FIELD DAY HIGHLIGHTS

Yep, need one of these.

Where to go...

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE JULY 2018

Fellow SCRA members, as a reminder, this month's meeting will be held a day later than usual due to the fourth of July falling on our regular meeting day.

Firstly, I would like to thank those of you who either attended or otherwise assisted with Field Day. Despite the hot weather and a few technical challenges, a good time was had by all.

Secondly, we have an excellent program for Thursday night's meeting. Richard Dillman, W6AWO, Chief Operator of the the historic coast radio station, KPH, will be presenting the story behind this famous station. Richard has been a licensed ham since 1958 and holds an EXTRA class ticket. He is also a licensed commercial radio telegraph operator, something that is becoming rare today.

Please plan to attend this special program. You will not be disappointed. See you Thursday July 5th.

John, KE5RI, SCRA President.

OFFICIAL NOTICE OF MEETING CHANGE OF DATE

Please be advised that our regular monthly meeting date has been changed from Wednesday, July 4th to Thursday, July 5th. This change is in line with out By Laws that reads:
"If the day fixed for the annual meeting or other regular meetings falls on a legal holiday, such meeting shall be held at the same hour and place on the next business day or such other time as the Board of Directors shall determine."

Any questions can be directed to John ke6ri at K6SON@ARRL.NET.

JULY PROGRAM

KPH Night of Nights
by Richard Dillman

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SCRA Club Meetings

The club normally meets the first Wednesday of each month, socially at 6:30 pm, program starting at 7:00 pm. Exceptions are holidays or other big events.

Meeting location:
Luther Burbank Art & Garden Center
2050 Yulupa Avenue
Santa Rosa, CA
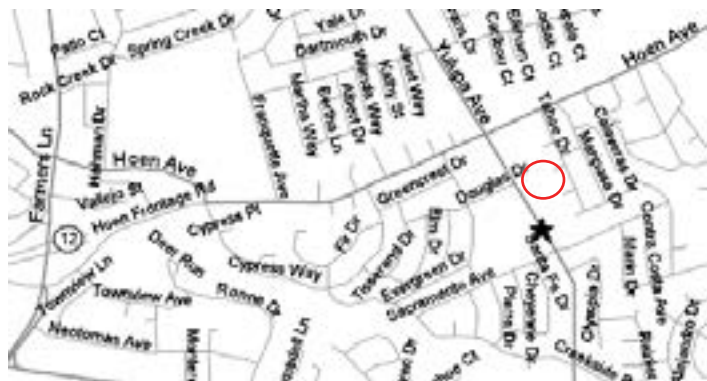
All are welcome!
Please join us at our next meeting. Anyone interested in Amateur Radio is eligible for membership. A membership application is included in this newsletter. For more information, contact any SCRA officer, director or member. Hungry before the meeting? Join us for dinner! We Meet at IHOP restaurant, 4th and Farmers Lane, Santa Rosa. People start showing up at 5:15 PM. No RSVP is required.

Board of Directors Meeting

The SCRA Board of Directors will meet monthly on the Second Wednesday at the IHOP Restaurant, Fourth Street, Santa Rosa (in the Safeway/CVS Pharmacy center). All members are welcome to attend, no reservations necessary. Arrive around 5:15- 5:30pm for dinner. Meeting starts at 6:00pm.

LOANER RADIOS AVAILABLE

The Club has a variety of radios available to members to try out and improve their skills. We have a Kenwood T590 SG HF radio; Yeasu FT 2900 2 meter mobile; Yeasu FT1D, an analog/digital 2 meter and 440mhz HT; Yeasu FT 60, a 2 meter and 440 mhz HT; and a TYT TH-F5 VHF 2 meter HT. Trying these out is an excellent way to learn some radio and test before you buy. Contact Joe, K6AWA, at k6awa@yahoo.com with your request. Joe will forward an information form to you by return email.

UPGRADE TO GENERAL OR AMATEUR EXTRA CLASS

Get more privileges and enjoyment from your Ham Radio Hobby. Mentoring assistance is available. Contact Cornell Chesnik, W6HMN, SCRA Education Chair, at w6hmn@sonic.net.

Tuesday Night Net
The Sonoma County Radio Amateurs' net meets Tuesday at 7:00 PM on the SCRA repeater, 147.315, positive offset, PL 88.5.

All members and guests are invited to check in. The Net includes updates on SCRA activities, and Newsline, the amateur radio community news service.

Anyone wishing to work as net control should contact Iola kk6hre, at K6SON@ARRL.NET for assignment. Script and logs are available on the Website at http://sonomacountyradioamateurs.com/wp/resources/net-script/

The Weekly 160 Meter Net

Announcing the new 160 meter net which runs from 8:45pm to 9:30pm Tuesday nights, immediately following the 10 meter net hosted by Joe K6AWA. Tune your radio frequency to 1.900 Mhz. LSB. 160 meters requires a General or above license to transmit.

