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June

SCRA Update

by Charlie Sikes, KZ6T
SCRA President

SCRA Programs: June is Field Day month and befitting, that will be the subject of this month's program presented by Brian N6IY. Last month's trouble shooting presentation was great thanks to John KE5RI.

Toaster: No its not back, but KE5RI spotted it on Hoen avenue last week.

Club Calendar: May was certainly a busy month for public service. Wine County Century, Human Race and the Amgen. Thanks for Sutter, Craig, and Bruce for organizing them, and to Darryl for organizing the public information booths. May wraps up with a tech license class. June includes a project build class, station assembly class, two public service events (Sonomas and Terrible Two), Field Day, and there is also an ARES SET.

Repeaters: Two of the three 2013 major repeater projects are now complete. May brought us IRLP on the UHF system and a new 2m antenna for English Hill. The last project will be changing the VHF at Castle Rock and English Hill into a to a voting repeater system. Big thanks to the Repeater Committee for seeing these projects through, and special thanks to Bob Magnani K6QXY and Adam McLaughlin KD6POC for giving up their Saturday morning to climb the tower and install the new antenna.

Participation: John Tracy W6SB is no long going to be able to host our refreshments during the Club meet-

ings. We are looking for someone new to step into that role. Don't be put off thinking you need to match John's monthly spread (but weren't they great!). If you are willing to just organize water and coffee, we could sure use the help.

Hope to see you all at the Club Meeting.

73

Charlie, KZ6T

Mini-DX 2013

by Charlie KZ6T

Its time to organize the 2013 Mini-DX event.

Anyone interested in participating this year please send me an email to sign-up.

When: Begin Friday July 12, end Sunday July 14.

Where: Well two requests that came out of last year's fun was the location should be in a grassy area, and should have showers. So after much hunting, this year we will travel back up to the North Coast. The campground is A.W. Way Park which is a Humboldt County campground along the Mattole river. Here is a [Google Map link](#). Here is a link to more [park information](#).

Details: A short description is this is a SCRA family type social gathering with operating HF as a background theme. Field Day without any pressure what-so-ever. Play radio, hike, swim, eat, lounge, what-ever. Anything is OK.

The event is open to anyone, ham operator or not. Find more information on the Club's reflector, or if you are not a subscriber, send me an email.



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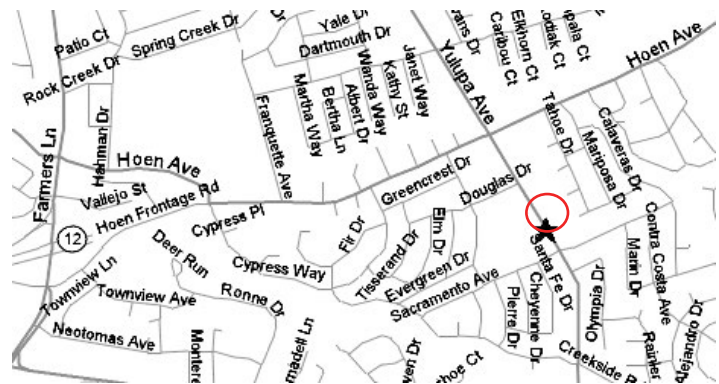


SCRA Club Meetings

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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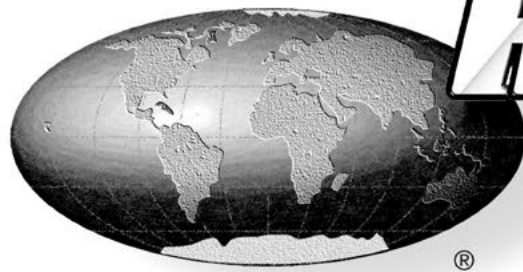
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Come Join SCRA at Field Day 2013

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 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. Price is only \$7.

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.

There will be a planning session on Sunday morning, June 9, at 10am at Youth Community Park (the Field Day site). Anyone interested in Field Day is welcome to attend.

