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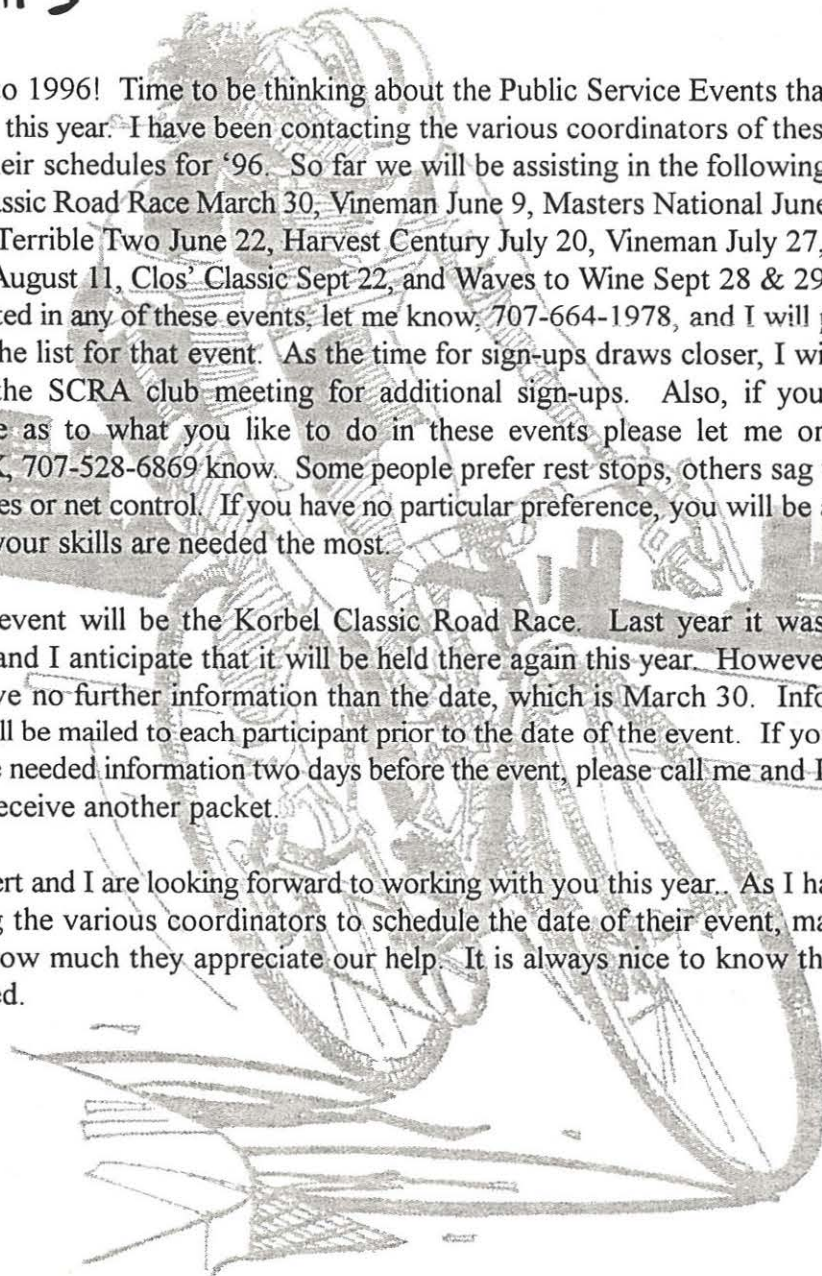
February 1996

## SCRAPS

Welcome to 1996! Time to be thinking about the Public Service Events that will be coming up this year. I have been contacting the various coordinators of these events to learn their schedules for '96. So far we will be assisting in the following events: Korbelt Classic Road Race March 30, Vineman June 9, Masters National June 19, 20, & 21, the Terrible Two June 22, Harvest Century July 20, Vineman July 27, Day on the River August 11, Clos' Classic Sept 22, and Waves to Wine Sept 28 & 29. If you are interested in any of these events, let me know, 707-664-1978, and I will put your name on the list for that event. As the time for sign-ups draws closer, I will pass a sheet at the SCRA club meeting for additional sign-ups. Also, if you have a preference as to what you like to do in these events please let me or Robert WA6WXX, 707-528-6869 know. Some people prefer rest stops, others sag wagons, bike mobiles or net control. If you have no particular preference, you will be assigned to where your skills are needed the most.

