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## December SCRA Update

by Charlie Sikes, KZ6T  
SCRA President

### End of the Year:

My term of office ends when the new Board is seated at the January Membership meeting. I had a good time and think I accomplished a few goals. When you sit in this position, you come to really appreciate all of the time and effort that past Presidents have put in before me that made my work much easier.

### Club Elections:

Congratulations to the new elected Board which takes over in January. President Pat KG6JSL, V.P. John KE5RI, Treasurer Mike AD6YB, Secretary Dave W6IBC, Director Doug KF6LMB, and Director Jeff Tonelli KI6PBF. I will remain on the BoD as Past President.

I would like to acknowledge and thank Brian N6IIY, Steve KI6TUR, and Darryl KI6MSP for serving on the Board last several years. Your hard work and contributions were greatly appreciated.

And while I'm on it, special thanks to all of the Committee Chairs and Members who put in countless hours to pull off all of the different tasks that this Club offer.

### And the results are in:

K6SON/W6SON takes 2nd place for Field Day (San Francisco Division) with 2,980 points. (551 place overall.) A close 3rd was San Francisco ARC with 2,940, and VOMARC with 2,248. Of course I also

have to mention #1 REDX/MARS with an outstanding 9,254 points (58th overall). Wow, just how do they do it?

### What is Santa bringing you?:

I know for a fact that at least one Club member will be getting a new radio this year. (I have the holiday party grand prize in my hands.) Remember, you must be a regular member and be present to win.

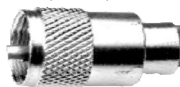
Hope to see you all at the Holiday Party.

SK and 73,  
Charlie, KZ6T

## OFFICIAL NOTICE OF MEETING

Charlie, KZ6T

Pursuant to our bylaws, notice is hereby given that due to the New Year's Holiday, the January Membership meeting will be held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month (January 8, 2014) same place, same time. The January Board of Director's meeting will be held on the following Wednesday (January 15, 2014) same place same time.



## 2013 Club Officers

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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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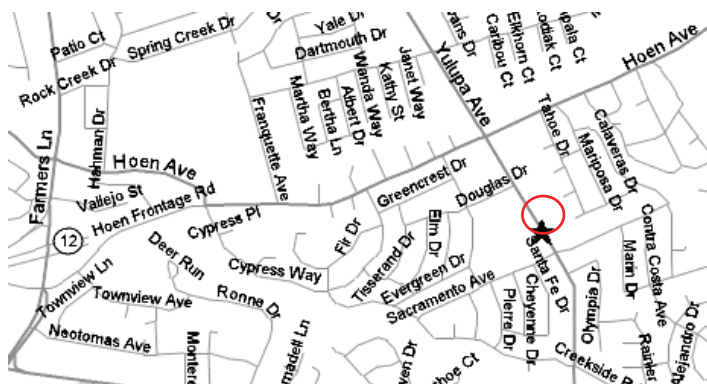
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## SCRA Club Meetings

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

See you there every month except December.

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**CONTEST CORNER by Kevin Alt, K6BSG**

Hello testers. Lots of CW contests in December and the annual big 160 meter contest. Happy holidays everyone, and happy DX'ing!

1 Dec – **SARL Digital Contest** – Digital, 80-40 meters. See: [www.sarl.org.za](http://www.sarl.org.za).

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

5 Dec – **NRAU 10m Activity Contest** – all modes, 10 meters. See: [www.nrau.net/activity-contests/below-30mhz.html](http://www.nrau.net/activity-contests/below-30mhz.html).

6 Dec – **NCCC Sprint** – CW, 160-20 meters. See: [www.ncccsprint.com/rules.html](http://www.ncccsprint.com/rules.html).

6-8 Dec – **ARRL 160 Meter Contest** – CW, 160 meters. See: [www.arrl.org/contests](http://www.arrl.org/contests).

7 Dec – **TARA RTTY Melee** – digital, 160-10 meters. See: [www.n2ty.org/seasons/tara\\_melee\\_rules.html](http://www.n2ty.org/seasons/tara_melee_rules.html).

7-8 Dec – **SKCC Weekend Sprintathon** – CW, 80-10 meters. See: [www.skccgroup.com](http://www.skccgroup.com).

7-8 Dec – **Tops Activity Contest** – CW, 80-10 meters. See: [www.procwclub.yo6ex.ro](http://www.procwclub.yo6ex.ro).