Your New Tuesday Night Net Line-up

7:00pm Membership Net on the SCRA repeater, 147.315, positive offset, PL 88.5

10 Meter Net - starts at 8:00pm (new time) following the regular SCRA net Tuesday nights and ends at 8:45pm. Set your dial to 28,403.00 SSB, USB. Please note that all license classes (including technician) are welcome.

New! 160 Meter Net - runs from 8:45pm to 9:30pm. Tune your radio frequency to 1.900 Mhz. LSB. 160 meters requires a General or above license to transmit.

Weekly SBARA Youth Net New Day and Time!
 For young people 18 and under
 Licensed youth or youth with a licensed control operator are welcome to check-in
 Check-in via EchoLink, if you are outside of the area
 Adults can check-in towards the end of the Net to answer questions and mentor the youth.

Please join our new, 13-year-old net control operator, Truman Lindsey, KM6AQS, and help us grow this important Net for young hams!
 SBARA Youth Net
 Every Tuesday evening, 6:30pm (1830), PACIFIC
 N6NFI repeater, Palo Alto, CA (145.230 MHz, -600 kHz, PL 100 Hz.)
 EchoLink Station: KR6DD-R

Steve Wilson KG6HJU
South Bay Amateur Radio Association
Fremont, CA
kg6hju@arrl.net

2018 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Check the Club website for details

Sat 7/21 VE Testing	Education
Sat 8/12 Tour d'Organics	Bicycle
Thu 8/16 Mini-DX (8/16-8/18)	Camping
Sat 8/25 Tour De Fox	Bicycle
Sat 9/15 VE Testing	Education
Sat 9/22 Waves to Wine	Bicycle
Sat 9/22 PCAM (Wings over Wine Country)	
	Public Info
Sun 9/23 Waves to Wine	Bicycle
Sun 9/23 PCAM (Wings over Wine Country)	
	Public Info
Sat 10/6 Levi's GranFondo	Bicycle
Sat 10/20 JOTA (Jamboree On The Air)	On the Air
Sat 10/27 Bay Area Science Festival	Outreach
Sat 11/17 VE Testing	Education

Membership Map -New website feature
Click to try it.

Membership Map

Click here for an interactive online map of SCRA members.

Snapshot of SCRA membership map

2018 PROGRAM LINE-UP

Iola and I are working jointly on a series of over view programs for the 2018 calender year that are intended to promote the idea of encouraging our recently licensed Technician Class operators to advance to General Class license. Also if any existing or returning General class operators want to get back up to speed on the latest license requirements they to would be more than welcome. As stated before this program is intended to be a brief overview taking 30 to 45 minutes to present during the first half of the general club meeting, with interested participants being teamed up with an mentor.

Based on the current A.R.R.L. General Class License Manual the monthly overview program will cover the following topics as listed below (Subject to change):
February: Chapter 2 Procedures and Practices and Chapter 3 Rules and Regulations.
March and April: Chapter 4 Components and Circuits.
May: Chapter 5 Radio signals and Equipment.
June: Field Day
July: Chapter 6 Digital modes.
August: Chapter 7 Antennas.
September: Chapter 8 Propagation.
November: Chapter 9 Electrical and R.F. Safety.

We will be looking for as many volunteers as possible to take on presenting each topic based upon their interest and skill set as well as mentors. So in a nut shell, "Come one come all please help make this program a success."

Jeff Tonelli
KI6PBF

July 20 - 22, 2018
Nevada State Convention in Reno, NV

NVCON 2018 Returns to Reno, Nevada at Boomtown Casino Hotel July 20 through 22, 2018.
Registration is open along with hotel information and forums that are planned to be offered this year.
Please visit our website at http://nvcon.org for updates as we are still working on addition some great forums, presenters and activities.
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Nevada State Convention Planning Committee

Some Radio History as appeared in "College & Research Libraries News."
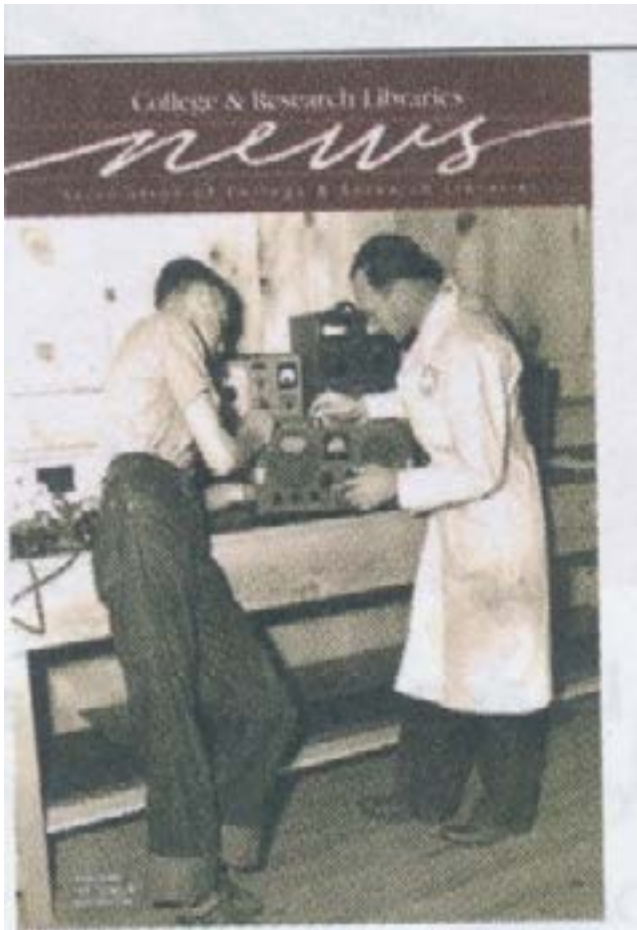
This month's cover features Santa Rosa Junior College instructor "Bud" Bruner on right with student in an electronics defense class in 1942. Bruner was a prominent radio expert in Santa Rosa for a number of years. The course in radio instruction lasted for 12 weeks and included 48 hours each week. The purpose of the course was to train radio technicians for the United States Army Signal Corps. There were 17 men enrolled, and they received a salary of $135 a month while in training.