The first event will be the Korbelt Classic Road Race. Last year it was held in Windsor, and I anticipate that it will be held there again this year. However, at this time I have no further information than the date, which is March 30. Information packets will be mailed to each participant prior to the date of the event. If you do not receive the needed information two days before the event, please call me and I will see that you receive another packet.

Both Robert and I are looking forward to working with you this year. As I have been contacting the various coordinators to schedule the date of their event, many have told me how much they appreciate our help. It is always nice to know that we're appreciated.



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**Club Meetings**

7:30 pm, 1st Wednesday each month at the Hewlett-Packard plant in Santa Rosa. (See map below) All are welcome.

**NOT AN SCRA MEMBER?**

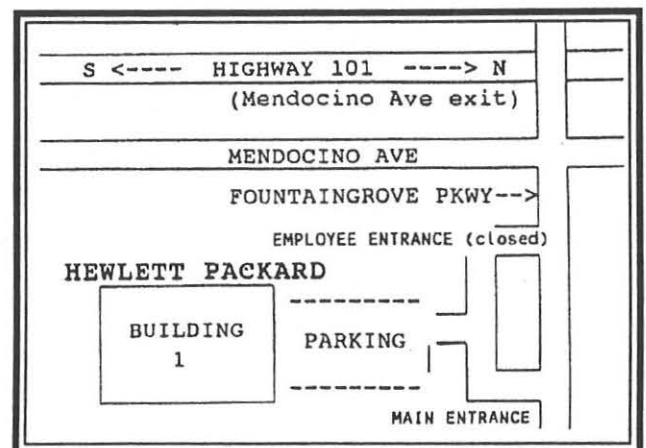
If not, then this is a complimentary copy. Our club is involved with almost every area of Amateur Radio: Repeaters (146.73), Field Day, License classes (Novice through Extra), Volunteer exams, RACES, DX programs, Packet radio, Hidden transmitter hunts -- you name it.

We invite you to attend our next monthly meeting (see below) or check into the Tuesday night SCRA net on the 146.73 repeater at 7PM. You will hear the latest Amateur Radio Newslines broadcasts, announcements of SCRA activities and a Swap Shop. Membership in SCRA is open to anyone interested in Amateur Radio. If you would like to join, there is a membership application in this issue. Hope we can have an "eyeball" QSO with you at the next meeting! 73 ...

**Next Meeting: February 7, 1996**

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## A message from your elected members-at-large...

by Joe Berkman KE6LNQ

All SCRA members are welcome to attend the board meetings held on the second Wednesday of each month. As is often the case, busy schedules may make it difficult to do so. This is where your members at large - Claude AB6OL and Joe KE6LNQ do their jobs; representing you, the general membership at the monthly board meetings.

What does this mean? If you have ideas or concerns about the club's direction, let us know. Would you like the SCRA to start classes on HF operations, packet, computers, satellite, weak signal VHF/UHF, ATV, SSTV? Lots of areas to explore! Do you have experience or knowledge in the above areas? Why not share this with other members of the club? Let's make this happen!

One thing for sure - we have as many interests as there are members. As luck would have it, we have a valuable resource: you the members! Hams have always enjoyed sharing their expertise with others. Through club meetings, classes, and field demonstrations we have a ready stage - set and ready to go. Ready to go - if you want it to! The club needs your ideas, know-how and energy. Together we can make this club serve all its members. We all are the SCRA and all have a responsibility to make this the best club possible. Give Claude or Joe a call. E-mail Claude at ab6ol@aol.com or send a packet message to Joe at KC6PJW. Joe will also arrive at the monthly meetings at 7pm - early

enough to meet with you before the start of the monthly meeting at 7:30.

