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2018 is a big year for NASA anniversaries and we'd like for you to help us celebrate. NASA was created in 1958, the first manned lunar mission was in 1968, and the first elements of the International Space Station (ISS) were launched in 1998. The club stations at the various NASA centers and facilities plan to be on the air with special events to celebrate these milestones and some may be offering commemorative QSL cards. There will be a special certificate indicating how many centers you worked on various bands and modes that may be downloaded. QSL instructions are available on the QRZ.COM site for each individual club station. We have a web-based system for you to check your points total and download a certificate at the end of the event in December 2018. Visit the Scores section for a link to that system. Points will be awarded for each center worked on each band and mode (phone, CW, digital).

The event will run from December 2017 through December 2018. Note that any contact with a NASA club station during the full time frame will count toward your points total. The following events will have more NASA club participation:

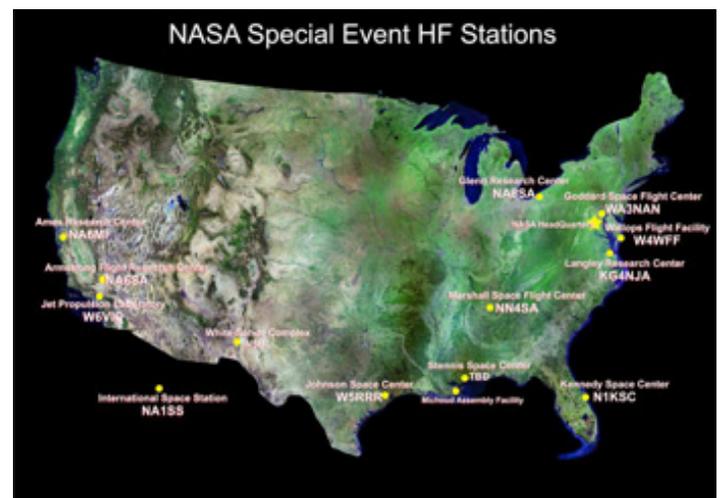
Apollo 17 45th anniversary – 11-19 December 2017, beginning of event

NASA founded 60th anniversary (act signed by President Eisenhower) – 29 July 1958

ISS First Element Launch 20th anniversary – 20 November 1998

ISS Node 1 Launch 20th anniversary – 4 December 1998

50th anniversary of Apollo 8 – launch 21 December 1968, splashdown 27 December, end of event [... more..](#)



NASA Club Stations





## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE, JANUARY 2018



Happy New Year!  
As we move into 2018 we have a new club president, John Felton KE5RI. While John steps into Iola's shoes, I will attempt to outline some of the upcoming year's possible

developments.

Please welcome our Club Officers for 2018:

President	John Felton, KE5RI
Vice President	Joe Fortuna, K6AWA
Treasurer	Aaron Marroquin, KK6ZDB
Secretary	Steve Bouchard, KK6VMZ
Past President	Iola Beckley, KK6HRE
Director	Fred Seitel, AE6SF
Director	Jeff Tonelli, KI6PBF

Once again we expect a full line-up of Public Service events. This will all be put together in the coming SCRA planning meeting on January 6 from 9:30am to 2:00pm at the Rincon Valley Mobile Estates Clubhouse located at 4671 Circle Drive, Santa Rosa, CA.

In January, while we are scheming for the new year, ARRL Kids Day commences with its first installment on January 6 with many recommended frequencies in the HF bands as well as repeater use. Second installment on June 16. ([more](#)). Although we are not participating as a Club, [Winter Field Day](#) will go on nationwide January 27 & 28. Listen in and maybe be a contact for someone.

Check out a new feature on our website, the [Membership Map](#). Use it to find out who to carpool with or who might be in line of sight for low power radio contact. (Must be logged in to use.)

