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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Dave Santori, KF6CLG SCRA President

We have just completed another year of public service with the end of Levi's Grand Fondo. Wow, there were 6000+ riders all

on the west side of Sonoma County. We had our hands full, or should I say our radios full. More pictures are inside this edition of the Short Skip.

Waves to Wine kept us busy with another weekend of bikes on the Sonoma County roads. Again, our radios came in handy. We also helped with the JOTA public service event for the Boy Scouts of America. We had a few boys show up and were very excited about radio communication.

Coming up this month is the SCRA Club Elections. If you haven't decided to run for office, you can still put your name in the running at the November meeting. This meeting will feature "Go Kits" – what you need both for radio and for yourself. If you have a "Go Kit" and are willing to show the rest of the club, please feel free to bring it to the meeting. See you at the meeting!

Meeting Announcement: Nov 3, 2010 SCRA CLUB ELECTIONS & "GO KITS"



NOVEMBER 2010

The famous Levi Leipheimer and our very own SCRA President Dave Santori, KF6CLG at this year's Levi's Grand Fondo. *Photo Courtesy of Pat Coyle, KG6JSL.*

LEVI'S GRAND FONDO 2010

World-class bike racer Levi Leipheimer thanks Sonoma County Radio Amateurs (SCRA) President Dave Santori KF6CLG for the Club's service at Levi's Grand Fondo on October 9, 2010. The fun bike ride featured 6,000 riders: 4,000 from out of state. SCRA coordinated over 40 hams in providing ride communications including medical calls that resulted in two helicopter evacuations. The rides covered 32, 65 and 103 miles through the California County's western hills and coastal roads.

SCRA's communication van, affectionately
known as "the toaster," was stationed
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NOVEMBER 2010

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President	Dave Santori	KF6CLG	585-1873
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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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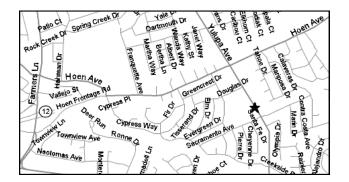


SCRA Club Meetings

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

Next meeting is 7:00 PM Wednesday, November 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 fro 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 - 2010

What a way to wrap up the year! Levi's Gran Fondo was huge and I can't think of an event that had everyone working their radios so hard. We fielded some 40 hams for an event with 5400 bike riders spread out all over the west county. I've never had the pleasure of riding in an event this big, let alone managing the radio ops for something so large. That we were able to do this with just 3 folks (2 shifts) at Net Control and 2 repeaters was remarkable. We were fortunate this year, thanks to Dave, W6IBC's suggestion, to establish a better link with the Seaview repeater. We were finally able to use 2 repeaters at once without knocking each other out, and with the number of incidents, we couldn't have done without it.

We had a few hams stationed out in the OES Communications van at the Occidental fire station and as near as we can tell everything went quite smoothly this year after last year's assortment of power failures and such. Perhaps the good news is the number of first timers that jumped right in. We had an assortment for folks from around the Bay Area. Gualala, and Ukiah come join us and it was a real pleasure to hear everyone, including hams I haven't worked with before, step right up to the plate, er, mike and handle traffic with such ease.

I said we were busy and we were. With 5400 riders the odds were good for a crash rate. The roads didn't disappoint as no sooner had the event started and we were dispatching sags for sidelined riders that had barely reached the Laguna. As could be expected we were fielding reports for all of the remote areas of the county, including the inevitable crashes up at Hauser Bridge. I'm told there were a total of 19 ambulance incidents and some of you also know that we did have a hit and run late in the day. This year we placed W8CAT, Cathy Crosby (Gualala), in one of the ambulances and it really helped with the overall emergency response. The guys with the best job of course were Pat KG6JSL and Dave, the prez, KF6CLG, hanging outside in the sun with the toaster at Portuguese Beach, getting their picture taken with Levi. And since we're naming names, here's our roster for the event:

K6XLT	Comm Boss	Finley - Logistics
Command		
KI6TUR	Rest Stop	Cazadero
KG6JSL	Rest Stop	Portugese Beach
W8CAT	QRV	Ambulance (from

