

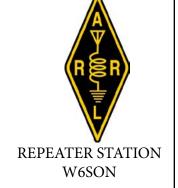
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April SCRA Update

by Darryl Paule, KI6MSP SCRA President

The past few weeks have been very busy for SCRA:

The no-host dinner before the club meetings was enjoyed by 17 of us at our new location: Star Restaurant at 1350 Farmers lane in Santa Rosa. We also enjoy a 20% discount on our dinner.

Rich KF6FZA and Fred KQ6OB put together a wild Fire drill on March 5th. There were several evacuation stations as we were thankful we could use the Red Cross and Blood Bank as locations. Overall the drill was successful. There were some glitches with net control station at Oakmont. They were doing internal simplex drills and communicating with the other locations. SCRA also had coverage from the Press Democrat. The P.D. is going to cover several events then do a big story.

SCRA now enjoys a 10% discount on items purchased (limited items) at Orchard Supply (OSH). The items for this discount will be for your Go-kit, building antennas, or other related projects. Just show your call sign badge to the customer service cashier.

OSH and Star restaurant will be advertising in the Short Skip in the near future. I'm also looking to have Halls' advertise in the Short Skip as well.

This month's presentation will be a double header. We will have a presentation from Danielle Ing Dis-

trict director for the Boy Scouts. Danielle will present opportunities to work with Boy Scouts in various projects related to amateur radio. There will also be a presentation by PG&E of the Smart Meters. This will be an area of interest since there are many people who have issues with the R F. There will also be an engineer who will be available to answer those R F and other technical questions.

Sutter KI6ZON has made several new additions to the web site. Be sure to check this out.

Let Donald WE4MOO know how the new clickable links in the Short Skip are working for you.

Any ideas or suggestions for the club, web site, or amateur radio please contact me at: ki6msp@arrl.net

73 Darryl KI6MSP





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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 broadcast.

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

Meeting location: Luther Burbank Art & Garden Center 2050 Yulupa Avenue



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 Star Restaurant,
1350 Farmers Lane, 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 http://www.pdarrl.org/sfsec/



SCRA Web Site Upgrades

The SCRA Web site has recently been upgraded to a new version. This new version includes some exciting new changes. First, the navigation buttons on the left side have been replaced with new ones. This change allows me to add new pages to the Web site and have buttons for them. While on the topic of the home page, the news, which used to be on the home page, has moved to the new SCRA Blog. You can get to the blog through the news button or by visiting its Web site at scranews.blogspot.com. The area on the home page where the news used to be has been filled with a chart showing the topics of our meetings.

The calendar page has been updated to use Charlie KZ6T's Google calendar. This allows the calendar to be more up to date. The Field Day page has also been updated for this year. Finally, a links page has been added. This page contains links to useful ham radio sites.

If you notice any issues with the website or have a suggestion for a new feature, feel free to email me at KI6ZON@qsl.net.

73! Sutter KI6ZON

Volunteer Operators for the Mendocino Rally

The Mendocino Rally is an Off Highway Vehicle race being held on August 9, 2011, in the hills east of Ukiah. For an idea of what an OHV Rally is, check out this really cool video. http://espn.go.com/video/clip?id=3424094 This is a new event and will be lots of fun, as well as radio intensive. It is excellent experience for ECOMM as well because it is going to be fast moving and require improvisation. If you have not signed up yet at a Club meeting, please contact Pat Coyle, coylaw@sonic.net for more information

April Program Information

Membership meeting program change.

Chasing RFI (by KE5RI) will be rescheduled for a later date. In its place we will offer a short presentation on Scouting.

The second billing will be a presentation by PG&E on smart meters. What they are, the goals of the program and how they work -- with a focus on the radio links that make them work. We expect to have both a public outreach person and an engineer here to answer questions.

Austin Sharp started out with PGE in 2006 as a hiring hall meter reader, and as part of PGE's effort to integrate the meter readers into the company, was hired into the Customer Impact team last year to work within the SmartMeterTM group. Customer Impact's role is to work with customers to understand the rollout of programs such as SmartMeterTM.

