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May SCRA Update

by Charlie Sikes, KZ6T
SCRA President

SCRA Programs: I would like to formally thank Bill Hillendahl for making last month's presentation on the ARRL. It was very informative and I would urge anyone that is not a ARRL member to join up. The subject of this month's club meeting program will be troubleshooting techniques presented by John Felton KE5RI. I'm certain we will all learn from it.

Any member who missed last month's meeting can pick up their copy of the membership roster at this month's meeting. Please let me know if you spot any errors that need correcting.

Toaster: Now that the toaster is gone, the radio equipment that came out of it will be added to the Club's lending library inventory. John (KE5RI) will be spearheading a program to loan out working equipment to new Hams. Talk to John if you have surplus gear taking up storage space in your shack that is no longer needed. Perhaps it can be repurposed.

Events: In May, aside from the public service events, there is one Tech Class currently scheduled. Please contact our mentoring chairman Jeff KI6PBF if you know of anyone who could benefit from the class. The minimum number of signups for the class to go forward is four.

Club Calendar: The Public Service calendar is heating up. Thanks to Darryl for being com boss at the MS Walk last month as well as all of those that helped out at the Lake Sonoma 50. May brings us the Human Race (Sutter KI6ZON will be com boss), Wine Country Century, and the Amgen Tour. Please contact Craig K6XLT, and or Bruce K6BDH to sign up. We have opportunities to add more events if we can staff them.

Check your mobile gear: With public service events gearing up, it would be a good time to check-out and service your mobile gear to make sure it is operating correctly. In switching my rig into a new vehicle I found I had a very high SWR. It was traced back to a broken center pin on the antenna NMO mount. I usually do not check SWR on any regular basis in my vehicles, so this problem may have existed for quite some time.

Repeaters: A new 2m replacement antenna has been ordered for English Hill. Expect it to go into service sometime in May. Dave W6IBC has been diligently working away on IRLP. I would not be surprised if he has it up and running on the UHF side this month.

Participation: John KE5RI has volunteered to organize the Club picnic in September. Doug KF6LMB has volunteered to be Safety Officer for Field Day.

Hope to see you all at the Club Meeting.

73

Charlie, KZ6T



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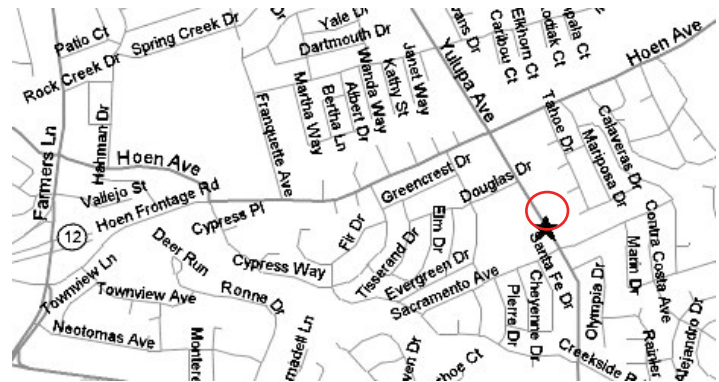
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SCRA Club Meetings

The club normally meets the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm. Exceptions are holidays or other big events.

Meeting location:
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 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.

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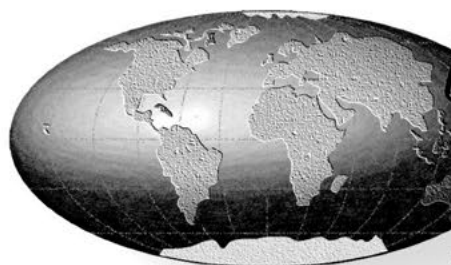
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Come Join SCRA at Field Day 2013

June 12, 22, 23

OK, let's say you want to go to a picnic with your ham buddies, Well the SCRA picnic is coming up in September. But you say you also want to participate in a contest. Most weekends feature two or more contests. But you want to operate away from home, setting up a station just for the weekend. You might consider the Mini-DX Weekend in July. You'd also like to learn how to build something related to ham radio. SCRA is sponsoring a build class in early June. You'd also be interested in sharing information about ham radio with the general public. There will be opportunities to do this at events such as the Human Race and the Wings Over Wine Country Air Show.

But what if you want to do ALL these things in ONE WEEKEND????

Well, then there's only one answer: Field Day 2013!!!!

Mark your calendar for the weekend of June 22 and June 23 (actually, setup will begin on Friday, June 21; more about that later).

SCRA 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). 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 shaping up nicely. We have station captains assigned for the SSB, CW, GOTA, and VHF/UHF stations. We will most likely be operating as a "2A" classification. This means two HF transmitters, one operating SSB and the other operating CW. Most of the stations will be set up in tents; the SSB station will be in or just outside of an RV. .

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 perhaps even a little PSK-31. We will need control operators

(General or higher) to allow the unlicensed and under-licensed hams the ability to work HF. A few have volunteered already, but a few more would help. We get extra points if there is always a mentor at the GOTA station.

We will also have VHF/UHF/Satellite station. We were not able to make a satellite contact last year, but we'll try again this year.

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

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 wanting 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. Operators, either SSB or CW
2. Control operators for the GOTA station.
3. Laptop computers to use for logging.
4. 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!
5. "Tour Guides" to help show visitors around our Field Day site and explain what we are up to
6. Suggestions for the Educational Activity

We will begin setup around 4pm on Friday, June 21. We will try to get most of the antennas set up before sundown. Setup will continue Saturday morning, June 22. The operating begins at 11:00am and runs until 11:00am Sunday morning, June 23. 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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**CONTEST CORNER by Kevin Alt, K6BSG**

Hello testers. Lots of interesting contests in May including the annual CQ WW contest. Or check out the low bands Worked All Great Britain Contest next weekend. Happy DX'ing!

3 May and weekly – **NS Weekly Sprints** – CW, 160-20 meters. See: www.ncccsprint.com.

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

4 May – **Microwave Spring Sprint** – all modes, 902 MHz and above. See: sites.google.com/site/springvhfupsprints.

4-5 May – **2 GHz and Up World Wide Contest** – all modes, 2.3 GHz and above. See: www.ham-radio.com/sbms.