## HELP WANTED

We are looking for articles for the newsletter. Got a personal story you wouldn't mind sharing? Some special experience involving your radio? Maybe it's embarrassing, but could you share a mistake you've made perhaps? Maybe you could share your technical advise in an article. Or share your passion for a certain aspect of amateur radio. Please submit your article to the Short Skip. On disk is preferred, typed is fine, E-mail is great (ab6ol@aol.com), or if all else fails, just write it out and send it to us!

## LOOK at that license

QST de W1AW  
ARRL Bulletin 56

Amateurs receiving new or modified FCC licenses after June 8, 1994, should carefully note their expiration date. Only new, first licenses or specific renewals have a full 10-year term.

Amateur license upgrades, changes of address, call sign, or name, are processed with the original expiration date intact. That is, they are not automatically extended for 10 years.

The FCC, using new computer software recently installed, is processing amateur licenses in this manner to conform with to the way in which it processes all other Private Radio Service licenses. The FCC currently recommends that amateurs submit license renewal applications 60 to 90 days before their expiration date. The Commission said it intends eventually to mail license expiration notices to amateurs. In the meantime, the ARRL is sending license expiration notices to ARRL members, along with an FCC Form 610 and a return envelope to the FCC's licensing division in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

### Activities Committee:

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## SCRA MINUTES

January 3, 1996

Submitted by Secretary  
Steven Feil KD6CJR



The meeting was called to order by President Steve Carniglia KK6VY at 7:30 PM at the HP meeting room. Other officers present were: Vice President Rick Reiner K6ZWB, Secretary Steve Feil KD6CJR, Treasurer Joel Nadler KJ6LF, Repeater Chairman Jim Rutherford WB6PER, Members-at-Large Claude Jones AB6OL and Joe Berkman KE6LNQ.

We had 3 visitors this evening.

Bill Hillendahl has upgraded to EXTRA keeping his previous call of KH6GJV. Greg Shank has upgraded to EXTRA with a new call of AC6QY.

There were no minutes from the December meeting.

The Treasurers report by Joel Nadler KJ6LF indicates income of \$1360.00, expenses of \$1919.85 and a balance of \$2445.25. Joel encouraged all SCRA members to enroll or renew your ARRL memberships through SCRA. This can represent a substantial income for the club. m/s KB6PTA/WB6TMY

The Repeater Chairman Jim Rutherford WB6PER invited any member to notify a board member if they were interested in being the next Repeater Chairman.

Marie KI6QY our SCRAPS Chairperson let us know that the first event of the public service season is getting very near, with the first event in March. She invites all to come and join the fun.

Education Chairman Steve KK6VY asked for volunteers to take the Education chair. Rick K6ZWB reviewed the construction class that he conducted last year. He indicated that it was a great success with only minor difficulties. He will be starting a 4 to 6 week antenna class on 2/1/96 at 7:30 PM at Elsie Allan High School. The text will be the new ARRL Antenna book at a cost of \$10.50. ( Bill Hillendahl KH6GJV indicated he would be the Education chair. )

Joel KJ6LF as outgoing Activities chair asked for volunteers to take that seat on the board. ( John Wallack W6TLK indicated he would be the Activities chair. )

Are you ready to upgrade. Our VEC leader Claude Jones let us know there will be a VE session on 1/13/96 at the HP facility. The time is 9:00 AM and the fee is \$6.05.

Quarterly Raffle - Rick K6ZWB discussed the Quarterly raffle. And the winner is: Joel Nadler KJ6LF. He won a nice MFJ Keyer and a MFJ 2 meter antenna. Rick said he was considering the Radio Shack 2 meter radio as a possible prize and that cost of tickets would

remain at present amounts: \$1/1, \$5/7, \$10/15. Discussion was then solicited regarding any other ideas for prizes. The two ideas that seem to come up most was either a micro hand held or a gift certificate. A motion by Bill KH6GJV was made to have the Board resolve the prize issue, second KJ6LF. The motion was defeated. A second motion to present a \$250 gift certificate from HRO to the winner by John KE6RMC, second WB6PER was passed by the members. It was further decided that the cost for tickets would \$5.00 each.

