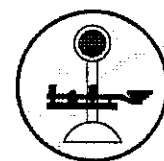


SCRA INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENT

BEGINNING BALANCE	
Checking	2500.18
Petty Cash	79.49
Savings	948.36
TOTAL	\$3,528.03
INCOME	
ARRL	76.00
DUES:	
INITIATION	11.00
DUES-Other	30.00
FIELD DAY	10.00
MONTHLY RAFFLE	48.25
REFRESHMENT	29.30
SHORTSKIP	192.00
TOTAL	396.55

EXPENSES	
ACTIVITIES:	
FIELD DAY	385.10
ARRL MEMBERSHIP	60.00
OVERHEAD:	
REFRESHMENTS	20.00
REPEATER:	
PHONE	43.46
SHORTSKIP EXP	90.46
TOTAL EXPENSES	599.02
OVERALL TOTAL	-202.47

BALANCE	
Checking	2297.16
Petty Cash	80.04
Savings	948.36
TOTAL	\$3,325.56



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W6LFJ

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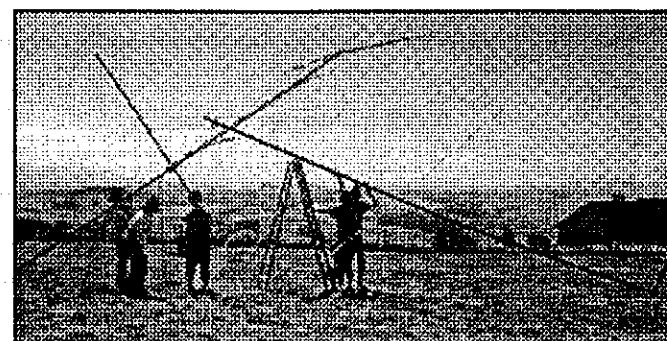
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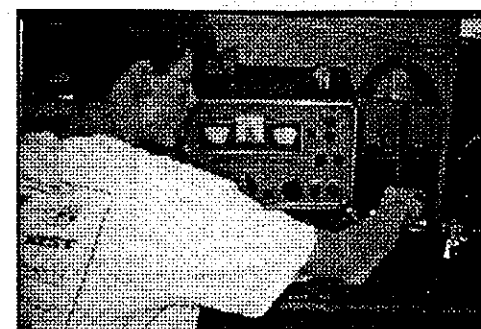
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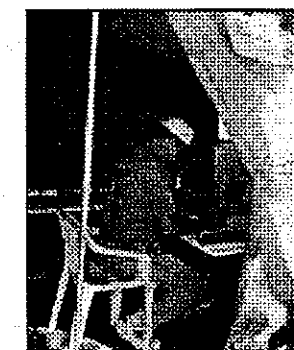
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Next Meeting: August 6

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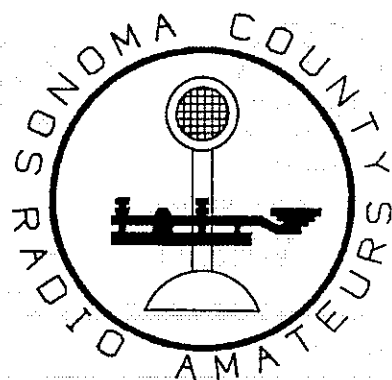
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Club Meetings

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

TUESDAY NIGHT NET

Check into the Tuesday night SCRA net on the 146.73 repeater at 7PM. You will hear the latest Amateur Radio Newline broadcasts, announcements of SCRA activities and a Swap Shop.

SCRA HOTLINE 707-579-9608
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Next Meeting: August 6

We invite you to attend our next monthly meeting (see below). 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.

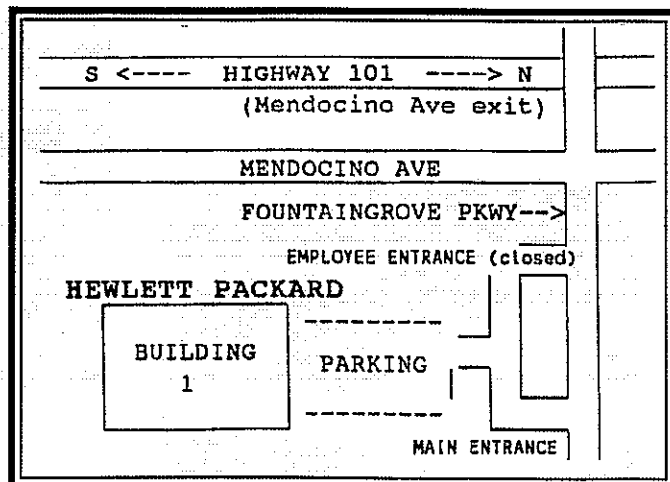
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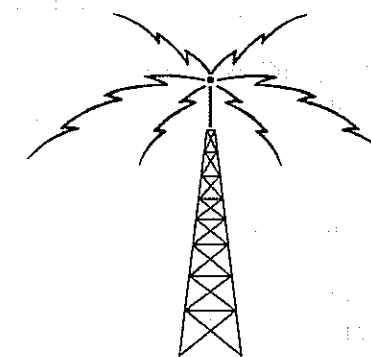
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Application for membership in SCRA