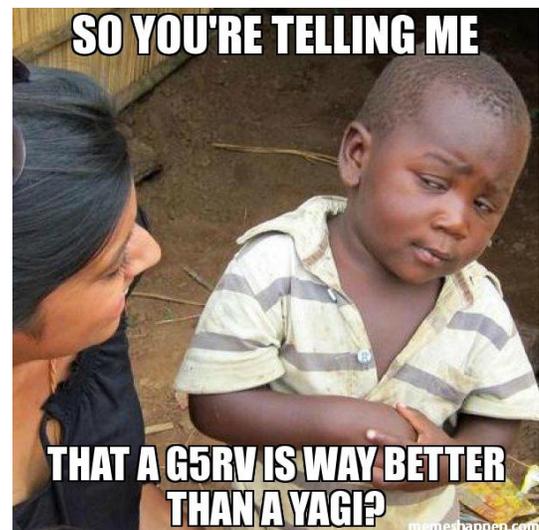
In the realm of digital modes we now have [FT8 digital mode](#) in beta and [FreeDV \(Free Digital Voice\)](#) making the scene in the DX arena. Both of these modes use your HF radio to transmit a computer-generated digital signal. It looks from accounts that I have read that the computers may be doing more talking than the operators, though.

With the help of SCRA Outreach, [Brook Haven School now has an amateur radio station](#). Projects such as this are important to keeping the hobby going. Young people exposed to HAM radio in their youth are more likely to keep it up or return to it later in life than to start as young adults.

And the number of licensees continues to grow!

73,

Dave KI6UGB, Editor



## JANUARY PROGRAM

### EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

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<http://www.arrl.org/Groups/view/san-francisco>



## 2018 Club Officers

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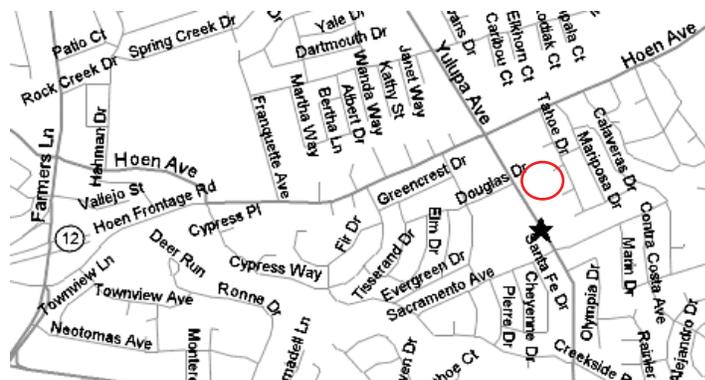
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## SCRA Club Meetings

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](mailto: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 Dave W6IBC, SCRA Education Chair, at 707-838-8155 or [w6ibc@arrrl.net](mailto:w6ibc@arrrl.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 News-line, the amateur radio community news service.

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



### 10 Meter Net

There will be a net on 10 meters hosted by Joe K6AWA at 8:30pm (new time) following the regular SCRA net Tuesday nights. Set your dial to 28,403.00 SSB, USB. Please note that all license classes (including technician) are welcome.

## 2018 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Check the [Club website](#) for details

Sat., Jan 6 SCRA Planning Meeting

Check back for an event filled 2018!



### 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  
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## Kids Net

Kids Net meets Thursdays at 7:30 pm on the Sonoma Mountain Repeater Society repeater at 146.910 MHz - PL 88.5 Petaluma.

Hosted by Ellen KJ6BHG and Joseph KJ6BHH for kids of all ages. It is focused on kids still in school, but all are welcome. They said to bring jokes to share.

## SCRA Member of the Year

Charlie Sikes KZ6T receiving the 2017 Member of the Year Honor from President Iola KK6HRE at the December Holiday Party.

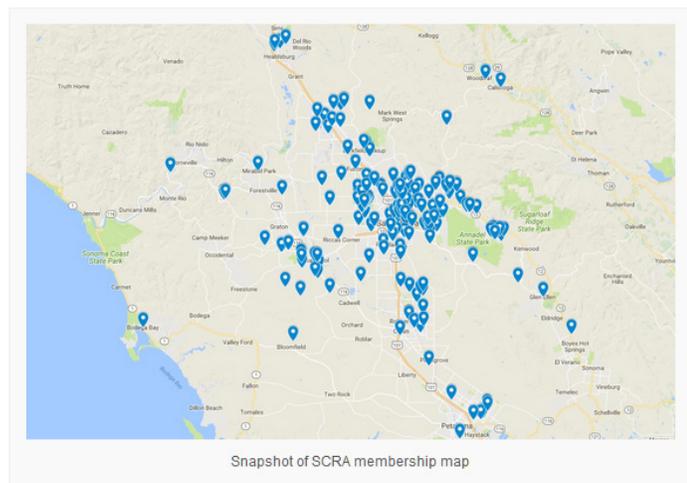
Photo by Dave W6IBC



Membership Map -New website feature  
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## Membership Map