Steve KK6VY requested a report about what was going on out at the Coast Guard Ham Shack. Joe Berkman KE6LNQ said that although they were having rotator problems on one of the towers that all of the other radios were working well. He also let us know that they are now on the Internet. Call 765-7373 to make an appointment to operate. A great opportunity to get some HF work in.

Dave KD6KWM is moving his 1200 baud packet board to 145.610. This is to avoid an ongoing interference problem. He was also pleased to announce that he will be putting up a 9600 baud station on 2 meters. He believes this will be the first USER port of its type in CA. Look for it on 145.630 on or about 2/1/96. Good work Dave.

Fox Hunts are back. Listen in on the Tuesday night NET for further details on when Jim, Kelly and Steve will be holding this event.

In November a motion was presented to the members as follows and printed in the December newsletter: I move that article IV, section 2 of the Constitution of the Sonoma County Radio Amateurs, Inc. be amended to add the Chairman of the Sonoma County Radio Amateurs Public Service Committee to the appointed members of the Board of Directors. (signed) Bill Hillendahl KH6GJV. ( This motion was not read at the meeting, but is presented here for information only. ) Jim WB6PER asked if the SCRAPS board position should not replace one of the Member-at-Large seats. Bill further commented that Member-at-Large is a need of the club but may not be willing to take on SCRAPS. This motion will recognize SCRAPS as an official member of the board. The motion was presented to the membership for a vote. The motion carried as presented.

The program for this evening was presented by Jim N6PTM and Lee KE6EAQ. The topic was the ongoing antenna ordinance meetings. There will be public meetings the evening of 1/24 and during the day on 2/7. We need to be there in an orderly, organized force.

The raffle was conducted by Angela KC6OCD. Prizes were provided by ARDCO and HSC.

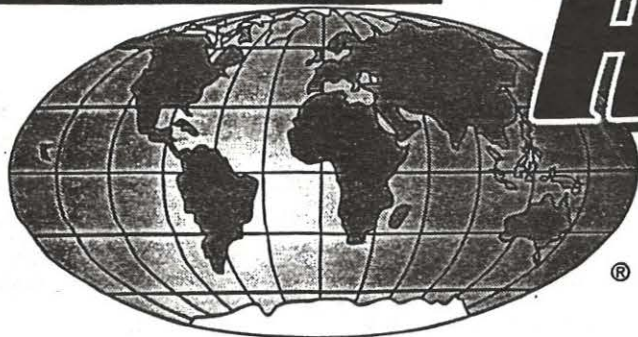
James KD6GSF pulled Rudolf Barton W6QYB for the membership lottery.

The meeting was adjourned at about 9:35 PM. Respectfully submitted by Steven Feil KD6CJR

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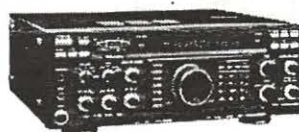
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### INCOME

	'95 Budget	'95 Actual	'96 Budget
ARRL Income	\$50	\$330	\$350
Badge Income	\$30	\$13	\$20
Field Day Income	\$0	\$622	\$650
Flea Market Income	\$2,120	\$3,706	\$3,700
Membership Supplies	\$150	\$92	\$50
Quarterly Raffle, Income	\$0	\$88	\$400
Raffle Income (Monthly)	\$600	\$496	\$500
Refreshment Income	\$180	\$169	\$180
Shortskip Income	\$900	\$882	\$900
X - Mas Dinner Income	\$1,375	\$1,019	\$1,000
Dues	\$3,350	\$3,871	\$4,800
Initiation			
Other Income	\$0	\$385	
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$11,755</b>	<b>\$12,702</b>	<b>\$12,550</b>