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!

Brian Torr, N6IY

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**CONTEST CORNER by Kevin Alt, K6BSG**

Hello testers. Field Day is upon us once again. Come on out and join the fun on the 21st-23rd. Details will be covered at the June monthly meeting. Hope to see you out there. Happy DX'ing!

1 Jun – **Digifest** – Digital, 80-10 meters. See: www.mixw.net/misc/DigiFest/index.html.

1 Jun – **LZ Open 20 Meter Contest** – CW, 20 meters. See: www.lzopen.com.

1 Jun – **Maritime QSO Party** – Phone/CW, 160-2 meters. See: www.maritimecontestclub.com.

1-2 Jun – **Ten-Ten Open Season** – Digital, 10 meters. See: www.ten-ten.org.

1-2 Jun – **SEANET Contest** – SSB/CW, 80-10 meters. See: www5.big.or.jp/~ja1rju/flash_seanet-2013_doc-5.html.

1-2 Jun – **UKSMG Sporadic E Contest** – all modes, 6 meters. See: www.uksmg.org.

1-2 Jun – **Six Meters World Wide Club Contest** – all modes, 6 meters. See: www.6mt.com.

1-2 Jun – **Alabama QSO Party** – SSB/CW, 160-10 meters. See: www.alabamاقsoparty.org.

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

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

7 Jun – **NS Weekly Sprint** – CW, 160-20 meters. See: www.nccsprint.com.

8 Jun – **DRCG Long Distance Contest** – Digital, 80-10 meters. See: www.drcg.de.

8 Jun – **Asia-Pacific Sprint** – SSB – 20-15 meters. See: jsfc.org/apsprint/aprule.txt.

8-9 Jun – **WFF Green Days** – all modes, 160-10 meters. See: www.wff44.org.

8-9 Jun – **Australian Shires Contest** – SSB/CW, 80-10 meters. See: groups.yahoo.com/group/vkshires.

8-9 Jun – **Portugal Day** – SSB/CW, 80-10 meters. See: portugaldaycontest.rep.pt.

8-9 Jun – **GACW WWSA CW DX Contest** – CW, 80-10 meters. See: www.wwsatest.org.

8-9 Jun – **REF DDFM Six Meter Contest** – Phone/CW, 6 meters. See: concours.ref-union.org.

8-10 Jun – **ARRL June VHF Contest** – All modes, 6 meters and up. See: www.arrl.org/contests.

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

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

15 Jun – **QRP ARCI QRP Shootout** – all modes, all bands. See: www.qrparci.org/contests.

15 Jun – **Kid's Day** – Phone, 80-10 meters. See: www.arrl.org/kids-day.

15 Jun – **Feld-Hell Field Day Sprint** – Digital, 10 meters. See: www.feldhellclub.org.

15-16 Jun – **Worldwide EME Contest** – Phone/CW, 2.3 GHz. See: www.dubus.org.

15-16 Jun – **All-Asian DX Contest** – CW, 160-10 meters. See: www.jarl.or.jp/English.

15-16 Jun – **SMIRK QSO Party** – Phone/CW, 6 meters. See: www.smirk.org.

15-16 Jun – **Stew Perry Warmup Contest** – CW, 160 meters. See: www.kkn.net/stew.

15-16 Jun – **West Virginia QSO Party** – all modes, 80-10 meters. See: www.qsl.net/wvsarc.

16 Jun – **WAB 50 MHz Phone** – Phone, 6 meters. See: www.worked-all-britain.co.uk.

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Contest Corner, continued

17 Jun – **Run For the Bacon** – CW, 160-10 meters.
See: www.fpqrp.org.

20 Jun – **NAQCC Milliwatt Sprint** – CW, 80-20 meters. See: naqcc.info.

20-24 Jun – **SARL Top Band QSO Party** – SSB/CW, 160 meters. See: www.sarl.org.za.

