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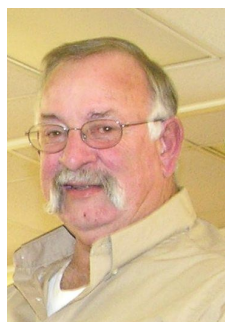
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Dave Santori, KF6CLG
SCRA President

Welcome to October! The last of the public service events this month are Levi's Grand Fondo and Jamboree On The Air (JOTA). These are wonderful events that help to keep Santa Rosa on the map and assist the Boy Scouts of America.

This past weekend, Sept. 25 & 26 2010, SCRA members and other Hams helped out in the Waves to Wine MS bike ride. A great time was had by all involved. The ride started in San Francisco and ended in Rohnert Park on the first day. The second day started in Rohnert Park and ended at the Lake Sonoma Dam. The weather was great on both days so there were lots of riders on the road. The coast road was full of cars and bicycles. For anyone who might blame us, we did not start the fire at Bodega.

The toaster was used at a school in Point Reyes on Saturday and as Net Control on Sunday at the Lake Sonoma Dam. A good time was had by all.

See you all at the meeting on Wednesday October 6, 2010.



Bill KH6GJV and Rich KF6SZA at the past IC-100 training course. *Photo courtesy of Mike AD6YB.*

VE Sessions

Our next VE exams are scheduled for Saturday, October 2, 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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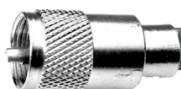
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Calculators may be used, but it must be demonstrated that all memories and programs have been erased. The calculator function in a cell phone or PDA may not be used! If you have any special needs, please contact Brian Torr, N6IY in advance.

Good Luck!

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October 6, 2010 Meeting Announcement - TBA



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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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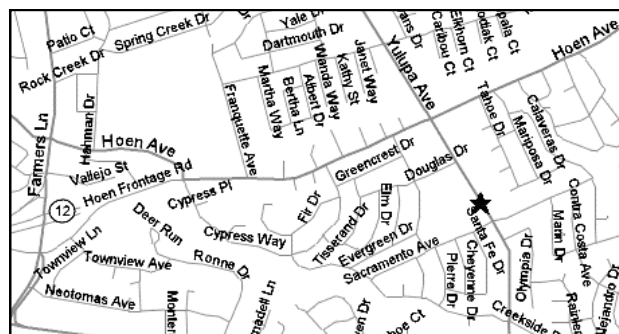
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**SCRA Club Meetings**

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

Next meeting is 7:00 PM Wednesday, October 6th 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.

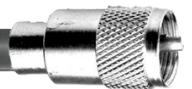
Hungry before the meeting?

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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Jamboree On The Air (JOTA) 2010

CQ Jamboree. CQ Jamboree. This is W6SON calling. CQ JOTA. That's right! It's time for the 53rd Jamboree On The Air. For the last few years, SCRA amateurs have provided most of the control operators and the equipment for the local Boy Scout council's annual Jamboree On The Air event held every October. This is a World Scouting event with Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts from over 100 countries reaching out via the airwaves. This is a great opportunity for our youth and an even greater opportunity for us. Every year, JOTA gives us a chance to introduce over 500,000 boys and girls to amateur radio. With our help, local Scouts learn what Scouting's like around the world. They also experience many of the things that amateur radio operators can do.

At last year's event, we allowed Scouts to operate CW, PSK31, HF phone, IRLP, APRS, ATV, VHF, and Satellite communications. Out of the 125 Scouts that participated, over twenty earned their Radio Merit Badge and at least two that I know of earned their amateur radio license.

This year, JOTA will be held on Saturday, October 16th from 8 A.M.- 6 P.M. and Sunday, October 17th from 8 A.M.-3 P.M. at the Vineyard of Faith Ministry, 167 Arata Lane in Windsor. I'd like us to be able to offer an even larger program, but I can't do that without your help. I will need help setting up on Friday afternoon from 3 P.M. until completed. I will also need control operators and equipment for each day. This is your chance to share your love of radio with the next generation

of future hams. So get up. Get dressed. Grab your SCRA name tag and give us a hand this year. If you have any questions on how to help, don't be afraid to call me at 707-326-3000. This is John, KG6PEP. 73's