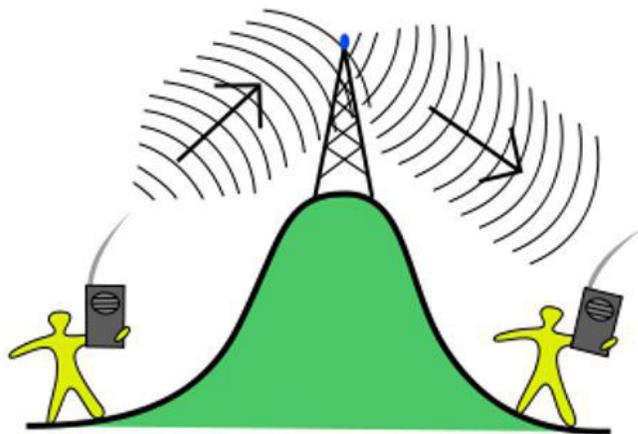
[Click here for an interactive online map of SCRA members.](#)



## Repeater Update

Thanks to the work of valiant Repeater Committee members, we've solved some perplexing problems this month. The terrible noise on the VHF repeater, which was plaguing us intermittently, was discovered to be caused by an elusive, failing, power supply which has been bypassed and will be repaired. In addition, Winlink has been updated with a new Raspberry Pi interface and should be more stable. The previous interface through the Windows computer would mysteriously go off-line and have to be restarted. In addition to work on these issues in their ham shacks, Curt, WA6TIP; Adam, KD6POC and Dave, WA8YWQ, made numerous trips to English Hill during December to make this happen.

Jack, K6ROW





## CONTEST CORNER

Short Skip is reprinting Contest Corral from the ARRL Contest page to give you an idea of what is going on this month. Short Skip is looking for someone to take over this feature. If you are interested please contact [shortskippeditor@gmail.com](mailto:shortskippeditor@gmail.com).

## Contest Corral

## January 2018

Check for updates and a downloadable PDF version online at [www.arrl.org/contests](http://www.arrl.org/contests).

Refer to the contest websites for full rules, scoring information, operating periods or time limits, and log submission information.