4-5 May – **Ten-Ten Spring CW Contest** – CW, 10 meters. See: www.ten-ten.org.

4-5 May – **ARI International DX Contest** – all modes, 160-10 meters. See: www.ari.it.

4-5 May – **7th Area QSO Party** – all modes, 160-2 meters. See: 7qp.org.

4-5 May – **Indiana QSO Party** – SSB/CW, 160-10 meters. See: www.hdxcc.org/inqp.

4-5 May – **Radio Club of America QSO Party** – SSB, 80-15 meters. See: www.radio-club-of-america.org.

5 May – **Worked All Britain** – LF Phone – SSB, 160-40 meters. See: www.worked-all-britain.co.uk.

7 May – **ARS Spartan Sprint** – CW, 80-10 meters. See: www.arsqrp.blogspot.com.

7 May – **OK1WC Memorial Contest** – Phone/CW, 80-2 meters. See: www.hamradio.cz/ok1wc.

8 May – **CWops Monthly Mini-CWT Test** – CW, 160-10 meters. See: www.cwops.org/onair.html.

9 May – **NAQCC Monthly QRP Sprint** – CW, 80-20 meters. See: naqcc.info.

11 May – **EUCW Fraternizing CW QSO Party** – CW, 80-10 meters. See: www.eucw.org.

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

11-12 May – **Worldwide EME Contest** – Phone/CW, 1.2 GHz. See: www.dubus.org.

11-12 May – **Alessandro Volta RTTY DX Contest** – Digital, 80-10 meters. See: www.contestvolta.com.

11-12 May – **Armed Forces Communications Test** – Phone/Digital, 160-10 meters. See: www.netcom.army.mil/mars.

11-12 May – **CQ-M International DX Contest** – SSB/CW, 160-10 meters. See: www.cq-m.andys.ru.

11-12 May – **Portuguese Navy Day** – SSB/CW, 80-10 meters. See: www.nra.pt.

11-12 May – **Nevada Mustang Roundup** – all modes, 160-6 meters. See: www.nvqsoparty.info.

11-12 May – **50 MHz Spring Sprint** – all modes, 6 meters. See: sites.google.com/site/springvhfupsprints.

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

18 May – **Feld-Hell Hamvention Sprint** – Digital, 160-10 meters. See: www.feldhellclub.org.

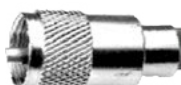
18-19 May – **Worldwide EME Contest** – Phone/CW, 5.7 GHz. See: www.dubus.org.

18-19 May – **EU PSK DX Contest** – Digital, 80-10 meters. See: www.eu.srars.ro.

18-19 May – **His Majesty King of Spain Contest** – CW, 160-10 meters. See: www.ure.es.

18-19 May – **Baltic Contest** – SSB/CW, 80 meters. See: www.lrsf.lt/bcontest/english/rules_html.htm.

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VE Session Report

SCRA sponsored a VE Session on Sunday, April 7. We had three candidates from the weekend-long Technician class and seven walk-in candidates. All but one earned a new license or upgrade. That one exception took another test the following weekend and passed. There was one upgrade from Technician to General and one upgrade from General to Extra. Of those that earned new licenses, five earned their Technician license, one earned General and one earned Extra. Congratulations to all!

And I would also like to thank the Volunteer Examiners that made it possible: Bill Finklestein WB6JAO, Mary Mack, KG6GEX, Rick Sealock, N6GY, Charlie Sikes, KZ6T, Doug Payne, KF6LMB

Our next VE exam is scheduled for Saturday, July 27 from 9am until noon. The location will be First American Title Company, 627 College Ave, Santa Rosa. All test elements will be administered.

(http://www.sonomacountyradioamateurs.com/ve_testing.html) .

Please arrive by 8:45am to be signed in. Testing will begin shortly thereafter.

Directions: From Hwy 101, take College Ave east past Mendocino Ave. Turn left onto Humboldt St., Turn left into the parking lot behind First American Title, Co. Enter through the door near the parking lot.

Candidates should bring the following:

- One (1) photo ID or two (2) non-photo ID
- FCC Registration Number (FRN, if you have one) or Social Security Number (if you do not have an FRN) If you have had any FCC license assigned to you, amateur or otherwise, or had any prior business with the FCC, you probably have an FRN.
- 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, N6IYY in advance.

Good Luck!

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Contest Corner, continued.

19 May – **Run For the Bacon** – CW, 160-10 meters.
 See: www.fpqr.org.

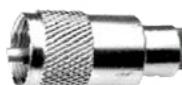
25-26 May – **CQ WW WPX Contest** – CW, 80-10 meters. See: www.cqwp.com.

26 May – **QRP ARCI Hootowl Sprint** – CW, 80-10 meters. See: www.qrparci.org/contests.

27-28 May – **MI QRP Memorial Day CW Sprint** – CW, 160-10 meters. See: www.miqr.org.



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Membership Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 5, 2013

Called to order at 7PM by president Charlie Sikes KZ6T. Nearly 40 people were in attendance.

The board members introduced themselves.

New member Tom W1TAS Guests, Rich de Lambert, Nancy Coddling (CERT coordinator), Susan. David, and Scott.

The presentation on the repeater was given by Charlie Sikes. The equipment at English Hill and Castle Rock were presented. The APRS system is currently down, but will be fixed. Projects in the works include the voting repeater, IRLP, Castle Rock UHF and on-going maintenance. Single tone = English Hill, dual tone = Castle Rock. Dave Harrison W6IBC, Jack Christensen K6ROW and Pat Coyle added to the presentation.

IRLP will likely be installed on March 14. This will be followed by testing by IRLP and ultimately authorization for operation. Messages and programming will need to be installed. The overall process may take a month. Information on operation will then be provided.

In maintenance a couple of weeks ago, Adam McLaughlin climbed the 120 ft. tower to approx. 100 ft. to inspect our antennas and connections.