7-8 Dec – **EPC Ukraine DX Contest** – digital, 80-10 meters. See: [ut7fp.kiev.ua/2010epc-ukr-dx/EPC%20Ukraine\\_eng.html](http://ut7fp.kiev.ua/2010epc-ukr-dx/EPC%20Ukraine_eng.html).

7-8 Dec – **AWA Bruce Kelly QSO Party** – CW, 80-40 meters. See: [www.antiquewireless.org](http://www.antiquewireless.org).

8 Dec – **10 Meter RTTY Contest** – RTTY, 10 meters. See: [www.rttycontesting.com](http://www.rttycontesting.com).

11 Dec – **NAQCC Straight Key/Bug Sprint** – 80-20 meters. See: [naqcc.info/sprint201312mw.html](http://naqcc.info/sprint201312mw.html).

11-13 Dec – **CWops Monthly Mini-CWT Test** – CW, 160-10 meters. See: [www.cwops.org/onair.html](http://www.cwops.org/onair.html).

13 Dec – **NCCC Sprint** – CW, 160-20 meters. See: [www.ncccsprint.com/rules.html](http://www.ncccsprint.com/rules.html).

14-15 Dec – **ARRL 10 Meter Contest** – Phone/CW, 10 meters. See: [www.arrl.org/contests](http://www.arrl.org/contests).

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

16 Dec – **NAQCC-EU Monthly Sprint** – CW, 80-20 meters. See: [naqcc-eu.org/sprints/rules/current.pdf](http://naqcc-eu.org/sprints/rules/current.pdf).

20 Dec – **NCCC Sprint** – CW, 160-20 meters. See: [www.ncccsprint.com/rules.html](http://www.ncccsprint.com/rules.html).

20 Dec – **AGB-Party Contest** – all modes, 80 meters. See: [www.ev5agb.com/contest/agb\\_party.htm](http://www.ev5agb.com/contest/agb_party.htm).

21 Dec – **Feld-Hell Sprint** – digital, 160-10 meters. See: [www.feldhellclub.org](http://www.feldhellclub.org).

21 Dec – **OK DX RTTY Contest** – digital, 80-10 meters. See: [www.crk.cz/ENG/DXCONTE.HTM](http://www.crk.cz/ENG/DXCONTE.HTM).

21-22 Dec – **Croatian CW Contest** – CW, 160-10 meters. See: [www.9acw.org](http://www.9acw.org).

22 Dec – **ARRL Rookie Roundup** – CW, 80-10 meters. See: [www.arrl.org/contests](http://www.arrl.org/contests).

25 Dec – **SKCC Sprint** – CW, 160-6 meters. See: [www.skccgroup.com](http://www.skccgroup.com).

26 Dec – **DARC Xmas Contest** – SSB/CW, 80-40 meters. See: <http://www.darc.de/referate/dx/contest/xmas/en/rules/>.

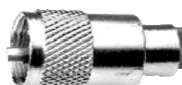
27 Dec – **NQCC Sprint** – CW, 160-20 meters. See: [www.ncccsprint.com/rules.html](http://www.ncccsprint.com/rules.html).

28 Dec – **RAC Winter Contest** – Phone/CW, 160-2 meters. See: [www.rac.ca/en/rac/programmes/contests](http://www.rac.ca/en/rac/programmes/contests).

28-29 Dec – **Stew Perry Topband Challenge** – CW, 160 meters. See: [www.kkn.net/stew](http://www.kkn.net/stew).

29 Dec – **Original QRP Contest** – CW, 80-20 meters. See: [www.qrpcc.de/contestrules/oqrpr.html](http://www.qrpcc.de/contestrules/oqrpr.html).

29 Dec – **RAEM Contest** – CW, 80-10 meters. See: [raem.srr.ru](http://raem.srr.ru).





## SCRA Code Class

By John Breckenridge, WB6FRZ



Radio's rugged ranks in the Thirties  
 Enlisted chaps like old G5BD  
 Who never sat around wringing his hands  
 About contributions and countries lists  
 Or griped about slow factory service  
 On a chrome-trimmed Superduper-IV,  
 OM G5BD, with only one good arm  
 Couldn't wring his hands anyway  
 And had bigger problems to lick  
 Like no a.c. mains and a 10-watt limit.  
 Other things he had a-plenty  
 Were guts and that old ham spirit  
 So G5BD worked DX—and had a ball.  
 (Photo via W2GP)

Do you hold a Technician class license and want to use skywave on 80, 40, and 15 meters? You DO have privileges on those bands! Do you hold a General class license and want to take advantage of the lower frequency portions of your HF bands? Want to try making some HF code contacts hiking in the mountains?