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- 13-14 Oct – CWops Mini-CWT Test CW, 80-20 meters. See: www.cwops.org/onair.html.
- 16 Oct – Fall VHF Sprints – all modes, 902 MHz and up. See: www.svhfs.org.
- 16 Oct – Spooky Feld-Hell Sprint – digital, 10 meters. See: www.feldhellclub.org.
- 16-17 Oct – Great Pumpkin Sprint – digital, 160 meters. See: www.podxs070.com.
- 16-17 Oct – Arucaria VHF Contest – Phone/CW, 6-2 meters. See: www.avhfc.com.
- 16-17 Oct – JARTS WW RTTY Contest – digital, 80-10 meters. See: jarts.web.fc2.com.
- 16-17 Oct – QRP ARCI Fall QSO Party – CW, 160-10 meters. See: www.qrparci.org.
- 16-17 Oct – New York QSO Party – all modes, all allowed bands. See: www.nyqp.org.
- 16-17 Oct – Worked All Germany – SSB/CW, 80-10 meters. See: www.darc.de/referate/dx/contest/wag.
- 17 Oct – Iowa QSO Party – all modes, all allowed bands. See: www.wa0dx.org.
- 17 Oct – Asia-Pacific Sprint – CW, 20-15 meters. See: jsfc.org/apsprint/aprule.txt.
- 17-18 Oct – Stew Perry Warmup Contest – CW, 160 meters. See: www.jzap.com/k7rat/stew.rules.txt.
- 17-18 Oct – Illinois QSO Party – Phone/CW, 160-2 meters. See: www.w9awe.org.
- 18 Oct – Run For the Bacon – CW, 160-10 meters. See: www.fqgrp.com/fqgrpun.php.
- 18-22 Oct – School Club Roundup – all modes, all allowed bands. See: www.arrl.org/school-club-roundup-scr.
- 23 Oct – FOC QSO Party – CW, 160-2 meters. See: www.g4foc.org.
- 23-24 Oct – 10-10 Fall CW QSO Party – CW, 10 meters. See: www.ten-ten.org.
- 23-24 Oct – Scandinavian YLRA Contest – all modes, 80-10 meters. See: www.contestclubfinland.com.
- 23-24 Oct – W/VE Islands QSO Party – all modes, 160-6 meters. See: www.usislands.org.
- 27 Oct – SKC Straight Key Sprint – CW, 80-10 meters. See: www.skccgroup.com/sprint/sks.
- 30-31 Oct – CQ WW SSB Contest – SSB, 160-10 meters. See: cq-amateur-radio.com.
- 30-31 Oct – ARRL EME Contest – all modes, 50-1296 MHz. See: www.arrl.org/contests.
- 30-31 Oct – 10-10 Fall Digital QSO Party – digital, 10 meters. See: www.ten-ten.org.
- 30-31 Oct – Fall VHF Sprints – all modes, 6 meters. See: www.svhfs.org.



SCRA Board Minuets for August 11th, 2010

Present: Dave KF6CLG, Darryl KI6MSP, Jack K6ROW, Mike AD6YB, John WB6FRZ

1810 Call to order

K6ROW Treasures report: \$5K in savings. Suggested that this money be put in a Certificate of Deposit (CD). No action taken.

KI6MSP made a motion to accept minuets from July BOD meeting. K6ROW seconded the motion. Motion Approved.

A nominating committee was formed for upcoming election of officers and directors. Elections are at the November 2010 meeting

K6ROW made a motion to establish the committee. KI6MSP seconded the motion. Motion approved
AD6YB and KF6CLG are on the committee. One more member is needed.

WB6FRZ reported on Vista Del Lago
Vista Del Lago is a planed unit development (PUD). They are in process of developing COPE evacuation teams. WB6FRZ and KI6MSP went to do a demonstration on amateur radio and its use in disaster communications. There was also the opportunity for those wanting to sign up for the next technician class to get licensed to be part of the communications team.

General and extra classes are complete

KI6MSP brought up a discussion on the COPE teams being trained. This is an opportunity to get people licensed, and for new club members.

The BOD should establish a community liaison person to meet with the various PUD's as well as mobile home parks in offering their COPE teams classes to be licensed and to join SCRA. Rich KF6SZA is the ARES representative. Rich is interested in pursuing this potential training of new radio operators for the COPE teams.

The club picnic for September is still in planning stage according to Jim KI6REK.

KI6REK requests help in set up and clean up as he is out of town on work and needs help.

Jim KI6REK sent Darryl KI6MSP an email about the fact that the meeting is now longer and this doesn't work for him as for being refreshment chairman.