The image is from the Santa Rosa Junior College Archives. The archives serve as a repository for the historical records documenting the founding and evolution of the college, which is celebrating its 100th anniversary in 2018. More information is available at https://libraries.santarosa.edu/ archives.

--submitted by Jack K6ROW

Public Service Events for July/August:

July is our month to fall back and regroup. No Public Service Events scheduled.

T**he Sonoma County Fair** – August 3d & 4th, led by Darryl, is in serious need of volunteers. We need to pay our own parking, but the club will reimburse you for the expense. Entrance to the fair is free. Please reconsider and sign up to help Darryl. You can have a lot of fun talking to fairgoers about your hobby. Darryl has all the materials, you just have to show up and talk to folks. (Darryl could use help setting up and breaking down, as well).

Tour d'Organics - August 12th, is in need of one more Net Controller. Joe and I are co-CommBosses as Joe will not be able to work the event until late Sunday. I will be there all day and will be backup Net Control. The one spot left would be a great spot for a ham who is new to Public Service Events and wants to experience the Net Control spot of a laid-back event. We need a couple of Water Stop controllers, one of them is at Peach Tree Farm. I would like to have someone take this spot so they can bring me a flat of those delicious peaches for making jam! Also need a couple more SAGS. New members ~ we can handle a couple more Shadows, so if you want to gain experience sign up and let me know what your desire is for working with a particular ham or in a particular spot.

Thanks for your generosity with your time and talents.

Iola kk6hre, Public Service Event Coordinator

SCRA Website Forum

So how many of you know that the SCRA website has a forum page? Its there for all members to use.
There is a Section for Activities, Announcements and News, Public Service, and Technical Issues.
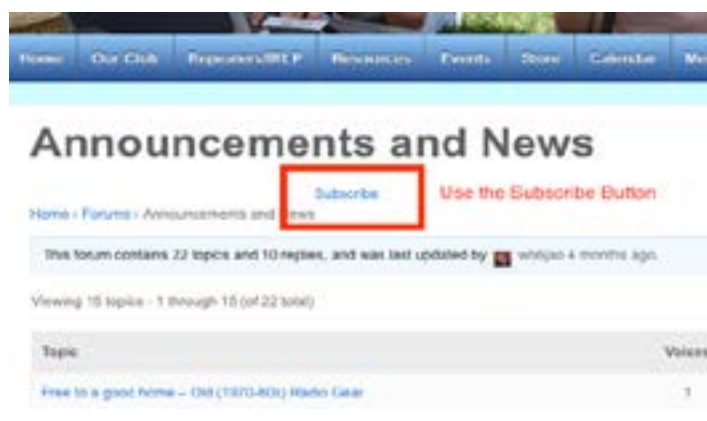To visit the site,

  Navigate to the SCRA website,
  Log in as a member
 Click on Member Area, then Forums

While you are on the individual Forum pages, make sure to click on SUBSCRIBE. This will send you an email when a new question gets posted.
Don't worry about your inbox getting flooded with junk emails. Only valid members can post to the site.

How to Subscribe to the SCRA Calendar

Subscribe to the SCRA calendar and automatically import event dates into your electronic calendar(s).
Go to the calendar page on the SCRA website and click the Subscribe button in the corner. Select the type of calendar you want to subscribe to. You will be taken to your sign-in page to finish adding the subscription.
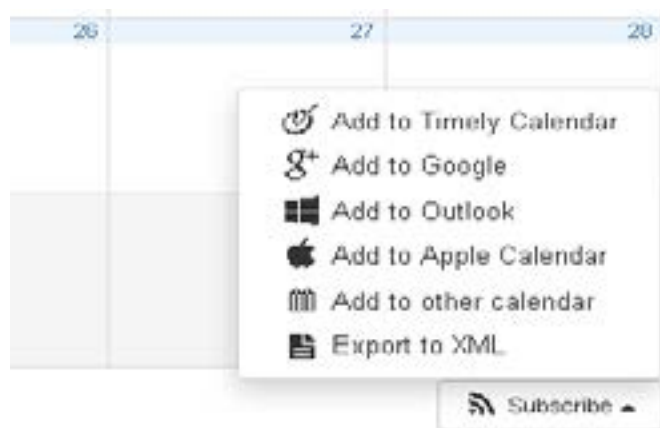
CONTEST CORNER

Hello readers - welcome to Contest Corner. We are ready for July after a fun and exciting month of June. Let's thank everyone who helped with Field Day 2018 in some form or another. Without SCRA's members Field Day becomes just another weekend in June. All the planning and preparation really does bear fruit when that 24 hour time period begins. Saturday's action was hot to say the least and those who operated the rigs surely paid their dues to the contest gods. Our skill level and learning increases with each successive Field Day.

