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## September SCRA Update

by Charlie Sikes, KZ6T  
SCRA President

### ARRL:

I would like to congratulate Bill Hilendahl for stepping up to be our Section Manager for another 2-year term. Thanks for all of your hard work, past and future.

### SCRA Programs:

Was that August auction a hoot or not? Where else could you buy a legal limit linear amplifier for a buck? I hope KE5RI's back is doing okay after taking it out of his SUV. (or is it still there John?) For those who missed it, we auctioned off items generously donated to us from the estate of KB2ZAK(sk) plus other items donated by WB6FRZ, W6IBC and K6ROW. Everything from an HF rig (I got that one) to a slinky antenna. Even a mystery box was picked up by Terry KK6DQC. (I wonder what was in it.) All in all we raised over \$700 in the auction. Thanks to all who participated in the auction and those who presented their boat anchors or homebrews.

### Club Calendar:

August gave us the Tour de Organics, PCAM Air Show, Annadel Mountain Bike Race, a tech class and VE Session. The Annadel was pretty easy work once we got the challenge of topography behind us.

September will bring us a VE session, Club Picnic, and Waves to Wine. Please send an email to Craig or Bruce to sign up for Waves to Wine.

### Club Elections:

Yes, I know they are two months off. But time to start thinking about volunteering for next year. All positions are up for grabs, and a few positions (Secretary, Treasurer and one Director) are termed out. Unfortunately or Fortunately (depending on your point of view) I will not be seeking a second term as President. So if you are interested in directing the Club in 2013, its time to step up and be heard. Send me an email and I will be happy to discuss the duties of the positions with you.

Hope to see you all at the September Club Meeting.

73

Charlie, KZ6T

### Public Service Update

Bruce K6BDH

August was a busy month for all of the wonderful folks who volunteered to support special events in Sonoma County. On 11 Aug we supported the Tour d'Organics in Sebastopol. We enjoyed perfect weather, endless quantities of great organic foods and a quiet, fun event. Thanks to everyone who supported the event.

After less than a week off, we took on another event, Bike Monkey's Annadel Mountain Bike Race. After much fingernail biting to fill assignments, our requirements changed dramatically and we had more volunteers than we needed. A special thanks to those of you who signed up but weren't needed. Those of us who did work the event had some very unique challenges.

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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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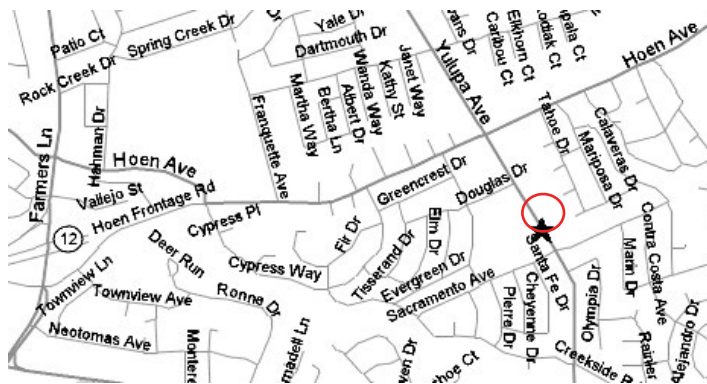
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## SCRA Club Meetings

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.  
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See you there every month except December.

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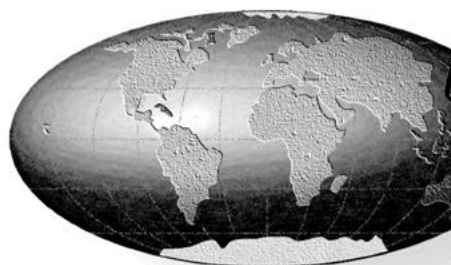
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**CONTEST CORNER by Kevin Alt, K6BSG**

Hello testers. Lots of contest activity in September as you come back inside from your summer activities. The all Asian DX contest on 7-8 September should be lots of fun with the sun spots still peaking. Happy DX'ing!