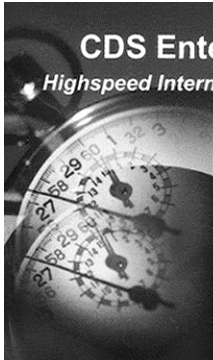
1923 Adjourned.

Submitted by Darryl KI6MSP acting Secretary.



Pictured above are SCRA club officers and members who were evacuated from the StarTown Restaurant in Windsor at this past BOD meeting due to a major gas line break in the kitchen. The meeting concluded in the parking lot. Fortunately, SCRA members were able to help get the gas line turned off so there wasn't an explosion or fire.

Photo courtesy of Mike AD6YB.



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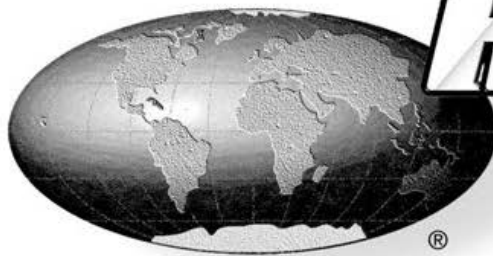
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CONTEST CORNER by Kevin Alt, K6BSG

Hello testers. October is one of the busiest contesting months of the year. Many QSO parties, CW sprints, and other activities to keep every ham interest occupied. The month culminates with the CQWW SSB contest on the last weekend. Happy DX'ing!

2 Oct – **PSK Rumble – The Fall Classic** – Digital, 160-6 meters. See: www.n2ty.com.

2 Oct – **EU Autumn Sprint** – SSB, 80-20 meters. See: www.eusprint.com.

2-3 Oct – **EPC Russia DX Contest** – Digital, 160-10 meters. See: www.epc-ru.ru.

2-3 Oct – **Oceania DX Phone Contest** – SSB, 160-10 meters. See: www.oceaniadxcontest.com.

2-3 Oct – **California QSO Party** – Phone/CW, 160-2 meters. See: www.cqp.org.

4 Oct – **RSGB 21/28 MHz Contest** – SSB/CW, 15-10 meters. See: www.rsgbcc.org/hf/rules/2009/r2128.shtml.

5 Oct – **ARS Spartan Sprint** – CW, 80-10 meters. See: www.arsgrp.blogspot.com.

6 Oct – **Fall VHF Sprints** – all modes, 70 cm. See: www.svhfs.org.

8 Oct – **NS Weekly Sprint** – CW, 160-20 meters. See: www.nccsprint.com/rules.html.

8-10 Oct – **DX/NA YLRL Anniversary Party** – CW, 160-10 meters. See: www.vlrl.org.

9 Oct – **FISTS Fall Sprint** – CW, 80-10 meters. See: www.fists.org.

9 Oct – **EU Autumn Sprint** – CW, 80-20 meters. See:

www.eusprint.com.

9-10 Oct – **Makrothen RTTY Contest** – digital, 80-10 meters. See: home.arcor.de/waldemar.kebsch

9-10 Oct – **Oceania DX CW Contest** – CW, 160-10 meters. See: www.oceaniadxcontest.com.

9-10 Oct – **Scandinavian Activity Contest** – SSB, 80-10 meters. See: www.sk3bg.se/contest/sacnsc.htm.

9-10 Oct – **Worked All Britain HF Contest** – SSB, 20-10 meters. See: www.worked-all-britain.co.uk.

9-10 Oct – **Arizona QSO Party** – all modes, 80-2 meters. See: www.azqsoparty.org.

9-11 Oct – **Pennsylvania QSO Party** – all modes, 160-2 meters. See: www.nittany-arc.net/paqso.html.

10 Oct – **North American RTTY Sprint** – digital, 80-20 meters. See: www.ncjweb.com.

10 Oct – **Straight Key Weekend Sprint** – CW, 160-6 meters. See: www.skccgroup.com/sprint/wes.

10 Oct – **10-10 Sprint** – all modes, 10 meters. See: www.ten-ten.org.

10-11 Oct – **ARRL EME Contest** – all modes, 6 meters and up. See: www.arrl.org/contests.

11 Oct – **SKCC Monthly Weekend Sprint** – CW, 80-10 meters. See: www.skccgroup.com/sprint/wes.

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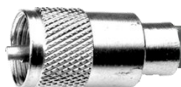
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Tentative 2010 Club Activities:

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

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December 3: SCRA Holiday Party

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