Let's talk about logging. This significant part of contesting is simply the validation one gets when QSO's are recorded properly. A general QSO requires the date and time, frequency or band, call sign, signal report, and QTH at the bare minimum. For contesting it is whatever the exchange is along with date, time, and band. For Field Day 2018 a logged contact was K6SON 4A SF to the station we worked, and for our log, their call sign, class, and section. A signal report is part of the exchange for some contests but it is always a 59 for ssb or 599 for cw and digital. That's just the way it its! Remember contesting is all about making as many contacts with other stations within the given contest period and rules. The particular contest exchange must be copied correctly by both parties in order to count as a contest QSO. Whether recorded by hand or by using logging software, the accuracy of the logged contact is what we are striving for. A "golden" log is one with no dupes or errors of any kind. I will talk more about logging in future Contest Corner articles.

The big contest of contests this month is the IARU HF World Championship happening July 14-15. We are talking worldwide operators on the air trying to log as many contacts as they can in a 24hr period. Get on the air and you may work that big time DX station beaming the West Coast. Believe me, they will hear you and you will hear them!

For you RTTY fans don't miss the North American QSO Party, RTTY or NAQP, RTTY for short. Another big time contest with all the big time North American operators on the air.
The CQ Worldwide VHF contest just might introduce you to 6m e-skip or 2m ssb and cw.
The other usual suspects are there in case the aforementioned contests don't satisfy your hunger.
As always listen first, then get everything right before transmitting; the mark of a good operator.
Do not forget to check out http://www.contestcalendar.com
Contact nq6e@arrl.net for questions/comments/suggestions regarding Contest Corner.

72/73,
NQ6E

For additional contest calendars and resources check:
SM3CER Contest Service
ARRL Contests Page
Contesting.com

Bruce Draper, AA5B, aa5b.corral@gmail.com

Contest Corral   July 2018

Check for updates and a downloadable PDF version online at **www.arrl.org/contests**.
Refer to the contest websites for full rules, scoring information, operating periods or time limits, and log submission information.