Jeff Tonelli KI6PBF was recognized as the contact for mentoring help.

It was suggested that the member book be organized by first name.

The break was held.

Directors Reports:

VP John Felton KE5RI – not present

Secretary Mike Von der Porten AD6YB - nothing to report.

Steve Bramble KI6TUR Treasurer – reported that the finances are doing well. The threat of not being in the roster has expedited membership renewals. So far, we are ahead based on membership income and only a

small amount of expenses.

Director Brian Torr N6IYY – nothing to report.

Director Doug Payne KF6LMB – nothing to report.

Repeater Co-Chair Jack Christensen K6ROW - reports that the antenna for the 2 meter on English Hill should be replaced at a cost of \$1,200. Moved by Jack, seconded by Jim Draeger KI6REK to approve the \$1,200 expenditure. Dave Harrison W6IBC reports that we need to limit the number of people at the Calsites location on English Hill. Dave recommends that we seek confirmation of our continuing access to the antenna site. Jack and Jim agreed to making the motion conditional on such confirmation. John Felton KE5RI will talk to the Calsites people. Joe asked whether the antenna might be usable at other sites. John Breckenridge WB6FRZ suggests that a good antenna might be less than \$1,200. Jack has checked for alternate antennas and they are in the same price range. Dave reports that we have an advantage in replacing the antenna with one of the same appearance and that the site is environmentally challenging, so we want a long-life antenna. Andrew Reike KI6HID recommends “doing the job right” with a commercial-grade antenna. Pat Coyle KG6JSL also reports that our repeater pair coordination is based on our existing antenna configuration. Andrew reports that English Hill does have salt water effects. Dan Ethen WA6CRB reports that there are commercial antennas enclosed in a radome that might be explored. Fred Seitel AE6SF suggested that we might wait and test the antenna again. Dave reports that the high SWR could cause interference to the commercial antennas, so changing the antenna sooner rather than later is a good idea. Motion carried with two noes.

Past President report – Darryl Paule KI6MSP March 30 is “99 hobbies in one,” so Hobby Town will have us do a demo in several modes. See Darryl to sign up. Darryl is working on other possible classes on March 22, 2013 at Silvercrest / Salvation Army working with Lee Dibble KE6EAQ. After the demo, a class will be held the weekend of April 6.

Fred Seitel AE6SF reports that he was able to reach English Hill using an HT from 80 miles away in Mendocino County.

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March membership minutes, continued.

Bruce Hopfengardner K6BDH Public Service Chair and Craig Gaevart K6XLT reported on the April 13 Lake Sonoma 50, April 21 MS Walk, May 4 WCC, May 11 Human Race and the May 19 Amgen Tour of California. Contact k6bdh@me.com to volunteer.

John Chavez KG6PEP reports that the BSA Camporee is April 13 and may coordinated with the Lake Sonoma 50.

Brian Torr N6IIY, VE Liaison reports that two sessions have been held. All have earned what they tested for. Brian appreciates the VE volunteers. The April 6 VE may get moved to the April 7 class completion and the session may be open to the public.

Newsletter Donald Laird WE4MOO – not present. Members are welcome to submit articles.

Membership Mike Von der Porten AD6YB – get your membership renewal in!

Trustee / NARRC John Felton KE5RI - not present

Nancy Yarbrough K6NCY is moving out of the area. We need a new badge chair to handle ordering badges, stocking and selling shirts, patches, etc.

The January 2013 and February 2013 Membership meeting minutes were included in Short Skip. Keith Payea AG6CI moved Dave Santori KF6CLG seconded to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Old Business

The comm van (the “toaster”) has the recommendation from the Board that radios and radio batteries be pulled from the toaster and the toaster be sold. Moved by Darryl Paule KI6MSP to remove the items and to sell the toaster. Steve Bramble KI6TUR seconded the motion. Pat Coyle KG6JSL reports that the brakes seem to have failed. The process of selling the toaster needs to be worked out. Andrew Raike KE6HID reports that we might find a place to donate it to. Nancy Yarborough K6NCY suggests listing it “as is” and see what we can get. Who wants to handle this? Andrew says Cal Poly may want to do a repair project and sell it. Keith Payea AG6CI wonders if the State will take it

as a gross polluter. Jack has had experience in which the State has no money. Jim says the vehicle for such programs must be operational. Motion carried unanimously.

The chair asked for help in moving out the toaster. Adam Mc Laughlin volunteered.

Next month's meeting will be on the ARRL by Bill Hillendahl KH6GJV. Any questions or topics for Bill should be sent in advance by email.

Brian Torr N6IIY reports that Field Day will be at Youth Community Park. The four stations will likely be CW, SSB, GOTA (Get On The Air), UHF/VHF Satellite stations. Some digital modes will also be used. Improvements for filtering, antenna spacing, etc. are being developed. Volunteers for station captains, tour guides, GOTA coaches, etc. are needed. Brian has flyers for the event. Ideas for the educational activity are welcome.

Charlie Sikes KZ6T asked for a volunteer to lead the club picnic. The Board will seek volunteers.

KWTF is a new not for profit radio station in Bodega which needs 100 ft. RG-8.

Andrew Raike KE6HID notes that MARS has a list of public service events which is easier to use than our calendar. The same may apply for the class schedule.

Jim requests that the club roster be sorted by first name. Jim moved that the Steve Bramble KI6TUR seconded the motion. Opinions were expressed for both sorts, for a dual list or even a triple list (adding in a call sign sort). Scott Wellington KJ6QIQ moved and Steve Bramble KI6TUR seconded that the Board figure this out. Motion carried.

Net control

3/12 Jack ROW	3/19 Andrew
3/26 Ed Slingland	4/2 Keith Payea

The raffle was held.

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 9:28 PM PST.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Von der Porten, Secretary





Membership Meeting Minutes

April 3, 2013

Called to order by president Charlie Sikes KZ6T at 7:00 PM at the Luther Burbank Art & Garden Center.

Officers were introduced.

There were no new members or upgrades. Visitors included Al AD6CM from the Russian River area.

