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November

## SCRA Update

by Charlie Sikes, KZ6T  
SCRA President

### Public Service:

P.S. is pretty much over for the year.

Big kudos go out to Craig K6XLT and

Bruce K6BDH for organizing all the events. It's a lot more than just rattling the phone tree looking for volunteers. For instance, LGF involves pre-event coordination to early morning setup through late evening tear down. Not to be overlooked is the work all you ham radio operators put in. Your professionalism makes these events go smoothly. Take some well deserved time off.

### ARES:

This year's drill had a conflict with JOTA but there was still a large turn-out of operators. For the first time, we operated net control from the Bennett Valley Grange which worked out quite well. Bill KH6GV got to bring out his brand new portable aluminum mast he picked up at Pacificon. (I hear that John KG6PGP scored two of them.) Bill's mast with a vertical easily hit English Hill from the Grange location. (That repeater antenna work earlier this year is paying dividends.) The Grange Association is also graciously allowing us to use the facility for Tech Classes and VE sessions. If you live in the area, consider joining the Association. For more information contact Bill WB6JAO. Winter storms aren't too far away. Time to check your batteries and go bag.

### SCRA Programs:

I think the consensus was that last month's impromptu Tech Talk program was a success. I can see that becoming a regular event. This month's program will start out with the Club Officer elections and transition into Game Night. I understand that the game will once again be Who Wants to be an Extra Amateur with Brian N6IYY as the host. Care to phone a friend?

### Club Calendar:

About the only thing left on the calendar for this year is the Holiday Party. Look for signup information on the club Web site. As in the past, Brian N6IYY will be preparing the main course, but its pot luck for everyone else. Dave W6IBC (and maybe Joy) will be decorating the place. Please sign up to help at the November meeting. I hear that a chance for the door prize is well worth the price of admission.

### Club Elections:

As mentioned above, Club Officer elections are on this month's agenda. Please come to the meeting and cast your vote.

Hope to see you all at the November Club Meeting.

73, Charlie, KZ6T



## 2013 Club Officers

President	Charlie Siles kz6t@arrl.net	KZ6T
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## Tuesday Night Net

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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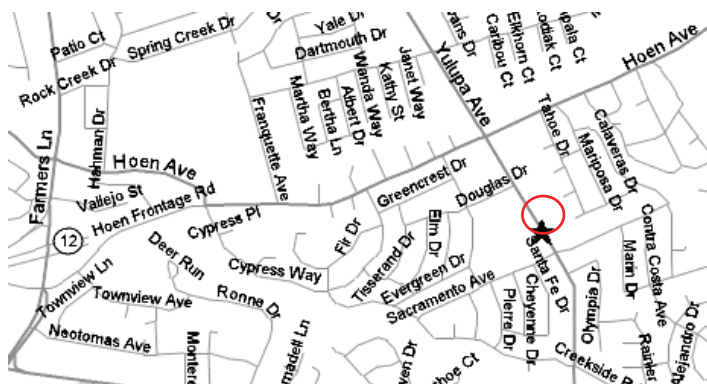
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## SCRA Club Meetings

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.  
People start showing up at 5:30 PM.  
No RSVP is required.

See you there every month except December.

If you are not getting the ARRL San Francisco Section news by e-mail and you are an ARRL member, be sure to subscribe under your Members Only information or go to this Web site:

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**CONTEST CORNER by Kevin Alt, K6BSG**

Hello testers. Time again for the major contests of November, including the ARRL sweepstakes and the CQ WW DX contests. If you need India on your DXCC hunt, check out the Himalayan contest on November 2-3. Happy DX'ing!

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

2-3 Nov – **Ukrainian DX Contest** – SSB/CW, 160-10 meters. See: [urdx.org](http://urdx.org).

2-3 Nov – **Himalayan Contest** – SSB/CW, 80-10 meters. See: [www.arsi.info/contests/himalayan](http://www.arsi.info/contests/himalayan).

2-3 Nov – **Radio Club of America QSO Party** – SSB, 80-15 meters. See: [www.radioclubofamerica.org](http://www.radioclubofamerica.org).

2-4 Nov – **ARRL November Sweepstakes** – CW, 160-10 meters. See: [www.arrl.org/contests](http://www.arrl.org/contests).

2-4 Nov – **Collegiate ARC Championship** – CW, 160-10 meters. See: [www.collegiatechampionship.org](http://www.collegiatechampionship.org).

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

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

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

9-10 Nov – **Worked All Europe DX Contest** – Digital, 80-10 meters. See: [www.waedc.de](http://www.waedc.de).

9-10 Nov – **10-10 Fall Digital QSO Party** – Digital, 10 meters. See: [www.ten-ten.org](http://www.ten-ten.org).

9-10 Nov – **Japan International DX Contest** – SSB, 80-10 meters. See: [jidx.org](http://jidx.org).