Name _____ Callsign _____ License Class _____
Address _____ Phone _____ Date _____
City _____ ZIP _____ E-mail _____ () New () Renewal

SCRA Dues: The renewal date for SCRA dues is March 1st. Dues are \$18/year for individual and \$27/year for families. The new member initiation (badge) fee is \$6/person. Dues for new members only are prorated at \$1.50/month for individuals and \$2.25/month for families, starting at renewal time.
ARRL dues: \$31/year, \$25 over 65 with proof of age. (Under 21 rates require application form).

Make checks payable to SCRA

I WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION ABOUT:

- Public Service Events
- RACES or ARES Emergency Services
- Taking a Novice or Technician class
- Teaching a Novice or Technician class
- Taking an upgrade class
- Teaching an upgrade class
- Helping with SCRA Flea Market
- Acting as club Net Control Station
- Helping with VEC license exams
- Field day, other operating events
- Helping with *Short Skip* Newsletter
- Other _____

SCRA Dues:

Individual \$18, Family \$27 + _____
Initiation fee \$6.00 + _____
Prorate discount _____ X _____ - _____
(# months) (rate)

ARRL Dues:

\$31 or \$25 if over 65 + _____
Additional donation to SCRA: + _____
Total dues: _____

Name Badge Information (new members)

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

Callsign _____ First Name _____

City _____

AUTOSLOT REQUEST: Licensed SCRA members are entitled to a repeater autoslot. Fill in the information below to apply. (Please do not call Kelly KD6CJQ for autoslot requests).

Phone Number: _____ Is this your home phone? () Yes () No

Hank's Swap Shop

Currently hosted by Ken Harrison, N6MHG
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Sellers: Please let me know when your items have sold!

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Kenwood TM-732A 2m/440 Mobile. Has detachable head and comes with the following: Remote cable kit, 2m/440 Duplexer, CTCSS decode unit, Owner's manual. \$375. Contact Jim, KD6VZP @ 408-974-1431 (days), 408-866-6587 (eves) or email: john.jim@apple.com

Radio Shack HTX-202 2m HT. RF Limited brand 35 watt 2m amplifier, Speaker/mic, waterproof carry bag, extendable antenna, alkaline pack, nicad charger. \$250 package deal. Contact Leland, WA6DFA @ 707-942-9076 or email: WA6DFA@aol.com

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Yaesu FT-767GX HF Transceiver with: 2 Meter module (Model FE767-2), CTCSS unit (Model FTS-8), MDI Desk Mic, Speaker / Phone Patch (Model SP767P), Operating manual, Service manual. Looks and works like new! \$1500. Contact Joe, KM6TN @ 707-578-5824

Standard C108A Mini 2M HT. Brand new in box. \$190. Contact Steve, AC6FR @ 707-664-8199 or email: onines@juno.com

WANTED

Kantronics KPC-3 TNC. Contact Mark, KF6JCK @ 707-568-7442

1.2 GHz module, UT-1200, for Kenwood TM-741/742, etc.; 1.2 GHz gain vertical antenna (can be multiband); 1.2 GHz beam. Contact Ian, K6SDE @ 408-741-2417 or email: ian_webb@pacbell.net

UPDATES & CORRECTIONS

CALLSIGN	L	NAME	ADDRESS	CITY	ST	ZIP
K0MQT	A	MELVIN	GROW 451 WOODLEY PLACE	SANTA ROSA	CA	95409 538-3867
WB2CHO	A	CHOD	HARRIS 3201 FRANZ VALLEY RD	SANTA ROSA	CA	95404 528-2198
KD6BOF	T	GARY	PRICE 8212 WINDMILL FARM DR.	COTATI	CA	94931 795-9338
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KF6KMC	T	MIKE	THOMPSON 1412 JONIVE	SEBASTOPOL	CA	96472 874-3766

JOHN WALLACK, W6TLK

June 27, 1997

Fellow Radio Amateurs:

The purpose of this letter is to let you know that I am running for the position of ARRL Section Manager in the San Francisco Section and to respond to an accusation made by my opponent.

I often said during the nearly two terms that I served in that position that the job of Section Manager was not worth campaigning for. However, it is definitely important to do a good job in serving all of the ARRL members and all the 14 Affiliated Clubs in the SF Section. That means visiting all of the clubs on a regular basis and writing an informative Section News column in QST. I have had many requests from hams throughout the San Francisco Section to once again serve as Section Manager. Therefore, I have decided to volunteer for that position, if you the ARRL members desire.