1-2 Sep - **Tennessee QSO Party** – All modes, 160-6 meters. See: [www.tnqp.org](http://www.tnqp.org).

2-3 Sep - **Labor Day Sprint** - CW, 160-6 meters. See: [miqr.org](http://miqr.org).

3 Sep - **ARS Spartan Sprint** – CW, 80-10 meters. See: [www.arsqrp.blogspot.com](http://www.arsqrp.blogspot.com).

6 Sept - **NS Weekly Sprints** – CW, 160-20 meters. See: [www.ncccsprint.com](http://www.ncccsprint.com).

6-7 Sep - **070 Club KA3X Memorial Sprint** – Digital, 80 meters. See: [www.podxs070.com](http://www.podxs070.com).

7 Sep - **Russian RTTY WW**, RTTY, 80-10 meters. See: [www.radio.ru/cq/contest/rule-results/index2.shtml](http://www.radio.ru/cq/contest/rule-results/index2.shtml).

7 Sep - **DARC 10-Meter Digital Contest “Corona”** – Digital, 10 meters. See: [www.darc.de/referate/ukw-funksport](http://www.darc.de/referate/ukw-funksport).

7 Sep - **Straight Key Party** – CW, 40 meters. See: [www.agcw.de](http://www.agcw.de).

7-8 Sep - **All-Asian DX Contest** - Phone, 80-10 meters. See: [www.jarl.or.jp/English](http://www.jarl.or.jp/English).

7-8 Sep - **IARU Region 1 Field Day** - SSB, 160-10 meters.

7-8 Sep - **QCWA Fall QSO Party** – All modes, 160-6 meters. See: [www.qcwa.org/qso-party.htm](http://www.qcwa.org/qso-party.htm).

8 Sep - **North American Sprint** - CW, 80-20 meters. See: [www.ncjweb.com](http://www.ncjweb.com).

8 Sep - **QRP ARCI Two Sidebands Sprint** – SSB, 160-10 meters. See: [www.qrparci.org/contests](http://www.qrparci.org/contests).

9 Sep - **OK1WC Memorial Contest** – Phone/CW, 80-2 meters. See: [www.hamradio.cz/ok1wc](http://www.hamradio.cz/ok1wc).

11 Sep - **CWops Monthly Mini-CWT Test** – CW, 160-10 meters. See: [www.cwops.org/onair.html](http://www.cwops.org/onair.html).

14 Sep - **FOC QSO Party** – CW, 160-10 meters. See: [www.g4foc.org](http://www.g4foc.org).

14 Sep - **Ohio State Parks On the Air** – All modes, 80-6 meters. See: [parks.portcars.org](http://parks.portcars.org).

14-15 Sep - **Worked All Europe DX Contest** - SSB, 80-10 meters. See: [waedc.de](http://waedc.de).

14-15 Sep - **SKCC Straight Key Weekend Sprintathon** – CW, 80-6 meters. See: [www.skccgroup.com](http://www.skccgroup.com).

14-15 Sep - **CIS DX PSK Contest** – Digital, 160-10 meters. See: [www.eupsk.com](http://www.eupsk.com).

14-15 Sep - **Arkansas QSO Party** – All modes, 80-2 meters. See: [www.arkanhams.org](http://www.arkanhams.org).

14-16 Sep - **ARRL September VHF Contest**, All modes, 6 meters and up. See: <http://www.arrl.org/contests>.

15 Sep - **North American Sprint** - SSB, 80-20 meters. See: [www.ncjweb.com](http://www.ncjweb.com).

15-16 Sep - **Classic Exchange** - Phone, 160-2 meters. See: [www.classicexchange.org](http://www.classicexchange.org).

16 Sep - **Run For the Bacon** – CW, 160-10 meters. See: [www.fpqr.org](http://www.fpqr.org).

19 Sep - **NAQCC Monthly QRP Sprint** – CW, 80-20 meters. See: [naqcc.info](http://naqcc.info).

21 Sep - **Feld-Hell on Wheels Sprint** – Digital, 160-10 meters. See: [www.feldhellclub.org](http://www.feldhellclub.org).