9-10 Nov – **OK-OM DX Contest** – CW, 160-10 meters. See: [okomdx.crk.cz](http://okomdx.crk.cz).

9-10 Nov – **Straight Key Weekend Sprintathon** – CW, 80-10 meters. See: [www.skccgroup.com](http://www.skccgroup.com).

9-10 Nov – **Kentucky QSO Party** – All modes, 160-6 meters. See: [www.wkdx.com](http://www.wkdx.com).

9-11 Nov – **CQ WE (Western Electric)** – all modes, 160-2 meters. See: [cqwe.cboh.org](http://cqwe.cboh.org).

13-14 Nov – **CWops Monthly Mini-CWT Test** – CW, 160-10 meters. See: [www.cwops.org/onair.html](http://www.cwops.org/onair.html).

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

16-17 Nov – **ARRL EME Contest** – all modes, 50-1296 MHz. See: [www.arrl.org/contests](http://www.arrl.org/contests).

16-17 Nov – **LZ DX Contest** – SSB/CW, 80-10 meters. See: [lzdxbfra.org](http://lzdxbfra.org).

16-17 Nov – **Feld-Hell Turkey Shoot Sprint** – Digital, 80-10 meters. See: [www.feldhellclub.org](http://www.feldhellclub.org).

16-17 – **All Austria 160 Meter Contest** – CW, 160 meters. See: [www.oevsv.at](http://www.oevsv.at).

16-17 Nov – **RSGB Second 1.8MHz Contest** – CW, 160 meters. See: [www.rsgbcc.org](http://www.rsgbcc.org).

16-18 Nov – **ARRL November Sweepstakes** – SSB, 160-10 meters. See: [www.arrl.org/contests](http://www.arrl.org/contests).

16-18 Nov – **Collegiate ARC Championship** – SSB, 160-10 meters. See: <http://www.collegiatechampionship.org>.

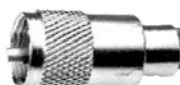
17 Nov – **Homebrew and Oldtime Contest** – CW, 80-40 meters. See: [www.qrpcc.de/contestrules/hotr.html](http://www.qrpcc.de/contestrules/hotr.html).

18 Nov – **Run For the Bacon** – CW, 160-10 meters. See: [www.fpqrp.org](http://www.fpqrp.org).

23-24 Nov – **CQ WW CW Contest** – CW, 160-10 meters. See: [www.cqww.com](http://www.cqww.com).

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

28 Nov – **Top Band Sprint** – Phone/CW, 160 meters. See: [www.qrparci.org/contests](http://www.qrparci.org/contests).





## SCRA Holiday Dinner

Instead of our usual meeting in December, we will be having our annual SCRA Holiday Dinner on December 4, 2013. For \$7.00, the club will provide turkey with gravy, ham, and coffee and tea. You bring a salad, side dish, or dessert for pot luck.

We will also be raffling off some new ham radio gear (check the Web site for more details).

You can RSVP via the Web or via mail but your payment must be received by Friday, November 29. If you have any questions, contact Brian Torr at (707) 575-5871 or [n6iyy@arrl.net](mailto:n6iyy@arrl.net).

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## SCRA Game Night – Who Wants to be an Extra Class Ham?

As is traditional, November is SCRA Game Night. And this year we have the 2nd edition of Who Wants to be an Extra Class Ham, patterned after the popular game show, Who Wants to be Millionaire.

Whatever class license you have (or even none at all), you are welcome to participate. In fact, this year we are making an effort to involve as many as possible.

The questions come directly from the Volunteer Exam Question Pool. You need to answer 15 questions correctly to reach Extra Class, Five from the Technician pool, five from the General pool, and five from the Amateur Extra pool.

So, if you've already been studying for an upgrade, this should be fun and good practice. And even if you're already an Amateur Extra class ham, it will be a good refresher.

Certificates will be issued to all those who answer at least five questions in a row correctly.

Hope to see you there!

Brian Torr, N6IYY

## Bay Area Science Festival

Darryl, KI6MSP

This was SCRA's third year participating in the Bay Area Science Festival (BASF).

<http://www.bayareascience.org/festival/discovery-days-north-bay/>

There were many more exhibitors (72) compared to the past two years. SCRA had a booth in the Kraft building at the Sonoma County Fairgrounds. There were several thousand people who attended. The club booth was staffed by: Brian N6IYY, Frank NQ6E, Dan WA6CRB, Jeff KI6PBF, and myself KI6MSP.

There was a lot of interest in amateur radio - people wanting to know what it is, and those who signed up for our technician class, November 1st, 2nd, & 3rd.

We demonstrated: 20M, 10M, PSK31 provided by Sutter KI6ZON, IRLP. Brian N6IYY made a version of the Theremin (<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Theremin>)

The Theremin attracted a lot of people who wanted to know what it is.