Jerry Hinshaw (BSEE, MSEE, University of Southern California) is a contractor to Pacific Gas and Electric, working with Smart Meter wireless engineering and network deployment issues.. Mr. Hinshaw is a technology professional with more than 25 years developing RF / wireless products and systems. Mr. Hinshaw has implemented low-cost, rapid-development processes to create market-ready wireless products complete with FCC and agency certification. His experience extends from initial market requirements to high-rate production. Mr. Hinshaw has served as Director of Operations for Vida Products, CEO and Co-Founder of LPN Wireless, a Director of Engineering for Zhone Technologies, and as a Manager of RF, Microwave, and Antenna Engineering for Allied-Signal.





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Public Service Roundup for March

April 2 for the Lake Sonoma 50 looms large on the horizon. I still have 3 openings for a couple of the rest stops. If you're available let me know as soon as possible. Also, on April17 we have the MS walk. This is a very simple event and excellent if you are new to public service events. All that is required is an HT and about 3-4 hours of your time.

May 7 is a big day for us. With both the WCC and Human Race we'll need lot of folks to turn out to help make these events a success. Darryl, KI6MSP will handle the Human Race while I will manage the WCC. Come out and help support the events that support this club.

Certainly start thinking about the other events on the calendar as well. After the TT we can relax a little and enjoy the summer before the Fall events start up.

Event

Comm Boss

4/2: Lake Sonoma 50, Lake Sonoma K6XLT 4/17: MS Walk at Spring Lake tbd

5/7: Wine Country Century K6XLT, Craig 5/7: Human Race KI6MSP, Darryl

5/21: Rose Parade TBD

6/18: Terrible Two K6XLT, Craig 8/6: Mendocino Rally KG6JSL, Pat 9/17-18: MS Waves to Wine tbd

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Upcoming General and Extra Class

Like last year we are offering both a General and Extra class to help those of you working toward that next level of license class.

The classes will both be held concurrently on Friday evenings from 6 PM until 9 PM at the Santa Rosa Red Cross, 5297 Aero Drive in Santa Rosa.

We will be using the ARRL General Class License Manual, and the ARRL Extra Class License Manual, respectively for the classes.

We meet for nine weeks beginning April 22nd. More details are on the SCRA Web page under the "Classes" link. The General class exam questions change after June 30th; this class will use material for the existing exam questions. SCRA is hosting a VE session (one week following the last scheduled class) on Field Day Saturday, June 25th at Piner Youth Park. Contact Brian Torr, N6IIY for more information about this exam session.

Contact John Breckenridge with your questions about the classes or to sign up for a class.

73, John Breckenridge, WB6FRZ Education Chairman 707 217 1017 Wb6frz@arrl.net

Bylaw Review Committee

A review committee is being formed to take a look at the Club's bylaws to study if any tweaks or adjustments should/need to be made. If you are interested in sitting on this committee, please email Charlie KZ6T@ARRL.net.

SCRA Mini DXpedition

Announcing SCRA 2011 Mini DXpedition, scheduled for the weekend of August 13, 2011.

This special event will be a club sponsored Mini-DX-pedition to the Lost Coast area of Northern California. Specifically, to activate Maidenhead grid-square CM79.

It's remote and offers some significant challenges. This most sought after grid-square is roughly 1-square mile in area and has no roads, no houses, no power, etc. It is a federal Wilderness area where no vehicles of any kind are allowed.

This will be a Camp-out/hike-in event. Beginning Friday (Aug. 12,) our base camp will be established in a BLM primitive campground nestled in a valley about 7 miles south of the town of Shelter Cove. Saturday we will hike approximately 2.5 miles along a well established trail to the confluence of 40n 124w. This is the N/E corner of CM79. Spend the day setting up, transmitting, and return to the campground for dinner and celebration. Sunday we pack up and drive home.

Everyone is invited. If you are not up for the hike, there will be plenty to do as base-camp support.

Much more information and a online sign-up form is available on the SCRA Web site — click on the Activities button, then click SCRA Mini DXpedition to CM79.

Everyone can and is encouraged to participate. If you are up for a hike, great, if not, we can certainly use your talents in base camp, or even as a mobile operator. At this point we are looking for commitments to sign-up early so we can plan out as many details as possible. If you have questions after visiting the Web site, please post them.

Direct link to Mini-DX pedition website.



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CONTEST CORNER by Kevin Alt, K6BSG

Hello contesters. April is another great contesting month. Given the events in Japan over the past several weeks, how about checking out the Japan International DX Contest on April 9th and 10th? Also a couple of EME contests and a rare 220 MHz contest on April 19th. Happy DX'ing!