21-22 Sep - **ARRL 10 GHz Cumulative Contest**, All modes, 10 GHz and up. See: [www.arrl.org/contests](http://www.arrl.org/contests).

21-22 Sep - **Scandinavian Activity Contest** - CW, 80-10 meters. See: [www.sactest.net](http://www.sactest.net).

21-22 Sep - **South Carolina QSO Party** – Phone/CW, 160-6 meters. See: [scqso.com](http://scqso.com).

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**Contest Corner, continued**

21-22 Sep - **Washington State Salmon Run** – All modes, 160- 2 meters. See: [www.wwdxc.org](http://www.wwdxc.org).

22 Sep – **BARTG Sprint 75** – Digital, 80-10 meters. See: [www.bartg.org.uk](http://www.bartg.org.uk).

22-23 Sep - **Classic Exchange** - CW, 160-2 meters. See: [www.classicexchange.org](http://www.classicexchange.org).

23 Sep – **144 MHz Fall VHF Sprint** – All modes, 2 meters. See: [www.svhfs.org](http://www.svhfs.org).

25 Sep – **SKCC Straight Key Sprint** – CW, 160-6 meters. See: [www.skccgroup.com/sprint/sks](http://www.skccgroup.com/sprint/sks).

28 Sep - **Texas QSO Party** – All modes, 160-2 meters. See: [www.txqp.net](http://www.txqp.net).

28-29 Sep – **ARRL EME Contest** – All modes, 2.3 GHz and up. See: [www.arrl.org/contests](http://www.arrl.org/contests).

28-29 - Sep - **CQ Worldwide RTTY Contest** - 80-10 meters. See: [www.cqwwrtty.com](http://www.cqwwrtty.com).

29 Sep – **Maine QSO Party** – SSB/CW, 160-10 meters. See: [www.maineqsoparty.com](http://www.maineqsoparty.com).



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**Public Service Update, continued.**

With hot weather, rough terrain and minimal Line of Sight, we relied on relaying messages and a lot of patience, long hikes to the rest stops and 4WD Jeeps. Some of could see Levi tear up the course...unless we blinked. Thank you for walking miles, driving through tough terrain and making the event a success.

We have two more significant events on the schedule: Waves to Wine on the 21st and 22nd of Sep and Levi's GranFondo on 5 Oct. As always please contact us to sign up for some great opportunities to help out.

Many of you may ask, "why should I sign up for a public service event?" There are several reasons. Public Service events allow us to exercise and improve our skills as radio operators while helping others. We are often assigned to work in remote areas, in the elements, without electricity and are typically paid with food and maybe a t-shirt. But the benefits extend way beyond that. We are also improving our ability to set up ad-hoc nets that spread across remote areas of the county and beyond. We learn field expedient methods to maintain communications with each other and pass information that can potentially save lives. On top of that we help spread the word throughout the community about the benefits and services provided by SCRA.

The next time you look at a Public Service calendar consider that your participation will not only make you a better Ham, but will also prepare you for emergency operations in the event of a disaster, help the community, increase the community's awareness of SCRA and help you build a really cool t-shirt collection.

To volunteer for these events; Waves to Wine - 21&22 SEP and Levi's GranFondo - 5 OCT, contact us:

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Your participation makes a difference!

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## Mendocino Rally Report

Pat KG6JSL

This year's Mendocino Rally expanded to include two days of racing with 21 cars from 5 states, as far away as Colorado. We had a total of 21 hams over both days providing radio support. SCRA hams were joined by hams from the Mendocino County Amateur Radio Club, Lake County Amateur Radio Society, and "rally hams" who came from all over to join the fun.

Day One was July 20, 2013, on Walker Ridge Road, east of Clearlake, Ca. We provided 11 radio Blocks, which controlled access to the course and tracked the vehicles, in addition to hams as Start and Finish controls, and Sweep vehicles. Net Control was atop Walker Ridge with views east to the Sierras. Through out the day we were bothered by interference from a keying repeater as well as other users out in the valley, most of whom did not use their call sign, if they had one.