Gualala)	
KI6TID	On-course
WA6CRB	Rest Stop
N3SU	Rest Stop
Ridge	I
NIĂL	Rest Stop
Ridge	
KI6REK	SAG
KI6RIT	SAG
KI6MJC	SAG
KI6ZON	SAG
WE4MOO	
KJ6FAU	SAG
nut Creek)	
WA6EVU	Marshal
KD6FIL	NC
KU6F	NC
KJ6HZB	Moto
Cruz)	
KI6VKL	Rest Stop
KJ6JTP	Rest Stop
KQ6OB	ICP
W1NGD	NC
KI6ADA	Rest Stop
N6AFL	Rest Stop
KE6HID	Roving
K6ROW	ICP
KI6TIB	Rest Stop
(from Ukiah)	
WB6YKU	Chief
W6IBC	NC
KI6ASJ	SAG
WE4MOO	SAG
KG6ZDN	Rest Stop
AD6YB	ICP
KI6MSP	Rest Stop
KJ6DSD	Rest Stop
KG6ZJX	Marshal
N6IIY	Rest Stop
KE6UMS	Marshal
KG6BHI	Rest Stop
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Again a superb job by all! See you at the November meeting!

Rest Stop

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Craig, K6XLT Public Service Wrangler



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Minutes Board of Directors 9/8/2010

Dave KF6CLG, Darryl KI6MSP, Dave W6IBC, Mike AD6YB, Brian N6IIY, John WB6FRZ, John KG6PEP, Evelyn KI6PAY, Charlie, John KE5RI, Jack K6ROW was not present.

Minutes of the last meeting were accepted as written on a motion by Dave W6IBC and Darryl.

Treasurer's report by Dave KF6CLG - balance of \$13720.64.

There was discussion of the age of the repeaters, the noise and possible need to replace the repeaters, with English Hill of more concern than Castle Rock. Also mentioned, was the van and expenses, a trailer, storage, and a link to Valley of the Moon group.

Darryl asked for suggestions for Oct. meeting. Suggestions were JOTA, a video of the vacuum tube or spark transmitter, or correct communications. Also maybe something on PG&E Smart Meters or from the American telephone pioneers.

It was announced that K6SON was available. On a motion by Dave W6IBC and Darryl, it was approved that the change be made from W6LFJ to K6SON. John KE5RI will do that.

Dave KF6CLG suggested that a board member missing meetings would lose the job. Dave W6IBC stated that the rule fell out of the by-laws when they were revised. More research will be done and reported.

John WB6FRZ reported that he is still looking for a place to hold the next class. It was suggested that he check the Windsor Fire Department.

It was suggested that a Roving Box, like a Geo Cache box, could be passed among members. Dave KF6CLG will request web passwords from Bob or Steve.

Brian reported VE sessions Oct.2 and after John's class are planned and covered.

John KE5RI will hold a receipt of \$51.42 for payment when Jack returns. He reported that he has been having problems isolating the repeater noise. He also said that there is a broken lock on the repeater cabinet.

Mike reported that the nominating committee is working.

Question: do we need a Ham of the Year? Answeroptional.

Some discussion on picnic. Darryl and Pat both said that they would try to assist Jim.

The meeting was adjourned in the parking lot after problems in the kitchen.

SHORT SKIP - PAST EDITIONS

Mike (AD6YB) is still working to complete a set of Short Skips.

If you have any of the following, please contact Mike:

1977 - any1978 - any1979 - any(We have some of these but would like to check against any that members may have.)

July 1999 Oct, Nov, Dec 2003 Mar, Apr, Jun, Jul, Aug, sep, Dec 2005 Feb, Mar, Apr, May, Aug, Sep, Oct 2006 Feb, Mar, Apr, May, Sep, Nov, Dec 2007 Jan, Feb 2008.

Note that many of these are quite recent, so please check your files and let Mike know.

Mike would be happy to borrow them, scan them for our on-line records at www.winepi.com/SCRA.htm, and photocopy them for the Sonoma County Library's collection. You can get your copies back.

Please contact Mike at AD6YB@ARRL.net or (707) 545-7520. Thanks!





SCRA Meeting Minutes - 10/6/2010

The meeting was called to order at 7:00P.M. by Dave KF6CLG. Introductions of members and officers were made.

The new club call was announced. It is K6SON. The repeater is W6SON. Someone said we are not using our repeater enough.

John KG6PEP gave a presentation on the Boy Scout Jamboree on the Air and asked for help.

Dave W6IBC showed 2 films on tubes.

Reports were given after the break.

Dave W6IBC spoke for John KE5RI who was not available. They are working on the repeater noise.

John WB6FRZ has a class scheduled on Oct. 22, 23, and 24 at the Sebastopol Fire Station.

Ares is planning to do a class, ICS 200, soon.

Craig K6XLT said that there are 2 more public service events this year

Old Business

The election of new officers is next month and the nominating committee is preparing for it.