Start Date-Time	Finish Date-Time	Bands	Contest Name	Mode	Exchange	Sponsor's Website
1 0000	1 0100	3.5	AGB New Year Snowball Contest	CW Ph Dig	RST, serial, mbr (if any)	<a href="http://www.qsl.net/eu1eu/agn_nysb.htm">www.qsl.net/eu1eu/agn_nysb.htm</a>
1 0800	1 1100	3.5-7	SARTG New Year RTTY Contest	Dig	RST, serial, name, "Happy new year" in native language	<a href="http://sartg.com/contest/nyrules.htm">sartg.com/contest/nyrules.htm</a>
1 0800	7 2000	All	IQRP Quarterly Marathon	CW Ph Dig	RS(T)	<a href="http://www.arimontebelluna.it">www.arimontebelluna.it</a>
1 0900	1 1200	3.5-14	AGCW Happy New Year Contest	CW	RST, serial, mbr (if any)	<a href="http://www.agcw.org/index.php/en">www.agcw.org/index.php/en</a>
1 1400	1 1800	144, 432	AGCW VHF/UHF Contest	CW	RST, serial, power class, 6-char grid	<a href="http://www.agcw.org/index.php/en">www.agcw.org/index.php/en</a>
1 1500	1 1800	3.5-28	QRP ARCI New Years Day Sprint	CW	RST, SPC, mbr or power	<a href="http://www.qrpaci.org/contests">www.qrpaci.org/contests</a>
2 0200	2 0400	3.5-28	ARS Spartan Sprint	CW	RST, SPC, power	<a href="http://arsqrp.blogspot.com">arsqrp.blogspot.com</a>
3 2000	3 2100	3.5	UKEICC 80-Meter Contest	Ph	4-char grid square	<a href="http://www.ukeicc.com">www.ukeicc.com</a>
3 2300	7 2300	1.8-7	AWA Linc Cundall Memorial CW Contest	CW	RST, eqpt year, power	<a href="http://www.antiquewireless.org">www.antiquewireless.org</a>
4 1800	4 2200	28	NRAU 10-Meter Activity Contest	CW Ph Dig	RS(T), 6-char grid square	<a href="http://www.nrau.net">www.nrau.net</a>
6 0000	6 2359	3.5-28	PODXS 070 Club PSKFest	Dig	RST, SPC	<a href="http://www.podxs070.com">www.podxs070.com</a>
6 1200	7 1200	3.5-28	WW PMC Contest	CW Ph	RS(T), PMC abbreviation or CQ zone	<a href="http://www.s59dcd.si">www.s59dcd.si</a>
6 1800	6 2359	3.5-28, 144 repeaters	Kids Day	Ph	Name, age, QTH, favorite color	<a href="http://www.arrl.org/kids-day">www.arrl.org/kids-day</a>
6 1800	7 2359	3.5-28	ARRL RTTY Roundup	Dig	RST, SP or serial	<a href="http://www.arrl.org/rtty-roundup">www.arrl.org/rtty-roundup</a>
6 2000	7 0700	1.8	EUCW 160-Meter Contest	CW	RST, name, mbr or "NM"	<a href="http://www.eucw.org/eu160.html">www.eucw.org/eu160.html</a>
13 0000	13 2359	3.5-28	YB DX Contest	Ph	RS, serial	<a href="http://ybdxcontest.com">ybdxcontest.com</a>
13 0500	13 0900	3.5-28	Old New Year Contest	CW Ph	RST, sum of operator age and years on the air	<a href="http://www.radio.ru">www.radio.ru</a>
13 1200	14 1200	3.5-28	UBA PSK63 Prefix Contest	Dig	RSQ, UBA section or serial	<a href="http://uba.be/en/hi/contest-rules">uba.be/en/hi/contest-rules</a>
13 1200	14 2359	1.8-28-50	SKCC Weekend Sprintathon	CW	RST, SPC, name, mbr or "none"	<a href="http://www.skccgroup.com">www.skccgroup.com</a>
13 1800	14 0559	1.8-28	North American QSO Party, CW	CW	Name, state/DC/province/country	<a href="http://www.ncjweb.com">www.ncjweb.com</a>
14 0630	14 0830	3.5-7	NRAU-Baltic Contest, SSB	Ph	RS, serial, 2-letter region	<a href="http://www.nrau.net">www.nrau.net</a>
14 0900	14 1059	28	DARC 10-Meter Contest	CW Ph	RS(T), serial, DOK (if any)	<a href="http://www.darc.de">www.darc.de</a>
14 0900	14 1100	3.5-7	NRAU-Baltic Contest, CW	CW	RST, serial, 2-letter region	<a href="http://www.nrau.net">www.nrau.net</a>
18 0130	18 0330	3.5-14	NAQCC CW Sprint	CW	RST, SPC, mbr or power	<a href="http://naqcc.info/sprint">naqcc.info/sprint</a>
19 1800	19 2200	3.5-7	LZ Open Contest	CW	3-digit serial, 3-digit serial received from previous QSO	<a href="http://www.lzopen.com">www.lzopen.com</a>
20 1200	21 1159	1.8-28	Hungarian DX Contest	CW Ph	HA: RS(T), 2-letter county or mbr. Non-HA: RS(T) + serial	<a href="http://www.ha-dx.com/HADX">www.ha-dx.com/HADX</a>
20 1800	21 0559	1.8-28	North American QSO Party, SSB	Ph	Name, state/DC/province/country	<a href="http://www.ncjweb.com">www.ncjweb.com</a>
20 1900	21 2300	1.8	WAB 1.8 MHz Phone	Ph	RS, serial, WAB square or country	<a href="http://wab.internip.net">wab.internip.net</a>
20 1900	22 0359	50 and up	ARRL January VHF Contest	CW Ph Dig	4-char grid square	<a href="http://www.arrl.org/january-vhf">www.arrl.org/january-vhf</a>
20 2000	21 0559	1.8-7	Feld Hell Sprint	Dig	RST, mbr, SPC, grid	<a href="http://sites.google.com/site/feldhellclub">sites.google.com/site/feldhellclub</a>
21 1300	24 0800	1.8-144	Classic Exchange, CW	CW	Name, RST, SPC, rcvr/xmtr model	<a href="http://www.classicexchange.org">www.classicexchange.org</a>
22 0200	22 0400	1.8-28	Run for the Bacon QRP Contest	CW	RST, SPC, mbr or power	<a href="http://qrptest.com/pigrun">qrptest.com/pigrun</a>
24 0000	24 0200	1.8-28	SKCC Sprint	CW	RST, SPC, name, mbr or power	<a href="http://www.skccgroup.com">www.skccgroup.com</a>
24 0130	24 0330	1.8	NAQCC CW Sprint	CW	RST, SPC, mbr or power	<a href="http://naqcc.info/sprint">naqcc.info/sprint</a>
26 2200	28 2200	1.8	CQ 160-Meter Contest, CW	CW	RST, SP or CQ zone	<a href="http://www.cq160.com/rules.htm">www.cq160.com/rules.htm</a>
27 0000	27 2359	1.8-432	Montana QSO Party	CW Ph Dig	RS(T), county or SPC	<a href="http://fvarc.org">fvarc.org</a>
27 0600	28 1800	3.5-28	REF Contest, CW	CW	RST, French Department or serial	<a href="http://concours.r-e-f.org">concours.r-e-f.org</a>
27 1200	28 1200	3.5-28	BARTG RTTY Sprint	Dig	Serial	<a href="http://www.bartg.org.uk">www.bartg.org.uk</a>
27 1300	28 1300	3.5-28	UBA DX Contest, SSB	Ph	RST, serial, province (if ON)	<a href="http://uba.be/en/hi/contest-rules">uba.be/en/hi/contest-rules</a>
27 1900	28 1900	All	Winter Field Day	CW Ph Dig	Category, ARRL section (or "DX")	<a href="http://www.winterfieldday.com/rules">www.winterfieldday.com/rules</a>
31 2000	31 2100	3.5	UKEICC 80-Meter Contest	CW	4-char grid square	<a href="http://www.ukeicc.com">www.ukeicc.com</a>