One interesting radio event of the day was a call to Net Control asking the location of a vehicle. We asked the caller for her tactical and FCC call for identification and was informed by the caller that she did not have an amateur license! The Rules regarding emergency use only by non-licensed operators, and the definition of an emergency, were firmly explained and we heard no more from that user.

Stage One of Day one put our training, practice and experience immediately to the test, with 3 cars going missing off road, and one roll over. The training paid off as we were able to quickly identify and locate all cars, and dispatch assistance. There were no serious injuries, though some people were treated for heat related symptoms in the 100+ degree heat.

Day Two, July 21, 2013, was on the Cow Mountain Off Highway Vehicle Area, in the mountains east of Ukiah. Radio conditions were better on Sunday, with no interference, but some loss of reception in the late afternoon as atmospherics changed. Again, we had eleven Blocks plus controls and sweeps. Again our training and practice paid off when we had intruding vehicles enter the course literally seconds before the start of Stage 7. Quick and decisive action by Nick, KI6RIT and John, KG6PEP, averted what could have been a major catastrophe.

Stage 7 was the trophy round for the competitors. After 6 Stages and 80 miles of racing over two days, only seconds separated the leaders. The intensity of the event was noted by Nick, KI6RIT, who called in that the cars were going faster than ever before and that radio operators on the course should stay alert and stand back. The spirit of the competition was caught by Terry, KK6DQC, who reported one passage, with "Block 5, Car 541, Whooooee."

I am extremely proud of the work all the ham operators did to make this a safe and successful event. Communications were uniformly clear, concise and accurate, kept the event going through some rough spots, and above all provided for the safety of all participants.

But don't take my word for how effective we were. This is an excerpt from the report of one of the event Stewards to Rally America, the national sanctioning body:

The communications team was outstanding and deserve their own "5" score. This group really has gotten good at understanding the intricacies and priorities of rally comms and are one of the rally's greatest assets and strengths.

The rally was an enjoyable event where we got to use our radio skills and had the best view of the competition on the course. As John, KG6EP, said, "Play a little radio, get a little dirty."

Thanks to all of the following:

Jim Draeger, KI6REK; John Chavez, KG6PEP; Dave Harrison, W6IBC; Joy Cunningham, KI6ASJ; Doug Payne, KF6LMB; Darryl Paule, KIZ6MSP; Marcella Chandler, KI6MJC; Nick Wharf, KI6RIT; Terry Tinagero, KK6DQC; Dave Jordan, KI6ISO; Jeff Plank, KE6VGB; Ben Weiss, WB5QAL; Bill Brink, WA7LZY; Jim Robison, KI6MRV; Tim Lee, KA6TIM; Martha Lee, KJ6VJQ; Colin Brown, KJ7RRC; Chuck Mobraton, KI6WSR; Lee Sorenson, K6STI; Jack Christensen, K6ROW; Brian Torr, N6IIY; Fred Sietel, AE6SF.



**Next VE Session:** Saturday, September 7

Our next VE exam is scheduled for Saturday, September 7, from 9am until noon. The location will be the Bennett Valley Grange Hall, 4145 Grange Road, Santa Rosa. Walk-ins will be accepted and all test elements will be administered. ([http://www.sonomacountyradioamateurs.com/ve\\_testing.html](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 Highway 12 East to Farmers Lane. Turn right onto Farmers Lane and then left onto Bennett Valley Road. Stay on Bennett Valley Road approximately 4.1 miles and turn right onto Grange Road. Bennett Valley Grange Hall is 0.5 miles from Bennett Valley Road on the right.

Candidates should bring the following:

- One (1) photo ID or two (2) non-photo ID
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- 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, N6IIY in advance. Good Luck! Brian Torr, N6IIY [n6iyy@arrl.net](mailto:n6iyy@arrl.net) (707) 575-5871

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Sonoma County Radio Amateurs  
Membership Meeting  
August 7, 2013  
Luther Burbank Art and Garden Center, Santa Rosa, CA

Called to order by president Charlie Sikes KZ6T at 7 PM PST.