### EXPENSES

ARRL Memberships	\$0	\$311	\$300
Badge Expense			\$20
Field Day Expenses	\$650	\$988	\$1,000
Flea Market Expenses	\$1,320	\$1,997	\$2,000
Membership Supplies	\$0	\$19	
Quarterly Raffle, Expenses	\$0	\$0	\$400
Raffle Expenses (Monthly)			
Refreshment Expenses	\$180	\$179	\$180
Shortskip Expenses	\$1,500	\$2,239	\$2,500
X - Mas Dinner Expenses	\$1,375	\$1,120	\$1,000
Badges, New Member	\$240	\$367	\$350
Donations			
Newline	\$100	\$200	\$100
Toys for Tots	\$200	\$200	\$200
Repeater			
Repeater Maintenance	\$1,500	\$0	\$1,900
Repeater Phone	\$240	\$222	\$300
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Officer's Expenses	\$150	\$155	\$150
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SCRAPS	\$0	\$133	\$150
Volunteer Exams	\$50	\$0	\$50
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$12,047</b>	<b>\$12,950</b>	<b>\$12,184</b>
<b>ANTICIPATED PROFIT/LOSS</b>			<b>\$366</b>

## NEW LICENSE CLASS STARTING IN SONOMA

by Darrel Jones WD6BOR

VOMARC is putting on a new license class starting Wednesday February 7 and running weekly for the next twelve weeks. Classes will be held in the early evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 pm and will take place in the Sonoma Fire Department's training room at the fire station at 32 Patten Street. The class will prepare students for the Novice and Technician written and five word per minute code tests for either Novice, Technician or Tech Plus license levels. The fee for the course is \$30 and includes the textbook and related classroom materials. Registration should be made in advance through Joan Brady, KE6UAW, at 996-0791. Class size will be limited to 20 students so registrations should be made early.

Each class will start with the study of the written materials for the first hour with code practice and tutorial taking the second hour. Steve Todd, K2IYQ, the current president of VOMARC, will be teaching the code portion of the class using his own "Secret of Success" method of fun and painless code learning. If any of the students from previous VOMARC classes would like to upgrade from no-code to Tech Plus they are welcome to attend the code portion of the class at no cost since they have previously paid their class fees. Special consideration will also be given to any other no-code Tech who wishes to take this class.

Sonoma Valley teachers and school staff are being invited to take this class so more schools can participate in amateur radio and use the broad resources available through this hobby as part of the local schools curriculum. Mark Burnell, WB6ZOL, at Altimira and Mike Witkowski, KC6YUV, at Dunbar are two local educators who are already using amateur radio in the classroom and have exposed many young people to this fascinating hobby.



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## Board Meeting Minutes

January 10, 1996



### BOARD MINUTES

Minutes of the Sonoma County Radio Amateurs board meeting held January 10, 1996 at the Marlow Rd. Round Table. Members of the board present were: President, Steve KK6VY; Vice President, Rick K6ZWB; Secretary, Steven KD6CJR; Treasurer, Joel KJ6LF; Member-at-large, Claude AB6OL; Member-at-large, Joe KE6LNQ; Past President, Kelly KD6CJQ; Repeater Chairman, Jim WB6PER\*; Activities Chairman, John W6TLK\* and SCRAPS Chairman, Marie KI6QY\*. There were also 3 other SCRA members present. (\* appointed members for 1996)

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM by President Steve KK6VY.

The following individuals have been appointed to the be on the Board of Directors for 1996:

Repeater Chairman, Jim Rutherford WB6PER  
Activities Chairman, John Wallack W6TLK  
SCRAPS Chairman, Marie Mappus KI6QY

Lee Dibble presented to the Board the idea of setting up a charitable organization under tax code 501C3. This would allow tax deductible donations and grants from corporations and individuals that would be used in conjunction with the set forth charter. It was noted that SCRA has lost opportunities in the past due to a lack of this status. The Board gave Lee the go ahead to gather information and to present it to the Board at a later date.

Jim WB6PER reiterated again the need to reduce the number of antennas that are at the facility at Sonoma Mountain. It was also noted that English Hill will need to be established in order to secure it for the future. There was much discussion regarding the setting of priorities for the work with the funds that are available.