Come learn code on Friday evenings beginning January 3rd and make great use of the privileges the FCC has already granted you! The class will be on Friday evenings beginning January 3rd This class is focused on beginners but if you know some code already then come join in on the fun anyway!

The class meets from 6:30 until 8PM at the Santa Rosa Red Cross building, 5297 Aero Drive, Santa Rosa on Fridays from January 3rd through April 4th.

You will learn to send and receive code and how to make radio contacts using code. There will be homework but you knew that was the case anyway, didn't you? It doesn't matter, we have a lot of fun in class and even have a code practice net over the repeater during the week! Tuesdays, 8PM until 9PM beginning November 26th.

Contact John Breckenridge, WB6FRZ, for more information:  
 wb6frz@arrl.net  
 707 217 1017

## Antenna Needs Help

The Andrew DB224E VHF antenna from English Hill which was replaced earlier this year needs some TLC. Its SWR had risen and the pass band had anomalies. If it could be repaired, it might serve as an upgrade to the Castle Rock repeater, or be held as a spare. The Repeater Committee is hoping that an SCRA member might be willing to take on the task of checking out and repairing the antenna. If you can help please contact Jack, K6ROW. Jack's email is K6ROW@sonic.net.





## VE Exam Session Report

November 3 and November 9, 2013

This last month we held two VE exam sessions, one in conjunction with a weekend-long Technician class and the other which was open to all.

The November 3rd session was in conjunction with the weekend-long Tech class and we had 16 candidates total. 11 earned their Technician class license and one earned a General class license. This was our biggest VE session over the last few years, and a few more VEs would have made it easier (we only had four). The ARRL VEC and FCC did a swift job of processing the paperwork; all callsigns were assigned by the following Thursday afternoon, November 7th.

The November 9th session was open to all and we had 9 candidates, and all but one earned the new license or upgrade they were hoping for. This session was also unique in that it was our first (and for this year, our last) “al fresco” VE session.

Why was this session held “al fresco”, you may ask? Because that morning the power went out in the area that included the Bennett Valley Grange Hall. The session was supposed to begin at 9am and PG&E estimated that the power could be restored by 10:15am. It was cool, but the sun was shining, so we decided to hold the session outdoors rather than wait until power was restored. By the time power was restored, much of the testing had been finished. Fortunately, the VEs and candidates wore warm-enough clothing to make the session comfortable.

As of November 19th, the results of the November 9th VE session had not yet been reflected on the FCC web site.

I would like to thank the VEs that assisted in these sessions:

Charlie Sikes, KZ6T (Nov 3)

Doug Payne, KF6LMB (Nov 3 and Nov 9)

Dave Harrison, W6IBC (Nov 3)

John Breckenridge, WB6FRZ (Nov 9)

Ken Rawles, N6PWV (Nov 9)

Andru Luvisi, KJ6YFD (Nov 9)

Darryl Paule, KI6MSP (Nov 9)

Brian Torr, N6IYY (Nov 3 and Nov 9)

I would also like to thank the Bennett Valley Grange Hall for the use of their facilities.

At our planning session in early January, we will be setting the dates for our next VE sessions. Hopefully our next session that will be open to all will be in late January or mid-February.

Brian Torr, N6IYY

SCRA VE Liaison





## Sonoma County Radio Amateurs Membership Meeting Minutes

November 6, 2013

Called to order at 7 PM at the Luther Burbank Home & Gardens by president Charlie Sikes KZ6T.

Board members were introduced.

Guests were introduced.

Elections – President Sikes reported that the Nominating Committee nominates:

President, Pat Coyle KG6JSL

Vice President, John Felton KE5RI

Treasurer, Mike Von der Porten AD6YB

Secretary, Dave Harrison W6IBC

Director, Doug Payne KF6LMB

Director, Jeff Tonelli KI6PBF

President Sike's work throughout the last year was acknowledged by the membership.

There were no nominations from the membership in attendance. John Felton KE5RI moved and it was seconded that nominations be closed. Motion carried unanimously.

President Sikes called for a vote on the nominations. The motion carried unanimously.

President-elect Pat Coyle KG6JSL was asked to make a few comments. He noted that he will be seeking committee chair assignments. While he takes a technical side to the amateur radio, he will be seeking input from all members. Members are welcome at the January planning meeting. Pat does not see major changes in the club, but seeks to expand the group of involved members and ideas.

Fred Seitel AE6ASF showed a slim JIM antenna and how it is derived from a dipole, folded dipole and J-pole antenna. JIM comes from J-pole, Integrated, Match. N9TAX manufactures and sells these.