Bill Hillendahl KH6GJV, ARRL Section Manager gave a presentation on ARRL.

The five pillars of the ARRL are Public Service, Advocacy, Education, Technology and Membership. Since emergency communications are a very small (1%) of what "Emergency Communications" does, the name will likely be changing to "Auxiliary Communications." Bill is one of 71 Section Managers, grouped into 15 Divisions.

QST is available online for members.

Bill says that the ARRL is the only organization fighting for amateur radio.

Homeowners insurance may not cover amateur radio equipment. Check your policy, or see the ARRL's available insurance.

Bill notes that the amateur HF frequencies tend to be protected by international agreement. Over 50 MHz, the protections are far less. The intrusions are coming.

Bill recognizes that clubs go through phases. Activities, personalities, etc. drive changes. Bill works with clubs in seven counties. The board must produce education and entertainment.

Bill notes that April is an enforcement period for distracted driving: be careful regarding using amateur radio while driving. The law exempts two-way radio, but this could be subject to the law enforcement officer's interpretation.

In Nevada, the microphone may not have push-buttons when driving a vehicle.

May 31 to June 2 is the seapac.org convention and

swap meet – highly recommended (in Oregon).

PAVE PAWS is now known as Upgraded early Warning Radar (UEWR). 420MHz to 450MHz wideband. The program is continuing. Amateur radio is a guest in this military band. This is a US defense RADAR system. The system is focused on missile defense, missile targeting and space debris monitoring.

The San Francisco section helped with a 6-week stuck transmitter search. The transmitter was interfering with several repeaters.

The break was held.

Vice President John Felton KE5RI will have a presentation on troubleshooting at next month's meeting.

Secretary Mike Von der Porten – nothing to report

Treasurer Steve KI6TUR reported that dues have come in early, but donations are behind on a straight-line basis. Overall, all on track. So, far \$1,200 ahead of budget.

Director Brian Torr N6IYY – nothing to report

Director Doug Payne – nothing to report.

Past President and Activities Chair - Darryl Paule KI6MSP – last Saturday several members went to Hobby Town for a demonstration.

Repeater – Jack Christensen K6ROW reports that the antenna replacement has been evaluated and does need to be replaced. The antenna has been purchased. The replacement will be worked out with the repeater site owners.

IRLP – Dave Harrison W6IBC reports that we now have an authorized IRLP node. There are technical problems with the audio out. Testing and problem solving will continue.

Public Service – Bruce K6BCH reports that volunteers are needed for the Lake Sonoma 50 on April 13. May 4 is the Wine County Century – see Craig Gaevert K6XLT. Human Race see Sutter Laird KI6ZON,

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April Membership Meeting Minutes, continued.

Emergency services – Fred Polkinghorn KQ6OB not in attendance

This Sunday there is a new VE site at the Bennett Valley Grange at 3 PM. See Brian Torr N6IIY for further information. This session is coordinated with the class.

Newsletter – On behalf of the newsletter chair, Sutter Laird KI6ZON reports that the deadline on the 25th of each month is firm.

Webmaster – Sutter Laird KI6ZON reports that only minor fixes have been included.

Membership – Mike and Charlie report that 91 people are recognized in the membership book. The membership book is being distributed.

Trustee / NARRC – John Felton KE5RI explained the role of the trustee. John monitors the lists of proposed new repeater pairs. A proposal from Lincoln, CA was proposed for 147.315 MHz a few weeks ago: this was responded to by John and then the application was dropped.

Refreshments – John – hopes everyone enjoys the refreshments. Bob WB6DPE notes that the angel food cake with fresh strawberries and whipped cream was outstanding!

Nancy Yarbrough N6NCY reports that tee shirts and badges, etc. are available.

Moved by Pat Coyle, seconded by Darryl Paule KI6MSP to approve the minutes for the Membership Meeting for March as published. Motion carried unanimously.

The chair reported that the Toaster is now “toast.” Pat Coyle KG6JSL reports that Adam Mc Laughlin KD6POC found a diver who thinks he can use the old RV. The Toaster had its brakes fail. Pat arranged to transfer the RV on an “as-is” basis.

The chair seeks volunteers for the Club Picnic.

Brian Torr N6IIY reports that Field Day is coming

up. Station captains are needed – see Brian. Last year we had a 3A station: this year we may be 2A or 3A, depending upon how many stations we set up. We are optimistic that the fee from the City of Santa Rosa will remain reasonable. June 21, 22, 23 are the dates of the operations.

The VOMRC will have its flea market and pancake breakfast on April 27.

Equipment for sale includes a Yaesu 950 from Steve Bramble K6TUR. He also has a microphone, foot pedal and microphone stand. Brian Torr N6IIY has donated items for sale for the benefit of the Club.

Bill Hillendahl notes that amateur radio should not be sold as the “be all, end all” for emergency communications. The limited bandwidth will be a problem in a big emergency. Bill supports the use of a series of tools – FRS, GMRS and amateur radio. Using 440 MHz may be a good option.

Net Control

April 9 – Mike Von der Porten AD6YB

April 16 – Darryl Paule KI6MSP

April 23 – John Breckenridge WB6FRZ

April 30 – Ed Slingland N2WD

The raffle was held.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM PDT.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Von der Porten
Secretary





Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

January 16, 2013

Meeting called to order at 6:02 pm

Director Reports

1. VP - no report
2. Secretary - not present
3. Treasurer - worked on budget last weekend, final report for last year available by end of this month (January), will be presented at Feb meeting. No audit of budget necessary. Doug asked if dues are tax-deductible, Pat says yes as SCRA is a charitable organization.
4. Director N6IYY - no report
5. Director KF6LMB - no report
6. Past President - Darryl says he really enjoyed being President for two years, and that he's satisfied with club growth and direction, and believes Charlie will keep going.
7. Repeater Trustee - Needs to turn in \$20 invoice to club for NARCC membership. Brand new repeater came in mail yesterday. Everything else is current. New repeater is ready to install at Castle Rock, along with voting receiver.
8. VE - Sessions scheduled, announcement for Web site will be sent tonight. February 2 cancelled, February 9 confirmed.
9. Newsletter - No report. Doug pointed out that youth membership is \$18/year, but prorate comes to \$12/year. Dave suggested note be added to Web site that if new members want prorate they need to write a check to treasurer. Application in Short Skip needs to be changed to reflect correct prices.