	Start - Finish Date-Time		Date-Time	Bands	Contest Name	Mode	Exchange	Sponsor's Website
1	0000	1	2359	1.8-144	RAC Canada Day Contest	CW Ph	RS(T), province/territory or serial	wp.rac.ca
2	0001	8	2359	28	10-10 International Spirit of 76 QSO Party	CW Ph Dig	Name, mbr or "0," SPC	www.ten-ten.org
2	0800	8	2000	All	IQRP Quarterly Marathon	CW Ph Dig	RS(T)	arimontebelluna.it
2	1900	2	2030	3.5	RSGB 80-Meter Club Championship, CW	CW	RST, serial	www.rsgbcc.org/hf
3	0100	3	0300	3.5-28	ARS Spartan Sprint	CW	RST, SPC, power	arsqrp.blogspot.com
5	1700	5	2100	28	NRAU 10-Meter Activity Contest	CW Ph Dig	RS(T), 6-char grid square	nrau.net/activity-contests
5	1900	5	2100	1.8-28	SKCC Sprint Europe	CW	RST, SPC, name, mbr or power	www.skccgroup.com
7	0000	7	0400	3.5-28	FISTS Summer Slow Speed Sprint	CW	RST, SPC, name, mbr or power	fistsna.org
7	0000	7	2359	1.8-28	Venezuelan Independence Day Contest	CW Ph Dig	RS(T), serial	yv5rcv.org/reglasindep.aspx
7	1100	8	1059	3.5-28	DL-DX RTTY Contest	Dig	RST, serial	www.drcg.de/dldxrtty
7	1200	8	2359	1.8-50	SKCC Weekend Sprintathon	CW	RST, SPC, name, mbr or "none"	www.skccgroup.com
7	1400	8	1400	1.8-28	Marconi Memorial HF Contest	CW	RST, serial	www.arifano.it
7	1500	8	1500	3.5-14	Original QRP Contest	CW	RST, serial, power category	www.qrpcc.de/contestrules
7	2000	8	2000	7	PODXS 070 Club 40-Meter Firecracker Sprint	Dig	RST, SPC	www.podxs070.com
9	0000	9	0200	1.8-28	4 States QRP Group Second Sunday Sprint	CW Ph	RS(T), SPC, mbr or power	www.4sqrp.com
11	1900	11	2030	3.5	RSGB 80-Meter Club Championship, SSB	Ph	RS, serial	www.rsgbcc.org/hf
14	0000	14	0400	3.5-28	FISTS Summer Unlimited Sprint	CW	RST, SPC, name, mbr or power	www.fistsna.org
14	1200	15	1200	1.8-28	IARU HF World Championship	CW Ph	Non-HQ: RS(T), IARU zone. IARU HQ: RS(T), IARU Society	www.arrl.org/iaru-hf-championship
15	2000	15	2300	1.8-28	QRP ARCI Summer Homebrew Sprint	CW	RST, SPC, mbr or power	www.qrparci.org/contests
16	0100	16	0300	1.8-28	Run for the Bacon QRP Contest	CW	RST, SPC, mbr or power	qrpcontest.com/pigrun
19	0030	19	0230	3.5-14	NAQCC CW Sprint	CW	RST, SPC, mbr or power	naqcc.info
21	0700	21	1459	7-28	Russian Radio Team Championship	CW Ph	RS(T), 3-char code or ITU zone	news.srr.ru/chempionat-rossii-po-radiosvyazi-na-kv-rrtc
21	0800	21	1400	1.8-7	Trans-Tasman Low-Bands Challenge	CW Ph Dig	RS(T), serial	wia.org.au/members/contests
21	1000	21	2200	7	Jakarta DX Contest 40-Meters	Ph	RS, serial	jakartadxcontest.com
21	1200	21	1359	1.8-50	Feld Hell Sprint	Dig	RST, mbr, SPC, grid	sites.google.com/site/feldhellclub
21	1200	22	1200	3.5-28	DMC RTTY Contest	Dig	RST, serial	digital-modes-club.org
21	1800	22	0559	3.5-28	North American QSO Party, RTTY	Dig	Name, state/DC/province/country	www.ncjweb.com
21	1800	22	2100	50, 144	CQ Worldwide VHF Contest	CW Ph Dig	4-char grid square	www.cqww-vhf.com
21	2100	21	2259	7, 14	SA Sprint Contest	CW Ph	RS(T), serial	sa-sprint.com/rules
22	0900	22	1600	3.5-14	RSGB Low Power Contest	CW	RST, serial, power	www.rsgbcc.org/hf
22	2000	22	2159	14	CQC Great Colorado Gold Rush	CW	RST, SPC	www.coloradoqrpclub.org
25	0000	25	0200	1.8-28	SKCC Sprint	CW	RST, SPC, name, mbr or power	www.skccgroup.com
26	1900	26	2030	3.5	RSGB 80-Meter Club Championship, Data	Dig	RST, serial	www.rsgbcc.org/hf
28	1200	29	1200	3.5-28	RSGB IOTA Contest	CW Ph	RS(T), serial, IOTA number (if applicable)	www.rsgbcc.org
29	1700	29	2100	7-28	ARS Flight of the Bumblebees	CW	RST, SPC, power or bumblebee number	www.arsqrp.blogspot.com

All dates refer to UTC and may be different from calendar dates in North America. No contest activity occurs on the 60-, 30-, 17-, and 12-meter bands. Mbr = Membership number. Serial = Sequential number of the contact. SPC = State, Province, DXCC Entity. XE = Mexican state. Listings in blue indicate contests sponsored by ARRL or *NCJ*. The latest time to make a valid contest QSO is the minute listed in the "Finish Time" column. *Data for Contest Corral is maintained on the WA7BNM Contest Calendar at* www.contestcalendar.com *and is extracted for publication in* QST *2 months prior to the month of the contest. ARRL gratefully acknowledges the support of Bruce Horn, WA7BNM, in providing this service.*

SCRA Merchandise Report

• June sales were very good, as Field Day gave the opportunity to bring in additional sales.

• The $10 SCRA Logo Caps have been selling well. Out of the order of 48 caps, there's still 16 in stock.

• The $5 Field Day Special promotion on the previous T-shirts has sold well and will continue through the summer months. These shirts have a large SCRA logo on the back and the short-sleeve shirts have a pocket. There are 18 left in stock, mostly small and medium sizes.

• If you wear a double extra-large, check out the new $20 Dry-Mesh Polo shirt. Six of these shirts were purchased to replenish stock and there are three left.

SCRA Membership Report

• The current SCRA membership stands at 184 members.

• Since our May meeting, we have welcomed three new members.
o Ibrahim Sial KM6RQF (T)
o Eric Armstrong KI6AJB (T)
o Richard Heilman KB0EAT (E)

• Welcomed back six members.
o James Carvalho AE6TQ (E)
o Ned Scott KI6REQ (T)
o Robert Hickman WE6L (E)
o Ruth Hickman KJ6BHF (G)
o Ellen Hickman KJ6BHG (G)
o Joseph Hickman KJ6BHH (G)

• Reorganized two call sign updates.

o Bill Ritchen AB7LG (E)
o Dennis DeVilbiss N7UWD (G)

• If you have recently achieved a new license class, obtained a new call sign, or changed your address, email or phone, please email membership@sonomacountyradioamateurs.com with your update.