Bill KH6GJV our new Education Chairperson discussed a need of Rick Joy WB6YUB as told by John Breckenridge. Rick lives in Rohnert Park and would like to attend SCRA meetings, but has special needs regarding transportation and during the meeting. Anyone that might be able to assist is encouraged to contact Bill or John. He also knows of a need in the Rincon Valley School district for someone who can teach a basic electronics/Technician class to a group of gifted grade school students. This would be a 6 - 10 week course and would need to start very soon. Again, contact Bill if you can help out.

As expected the majority of the meeting was taken up in discussing the budget. The proposed budget will be presented to the membership for approval at the next general meeting.

The topic of a Club DXpedition to Alcatraz was also briefly discussed.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Steven Feil, KD6CJR.

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## VOMARC HAMFEST

by Darrel Jones WD6BOR

VOMARC is readying plans for the club's annual hamfest to be held this year on Sunday April 21 at the Sonoma Valley Veteran's Memorial Building on First Street West in Sonoma. The activities include a VE license test session, pancake breakfast, electronics swap meet, special event station and amateur radio related forums. VOMARC members are needed to help plan each of these activities as well as help with advance publicity and registration on the day of the event.

Our hamfest has always been a lot of fun and has had the added benefit of raising funds to finance other activities the club plans during the rest of the year. Participation in each of the events isn't limited to VOMARC members only and local hams from the rest of Sonoma County as well as family members and others interested in amateur radio are encouraged to join the fun. Special requests are out for anyone wishing to help run the special event station or those who are willing to share their expertise and experience in radio related forums. There will be an operating QRP station included in the special event so amateurs everywhere are encouraged to bring in their home built and low power radios and accessories for display.

For further information or to reserve your special activity call **Darrel Jones, WD6BOR, at 707-996-4494.**

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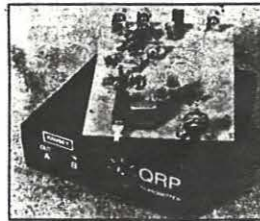
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## AMATEUR RADIO EXAM SCHEDULE NORTH BAY VE SESSIONS 1996

Date	Time	Sponsor	City	Place
➤➤ Feb 3	0900	VOMARC	Glen Ellen	Sonoma Development Center
Mar 2	0900	MARC	San Rafael	Kaiser Hospital
Mar 23	1700	SMRS	Petaluma	Senior Citizens Center
Apr 13	0900	SCRA	Santa Rosa	Hewlett-Packard SR
Apr 27	0900	VOMARC	Sonoma	Veteran's Bldg.. (Swap Meet)
May 18	1700	SMRS	Petaluma	Senior Citizens Center
Jun 15	0900	MARC	San Rafael	Kaiser Hospital
Jul 13	0900	SCRA	Santa Rosa	Hewlett-Packard SR
Aug 10	0900	VOMARC	Glen Ellen	Sonoma Development Center
Sep 7	0900	MARC	San Rafael	Kaiser Hospital
Sep 21	0900	SCRA	Sebastopol	Holy Ghost Hall (Swap Meet)
Oct 19	1700	SMRS	Petaluma	Senior Citizens Center
Nov 16	0900	VOMARC	Glen Ellen	Sonoma Development Center
Dec 7	0900	MARC	San Rafael	Kaiser Hospital
Dec 14	1700	SMRS	Petaluma	Senior Citizens Center

**Walk-ins OKAY!**

### CANDIDATE REQUIREMENTS

- (1) A photo identification or two non-photo identifications.
- (2) The original *and* a photocopy of your current license, if you are already licensed.
- (3) Any original valid CSCE's *and* photocopies.
- (4) Radiotelegraph license, if held (see VE).
- (5) Medical Exemptions (see VE).
- (6) Fee is \$6.05 except Novice license, which is free. (Elements 1A and 2)