- 2 Apr **Second Class Operators CW Bash** CW, 80-10 meters. See: www.qsl.net/soc.
- 2 Apr **LZ Open 40 Meter Contest** CW, 40 meters. See: www.lzopen.com.
- 2-3 Apr **QRP ARCI Spring QSO Party** CW, 160-10 meters. See: www.qrparci.org.
- 2-3 Apr **SP DX Contest** SSB/CW, 160-10 meters. See: www.spdxcontest.info.
- 2-3 Apr **EA RTTY** Contest RTTY, 80-10 meters. See: www.ure.es/contest.
- 2-3 Apr **QCWA Spring QSO Party** all modes, all bands. See: www.qcwa.org/qso-party.html.
- 3-5 Apr **MO QSO Party** SSB/CW, 160-10 meters. See: www.w0ma.org.
- 5 Apr **ARS Spartan Sprint** CW, 80-10 meters. See: www.arsqrp.blogspot.com.
- 8 Apr SNS and NS Weekly Sprints CW, 160-20 meters. See: www.ncccsprint.com/rules.html.
- 9 Apr **EU Spring Sprints** CW, 80-20 meters. See: www.eusprint.com.
- 9 Apr **PODXS Flavors Contest** Digital, 20 meters. See: www.podxs070.com.
- 9 Apr **Georgia QSO Party** Phone/CW, 160-6 meters. See: gqp.contesting.com.
- 9-10 Apr **Worldwide EME Contest** Phone/CW, 432 MHz, 3.4 GHz. See: www.dubus.org.
- 9-10 Apr **Montana QSO Party** all modes, 160 meters 70 cm. See: www.fvarc.org.
- 9-10 Apr **Japan International DX Contest** CW, 160-10 meters. See: jidx.org.
- 9-10 Apr **New Mexico QSO Party** all modes, 160-6 meters. See: www.swcp.com/~n5zgt.

- 9-10 Apr **Yuri Gagarin DX Contest** CW, 160-10 meters. See: gc.qst.ru/en.
- 11 Apr **VHF Spring Sprints** all modes, 2 meters. See: sites.google.com/site/springvhfupsprints.
- 11 Apr **International Vintage Contest** SSB/CW, 40-20 meters. See: www.contestvintage.beepworld.it.
- 13 Apr **NAQCC Monthly QRP Sprint** CW, 80-20 meters. See: nagcc.info.
- 13 Apr **CWops Monthly Mini-CWT Test** CW, 80-20 meters. See: cwops.org.
- 15-16 Apr **Holyland DX Contest** all modes, 160-10 meters. See: www.iarc.org.
- 16 Apr **EU Spring Sprints** SSB, 80-20 meters. See: www.eusprint.com.
- 16 Apr **Ontario QSO Party** Phone/CW, 160-2 meters. See: www.va3cco.com.
- 16 Apr **YU DX Contest** CW, 160-10 meters. See: www.yu1srs.org.rs/dl/yudx/yudxmain.html.
- 16 Apr **Feld-Hell QRP Sprint** Digital, 160-10 meters. See: www.feldhellclub.org.
- 16-17 Apr **Michigan QSO Party** SSB/CW, 80-10 meters. See: www.miqp.org.
- 16-17 Apr **EA QRP Contest** CW, 80-10 meters. See: www.eagrp.com.
- 16-24 Apr **Lighthouse Spring Lites QSO Party** all modes, 160-10 meters. See: arlhs.com.
- 17 Apr **ES Open HF Championship** SSB/CW, 80-40 meters. See: www.erau.ee/index. php?newlang=eng.
- 17 Apr **TARA Skirmish Dig Pfx Contest** Digital, 160-6 meters. See: www.n2ty.org/seasons/tara_dpx_rules.html.
- 17 Apr **ARRL Rookie Roundup** Phone, 80-6 meters. See: www.arrl.org/contests.
- 19 Apr **VHF Spring Sprints** all modes, 222 MHz. See: sites.google.com/site/springvhfupsprints.
- 23-24 Apr **Ten-Ten Spring Digital Contest** Digital, 10 meters. See: www.ten-ten.org.
- 23-24 Apr **SP DX RTTY Contest** RTTY, 80-10 meters. See: www.pkrvg.org/zbior.html.

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23-24 Apr – **Helvetia Contest** – all modes, 160-10 meters. See: www.uska.ch.