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.hornucopia.com/contestcal](http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal) 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.



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For additional contest calendars and resources check:

[WA7BNM Contest Calendar](#)

[ARRL Contests Page](#)



## Morse Code Decision

Sung to the tune of "Mr. Ed"

**A Morse is a Morse, of course, of course,  
And no one can talk with Morse of course,  
That is, of course, unless the course is taught  
by A-R-R-L.**

**Go right to the source and ask about Morse,  
We'll give you a program that you'll endorse,  
You'll always stay on a steady course,  
Contact A-R-R-L.**

**Phone ops yakkity yak a streak and waste  
your time of day,  
But Morse operators will never "speak" unless  
they have something to say**

**A ham is a ham, of course, of course,  
And some will talk 'til their "voice" is hoarse;  
Would you rather sound like a horse's a--?  
Well why not learn this: "dot-dit-dit-dit-dash"**

**A gem from Joe Shea,  
of the HQ's Production staff  
via Rich Freitas KF6SZA**

Reprinted from December 2007 Short Skip

## Brook Haven School now has an amateur radio station.

Jim WA6QBU, Gary KM6CPU, Darryl KI6MSP Mike W6CHU, made equipment donations to the BHS amateur radio station. There has been a lot of interest and curiosity about the amateur radio station.

The station went on the air on November 5th. Currently there have been eight students that have consistently made contacts. Some of the contacts were made in:

Texas, Virginia and Colorado. One student had a contact in Calgary, Canada.

Several other contacts have been made as well.

BHS is a 5th-8th grade Middle school. I also have five students that are interested in getting their technician license. I'll be teaching the class on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 1500-1600. Anyone that would like to assist me with teaching this class is welcome. I don't have a start date yet.

I'm also in process of starting a club at the school. This will allow us to get a school station license.

If you're interested in being in the club to further the school amateur radio station, let me know.

