save September 25 and 26 for Waves to Wine and October 9 for Levi's Gran Fondo. Should be some good activities.

See you out there on Field Day!

Craig
K6XLT
Public Service Wrangler



Terrible Two Net Control (Photo courtesy of K6XLT)



Next VE Session: July 17

Our next VE exams are 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).

Candidates should bring the following:

- 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, N6IY in advance.

Good Luck!

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Terrible Two Photos (*Courtesy of K6XLT*)

SCRA Badges

Could you put a short post up for me stating that I will be on vacation for the July meeting. See you all in August.

73s de N6PWV Ken

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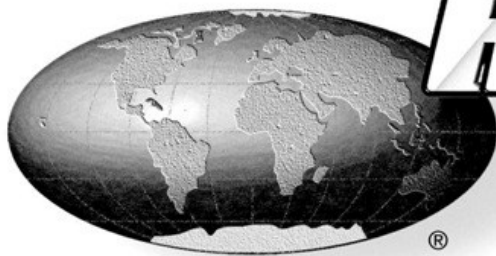
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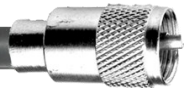
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SCRA Meeting Minutes June 2010

7:00 PM

Meeting called to order by Dave KF6CLG.

Introductions of club officials and members.

Motion to approve minutes posted in Short Skip.

Motion carried.

Brian N6IIY - program "Field Day"

Bill KH6GJV - program "How to be a good operator"

Chair reports

Repeater - John KE5RI will look into intermittent noise concern on repeater.

Treasurer - Jack K6ROW reports total of \$15,022 in checking and savings, with income for the year at \$6300 and expenses at \$1600.

Membership - Mike AD6YB reports that the clubs' newsletter Short Skip collection is now a part of the permanent collection at the Santa Rosa Library.

Mentor - John WB6FRZ reports that May's Technician study course had 15 students and a 100 percent pass rate.

ARES - Rich KF6SZA invited members to check into ARES net held on Monday evenings.

VE Team Liaison - Brian N6IIY reported that there will be a test session July 17 held at the Blood Bank and another following the Technician study course held in Oct.

Public Service - Pat KG6JSL reminded members to support the Terrible Two held on Sat. 19 and also of the upcoming Waves to Wine



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and GranFondo events.

Club Pres. - Dave KF6CLG invited all to the next BoD meeting on 6/9/10 at Star Town in Windsor.

Club Comm Van - Pat KG6JSL reported that 2 new 6V batteries were installed in the Toaster totaling 225Ah.

Net Control operators

6/8 KU6F

6/15 KI6MSP

6/22 KU6F

6/29 WB6FRZ

7/6 AD6YB

New business

Motion to name the annual club picnic "The Bob McQuilkin WB6TGI memorial picnic."
Motion carried.

9:00 PM Motion to adjourn.





CONTEST CORNER by Kevin Alt, K6BSG

Hello testers. I hope that everyone enjoyed Field Day. July is a fairly quiet month with several digital contests and the CQWW VHF contest. Happy DX'ing!

1 Jul – Canada Day Contest – Phone/CW, 160-2 meters.

See: www.rac.ca/service/contesting.

2-25 Jul – NS Weekly Sprint – CW, 160-20 meters. See: www.nccesprint.com/rules.html.

3-4 Jul – 0700 Club Firecracker PSK31 Sprint – Digital, 20 meters. See: www.podxs070.com.

3-4 Jul – Venezuelan Indep Day Contest – SSB/CW, 160-10 meters. See: www.radioclubvenezolano.org/concurso.htm.

3-4 Jul – DL DX RTTY Contest – Digital, 80-10 meters. See: www.drcg.de.

4 Jul – DARC 10-Meter Digital Corona – Digital, 10 meters. See: www.darc.de/ukw-funksport.

4-5 Jul – MI QRP July 4th Sprint – CW, 160-6 meters. See: www.miqrp.org.

9 Jul – FISTS Summer Sprint – CW, 80-10 meters. See: www.fists.org.

10 Jul – Feld-Hell Monthly Sprint – Digital, 160-10 meters. See: sites.google.com/site/feldhellclub.

10-11 Jul – IARU HF World Championship – SSB/CW, 160-10 meters. See: www.arrrl.org/contests.

10-11 Jul – World Radiosport Team Championship – SSB/CW, 80-10 meters. See: www.wrtc2010.ru.

11 Jul – Straight Key Weekend Sprint – CW, 160-6 meters.

See: www.skccgroup.com/sprint/wes.

11 Jul – QRP ARCI Summer Hornbrew – CW, 160-10 meters. See: www.qrparci.org.

14-15 Jul – Cwops Mini-CWT Test – CW, 80-20 meters.

See: www.cwops.org/onair.html.

17-18 Jul – DMC RTTY Contest – Digital, 80-10 meters.

See: www.digital-modes-club.org.

17-18 Jul – NA RTTY QSO Party – Digital, 80-10 meters.

See: www.ncjweb.com.

17-18 Jul – CQ WW VHF Contest – all modes, 6-2 meters.

See: www.cqww-vhf.com.

18 Jul – CQC Great Colorado Gold Rush – CW, 20 meters.

See: www.cqc.org/contests/gold2008.htm.

19 Jul – Run For the Bacon-Monthly – CW, 160-10 meters.

See: www.fqprp.com/fqprprun.php.

24-25 Jul – IOTA Contest – SSB/CW, 80-10 meters. See:

www.rsgbcc.org/hf/rules/2010/riota.shtml.

25 Jul – Flight of the Bumblebees – CW, 40-10 meters. See: adventure-radio.org/wiki.

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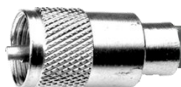
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Remaining 2010 Programs TBD....

Tentative 2010 Club Activities:

August 14-15: PCAM “Wings over Wine Country”

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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