22-23 Jun – **His Majesty King of Spain** – SSB, 160-10 meters. See: www.ure.es.

22-23 Jun – **Marconi Memorial HF Contest** – CW, 160-10 meters. See: www.arifano.it/contest_marconi.htm.

22-23 Jun – **ARRL Field Day** – all modes, all bands.
See: www.arrl.org/contests.

29 Jun – **Full Day of Hell** – Digital, 160-10 meters.
See: www.feldhellclub.org.

29-30 Jun – **Worldwide EME Contest** – Phone/CW, 3.4 GHz. See: www.dubus.org.

Product Review BaoFeng UV-5R

By Dave Harrison W6IBC

In the December 2011 issue of Short Skip, I presented a brief review of a then new product offering, the BaoFeng UV-3R. This radio has been succeeded by a dual band version with keypad, designated the UV-5R. Stunningly, this multi-featured handheld VHF-UHF radio is currently being offered from Amazon for \$38.00 delivered to your door. This radio is also a software defined radio, apparently designed not only for the ham radio marketplace, but also for the FCC Part 90 General Mobile Radio Service. Accordingly, care must be taken to be sure that the radio is programmed and operated by hams only within the authorized 2 meter and 70 centimeter ham FM phone bands.

The radio comes well packed in a double box, and includes a stubby antenna, an AC battery charger, a headset, and the briefest of instruction manuals. The manual is woefully inadequate, and I advise anyone who attempts to use or program the UV-5R radio to

download a much more detailed manual from the following website link: [http://wouxun.us/Software/Baofeng/Guide to UV5R by Lennart Lidberg.pdf](http://wouxun.us/Software/Baofeng/Guide%20to%20UV5R%20by%20Lennart%20Lidberg.pdf). There are also a number of expository YouTube videos online. Just search for “Programming the UV-5R” and numerous links will follow. Programming software is available separately, enabling computer programming of the radio (which I have not tried).

This radio ups power output to 4 watts, and includes a DTMF touch-tone keypad (which is useful for SCRA’s newly installed IRLP Link 7103 on the club 441.375 repeater. For those of you who lack information about this repeater, it has a positive 5MHz offset, and uses the 88.5 Hz CTCSS tone, standard for our area.

The supplied antenna is electrically short, and not as efficient as a standard 19 inch whip antenna, supplied by many manufacturers. The antenna jack is unusual. It is a MALE SMA connector, rather than the conventional female SMA connector. To use a standard SMA antenna, you will need a female-to-female SMA adapter, such as Part No. 153294 from Jameco Electronics, or an equivalent SMA straight coupler female—jack-to-jack. Other adapter combinations can be used to adapt the radio to conventional SMA and BNC whip antenna connectors.

All in all, this radio appears to be a significant improvement over the UV-3R, and if you’re willing to put up with its quirks and unfriendly manual programming environment, I highly recommend it as an affordable entry level radio.



BaoFeng UV-5R alongside earlier UV-3R



CQ from Kauai

by Charlie KZ6T

Dina (XYL) and I took a week off and celebrated our 35th anniversary in Kauai. I did hear a few grumblings when I told her I was packing the HF rig. I wanted to try QRP from the islands, so my carryon bags would include my KX3 and buddipole. I was expecting pushback from TSA so I arrived at Oakland airport early and ready to do battle, or, retreat and check bags if necessary. One carryon bag was the buddipole, the other was full of electronics. The KX3, headphones, dummy load, 6amp Lipo battery, battery charger, Go-pro camera, Ipad, Laptop, Cellphone, CPAP machine, about a dozen cords and adapters. With all this stuff I expected the belt on the TSA scanner to come to an abrupt halt. NO PROBLEM, that belt didn't slow down a bit. I put on my belt (even though it was plastic I still need to take it off) and shoes, grabbed my bags and headed up to the gate for the five hour flight.

We had no prearranged agenda for this trip other than just relaxing and doing a little snorkeling. Our destination was a private cottage on the North Shore. (I give it a very high recommendation.)