New Business

Mike AD6YB is still looking for old Short Skips. He still needs most of 1977 and 78 and May and Nov. of 79. He needs July of 1999, Oct. Nov. Dec. 2003, most of 05, 06, 07 and Jan. and Feb. 08.

Dave KF6CLG said that the holiday dinner is on the first Wednesday of December, our regular meeting night because of the cost of the hall during the holiday season.

Net Control

10/12	Darryl	KI6MSP
10/19	John	WB6FRZ
10/26	Brian	N6IIY
11/2	Jim	K6HKY

Jack K6ROW gave the treasurer's report. There is nearly \$14000.00 in the bank. He explained some expenses and said that the expenses are about \$1000.00 below what was anticipated to date. There are still several donations anticipated as well.

The next Board Meeting is 10/13 at Startown in Windsor and anyone is welcome.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40P.M.



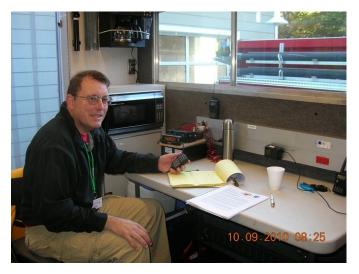
LEVI's GRAND FONDO (cont. from front cover)

at Portuguese Beach on the coast. Two twometer repeaters were used to cover the course.

Professional EMS staff at the ride noted, "amateur radio is our most reliable method of communication."

Leipheimer is a three-time winner of the Tour of California and a four-time top-ten finisher of the Tour de France. He won the bronze medal at the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games in the road time trial.

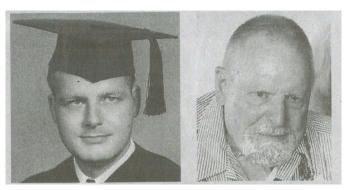
Michael Von der Porten AD6YB



Mike, AD6YB at "Levi Command" at the Occidental Rest Stop during the recent Levi's Grand Fondo 2010. *Photo courtesy of Mike, AD6YB.*



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Silent Key Charles Kenneth "Jack" Jackson W6KNO

JACKSON, Charles Kenneth ("Jack")

"Jack" Jackson passed away July 29, 2010 from Parkinsons. Born January 19, 1923, in Oakland and graduating from Turlock High School in 1941. He worked in the Richmond Shipyards and as a Merhcang Marine from 1943 to 1946. A UC Berkeley Graduate, Go Bears. Married for 51 years to Margaret Helen Claar ("Peggy") until her death in 2002. An Amateur Radio operator, call sign W6KNO. Member of ARRL, MARC, EBARD, SCRA and Cal Fire's VIP Program. Founder of the Red Oak Victory Amateur Radio Club. A member of Delta Phi Epsilon, the Professional Foreign Service Fraternity (Epsilon Chapter, 1947). A volunteer at KPFA radio, also an early board member of the Berkeley Co-op. He worked for Stauffer Chemical Co. In the 1950's, and later became a Real Property appraiser with the Assessor's Office County of Sonoma. A Kensington resident for 50 years, he was a strong supporter and occasional board member of PFLAG. A volunteer for the SS Red Oak Vicotry. For a complete history of Jack please go to website: http://home.earthlink.net/ ~kc6ssf/CharlesKennethJackson.pdf. He is mourned by his family; daughter, Martha, of Richmond; son, David, wife Becky, of Santa Rosa, their sons, Daniel and Brian; son, Peter, his partner Eric Raptosh, of Venice Beach; son, Michael, wife Monique Lanoix, of Montreal: and many cousins, friends, and shipmates.

A celebration of his life will be held on board the Red Oak Victory, 1337 Canal Blvd., Berth 6A, Richmond, CA, on Sunday October 10, 2010 at 4:00 p.m. No flowers please. Donations to SS Red Oak Victory c/o Richmond Museum of History, P.O. Box 1267, Richmond, CA 94802 or PFLAG 1828 L Street, NW, Suite 660, Washington, D.C. 20036.



"Levi Command" - Levi's Grand Fondo - Net Control. Craig, K6XLT "The Public Service Wrangler". *Photo courtesy of Mike, AD6YB.*



Fred, KQ6OB at the recent Levi's Grand Fondo. *Photo courtesy of Mike, AD6YB.*

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(Left) The County Communication Van with KQ6OB's J-pole mounted at the left rear. *Photo courtesy of Mike, AD6YB.*

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.

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November: Club Elections & "GO KITS"

Tentative 2010 Club Activities:

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