John Breckenridge WB6FRZ reported on a new Morse Code class starting in January on Friday evenings at 6:30 to 8:00 PM at the Red Cross building.

Brian Torr N6IIY ran a program on Who Wants to be an Extra Class Ham? Two teams successfully completed 15 questions each – the first team with ease and the second team using several lifelines.

The break was held.

John Felton KE5RI – Vice President - no report.

Mike Von der Porten AD6YB – Secretary- no report.

Treasurer – out ill – The bank balances, YTD income and expenses were presented. We are approx. \$2000 ahead of budget on income and \$1,500 underspent on expenses, so we are about \$3,500 ahead of plan. The extra income comes from donation timing.

Brian Torr N6IIY – Director - no report.

Doug Payne KF6LMB – Director – no report.

Repeater – Jack Christensen K6ROW reported that they have the equipment for the voting repeater and are working on installation. One cable is to be manufactured. Work will continue in the coming weeks. John Felton KE5RI reported that getting the audio balanced is the tricky part.

The two repeaters were discussed. Castle Rock has two tones on key-up. English Hill has one tone on key-up.

Past President Darryl Paule KI6MSP - nothing to report. For Activities – Darryl reported that the Science Festival was very well attended – approx. 10,000 attendees. Brian Torr N6IIY, Sutter Laird KI6ZON, Frank Oddy NQ6E, Jeff Tonelli KI6PBF, and Dan Ethan WA6CRB helped out. Several dozen people met with the Club and several signed up for classes. October 26 is the target date for the Science Festival next year.

Public Service – no report.

Emergency Service – John Felton KE5RI reported that the recent Saturday drill was a great success. Students from SRJC came in as victims. Thanks go to those who participated.

**Membership meeting minutes continued on page 9.**







## Sonoma County Radio Amateurs Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, 13 November 2013

Called to order at 6:04 PM PST. Attending – John Breckenridge WB6FRZ, Jeff Tonelli KI6PBF, Charlie Sikes KZ6T President, John Felton KE5RI Vice President, Brian Torr N6IIY Director, Mike Von der Porten AD6YB Secretary, Dave Harrison W6IBC, Doug Payne KF6LMB Director, Pat Coyle KG6JSL, Jack Christensen K6ROW, Darryl Paule KI6MSP, Dave KK6HQ, John Chavez KG6PEP.

President Sikes KZ6T introduced Dave KK6HQW, a new ham who is joining the club.

President Sikes introduced the incoming board members:

President - Pat Coyle KG6JSL

VP - John Felton KE5RI

Secretary - Dave Harrison W6IBC

Treasurer - Mike Von der Porten AD6YB

Director – Doug Payne KF6LMB

Director - Jeff Tonelli KI6PBF

Moved to approve the October Board of Directors minutes with the correction to the spelling of the president's name in one location. Seconded and approved.

Vice President – John Felton KE5RI – nothing to report.

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

Treasurer – not present.

Director - Brian Torr N6IIY - nothing to report

Director - Doug Payne KF6LMB suggested that the dues could be reduced since we seem to be doing fine financially. This would need to go back to the membership. Hold off until next September and then see how we stand.

Doug also suggested that we have some business cards printed for handouts at events. Charlie Sikes KZ6T showed a flyer that he produced to promote the club. Pat Coyle KG6JSL noted that we need to be careful with individual cards with SCRA logos that could con-

fuse recipients about who speaks for the club.

Past President – Darryl Paule KI6MSP – nothing to report.

### Old Business

Holiday Party - Brian Torr N6IIY reports that protein costs will be slightly less than last year. The Web sign ups have been delayed. We will email out the sign up pdf. Dave Harrison W6IBC is working on table decorations. There was a discussion of how the raffle should be held. Motion to spend \$75 for non-ham prizes, seconded, carried. The radio will be reserved for a licensed operator. Brian Torr is handling table settings, table cloths, etc.

Doug Payne KF6LMB notes that we need net controls in December.

### New Business

January meeting – will move to January 8. This has been set with the club facility, but will be reconfirmed. The Board planning meeting is January 11, with the Board meeting moved to January 15. The planning meeting will review the draft budget.

Program for January – “idea meeting” to develop interests from the club members, committee membership advancement, Darryl Paule KI6MSP also has some equipment which has been donate to the club to sell at the meeting. The SSU NASA professor could be a guest speaker.

Brian Torr N6IIY reported that the last VE session was held al fresco because the power was out. Nine candidates – eight earned something – one person went from unlicensed to Extra.