I didn't get around to bringing out the Ham gear for a few days. Tuesday (5/7) I finally set up the Buddipole on 20m and KX3 on SSB. I was hearing great but no one was picking up my 10 watt CQ's. Finally I just tried answering for awhile. Once I got smart and added /QRP to the call I finally got somewhere. First came KE7KQA in Central Washington, then AC7HU in Pennsylvania. (Just over 5,000 miles on 10w SSB, not bad.) I was also experimenting with a wireless bluetooth interface that ties the KX3 to an Apple Ipad. Its called a pigtail and is able to control the KX3, function as a QSO logger, and encode and decode PSK 31.

I called it a success on SSB, retired to the lounge chair with some refreshments leaving CW and PSK for the next session.

The next operating opportunity came Thursday (5/9). Unfortunately, nothing cooperated. It rained all day which is OK for snorkeling, but setting up outside was a challenge. It slacked off for a while so out I went under a big table umbrella. Again I had great ears but, (shall we say) certain technical difficulties prevented me from transmitting either in CW or in PSK. Oh

well. I gave it a shot. I just need to find the time at home to learn the radio and practice more.

Saturday AM we arrived at the airport. I figured if Oakland passed me, laid back Kauai would be a breeze. Plastic Belt? no problem, Mahalo, leave it on.

THEN

First I set off the all body scanner but they could not find anything on a pat down or search. Then the carryon equipment bag went threw and the alarms went off. TSA brought over the bag, asked if it was mine and said "we" are going to have to do a search. I started to open it for them and got scolded. "You can not touch the bag sir." So one by one, out came all the devices, and one by one I had to explain what each and every one was. Finally they rescanned them separately and allowed me to repack. It turned out that they were more interested in the CPAP machine than anything else. But I got to educate the young TSA inspector a little on Ham radio. He had no idea you could actually talk to the mainland using anything other than a cellphone. Go figure...

Will I bring the radio on my next vacation flight? Absolutely!

Aloha 73

New VHF Antenna at English Hill

Jack, K6ROW

A new VHF antenna was installed at English Hill this month just in time to serve the Amgen Tour of California. The old antenna, perhaps 15 years old, was showing its age. SWR was 3 and the passband was not smooth. Club members voted to spend \$1200 to replace it.

Jack, K6ROW, assembled and tested the new antenna. The tower climbers were Bob, W6QXY, and Adam, KD6POC. One the ground hoisting the antenna up the tower were Jack, Bob, G6ZDN and Charlie, KZ6T.

Initial reports were a clean signal and improved receptivity.





Public Service Update

Bruce Hopfengardner, K6BDH

Today we completed another successful and exciting Public Service event. Nearly two dozen of us joined hundreds of other volunteers at the eighth and final stage of the 2013 AmGen Tour of California. This was a very special day since it was the first time the City of Santa Rosa served as the grand finale to this world class pro cycling stage race. After months of preparation and planning, we occupied our assigned posts and watched as over 100 pro and top-amateur racers completed their 8-day race through California with two, blistering fast laps around downtown Santa Rosa. The noise, excitement and flashes of color were breathtaking.

Whether you supported the Wine Country Century, Human Race or today's AmGen Tour of California, your participation helped make these May Public Service events a success. Many thanks.

But wait, there's more!

We're adding a new event to our calendar; the annual SoNoMas mountain bike race around Lake Sonoma on June 1st. This race is managed by Bike Monkey, the same folks who organize Levi's Gran Fondo and other events throughout the year. The SoNoMas race starts near the Welcome Center at Warm Springs Dam and covers much of the same terrain as last month's Lake Sonoma 50. SoNoMas is also a HT, simplex event without repeaters. Craig and I have a few folks signed up but we still need approximately eight more people to help make this event another success. The race starts at 0830 and ends early that afternoon. Please mark your calendars for SoNoMas on June 1st and contact us to participate in SoNoMas.