There were about six sign-ups for the technician class, including a 10 year old, and two 11 year olds.





Extra! Extra! Read all about it! Radio club saves Jamboree on the Air for local Boy Scouts/Girl Scouts.

On October 19, 2013, radio operators "hams" from the Sonoma County Radio Amateurs K6SON came when called; their masts raised skyward, their antennas tuned, their batteries charged, their radios at the ready. One ham was even heard to say "I love the smell of radio in the morning."

The event was World Scouting's 56th Jamboree on the Air. The place was Sebastopol, CA. It was 08:30 local time. The weather was more than fine. Then the Scouts started to arrive. For 8 hours club members helped 38 Scouts communicate with other Scouts and Girl Guides around the world with practiced ease. Scouts were taught to: speak a little louder, speak a little slower, get rid of the gum, and to properly log their contacts as they worked other JOTA stations in 8 US states and 10 countries on 5 different continents. SCRA members also helped 12 Scouts earn their Radio Merit Badge. It was quite a day, one that will live on in our annual JOTA report and special event QSL cards.

None of this would have been possible without the help of the following ham heroes; Bill WA6IOQ, Bob WE6L, Brian N6IY, Darryl KI6MSP, Dave W6IBC, Doug KF6LMB, John KG6PEP, Michael K6PUD, & Pat KG6JSL.

73 Until next year  
Then come again when called  
CQ Jamboree

### Next VE Session:

Saturday, November 9

Our next VE exam is scheduled for Saturday, November 9, 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>).

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
- 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, N6IY in advance.

Good Luck!

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## Sonoma County Radio Amateurs Membership Meeting Minutes

2 October 2013

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

Officers were introduced. Approx 30 members and guests were in attendance.

KK6DQG was introduced as a visitor

Fred AE6SF demonstrated a 2 meter folded dipole, 70 cm J-pole antenna he has built for using for the Gran Fondo.

John Felton KE5RI presented the program involving a technical forum and “stump the chumps.” Brian Torr N6IIY and Dave Harrison W6IBC acted as experts.

The break was held.

VP - John Felton KE5RI – next program is election and game night.

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

Treasurer – excused – Charlie Sikes KZ6T presented the financial data. The club is about \$3,000 ahead for the year, but the timing varies for revenues and expenses.

Director – Brian Torr N6IIY – Nothing to report.

Director - Doug Payne KF6LMB – Nothing to report.

Past President – Darryl Paule KI6MSP. Nothing to report as past president. Darryl reported on the Gran Fondo booth and the Science Festival on October 26 at the Sonoma County Fair Grounds. At the Gran Fondo, our booth may be next to the medical tent so we will likely provide some help in that area, too. Volunteers should contact Darryl. On Sunday, Darryl will give a presentation to a COPE group.

John Chavez KI6PEP reports that the Spookaree will not happen, so the Jamboree on the Air will be held.

The location is moving to Hessel Church. The date is October 19. Contact John to volunteer.

John Felton KE5RI reported on the repeaters. The UHF and VHF repeaters were linked and there was a problem with IRLP. That has been fixed. The boom for the antenna is too long for the club's trailer. John shortened the antenna pole by adjusting the hardware. We have heard a report that a power outage did not cause the generator to turn on: we will investigate.

The voting repeater is in process. This will likely be done by the end of the year.

Fred Polkinghorn KQ6OB reported that there will be an ARES drill on October 19 8 AM to 12 noon. Contact Fred to volunteer.

Pacificon is October 11, 12, 13 in Santa Clara at the Marriott Hotel. Fred is going down. Contact him regarding carpooling.

Public Service – Bruce Hopfemgardner K6BDH reported that the Gran Fondo is well staffed. October 19 is the Asti Tour de Vine. Four SAGs are needed. Conflicts will have us have to decline this event.

VE – Brian Torr N6IIY has the next session on Sat. Nov. 9 at the Bennett Valley Grange at 9 AM. On Sunday, Nov. 3, the VE session will be for class members only.

Sutter Laird KI6ZON reported on the Newsletter and the Web site. All is going well.

Nov 1, 2 and 3 will be the next tech class reported Jeff Tonelli KI6PBF.

Brian Torr N6IIY notes that the FCC is not processing license applications during this government shut down. Renewals during the shut down are discussed on the ARRL Web site – operating pending the renewal processing is allowed.

Membership – Mike Von der Porten AD6YB reported that we have nearly 100 paid members

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**Sonoma County Radio Amateurs**  
**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**  
8 October 2013

Attending: Charlie Sikes KZ6T president, Nancy Yarborough N6NCY badges & shirts, Doug Payne KF6LMB director, Darryl Paule KI6MSP past president, Pat Coyle KG6JSL, Dave Harrison W6IBC, Brian Torr N6IIY director, John Felton KE5RI vice president, Jack Christensen K6ROW repeater, Steve Bramble KI6TUR treasurer, Jeff Tonelli KI6PBF education

Called to order at 6:06 PM by president Charlie Sikes KZ6T.