Unfinished Business

10. Online Banking - Steve doesn't want to bother with online banking, given the fee and how few transactions SCRA handles. Steve, Charlie, John Felton, and Mike are new bank signers, and need to go in to sign.

New Business

- a. Minutes Approval - Darryl moves minutes by approved as published, second by Brian. Passes unanimously.
- b. Bank Account Authorization - covered under Online Banking
- c. Committee Chairs - Activities KI6MSP, Repeater K6ROW, Public Service K6XLT, Emergency Services KQ6OB, VE N6IYY, Newsletter KI6ZON, Mentor KI6PBF, Member of the Year TBD. Steve moves to appoint chairs, Darryl seconds. Passes unanimously.
- d. Repeater Committee - Motion to appoint Charlie KZ6T, Craig K6XLT, John KE5RI, Dave W6IBC, John Tracy, Kurt Helstrom to repeater committee by Steve, Second by Darryl. Passes.
- e. Repeater Trustee - Motion to appoint KE5RI as trustee by Steve, second by Doug. Passes.
- f. Membership Committee - Motion to create membership committee with Mike AD6YB as roster coordinator and Darryl KI6MSP as recruitment coordinator by Steve, second by Doug, passes.
- g. Coordinators remain unchanged. Bob Arthur will be asked about serving as Mini DX coordinator.
11. Budget for 2013 adds approximately \$9200 in revenue, \$9400 in expenses. Motion to approve budget by Brian, second by John, passes.
12. Calendar Events - Charlie says SCRA has a very busy calendar for 2013. The online calendar has been updated and is accessible to anyone with an internet connection.
13. Toaster - Toaster has to be moved from Pat's driveway by April 1. Charlie poses a question about whether it is still a viable tool for the club, or whether it should be sold. Pat says it hasn't been used all that often. John moves that recommendation by made to the membership to remove the batteries and other equipment should be removed and that the vehicle be sold, second by Steve, passed.

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**January Board Meeting Minutes, continued.**

14. Web Information System - KI6ZON presented a new system for allowing members to update their contact information online. Board decided to keep it in production for a little while longer before introducing it to the membership.

15. New Member Packet - Was going to contain letter from President with link to by-laws, decal, patch, and directory. John KE5RI suggested that a certificate of membership be sent to new members.

16. Meeting Location - LBAGC has not returned calls or emails about continuing with the same schedule.

17. January 2014 Meeting - Motion to postpone membership meeting for January 2014 to January 8 to clear New Years Holiday and board meeting to January 15 by Steve, second by Doug, passes.

18. Activities - Darryl updated the board on plans to use the Bennett Valley Grange for larger classes, VE sessions, and potentially meetings. Grange board approved SCRA's use of the Grange for free. Dave suggested having an experimental class there to gauge interest.

19. Grange management wants SCRA's help getting a radio in their emergency supplies.

20. Bennett Valley School District would like to coordinate with SCRA to set up a ham radio program in their schools. Program would be run through the education. Idea would be that each of the schools would have a ham radio club sponsored by parents with the assistance of the ARRL. Darryl will meet with superintendent to discuss district handling the organization of the program.

21. North Bay Science Fair - Darryl presents to board that it will cost us \$150 to participate in the North Bay Science Fair. It was decided that this will be brought up to the membership.

22. Motion to adjourn meeting by Brian second by Darryl.

Respectfully submitted,
Sutter Laird, Acting Secretary

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

February 13, 2013

(as approved at April Board of Directors Meeting)

Called to order at 6:04 PM by president Charlie Sikes KZ6T.

Attending, Brian Torr N6IIY, Charlie Sikes KZ6T, Michael Von der Porten AD6YB, Nancy Yarbrough N6NCY, Steve Bramble KI6TUR (by phone), Doug Payne KF6LMB, John Felton KE5RI, Jack Christensen K6ROW, Pat Coyle KG6JSL, Scott Wellington KJ6QIQ, Jeff Tonelli KI6PBF, John Chavez KG6PEP.

John Felton KE5RI, director, reports that Bill Hillendahl has confirmed his presentation

Mike Von der Porten AD6YB, secretary, reports that four different minutes are being circulated for review.

Brian Torr N6IIY, director, nothing to report.

Doug Payne KF6LMB, director, nothing to report.

Darryl Paule KI6MSP, past president, not present.

Charlie Sikes KZ6T reports that the bank needs a resolution to put new signers on the checking account. "The SCRA does designate Sikes, Felton, Mike Von der Porten and Steve Bramble to sign on the account." Moved by John Felton KE5RI to approve the resolution. Seconded by Steve Bramble. Motion carried.

Toaster disposition: this was discussed at the membership meeting. Per Damon, the offer for storage would be ½ price at \$33 per month. We will communicate this to members and review this next month.

At the membership meeting, there was a discussion regarding paying fees for booths at events. The Board will operate within its budget and be careful with such expenditures.

Donations – Expanding Your Horizons has sent a request for a donation. This is budgeted as part of donations. Charlie Sikes will arrange to send them \$50 as before.

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February Board Meeting Minutes, continued

Darryl Paule KI6MSP and Donald Laird WE4MOO have had a discussion with KRCB regarding putting in a station such as being discussed with the Bennett Valley Grange. Concern was expressed about this becoming more of a reporting function than a message-handling service. Is this proposed as an "EOC" or as a "served agency?" The consensus of the Board is that any KRCB or Grange stations should be worked out by ARES, not by SCRA. SCRA will support ARES in its efforts. We would be happy to have coverage for Field Day and other SCRA activities and to have KRCB staff join our Technician classes.

John Felton KE5RI reports that Darryl Paule KI6MSP has a suggestion that SCRA bring out an astronaut for a presentation at SCRA. Brian Torr N6IYY reports that a Skype membership meeting program might be possible. The Board thinks the idea of using Skype or finding a local astronaut for a presentation is a good one, but the costs of bringing someone out is not feasible.