June 15th marks another edition of the great Terrible Two endurance bicycle ride. The TT has a well-earned reputation as a well-organized, brutally tough ride that begins in Sebastopol and heads east towards Napa before climbing two tough hills heading to Calsistoga followed by brisk climbs on the way to the coast before ending back in Sebastopol. There are two courses this year; 200-mile and the new, 200-km route. Although the TT is a relatively small event (less than 500 riders) we will have significant communications and control challenges caused by hilly terrain, remote locations and

repeaters that rarely seem to cover exactly where we need them. Our participation in the TT helps ensure a safe and successful event.

Don't hesitate to sign up for these, and our other great Public Service events. Your participation is necessary and greatly appreciated.

English Hill Antenna Replacement Photos

Jack, K6ROW

2 - 7 and 9 show Bob, W6QXY, and Adam up 100 feet on the antenna. 8 is Bob, KG6ZDN and Charlie, KZ6T. The last two show shots of the antenna we took down



Bob, W6QXY; Adam, KD6POC; Bob, KG6ZDN inspecting the new antenna.



100 Feet up!





Sonoma County Radio Amateurs

Membership Meeting Minutes

1 May 2013

Called to order at 7:10 PM by president Charlie Sikes KZ6T. Nearly 40 members were present.

George K6EYZ, Wells Wagner, John KK6CIX, and George Gallegos KK6DPX were new members and guests.

No new calls or upgrades were reported.

John Felton KE5RI gave a presentation on troubleshooting. John reinforced the idea that safety is #1. Then, what is the goal of the service? When told that the fuses are good, you probably want to check again anyway. You do want copies of the manuals. Websites for free manuals are at mods.dk and bama.edebris.com/manuals. Don't hesitate to call the manufacturer's service department. When a failed device is fully off, sniff inside – you might be able to identify what failed. Poor solder joints and missed solder joints can be found by a careful visual examination. For systems with connected circuit boards, check for tarnished connectors. Try 'deox-it.' Check screws – most electronic equipment uses metric screws.

When disassembling a unit, make a diagram. Tape screws to the diagram so you can get them back where you need.

Dan suggests taking digital photos during disassembly.

Build a 100W light bulb to put in series with your equipment. If the equipment is shorted, the light will burn bright. When the equipment is not shorted, the bulb will burn more dimly.

The appearance of failed fuses can be a clue into the type of failure with which you are working.

A variable voltage supply can help with troubleshooting the variac can be used to restore old electrolytic capacitors. Allow much time (many days) to reform capacitors.

John says, "no Easter-egging." That is, troubleshoot from one end to the other. Don't just randomly check various parts.

Usually the solution is simple – finding the problem is tricky.

Determine the common problem to find the solution.

Bob Olsten WD6DPE and Brian Torr N6IIY shared troubleshooting stories.

The break was held.

John Tracy W6SB, refreshments chair will be traveling for a while, so a replacement is needed.

VP – John Felton KE5RI – Nothing to report.

Secretary- Mike Von der Porten AD6YB – Nothing to report.

Treasurer – Steve Bramble KI6TUR reported that we are about \$2,000 ahead year-to-date. A \$2,000 donation was received from the Santa Rosa Cycling Club. We have paid for the repeater antenna. Bills for repeater parts will be coming in.

Director -- Brian Torr N6IIY - Nothing to report.

Director -- Doug Payne KF6LMB – Nothing to report.

Repeaters – John Felton KE5RI reported that the new 2-meter antenna will be going up on English Hill. The old antenna will be refurbished and be available for other use.

Dave Harrison WB6IBC reported that our IRLP is up and running on a test mode. Our node is 7103. See the IRLP operator guidelines before using this.

441.375 MHz tone on, 9999 gets a test reflector message. Allow a one-second latency between key-up and voice transmissions. Identify after connecting. To turn off, dial 73.