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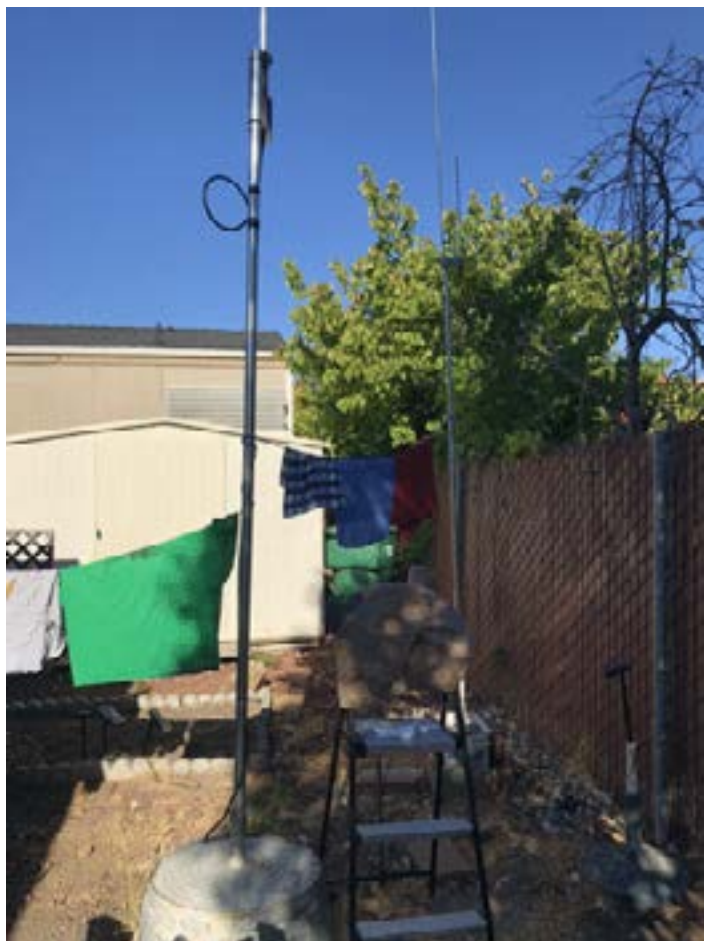
A little RF will help.

Darryl
KI6MSP

Sonoma County Radio Amateurs June 6, 2018 Monthly Membership Meeting

Call to Order: 1909 Hrs.

Board Member Present: John ke5ri, Joe k6awa, Aaron kk6zdb, Fred ae6sf, Jeff ki6pbf, Iola, kk6hre, Steve kk6vmz, (left early illness).

New Members: None

Guests: Meggan, unlicensed, will team up with Iola for study group.

Brags: Darryl ki6msp programed radio by himself. John, ke5ri now has a new ICOM 7610 – their latest radio offering to be brought to next club meeting. Fred ae6sf obtained from Poly Solar free diodes and resistors given to club members. Jeff ki6pbf requesting sign-ups for July 12 event. Charlie kz6t advised previous event was entirely handled by Darryl ki6msp. Joe k6awa has Delta Loop Double Bean N/S pass pics. Jeff ki6pbf Night of Nights, July 8.

Net Control:
June 12: Charlie kz6t
June 19: Joe k6awa
June 26: Darryl ki6msp
July 3: John wb6frz

Program: Brian n6iiy, reported on Field Day set-up and explained in depth to new members, guest.

Break: 8:25 to 8:37.

Accept Minutes of Previous Meeting: 1st, Darryl ki6msp, 2nd, Jeff ki6pbf, passed.

Officers and Chairperson's Reports: Doug ki6lmb, Mini DX at A. W. Way campground in Mendocino Aug. 16, 17, 18. $ 25.00 per night per campsite. This date coincides with the North American QSO Party. Iola kk6hre, per Karen (absent) 175 members. Brian n6iiy, July 21 VE testing at Bennett Valley Grange. 9:00 A.M.

Joe k6awa, all club radios loaned out and Kenwood TS 590 found, repaired and returned.

Public Services: Iola kk6hre nothing to report.

Membership: Bill km6byd, New roster available July 1st.

Old Business: Nothing to report.

New Business: Nothing to report.s

Adjournment: 1st, Kathy k6kdw, 2nd, Darryl ki6msp

Respectfully submitted: Steve Bouchard kk6vmz

Board of Directors Meeting: June 13, 2018

Call to Order: President John ke5ri called the meeting to order 6:04 PM.

Board Present: John ke5ri, Jeff ki6pbf, Fred ae6sf, Joe k6awa, Iola kk6hre, Aaron kk6zdb, Steve kk6vmz
Also Present: Doug, kf6lmb, Cornell w6hmn, Pat kg6jsl, Charlie kz6t, Brian n6iiy, Dan kk6viq, Jeff ki6pbf, Darryl ki6msp.

Approval of Previous Minutes: Iola moved, Jeff seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Officers and Directors:
Aaron we are in "good shape."

Jeff, Night of Nights for next meeting.