Review of minutes of Board of Directors of Sept 11, 2013. Moved to accept by Steve Bramble KI6TUR, seconded by Darryl Paule KI6MSP, approved.

VP - John Felton KE5RI - Nothing to report.

Secretary - Mike Von der Porten AD6YB - Nothing to report

Treasurer - Steve Bramble KI6TUR - Nothing to report.

Director - Brian Torr N6IIY - Nothing to report.

Director - Doug Payne KF6LMB - Nothing to report.

Past President - Darryl Paule KI6MSP - Nothing to report.

Doug Payne KF6LMB inquired regarding how many events SCRA can support. Dave Harrison W6IBC notes that at the last meeting, the membership determined that it could not support a specific additional event. Nancy Yarborough N6NCY inquired regarding coordinating repeater access. Charlie Soles KZ6T noted that this was discussed at the prior Board meeting - controlling demands on the membership will be needed.

The conversion of efforts from outreach to classes to exams to members was discussed.

A discussion was held regarding membership being involved and what members want to hear and do.

We note that over 62 members (current and past) have KI and KJ call signs, so the Club has had a good representation of newer licensees.

Darryl Paule KI6MSP reported that the Gran Fondo booth and the COPE presentation got nine parties interested in the class.

Dave Harrison W6IBC noted that good officers would be those who have been active in the club, but not held those offices. For the highest offices, former board members would be good. The nominating committee is seeking candidates. Mike Von der Porten AD6YB will run for treasurer, Doug Payne KF6LMB will offer to return as director, John Felton KE5RI will stay on as VP. Charlie Sikes KZ6T cannot accept a second term as president. Jeff Tonelli will run as a director. Dave Harrison W6IBC will run for secretary. Further calls will be needed.

Brian Torr N6IIY - VEs are set for the coming classes. Processing of new licenses will be held up during the federal government partial shutdown.

The holiday dinner, Brian Torr N6IIY recommends the \$7 per person continue with turkey and ham provided. Sign ups will be started soon. There will be a potluck for other parts of the dinner. Dave (and Joy) Harrison will arrange the decorations. Jack Christensen advises that a group earlier in the day may be able to leave its décor for us. Moved by Mike Von der Porten AD6YB that John Felton KE5RI and Dave Harrison W6IBC and Charlie Sikes W6IBC be authorized to spend \$400, seconded by Steve Bramble KI6TUR for raffle prizes at their discretion. Motion carried.

November will be the "Who Wants to Be An Extra Class Ham?" run by Brian Torr N6IIY.

John Felton KE5RI is working on next year's programs - seven topics have been identified. Ideas for the other programs are solicited.

Treasurer Steve Bramble KI6TUR - nothing to report.

Jeff Tonelli KI6PBF, education, has only 1 to 2 students for the next class. We have several potential students. This will determine whether the class is held. Brian

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Trustee - John Felton KE5RI reported that there are no threats registered as of this date.

John Breckenridge WB6FRZ notes that another re-freshment co-chair is needed starting next year. Bob is continuing as co-chair.

Nancy Yarborough N6NCY has t-shirts and patches for sale.

Moved by Doug Payne KF6LMB to approve the meeting minutes for September. Bill Finkenstein WB6JAO seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Jeff Tonelli KI6PBF reports that plans are beginning for a General class. Several members are willing to assist with teaching.

Doug Payne KF6LMB asked about elections. Volunteers are encouraged to let the nominating committee know of any interests in running for any offices.

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10/8 – Dave Harrison W6IBC

10/15 – Ed Singland M2WD

10/22 – Brian Torr N6IYY

10/29 – John Breckenridge WB6FRZ

11/5 -

The raffle was held.

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 8:56 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Von der Porten AD6YB  
Secretary

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Torr N6IYY reports that last general VE session was missed by the ARRL because of the way the posting (didn't) works, so only one candidate attended.

Mike Von der Porten membership AD6YB– we have approx. 100 paid members. Mike will do a mailing that authorizes renewals that will be good through December 2014.

Nancy K6NCY, badges, will be ordering more t-shirts. If larger sizes are needed, please tell Nancy. Nancy will order a few without back printing.

Darryl Paule KI6MSP – at the COPE presentation, the family of Tom Cox (SK) is donating some equipment to the Club.

John Chavez PEP – Jamboree on the Air (JOTA) is October 19. See John to sign up. There is an ARES drill before.

Adjourned by consensus at 7:17 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Von der Porten AD6YB, Secretary



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