This is a very unique opportunity for SCRA, and it's members to participate in the inaugural of the BHS amateur radio club/station.

Happy New Year to all!

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## Minutes SCRA Board of Directors Meeting December 13, 2017

The December 2017 Board of Directors regular meeting was called to order by President Iola KK6HRE at 6:00 PM at IHOP restaurant, 2745 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Santa Rosa CA. SCRA Board members present included President Iola KK6HRE, Vice President Joe K6AWA, Director John KE5RI, Secretary Kathy K6KDW, Director Laura AG6PE, Past President Pat KG6JSL, and Treasurer Aaron KK6ZDB. A quorum of Officers and Directors were present. Other SCRA members in attendance included Brian N6IYY, Charlie KZ6T, Jeff KI6PBF, Darryl K6MSP, Dan KK6VIQ, Fred AE6SF, Steve KK6VMZ, Bill KM6BYD, and Simone Marroquin.

Minutes of the November 2017 Board Meeting were approved on motion by Pat KG6JSL, and seconded by John KE5RI. Motion passed.

**Under Officer and Director Reports**, there were no reports.

**Under Committee Reports and Business**, Membership Committee Chair Karen K6KSM forwarded information that renewals are going well. We now have 183 members,

**Merchandise Committee** Chair Dan KK6VIQ reported the following for 2017:

Total Merchandise Income	\$1,403.00
Total of Merchandise Purchases	\$2,275.27
Value of Stock On-Hand	\$2,404.00

**Program Committee** Chair John KE5RI announced the program for January 2018 will be Emergency Preparedness.

**Repeater Committee** member Charlie KZ6T announced the next Repeater Committee meeting will be held at 7:00pm on December 14, 2017 at 200 E Street, Santa Rosa CA. He also reported the 2018 NARC annual fee of \$20 has been paid.

Radio Loanout Program received the following donations from the estate of member Philip Kenny K6AXY:

Yaesu 991 VHF/UHF/HF  
KX3 QRP  
Rig Master Antenna  
Two MFT 259s  
Bencher Paddle Key

The donated equipment will be good for demonstrations at Field Day. The KX3 QRP would be good for mountain topping.

### **Under Unfinished Business,**

**Holiday Dinner** – Iola KK6HRE reported that 55 members and guests had a great time. She submitted receipts for food and gifts to the Treasurer for reimbursement.

**Letter to Fire Victims** – Iola KK6HRE sent a letter to the six affected club members offering free Holiday dinner tickets and free membership for 2018, Two members responded. One member accepted both dinner and membership offer and the other member accepted the membership offer.

**Coax Cable** - Charlie K6ZT reported the 100 feet of new cable has arrived. He will dispose of any old non-usable cable.

### **Under New Business,**

**Incoming Officers for 2018** – The Board of Directors were introduced:

President	John Felton.
KE5RI	
Vice President	Joe Fortuna,
K6AWA	
Treasurer	Aaron
Marroquin, KK6ZDB	
Secretary	Steve Bouchard,
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Immediate Past President	Iola Beckley,
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AE6SF	
Director	Jeff Tonelli,
KI6PBF	

**Planning Meeting for 2018** - The Planning Meeting will be held from 9:30am to 2pm on Saturday January 6, 2018. The location will be Rincon Valley Mobile Estates Clubhouse located at 4671 Circle Drive, Santa Rosa, CA.

**Website** – Website Manager Dave, KI6UGB reported that the Sign-Up Sheet Plugin we are using is a free add-on. The version we are using is also very old and cannot be updated without setting it up from scratch with the new version. This version does not allow editing of the category names.

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There is a “Pro” version of this plugin that adds many features including the ability to edit all labels and names. The cost is a flat \$9.95. He would like to upgrade to this version after the Holiday Party. Pat KG6JSL made the motion with Kathy K6KDW seconding that the Club purchase the “Pro” version for \$9.95. Motion passed.

**Database Committee** - A database committee was formed to look at the software the club uses to track membership administration. The members of the committee are Fred Seitel AE6SF, Charlie Sikes KZ6T, Bill Dornbush KM6BYD, and Dan Drummond KK6VIQ. A meeting will be scheduled sometime in January 2018.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:06 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathy Wells K6KDW  
Secretary



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