The Bennett Valley Grange station has had meetings involving Fred Polkinghorn KQ6OB, Darryl Paule KI6MSP and Bill Hillendahl. Another meeting will be Friday February 15 at 4 PM Charlie Sikes will plan to attend.

Brian Torr moved and Doug Payne seconded to approve December 2012 and January 2013 Board of Directors meeting minutes as distributed and corrected.

Repeaters: For IRLP, we will need a written policy on how to use it. Dave Harrison W6IBC is nominated in absentia to develop such a policy. John Felton KE5RI will help out.

Jack Christensen K6ROW reported that the Repeater Committee has determined that the feed lines and connectors should be checked out. Adam McLaughlin KD6POC will go out to English Hill on Feb 23rd to do this work. Adam is a licensed climber. Brian Torr N6IYY will check on the availability of equipment from his work.

The new repeater to Castle Rock and Controller for English Hill are ready for installation

Mentoring – Jeff Tonelli KI6PBF reports that a build

class is being evaluated. It may include a \$25 40-meter receiver project. The next class is the weekend starting Friday with three to six students.

Graton has indicated an interest in a ham class. Jack Christensen K6ROW will follow up.

John Breckinridge N6IYY and John Felton KE5RI are working on interference problems we have had with simultaneous transmissions on Field Day. Filters and other solutions are being evaluated. The TH-6 antenna is not being stored in the breadbox (SCRA trailer). Brian Torr N6IYY suggests breaking down the antenna one more level and storing it in the breadbox. The crank-up tower has been borrowed from Greg Barnes WB6UHH over the years. Brian will pursue the club obtaining one of these towers. Is there a way to build an operating position into the breadbox? Documentation and training for setting up the TH-6 and the tower were discussed.

Public Service – we have a request to add Tour de Organics on August 11, 2013. It will be added to the schedule.

John Chavez KG6PEP requests that the Boy Scouts District Camporee at Lake Sonoma be added to the public service schedule on Saturday April 13, 2013. There are two BSA awards for radio amateurs.

Meeting adjourned by consensus at 7:30 PM PST.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Von der Porten
Secretary





March Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

6:06 PM Call to order
Director Reports

VP: May meeting program will be trouble shooting presented by John KE5RI. ARRL presented by Hil-lendahl will be on for April meeting

Secretary (not present)

Treasury: nothing to present

Director N6IYY: nothing to present as director

Director KF6LMB: nothing to present as director

Past President (not present)

Unfinished Business

Toaster Disposition: It is disposed of. Adam (K6POC) took it for a friend who has a use for it.

Radio, Batteries, Antenna: Idea was floated to house in the breadbox, needs power supply - charger- consider a solar panel - use for field day. Icom 2900 radio, mag-mount antenna, tilt-up bracket. John will take on the task of having a lending library for the equipment. John will take equipment combined with some more equipment and create a lending library. Moved by Steve (KI6TUR), 2nd by Doug (KF6LMB), all voted yes motion passed. Other miscellaneous items, power converter, Felton volunteers to take the equipment from Pat, put together a package to eventually be put into the toaster. They will stay at Pats house for now.

Crank up mast: Doug inquired as to the status of acquiring the mast. Brian has not asked Greg yet about a price. Doug wants the money from the savings on the toaster to go to the purchase if necessary.

New Business

Feb 2013 minutes approval: none to review

Repeater:
Issue with Calsites. Need to limit the amount of people who show up at EH. The tower is owned by Donecker not by Bob, there is a written protocol now in place.

The relationship with Bob is patched up with Bob.

Update on Antenna: The membership approved the expenditure of up to \$1,200 with the stipulation that Calsites approved. KE5RI insists the antenna be setup in exactly the system we have now. KE5RI will contact Calsites to get approval. Dan Ethen recommended that we try and repair the antenna and use as a backup, then put it in the breadbox if it will fit. Timing: unknown at this time.

IRLP: installation scheduled for tomorrow and will be installed on 220 system to debug it. Then it will be moved over to the 440 repeater.

APRS: the box is still sitting on my (KZ6T) desk at home.

Membership Roster update: I will go to print

Badges and Shirts Volunteer: Need a replacement for Nancy. Two possible names were floated by the Board. KZ6T will approach them.

Build class schedule: IBC will ask "the boss" if the garage is available for June 8. Possible project is the radio IBC wrote about in SS last year.

Field Day Planning: City policy has changed, needs a special use permit in order to reserve the park. N6IYY needs to complete the application. Doesn't know what the cost is yet. WB6FRZ and N6IYY have been working on filter system and antenna layout to operate CW and SSB on the same band. N6IYY will send out email asking for station captains. AG6CI will provide the solar system, Pat (KG6JSL) will do dinner. Need input on educational activity,

P/S: April 6-7 Cow Mountain Sawmill Enduro Motorcycle event. KE5RI motion: not to take on the project, 2nd by N6IYY. All yes motion passed. June 1 Lake Sonoma Bike Event, tabled for next month. August 17, Annadel Bike Event, tabled for next month.

Vomarc Hamfest Information distributed

May 8th BoD Meeting: KZ6T has conflict, will not be able to attend. KE5RI will chair the meeting.

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March Board Meeting Minutes, continued

N6IYY is concerned with how recent events have been added to the Club schedule without BoD input. Ex. Hobbytown and Silvercrest events. BoD directed KZ6T to talk to KI6MSP to make sure that the BoD approves future events.

Discussed Silvercrest Tech Class and VE session. April 6 VE session will be moved to Sunday and be a combined open session and tech class session.