Bruce Hopfengardner K6BHD and Craig Gaevert K6XLT solicited volunteers for events. Wine Country Century is this coming weekend (Saturday) – need 2 to 3 more people. Sutter Laird KI6ZON has staff for the Human Race. Sunday, May 19 is the Amgen Tour of California – have 10 signed up, but need at least 22.

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May Member Minutes, continued.

June 15 is Terrible Two – a good traffic-handling event. Bike Monkey has asked for help Saturday, June 1 for an event (Sonoma Mas). August 17 is another Annadel Park event. August 17 and 18 is the Pacific Coast Air Museum's Wings Over Winecountry airshow.

Emergency Services – no report

Brian Torr N6IY reported on the VE session at the Bennett Valley Grange. Ten candidates came from the class and from the general public. Nine earned at least one level. One person went from unlicensed to Extra. The next VE is expected July 27.

Website and newsletter -- Sutter Laird KI6 ZON– Nothing to report.

Mentoring – Jeff Tonelli KI6PBF – May 31, June 1 and 2 is the next tech class. On Saturday, June 8 there will be a project build course. A 40-meter SSB receiver is the planned kit. Dave Harrison W6 IBC showed a video demo of the receiver. Sign-ups are available on the website.

Activities – Darryl Paule KI6MSP – sold some tubes at VOMARC for the Club. Volunteers are still welcome for the booths at the Human Race and the Tour of California.

Membership Mike Von der Porten AD6YB – Nothing to report.

Badges – Nancy Yarbrough N6NCY is carrying on as badge/tee-shirt chair.

Minutes corrected: John Breckenridge WB6FRZ made the donation. Dave Harrison W6IBC moved, Doug Payne KF6LMB seconded to approve the April Membership Meeting Minutes as corrected. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Torr N6IY reported that June 21-22 is Field Day. We have confirmed that we will be at Youth Community Park. Setup starts Friday afternoon June 20. The educational activity will be around 2 PM on Saturday. The dinner will be Saturday evening – details to be announced. Pat Coyle KG6JSL is “head chef.” A Get On the Air (GOTA) station will be included. Darryl

Paule KI6MSP will lead the Public Information Booth. A VHF/UHF satellite contact will be attempted.

Pat Coyle KG6JSL reported that July 20-21 is Mendo Rally. There's a new course in eastern Lake County with two new tracks. Please register for this event – see the link through www.socoham.org.

Charlie Sikes KZ6T asked about interest for the mini-DXpedition in Humboldt County on July 12 to 14. Interest was expressed by several members.

New Business

Craig Gaevert K6XLT has extra tee shirts from the Gran Fondo.

Doug Payne KF6LMB asked about the Food Bank. Darryl Paule KI6MSP will still collect food to be passed along.

Net Control

May 7 – Ed Slingland N2WD

May 14 – Brian Torr N6IY

May 21 – Frank Oddy NQ6E

May 28 – Craig Gaevert K6XLT

June 4 - Darryl Paule KI6MSP

Jim Draeger KI6REK conducted the raffle.

Meeting adjourned by consensus at 6:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted
Michael Von der Porten
Secretary

Merchandise Update

Nancy, K6NCY

Just a note that we have Short sleeve and long sleeve T-shirts available and nice badges and decals from the Club. They will be on display at the meeting on June 5th.

Nancy Yarbrough K6NCY

Thank you, Nancy

Sonoma County Radio Amateurs

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

8 May 2013

Attending: director Brian Torr N6IYY, repeater co-chair Jack Christensen K6ROW, director Doug Payne KF6LMB, Pat Coyle KG6JSL, education chair Jeff Tonelli KI6PBF, vice president John Felton KE5RI, past president Darryl Paule KI6MSP, secretary Mike Von der Porten AD6YB, John Breckenridge N6IYY. Absent: none. Excused: president Charlie Sikes KZ6T, treasurer Steve Bramble KI6TUR.

Called to order at 6:02 PM PST May 8, 2013 at Star Restaurant by vice president John Felton KE5RI.