**Exact change or checks will be greatly appreciated!**

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SCRA	Claude	(707) 527-8593	Sonoma County Radio Amateurs	ARRL
MARC	Recording	(415) 883-9789	Marin Amateur Radio Club	ARRL
VOMARC	Jim	(707) 996-6461	Valley of the Moon Amateur Radio Club	ARRL
SMRS	Dale	(707) 762-9414	Sonoma Mountain Repeater Society	ARRL

For copies of this schedule, send SASE to:

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## DIRECTIONS TO NEXT EXAM SITE:

➤➤ Sonoma (VOMARC) at Sonoma Developmental Center, Glen Ellen

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**From the south** into Sonoma Valley, Hwy. 116 from Petaluma or Hwy. 37 to Hwy. 121 then to Hwy. 116, go north to Arnold Drive, go past El Verano, toward Glen Ellen. When you enter the state hospital "SONOMA DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER", Eldridge, turn left past flashing light/stop sign. Go west on Wilson to the McDougall building.

**From the north**, go south on Hwy. 12 to Arnold Drive. Turn right, go through Glen Ellen to the state Hospital "SONOMA DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER", Eldridge. One block past flashing light/stop sign, turn right to Wilson and go to the McDougall building.

## The ARRL Letter

### BEARS PROVIDE COMMUNICATION DURING BLIZZARD

As the first blizzard of 1996 hit New England the weekend of January 6-7, the BEARS--members of the Bethel Educational Amateur Radio Society of Bethel (Connecticut) Middle School--got the call to action from the Bethel Office of Emergency Management. The students operated around the clock to provide backup communication for the town and acting as a net control station for 34 surrounding towns in the greater Fairfield County area. The BEARS team maintained vital communication links with the Area 1 Office of Emergency Management in Bridgeport, relaying weather information and preparing materials if emergency shelters were activated. Using the call sign of their coordinator, Peter Kemp, KZ1Z, the group operated from the local fire department on both HF and VHF.

The BEARS also have a club station at their school. A dozen students--boys and girls--participated in the effort. Kemp says he's been involved in emergency communication for years, and when the middle school--which also serves as an evacuation center--was built, the radio room was designed in and the building equipped with emergency power. (BEARS/Peter Kemp, KZ1Z)

### HAMS HELP HEART ATTACK VICTIM

A group of Boy Scouts and their leaders, including several hams, lived up to the Scouts' motto, "Be Prepared," during a wilderness outing last summer, and heart attack victim Dave Smith of Saratoga, California, is glad they did. Smith and his wife Janet were accompanying their younger son and other scouts in Troop 566 on an eight-day backpacking trip into California's Yosemite high country in late August when Dave Smith experienced chest pain one day into the outing. Scoutmaster Paul Wesling, KM6LH, took Smith's vital signs and used ham radio to relay the information to the Yosemite emergency response staff. Subsequently, Smith was transported by helicopter to Yosemite Valley and then to Modesto, California, where doctors determined he'd suffered a mild heart attack.

Wesling says ham radio "is a standard part of our troop's outings." Both Wesling and Eagle Scout Rajeev Goel, KD6MXV, had VHF handheld radios along for the trip. As a result of the experience, Dave and Janet Smith are making plans to take one of the troop's Amateur Radio licensing classes and get their tickets. "They see clearly how this can be a great benefit in the backcountry, and Dave fully intends to be on our 50-miler next summer," Wesling says.

### ATTORNEY-HAM CITES OHIO TVI ARREST AS POSSIBLE WARNING

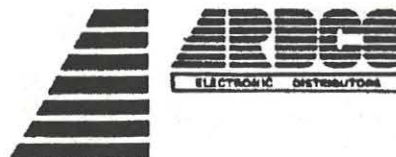
In the wake of the December arrest of a Moraine, Ohio, CBER for causing TVI at his neighbor's apartment, Dayton attorney and Amateur Radio operator Ron Pretekin, AB8K, says "hams should take note of what such problems ultimately can lead to." Pretekin pointed to an article in the Dayton Daily News describing the circumstances under which the CBER, Steven Holbrook, wound up in jail on a third-degree felony charge of disrupting public services for interfering with his neighbor's reception of cable television programs. According to the report, Holbrook and the neighbor had feuded over the problem for several months. His arrest came after the neighbor tape-recorded Holbrook's CB chatter as it came over his TV. The newspaper said the conversation included profanity and threats against the neighbor. If convicted, Holbrook faces a maximum \$5000 fine and 10 years in jail, the paper said.