Outreach, Darryl KSRO radio interview, Friday 9:45; few positions open for Sonoma Marin county fair. Darryl will follow up regarding the Air Show and volunteers. Iola will get special insurance for same. Sonoma county fair schedule is Friday and Saturday August 3rd and 4th, about 1:30 to 8 P.M. No free parking. Doug proposes $ 7:00 parking fee be reimbursed by club, Aaron seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Dan, Merchandise, pens available.

Education, Cornell, books have been ordered and should arrive in 3 to 4 days.

Pat, nothing to report.

Field Day, Brian will contact city regarding irrigation plan.

Fred wifi will cost an additional $ 4.90, passed unanimously.

Website, Dave ki6ugb absent,

Trudee will not be at next meeting, on vacation, Iola will cover.

Charlie reports work on repeater.

Dan asked to add that "Donate" button be added to website.

Iola team for club anniversary will continue in July.

Charlie, shipping cost of mast base reimbursement. Fred moved, Iola seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment: 6;58 PM, unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,
Steve Bouchard KK6VMZ

2018 Mini-DX Ops Plan

August 16, 17, 18

Objectives
1.   Have fun
2.   This is (in general) a multi-day/night radio operating social event. There are no structured elements. You are free to operate any band, mode, or schedule you wish. Please be mindful of others using the same band.
3.   Be prepared to educate other campers in the Park. There always are interested people walking through.

Location and Directions:
1.   A.W. Way Park is located along the Mattole River in rural Humboldt County. Nearest towns are Petrolia to the north, Honeydew to the south.
   a.   The address of the Park is: 36625 Mattole Road.
   b. Coordinates are: 40d 16.0934'N 124d 13.8007'W
   b. Maidenhead Gridsquare is: CN70vg
2.   There are four routes you can take to reach the Park, three of which are paved. You can Wind an on-line Google map of the routes here. Google Map Link. Just click on any of the routes on the left hand menu bar to turn them on or off.
   a.   Most seem to take Route-1 in from Weott. It is paved but does have a steep switchback decent into the town of Honeydew. Those with trailers or RV's should be careful.
   b.   Route-2 is a good alternate for the Sunday drive home. 90% paved. It will take you through a very remote area of Humboldt County where you may experience a sweet aroma in the air.
   c.   Route-3 takes you along miles of deserted beaches and through the historic Victorian town of Ferndale.
   d.   Route-4 is only for the adventurous 4-wheel driver. In 2015 we rescued a driver who had not seen another soul in 6-hours of waiting for help.
3.   A. W. Way Park information:
a.   They do not take reservations, however we have never had any problem securing multiple campsites together. The Wirst to arrive will setup in a number of sites to help secure them for late arrivers. We usually secure the sites on the western edge of the Park.
   b.   General Park information can be found here.
   c.   Big picture general map can be found here.

Organization
1.   This is not a structured event. This year it occurs on the same weekend as the North American QSO SSB Party and the International Lighthouse Lightship Weekend. There are many SOTA peaks in the area. Some easier to get to than others.
2.   You are free to pursue any endeavor (radio or non-radio) you have in mind such as:
   a.   Biking (mountain biking or back roads)
   b.   Hiking
   c.   Swimming in the Mattole
   d.   Drive to the Beach
   e.   Tour the Redwoods
   f.   Lounging around
   g.   Stargaze (fog permitting)
   h.   Geocaching
3.   Caravan
   a.   There will be an organized caravan for the trip up on Thursday morning. We will meet at the Windsor Wallmart parking lot at 0730 and depart no later than 0800. Caravan travel frequency will be 147.55. For any stragglers, we will monitor English Hill until we reach Cloverdale.
4.   Food and Beverages
   a.   Each individual is responsible for their own meals. (B.L.& D), except; Friday night we will have a pot-luck style dinner. Organization of that to follow.
   b.   Shade tents will be setup for family style group meals.
   c.   No restrictions on beverages.

Operations
1.   Frequencies
•   Talk in will be on simplex. 147.55 The caravan will be using the talk-in on the complete route. Once camp is set up, someone will be monitoring the entire weekend. For late arrivals, your 2m mobile should be able to hit the camp when starting the last decent into Honeydew.

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• IRLP: There is a 6m IRLP Node near the top of Mt. Pierce, which is 12 miles northeast of the camp. We have asked for permission to use the node during our event. The details are:

o   Node 3572, Call sign N7HQZ

o   Location 40.4229N 124.,09772W, Heading 33.16 degrees from camp

o   Frequency 51.84, offset -500

o   PL 114.8

• The campsites are generous enough to allow plenty of room for setup and operations including tall trees with lots of branches to string 80m dipoles.

• It is STRONGLY urged that you operate using battery, not generator. If you need to re-charge your battery with a generator, please be mindful of others who are trying to operate in a quiet environment. Those with solar panels should have no problem Winding enough sun.

2.   The campground (A.W. Way Park) is a public campground. There will be other campers. Please respect the Park's quite time rules and keep your radio's volume turned down.