Brian Torr N6IIY suggests we discuss “amateur radio – mainstream or backwater” from Pacficon so we know our strengths and contributions. Keeping track of hours could be valuable for several purposes. This will be held for the Planning Meeting.

Mike Von der Porten AD6YB reports that we have approx. 107 members. A mailing was done to approx. 20

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**Membership meeting minutes, continued**

VE Brian Torr N6IIY reported that Sunday's exam at the end of the class – 3 passed – one received both a Tech and a General one student did not pass. The next open session is this weekend.

John Breckenridge reports that we may need one more VE session this year.

Newsletter – no report.

Mentoring report through Darryl Paule KI6MSP. 18 participated 11 passed. One earned two license levels.

John Breckenridge WB6FRZ has learned that the Red Cross may wish a dedicated class. He will follow up.

Membership – Mike Von der Porten AD6YB reported 104 paid-up members.

Refreshments - John Breckenridge WB6FRZ needs a replacement. Bob Arthur KG6ZDN will continue with drinks.

Shirts and badges – Nancy Yarbrough K6NCY – working on a new tee shirt order. See Nancy for your needs. For next year Nancy will be doing more travel, so a new shirts and badges manager would be needed. A number of SCRA stickers are available.

Andru Luvisi KJ6YFD brought a bag of mint boxes for projects.

Moved and seconded to approve the minutes from October – motion carried.

Move by Dave Harrison W6IBC seconded by Dave Santori KF6CLG Past-Past President to maintain the fee structure the same for next year. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Torr N6IIY reported on the SCRA Christmas party. This is partly potluck and a \$7 donation covers meats and non-alcoholic beverages. Payment is due Friday, November 29. Payment may be made on the website.

Net Control  
11/12 Andru Luvisi KJ6YFD

11/19 Darryl Paule KI6MSP

11/26 Brian Torr N6IIY

12/3 Keith Payea AG6CI

The raffle was held.

Adjourned by consensus at 9:03 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Von der Porten, AD6YB

Secretary

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**Board meeting minues, continued**

unrenewed members. This generated some calls and corrections to the records.

Jack Christensen K6ROW reported question of whether the repeater has sufficient power backup. This will be investigated. The Repeater Committee is meeting the third Wednesday of each month – 11/20/2013 at 7 PM.

Jack Christensen K6ROW and Mike Von der Porten AD6YB will review the financial books of SCRA as part of the transition to the new treasurer.

Darryl Paule KI6MSP reported on the SRMS teacher who attended the last membership meeting. She inquired about having a radio station at the school. Darryl will meet with her. SCRA may be able to help. Darryl will bring information back to the Board.

John Breckenridge WB6FRZ – (1) apology to Pat Coyle KG6JSL that the code class has not officially been requested (2) Nick Niesies, Emergency Coordinator at Red Cross is interested in a tech class on February 7, 8 and 9, 2014. It is expected that the ARC will have a full class, so this will not be opened to the general public.

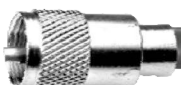
The issues of paid staff operating from hospitals, etc. was discussed. The change in FCC rules and concerns about frequency intrusion were noted.

The Red Cross and ARES MOU and current operations will be reviewed.

Both the Salvation Army and the Red Cross were notably participants at the most recent ARES Simulated Emergency Test.

Adjourned by consensus at 7:32 PM PST.

Respectfully submitted, Michael Von der Porten, AD6YB, Secretary





## 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 a new 2 meter radio (check the website for more details) and some other ham radio and non-ham radio goodies.

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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## HOW WE SPEND OUR TUESDAY NIGHTS

Charlie, KZ6T

Ever wonder what I do with the check-ins from Tuesday night? Here are some statistics:

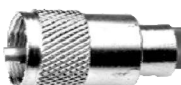
As I write this, we are on week 46 of the year.

- I have gathered 38 weeks worth of logs (Some N/C operators didn't send me their logs, a lump of coal for them.)
- We have had 971 individual check-ins.
- We have had 15 individual net control operators. (Lets try for more in 2014)
- There have been 86 individual callers
- The fewest check-ins was 19 on New Years night (go figure)
- The most check-ins was 33 on February 5th.
- The average number of check-ins is 25.
- The average # of check-ins per person (year to date) is 12. (Some of us that do not have a life are considerably more than that.)

So now you want to know who has checked in the most? Nope, not going to tell you. I will reveal that little tidbit at the holiday party. But just to get you thinking, there is currently a tie for first place, with third just one point behind. No prize for the winner, except for bragging rights.



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