ARRL Executive Vice President David Sumner, K1ZZ, observed: "The FCC has exclusive authority to regulate RF interference, which is not subject to state or local law." Sumner says an attorney representing an ARRL member facing charges based on RF interference would be able to look to the League for some help. "However, we would hope that any licensed amateur would have the good sense to not inflame the situation in the manner described by the newspaper," Sumner added.

The ARRL Letter is published by the American Radio Relay League, 225 Main Street, Newington, CT 06111, tel 860-594-0200; fax 860-594-0259. Rodney J. Stafford, KB6ZV, President; David Sumner, K1ZZ, Executive Vice President.

## OPEN HOUSE

Come see the Forest Service's new dispatch & VIP center Saturday, February 10 from 11:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. at the Forest Service Regional Headquarters, 135 Ridgeway Ave., Santa Rosa. 1429 (the emergency bus) will be on display.



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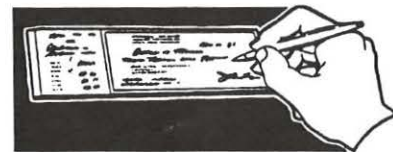
## Lost License

If you have lost your license, be aware that VEC's are not permitted to submit any upgrades to the FCC without a copy of your current license attached to the 610 form. In order to expedite your upgrade, you must write the FCC and request a replacement license. Since that can take several weeks to arrive, we recommend that you also request a Form 1010-B License Verification Letter from the FCC which will arrive in a couple of weeks - and is a legally binding license document.

You may use that form as a license until your Form-660 license arrives. The original and a copy of your License Verification Letter must be brought to the test session to verify that you are currently licensed - the copy of which will be attached to your upgrade application (in lieu of an actual Form 660 license copy).

To request the Form 1010-B License Verification Letter, write to: FCC, 1270 Fairfield Rd, Gettysburg PA 17325-7245; indicating that you lost your license and that you are requesting that a replacement license be issued to you - also be sure to request that they send you a License Verification Letter verifying that you are licensed. *Newsline*

**RENEW YOUR ARRL MEMBERSHIP THROUGH THE CLUB AND THE CLUB GETS TO KEEP \$2** (no expense to you). This adds up for the club (see the budget - "ARRL Income". Make out your check to **SCRA**, and send it with your ARRL renewal form to SCRA, PO Box 116, Santa Rosa, CA 95402 or give it to the Treasurer.



## MEMBER SERVICES

Rick Joy WB6YUB is a returning club member in need of assistance. Rick is a blind & deaf ham who would like to attend the regular club meetings but is in need of transportation from Rohnert Park and someone to sit with him at the meetings to assist with translation. If you would like to help, or want more information please contact Bill KH6GJV @ 542-4304 or John WB6FRZ @ 838-6398. *♦*

## Application for Membership in SCRA

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**ARRL dues:** \$31/year, \$25 over 65 with proof of age. (Under 21 rates require application form). Make checks payable to **SCRA**.

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- ( ) Public Service Events
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- ( ) Helping with SCRA Flea Market
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- ( ) Taking an upgrade class
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### Badge (New Members Only)

Fill in this section exactly as you want it to appear on your badge.

Callsign \_\_\_\_\_

First Name \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

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## Public Hearing on Antenna Ordinance

A public hearing on the antenna ordinance will be held on Wednesday, February 7, at 1:00 PM. The meeting will take place at the County Permit and Resource Management Department offices, located at 2550 Ventura Avenue, Santa Rosa. For more information, please contact Lee Dibble KE6EAQ, 526-3392.

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