KE5RI discussed ways to better utilize the repeater. Perhaps operate two nets, UHF and VHF

Meeting adjourned 7:45 PM

Minutes submitted by KZ6T



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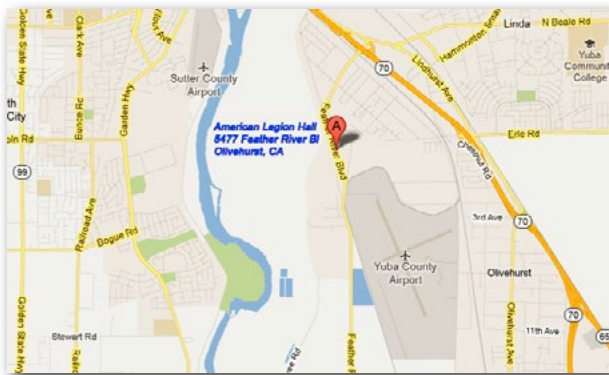
SATURDAY JUNE 1st, 2013

0700 - Noon - American Legion Hall - 5477 Feather River Blvd. Olivehurst, CA

***Free Admission**
***American Legion Breakfast**
***Vendor Fee - \$10** (Set-up @ 0600)
***Grand Prize - Dual Band HT**



***Free Parking**
***Handicap Accessible**
***Door Prizes** (starting at 0800)
(must be present to win prizes)



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Northbound Hwy 70...

Take the Feather River Blvd. exit. Turn Left back under the fwy, travel a mile or so until you arrive at the Hall on your left.

Southbound Hwy 70...

Take the Feather River Blvd. exit. Keep Right and travel a mile or so until you arrive at the Hall on your left.

From the West or East...

Travel to Marysville, head south on Hwy 70 and follow the south bound instructions.

Northbound from Roseville

Travel northbound on Hwy 65 past Lincoln and Wheatland, then follow the "Northbound" instructions

Southbound from Sacto...

Traveling northbound on Hwy 99, take the Hwy 70 at the split, then follow the "Northbound" instructions

Yuba Sutter Hamfest

SCRA Members are cordially invited to the Yuba Sutter Amateur Radio Club's Hamfest which is to be held Saturday, June 1, 2013. If you want to register in advance, you can send reservations along with vendor fees to: Yuba Sutter Amateur Radio Club, PO Box 1169, Yuba City, CA 95992-9169. You can also view the information at our website by going to <http://www.ysarc.org>



ONE OF THOSE DAYS! “Report from Island View”

Dateline: Saturday, April 14, 2013

Event: Lake Sonoma 50

It all began when Ed (W1EJ) and I (KE5RI) volunteered to staff the “Island View” rest stop. Except for avid hikers, and we are not, this location is only accessible by boat. Since I have a 19’ Boston Whaler, and since it has been sitting in storage far too long, I decided to use it rather than take the “Party Boat” that was scheduled to leave the dock by 6 AM. We negotiated an acceptable arrival time of 11:00 AM.

I spent most all of the previous day preparing the boat and checking everything. So far, so good. I met Ed at Coddington a little after 9:00 AM and off we went. Arriving with plenty of time to spare we proceeded with launching the boat. This is when our troubles began. Remember that I told you that I had checked EVERYTHING? Well I had not checked the steering. It was stuck with a capital “S”. The push/pull steering rod that passes through the tilt tube was frozen in place and all attempts to free it failed. We had made a commitment to provide communications an by God we were going to meet our obligation. So off we went at trolling speed using wooden oars with which to steer. We traveled close to three miles to our destination. A ten minute trip took close to forty five minutes.

Upon arrival, Ed checked in with net control and I proceeded to jury rig a tiller using a telescoping boat hook and quite a few feet of line. Disconnecting the steering arm would allow Ed to turn the engine while I handled the navigation.

Ed set up a HF station using a Buddie Pole in conjunction with his portable CW rig and made quite a few contacts. He found the New Mexico QSL party in progress and had a great time.

We departed around 7 PM with five additional passengers and dropped them off at the private marina then continued our journey to the public launching ramp about a mile away. Then disaster struck again. The wireless remote on my new electric trailer winch decided that it no longer wanted anything to do with the winch itself and I had failed to bring the manual winch handle. I put on waist high waders and attempt-

ed to get the boat situated fully forward on the trailer. The best I could do was still a foot short of the forward stop. After water spilled over the top of my waders, I decided that what we had was good enough. By then I was tired, wet and freezing. I rang a cup of water out of each sock.

Finally we set off for home. I dropped Ed off at his car and continued on my way. I stopped at Burger King for by then you could add starving to my list. The girl at the drive through wanted to know why my folding money was soaking wet? I answered, “You would not believe me if I told you.” I finally got home at 11:30 PM.

Ed, and I know you are reading this, thanks for being such a good sport and for having a great attitude. I could not have done it without you.

Ed never complained, not even once.

I’ll be better prepared next year. And, yes, I repaired the steering.

John
KE5RI

HSC CLOSING RP STORE

Our club member and long time HSC employee Dawn Silveira KA6OPN reports that May 4th marks the final closing of the HSC electronic supply store in Rohnert Park. Beginning Saturday April 27th to the May 4th closing, HSC will offer a store wide liquidation, said to be at discounts of 20% to 80% off entire stock on hand.

HSC has been a mainstay for the local ham radio homebrewer and other electronics enthusiasts for 27 years, and its presence in Sonoma County will surely be missed by all. The owner, Halted Specialties Co., Inc., will continue to operate its main store, HSC Electronic Supply of Santa Clara at 3500 Ryder Street, just off Lawrence Expressway at Central Expressway in Silicon Valley. An online catalog of merchandise is also available at www.halted.com.

Our 73 to HSC!





Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

April 10, 2013

Attending: Brian Torr N6IIY, Jack Christensen K6ROW Doug Payne KF6LMB, Pat Coyle KG6JSL, Jeff Tonelli KI6PBF, John Felton KE5RI, president Charlie Sikes KZ6T, past president Darryl Paule KI6MSP, secretary Mike Von der Porten AD6YB, John Chavez KG6PEP, Dave Harrison W6IBC. Absent: Steve Bramble KI6TUR.

Called to order at 6:05 PM PST April 10, 2013 at Star Restaurant.

VP John Felton KE5RI - nothing to report.

Secretary Mike Von der Porten – nothing to report.

Treasurer Steve Bramble KI6TUR – absent.