23-24 Apr – **QRP To The Field** – CW, 40-10 meters. See: www.zianet.com/QRP.

27 Apr – VHF Spring Sprints – all modes, 432 MHz. See: sites.google.com/site/springvhfupsprints.

30 Apr – **Florida QSO Party** – SSB/CW, 40-10 meters. See: www.floridaqsoparty.org.

30 Apr – **BARTG 75 Sprint** – Digital, 80-10 meters. See: www.bartg.org.uk.

30 Apr-1 May – **Worldwide EME Contest** – Phone/CW, 5.7 GHz. See: www.dubus.org.

30 Apr-1 May – **Nebraska QSO Party** – all modes, 160-2 meters. See: www.hdxa.net.

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Minutes of SCRA General Meeting 3/2/2011

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 P.M. by President Darryl. Introductions were made and new licensees were recognized.

The program was a presentation put together by Bill WB6JAO and his wife Mary KG6GEX. Bill discussed the radio and electronic equipment used aboard their sailboat the Raptor Dance. It was a very interesting presentation on a subject that has not come before us in the past. Many thanks to Bill and Mary!

The raffle was held after the break by John KG6PEP for the 50/50 prize and also a meter and a book.

Jack K6ROW, treasurer, said the club is ahead of the budgeted income and explained a corrected discrepancy in the last presentation. He received a check from Craig K6XLT and the cycling club for \$2000.00, a donation and thanks for the radio help on their races. SCRA thanks the bicycle club and Craig.

John KE5RI and Dave W6IBC moved to approve the minutes of the last general meeting. Brian N6IIY asked that Saraj's call sign be corrected. The minutes were approved as corrected.

John KE5RI has had no complaints with the repeater.

John WB6FRZ said his class had 16 new operators. He is starting new classes and is looking for students and instructors.

Brian N6IIY said he needs VEs on 4/16 and 5/21 or 22 and on 6/25.

Refreshments were provided by Steve and Marian. Many thanks.

Craig K6XLT announced the beginning of the service calendar and asked for volunteers and some event chairmen.

Fred KQ6OB announced the Oakmont drill to be held 3/5 to practice emergency communications.

Darryl announced changes in Short Skip with clickable links.

Ken N6PWV will discuss changes in the new badges and pricing at the next Board meeting. Halls has been selected as the new printer.

Old Business:

Dave W6IBC and Dave KF6CLG moved to remove the motion tabled at the last general meeting. Dave W6IBC and Pattie KI6VKI moved to approve SCRA participation in the Mendicino Rally in August. The motion was approved.

New Business:

The request was made to use the com van for the drill on 3/5. Dave W6IBC and Jack K6ROW made a motion to use the van and it was approved.

Darryl announced a 10% discount on radio gear purchased from OSH on Cleveland. OSH will be a new advertiser in Short Skip.

Dave W6IBC and Bill WB6JAO moved to approve the new budget with expenses of about \$6696.00 and estimated income of \$6700.00. The motion passed.

Pat KG6JSL discussed the Mendicino Rally and started a list for volunteers.

Pat also announced that the radio in the com van was no longer working and since it is to be used on 3/5, the radio should be replaced. Several suggestions were made. Pat said he would go to HRO and make the purchase. Bill WB6JAO and Dave W6IBC moved that we allow up to \$250.00 to purchase a Yaesu radio and an antenna for the van. This motion was approved.

Ed from Valley of the Moon invited SCRA to their Hamfest on 4/30 and to the next general meeting. Information will be available on our website.

Net control:

3/8	Brian	N6IIY
3/15	John	WB6FRZ
3/22	Craig	K6XLT
3/29	Steve	
4/5	Darryl	KI6MSP

Respectfully submitted, Evelyn KI6PAY



2011 PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Date	Program	Presenter
Apr 6, 2011	Smart Meters	PG&E
May 4, 2011	Mini Swap Meet / Auction	
Jun 1, 2011	Field Day	Field Day Chairman
Jul 6, 2011	Mobile Installation Showcase	
Aug 3, 2011	Boat Anchor / Homebrew	
Sep 7, 2011	Fox hunting / IRLP / Echolink	KE5RI / KG6PEP
Oct 5, 2011	Test Equipment	N6IIY / WB6FRZ
Nov 2, 2011	Elections / Game Night	
Dec 7, 2011	Holiday Party, No Program	

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