Visitors were introduced: Steve W6FJH, Louie KD7DEL, Zander and K6HTU.

Terry Tinagero KK6DQC upgraded to General.

Members presented home brew and boat anchor items. Presenter included Brian Torr N6IIY, Saraj Cory KU6F, John Felton KE5RI and Darryl Paule KI6MSP

Keith Payea AG6CI announced information about the Robert Ferguson Observatory.

Charlie conducted a sale of donated materials. Jerry donated a 2 meter unit which was also sold.

Nancy Yarbrough K6NCY offered tee shirts for sale.

Jim had tee shirts for Mendo Rally volunteers.

John Breckenridge WB6FRZ and his wife made the gravenstein apple pie enjoyed at break.

VP John Felton KE5RI – nothing to report

Treasurer Steve Bramble KI6TUR – presented the current financial status. July had little change. Dues have come in about where expected for the year. Donations are on track. Approx. \$1,900 for repeaters and equipment has gone for the antenna and repeater. So far, we have a very small loss for the year.

Director Doug Payne KF6LMB – the mini DX had some expenses to report.

Director Brian Torr N6IIY – nothing to report

Secretary Mike Von der Porten AD6YB - nothing

Past President Darryl Paule KI6MSP – nothing to report

Activities – Darryl Paule KI6MSP - The first two days at the Sonoma county Fair have gone well. Three class sign ups have been registered. This coming Saturday 10 AM to 9 PM is the last date. PCAM is August 17 and 18. Setup is about 4 PM August 16. The signup sheet was passed around.

The North Bay Science Festival is October 26. Signups will be a later meeting.

Repeater Chairs Jack Christensen K6ROW- - reported that the new antenna on English Hill is done and IRLP is installed. Now, voting repeater is being worked. John Felton KE5RI – nothing to report.



Public Service – Bruce Hopfengardner K6BDH – needs help for the Tour de Organics on Sunday, August 11. This is an HT event – see Bruce – approx. 9 AM to 2 PM. Needs 4 people for rest stops. Volunteers stepped up!

The 18<sup>th</sup> is the Bike Monkey's Annadel Mountain Bike Race. More info will be out shortly.

Dave Harrison W6IBC reported on the Mendo Rally. It was hot, but the radio operations did extremely well. The course martial rated each support group. The amateur radio people and the EMS people earned at top "5" score.

Emergency Services – Bill Hillendahl KH6GJV reports that some joint activities are being developed.

Brian Torr *N6IY reports* that at the last VE session six people were tested. All six passed with seven advancements recorded. The next VE is planned with the class in August and then one open session in September.

Newsletter Don Laird WE4MOO and Webmaster Sutter Laird KI6ZON had nothing to report.

Mentor Jeff Tonelli KI6PBF Aug 23, 24 and 25 is the next tech class. Right now, we have two students. If you have more candidates, pass them along to Jeff. Interest has been expressed for General and Extra Class training.

Membership – Mike Von der Porten AD6YB – nothing to report.

Repeater Trustee – John Felton KE5RI – NARC reports that a Hayward repeater on 147.315 does not seem to be interfering with our repeater.

Refreshments – acknowledgments for the special pie!

Badges and apparel – Nancy Yarborough – N6NCY reports that tee shirts, badges, etc. are available.

Moved by Jack Christensen K6ROW seconded by Wells Wagner KK6EXC to approve the July Membership minutes as published. Motion carried unanimously.

The mini-DXpedition resulted in a Straight Key Club award. 72 QSOs were recorded of which 70 were confirmed.

Darryl Paule KI6MSP thanked Keith Payea AG6CI for bringing his telescope to the mini-DXpedition.

Andrew Raike KE6HID suggests an acknowledgement for the donor of the equipment which was auctioned. President Sikes will pursue this.

Net control

8/13 Ed Slingland N2WD

8/20 Keith Payea AG6CI

8/27 Brian Torr N6IY

9/3 Darryl Paule KI6MSP

Adjourned by consensus at 8:42 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Von der Porten  
AD6YB, Secretary