Supplies:

1.   For either route 1 or 2 you should re-fuel in Garberville, Ferndale for route 3.

2.   Lunch in Garberville has always been an iffy thing. For a route-1 to route-2 detour, there is a diner in the town of Redway that is decent. (Excellent hotdogs). 3.5 stars on Yelp. Debs Diner

3.   Honeydew general store has a decent inventory of supplies and groceries. Ice, soft drinks, snacks, etc., gas is sometimes available. Humboldt Gold seems always to be in stock or in use as well.

Campground Accommoda1ons

1.   Fees are $25 per night per campsite. Pay the iron ranger upon entering the campground. Each campsite can accommodate 2-vehicles, so if you want to cut costs, share a campsite. $2 senior discount (62 & over) per night.

2.   Toilet facilities are a short (downwind) walk away. Bring your own towels. (No paper towels are provided)

3.   Hot showers are available. 3-quarters is all you need. Bring your own toiletries and towels.

4.   Trash cans are setup around the campground. (Non-bear-proof type)

Miscellaneous

1.   Bugs (mosquitos) can sometimes be an issue. Come prepared to do battle.

2.   Dogs are welcome.

NIGHT OF NIGHTS XIX
July 12, 2018

David Dillman from the Maritime Historical Radio Society will be at the SCRA general membership meeting on Thursday, July 5th, 2018 to deliver a slide show presentation on the history of KPH, the maritime ship to shore radio transmitting and receiving stations.

His presentation is timed as a lead up to the KPH NIGHT OF NIGHTS event on July 12, 2018.
So all interested SCRA members mark your calenders and figure out who to car pool with and head either to the RCA Transmitting Station at Bolinas or the KPH receive site at Point Reyes. Please check out the KPH web site for exact details about NIGHT OF NIGHTS.

There will be a sign up sheet at the June general member ship meeting ... So Sign Up!!

The July presentation may have an unknown number of guests present so we will need to make adjustments to our meeting schedule as conditions may require.

Jeff Tonelli

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SCRA 80th

1939   **SONOMA COUNTY RADIO AMATEURS**   **2019**

Anniversary

▶ ▶ ▶ ▶ Logo Contest ◀ ◀ ◀ ◀

Back in 1939, a group of interested amateur hams organized the Sonoma County Radio Amateurs and became affiliated with the ARRL. Next year in 2019, we will be celebrating the 80th anniversary of our historic club.

To kick-off the celebration, we are beginning with a contest to design an 80th anniversary logo for use on SCRA publications, merchandise, and giveaways during the year.

Your design should communicate the years '1939–2019' and the 80th anniversary. Please summit your designs to the SCRA Merchandise Committee at danjdrummond@hotmail.com.

The contest will officially end on September 30th, 2018.

Sonoma County Radio Amateurs, Inc.
PO Box 116, Santa Rosa, CA 95402
(Please print this, fill it out, and send it in with your check.)

Name_____ Callsign_____ License Class_____

Mailing Address_____ Phone_____ Cell _____

City_____ Zip_____ New Application_____ Renewal_____

E-mail (if any)_____ Add to Roster (Yes)___ (No) ___

Please Send Short Skip & Roster to my E-mail address ( )YES! ( ) No thanks

FAMILY MEMBERS, CALL SIGNS & EMAIL ADDRESSES:

1. Name_____Callsign_____ License Class_____ Add to Roster (Yes)___ (No) ___
     E-mail _____Short Skip & Roster to my E-mail address ( )YES! ( ) NO

2. Name_____Callsign_____ License Class_____ Add to Roster (Yes)___ (No) ___
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SCRA Dues: The renewal date for SCRA dues is January 1st. Dues are $20/year for individual, $30/year for families, and $15/year for youth (under 18).

PRO-RATED DUES for new members only: Reduce standard dues rate by $5.00 per quarter. (ie. Second Quarter, April – June $15.00; Third Quarter – July – September $10.00; Fourth Quarter, October – December $5.00 to end of December of current year or $25.00 through December of the following year)

I WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION ABOUT:

( ) Public Service Events	( ) Acting as club Net Control Station
( ) ARES Emergency Services	( ) Helping with VEC license exams
( ) Taking a Novice or Technician class	( ) Field day, other operating
( ) Teaching a Novice or Technician class	( ) Helping with *Short Skip* Newsletter
( ) Taking an upgrade class	( ) Other_____
( ) Teaching an upgrade class	

SCRA DUES: Individual $20, Family $30, Youth, under 18, $15   +_____
Name Badge (complete info below)$10 each Circle: Magnet or Clip attachment +_____

Name Badge Information Fill in exactly as you want it to appear on your badge.
Callsign _____   First Name_____   City _____
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SCRA Patch $5/ea   +_____
SCRA T-Shirt $11.50/ea Size: s m l xl xxl   +_____

                                        Total: $_____

(Please make checks payable to **SCRA**. Send to SCRA, Box 116, Santa Rosa, 95402)

SHORT SKIP ARCHIVES AVAILABLE

Mike, AD6YB, has set up archives for past and present issues of Short Skip. They are available on the Website, log into Members Area, Short Skip, click on the first sentence. Mike has scanned in the old paper issues and it is really interesting to browse through them to see what those guys were doing. There are historical photos as well. An important record of our history and ham radio in general. Good Stuff.

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