Moved, seconded and approved to approve the April Board Minutes as submitted.

Past President - Darryl Paule KI6MSP – nothing to report.

Director - Doug Payne KF6LMB – nothing to report.

Secretary – Mike Von der Porten AD6YB circulated draft minutes from membership meeting of May 1, 2013 to be reviewed.

Membership -- Mike Von der Porten AD6YB – Nothing to report.

Repeater - Jack Christensen K6ROW - replacement antenna to go up on May 18th based on weather.

Repeater - John Felton KE5RI reports that IRLP is up and some people are using it.

VP - John Felton KE5RI - nothing to report.

VE Coordinator - Brian Torr N6IYY reported that June 2 VE session is for the class. July 27 is the next VE open to the public. The larger facility for the last class at the Bennett Valley Grange worked well for both the class and the public testing.

Education - Jeff Tonelli KI6PBF reports that the tech class is the end of this month (May): 5 people are enrolled. The attendance will be confirmed to assure enough students attend to justify the class and test session. The build class is coming along, too.

Field Day - Brian Torr N6IYY reported that Field Day preparation is coming along. A set of filters are being built by John Breckenridge. The filters are approx. 6”X6”X8” and John is building the chassis and the components. Work on easy-ups, the “breadbox” and other details are progressing.

Brian reported that there is no new information on the crank-up tower.

By consensus, the fee for the Field Day dinner is \$7 and no charge for breakfast.

One of the tents will be used for CW. Headphones will be a good idea. John Breckenridge will bring gear.

Old Business:

Darryl Paule KI6MSP reported that Sutter Laird KI6ZON has the Human Race covered and is including APRS. We are not being charged for the Human Race booth this year. The Amgen Tour of California is May 19 – volunteers for the booth should contact Darryl.

Mike Von der Porten AD6YB reported that he “float-ed” the idea of a Sonoma County Museum exhibit with Eric, the curator at the Museum. Darryl and Mike will meet later.

New Business: None.

Meeting adjourned by consensus at 6:39 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Von der Porten AD6YB
Secretary



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Addendum to June 2013 Shortskip

The following story reached me too late to have it published in this month's shortskip but I felt it too important to hold off for another month. Way to go Nancy K6NCY !!!

- KZ6T -

My husband and I were visiting Santa Rosa for our 29th wedding anniversary on 5/19/2013. We just happen to be around when the end of the race was coming through Santa Rosa.

We watched the 1st and 2nd lap by 4th St. then made our way back to 3rd St. where the finish line was. Shortly after the race, we were trying to avoid the crowd and went between a building and porta potty. I didn't realize until we were approximately 50 feet away that I had lost my purse.

A Good Samaritan & "Nancy" had acquired it. Nancy made every effort to contact me from the sources in my purse. During this time, I had made my way to the Santa Rosa police station and was filing a report via internet. I had 2 officers try to help and gave me suggestions.

Nancy dropped my purse and ALL of its belongings at the police station. I had made my way back to our hotel room with much grief realizing I had lost identification to board back on the plane, a Louis Vuitton purse & wallet, my credit cards, room key, cash, cell phone, and other items.

A police officer, Jeff Wood, called our hotel room and delivered the great news! That was the BEST news I received on my wedding anniversary. I called Nancy to thank her and she told me she was a member of the Santa Rosa ham radio team and was volunteering at the bike race. I am so grateful for her presence there and the part she played in recovering my personal belongings. I don't know who the other woman was. If anyone knows, please extend my gratitude to her, as well.

To ALL the upstanding members of Santa Rosa, especially the Santa Rosa Police Department & SCRA, I will always remember the great citizenship that was displayed.

I'm on my way returning home to Lawton, Oklahoma, and look forward to visiting Santa Rosa again in the near future. Please ensure Nancy is recognized for her honesty. She carried the integrity that you hope to find in all people!

Betty Carden

Santa Rosa Ham Radio Fan!