Director Brian Torr N6IIY – nothing to report.

Doug – has an item for field day.

Old Business

Crank-up mast. Greg may wish to sell the antenna mast. Brian Torr N6IIY reports that the asking price on the internet seems to be \$1000 to \$1,200. The Club does own a 30' tilt-up mast, but it's not as high as the crank-up. Brian will provide further as it becomes available.

A build class was suggested for June 8. Jeff Tonelli KI6PBF and Dave Harrison W6IBC will put the class together.

Jack Christensen K6ROW has the new antenna for 2-meter operations at English Hill. The pole is being delivered this week. After testing and turning, it will be installed.

Dave Harrison W6IBC reports that they have made several trips to install IRLP. The Node is 7103. The only way to serve the IRLP server may have to be by physically going to English Hill. This is a Linux system, so remote access does not seem to be possible. Further research is needed. Anyone with expertise in Linux please contact Dave.

The Board will need to address access authorizations: open or restricted? How the repeater will be managed for events needs to be determined.

Training of users will be needed. An IRLP manager will be needed.

Public service – three new events are proposed – June 1 bike event at Lake Sonoma, June 8 Grapes of Rock Half-Marathon (secretary's note: this event has since been canceled) and August 17 Annadel Bike Monkey event. The public service chairs were not at the meeting. Board members expressed concern regarding the number of events SCRA can support. It was moved John Felton KE5RI that if the Public Service Chair can find sufficient staff for the events, these events can be added, but care should be taken to assure that any commitments are met. Doug Payne KF6LMB seconded. Motion carried,

Darryl Paule KI6MSP had a communication from the MS Walk on April 21. SCRA may not be needed at that event.

Field Day planning – Brian Torr N6IIY reports that we have not heard back from the City. Charlie Sikes will follow up with the City in person.

John Breckenridge WB6FRZ will be CW captain. Need a GOTA and VHF/UHF/Satellite captain. The educational activity will also need to be determined.

Brian Torr has received and is testing some filters to be used at Field Day.

Doug Payne KF6LMB recommends that the Club purchase hard hats for use by people working on antenna installation. John Felton KE5RI moved that up to \$100 be spent on hard hats. Darryl Paule KI6MSP seconded. Motion carried.

New Business

Darryl Paule KI6MSP reports that Hobby Town was well received by the manager. Traffic was moderate. Bill Harriman GOO came by. The manager suggests that he add amateur radio to his business space. This may include electronics kit building projects. Perhaps classes could be held at Hobby Town.

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April Board Meeting Minutes, continued

The manager also invited SCRA to participate in a hobby show in February. Darryl will get more information.

Darryl reports that the Human Race will not be charging us for the booth.

Jeff Tonelli reported that the Silvercrest class had four participants. Two passed. One is still working on it. Jeff is planning an Elmer meeting with the new licensees. Jeff believes that we need to only hold classes with four or five people minimum.

The large number of people signing up, but not showing up was discussed. Ways of framing the \$15 cost between a course fee and a book fee were discussed.

At the VE session, three from the class plus seven walk-ins took tests.

Club Picnic on September 14th – we need volunteers. This could be run as a potluck. John Felton KE5RI will seek volunteers at the Membership Meeting.

Darryl Paule KI6MSP suggests having a museum exhibit at the Sonoma County Museum. Darryl and Mike Von der Porten AD6YB will discuss this further.

Short Skip – The President's column was accidentally omitted from the April Short Skip by our president. The 20th deadline is quite early. Charlie will evaluate this with the editor.

Minutes – Moved by Doug Payne KF6LMB, seconded by John Felton KE5RI to approve the February and March Board of Directors Minutes as submitted and corrected. Motion carried.

Brian Torr N6IIY suggests adding back a header on the main club webpage that lists the current announcements.

HSC starts its liquidation sale April 27. Closing is May 4.

Meeting adjourned at 7:56 PM PST.

Respectfully submitted
Michael Von der Porten, Secretary

Public Service

We had a great time at the recent Lake Sonoma 50! We soaked up rays of sunshine and watched disgustingly fit people finish a brutal 50-mile race faster than many could drive the same course. We also provided communications and control for the event, and shared ideas with other hams and runners regarding ways to improve our events. The Lake Sonoma 50 officially launched our 2013 Public Service season. We have numerous events on the schedule but first a brief commercial announcement...

For several years, SCRA has supported an increasing number of local air shows, running races, charity walks, bicycle tours and professional bike races. These events help us hone our communications skills, add money to our coffers and maintain a close, supportive relationship with the people and communities in Sonoma County. However, we can't successfully support these events without your help. Please review the list of events shown here and sign up. We must have your help and participation to succeed and continue supporting these events.

- Wine Country Century, May 4th
- Human Race, May 11th
- Amgen Tour of California, May 19th
- Terrible Two, June 15th
- Whole Foods Ride, June 29th
- Mendocino Rally, July 20-21
- PAC Coast Air Show, August 17-18
- Waves to Wine, September 21-22
- Levi's Gran Fondo, October 5

We need your volunteer support for all of these. Please contact us to sign up for these fun and exciting events.

73's

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Sonoma County Radio Amateurs, Inc. Membership Application

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Name _____ Call Sign _____ License Class _____ Date _____

Address _____ H Phone _____ W Phone _____

City/State _____ Zip _____ E-Mail _____

ARRL Member? Yes ☐ No ☐ Receive Short Skip newsletter via email? Yes _____ No _____

Dues & Fees: January 1 to December 31

Individual / Associate Member	\$24 (\$6.00/qtr)
Family Membership	\$36 (\$9.00/qtr)
Under 18 Membership	\$18 (\$4.50/qtr)
Badge	\$10

Badge Information

Call Sign _____
First Name _____
City _____

Payment Calculations: Make checks payable to SCRA

Dues - Full Year	\$ _____
Dues - new members only	
Prorated _____ Qtrs. x \$ _____ /qtr	\$ _____
Badge	\$ _____
Other - _____	\$ _____
Donation	\$ _____
Total	\$ _____

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