My opponent has made the accusation that I did not support the Official Observer program of the ARRL Field Organization when I was Section Manager. I want to set the record straight and present the facts. These are facts that are known by the ARRL, the FCC and several Official Observers both in the San Francisco and East Bay Sections.

I was the first Section Manager in the San Francisco Section to be asked by the local field office of the Federal Communications Commission to sign a Letter of Intent. This was a written agreement and not a binding contract. The agreement basically consisted of two parts. The first was that the Amateur Auxiliary, the FCC's term for Official Observers, would monitor and document infractions to Part 97, the Amateur Radio rules and regulations. The OO's would then provide a friendly reminder to the offending ham to comply with our rules. If that did not work and the violations continued the second part of the agreement was supposed to take effect. At that point the Official Observer Coordinator and/or the Section Manager would send the monitoring information to the local FCC field office. According to the agreement, the FCC was responsible for following up and enforcing the regulations. Official Observers monitored and documented and the FCC's responsibility was enforcement. That was how the program was supposed to work.

The problem I had was not with the volunteer Official Observers. It was with the consistent lack of enforcement by the FCC. Only half of the program worked. This was after repeated requests and pleas for help to the FCC. The response I always received was that there was a serious lack of resources for enforcing Amateur Radio regulations. In meetings with FCC representatives, we Section Managers were told that Amateur Radio ranked at the bottom of the FCC's priority list. The FCC viewed us as just a hobby radio

service. Therefore, I reluctantly and gradually came to the conclusion that the Official Observer program was unfortunately not worthy of my support if the program lacked serious enforcement by the FCC.

I appointed and worked with several excellent and dedicated Official Observers who contributed a lot of time in serious monitoring activities. In several cases, OO's and their families were threatened and physically attacked by people they were monitoring. The concept of the Official Observer program was and still is excellent and has many outstanding volunteers. Hopefully, it can be made to work well with proper enforcement by the FCC.

I hope this clarifies the issues surrounding the Official Observer program. I want to thank my opponent for bringing this issue to our attention. It is an important and serious program worthy of our support if all the parties involved contribute the serious effort it deserves.

Finally, I want to thank all those who are supporting me for Section Manager. This is the first election for this position in the San Francisco Section in a very long time, perhaps the first time. I would appreciate your vote. I guess I'm campaigning after all.

Respectfully and 73,
John Wallack W6TLK, PO Box 1115, Kenwood, CA 95452
707-833-1873 jwallack@juno.com

Paul R. Mc Quilkin, father of BobWB6TGI, passed away in the early morning, June 21st. He was the son of Milford Mc Quilkin, W6BBL (SK), the father of Robert C. Mc Quilkin, WB6TGI, and the grandfather to Becky Mc Quilkin, KE6PZV, and grandfather to Robby Mc Quilkin, KE6QHT.

Paul, who was a WWII veteran fighter pilot, never got his amateur radio license. He did, however, derive pleasure from seeing the rest of his family enjoy the hobby.

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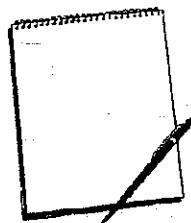
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SCRA MINUTES

July 2, 1997

Submitted by
Jen Dewey KF6DDQ



The June 1997 meeting was called to order by Vice President Rick Reiner K6ZWB at 7:35 PM at HP Fountain Grove. President KV6A was married last Friday and is on his honeymoon in Italy. Other officers present were: Treasurer Joel Nadler KJ6LF, Members-at-Large Claude Jones AB6OL and Bill Hillendahl KH6GJV, Repeater Chairman Kelly Cureton KD6CJQ, Activities Chairman, Dave Willey KD6KWM and Public Service Chairman Marie Mappus KI6QY.

Visitors/New Members: There were 5 visitors present.

The minutes for the July meeting were approved as published in Short Skip.

The Treasurers report by Joel Nadler KJ6LF is as published in Short Skip. Renew ARRL memberships through the club & the club receives \$2/renewal, \$5/new member. Send check (made out to SCRA) plus renewal form to SCRA PO box.

Activities Committee Report by Dave KD6KWM: Dave promoted the monthly foxhunts, as always the 3rd Sat of the month. Check on 6.73 for more information on the morning of the hunts.

Larry KD6VUM reports Alcatraz dates are July 26-27. Cost \$25 per person plus personal expenses. Call will be W6LFJ.

Education: no classes scheduled.

Public Service Committee Report by John WB6FRZ: Sign-up sheets for Harvest Century July 19, Vinemans July 26.

VE Exams: Bill KO6ZG announced upcoming exam session at HP July 12 9AM to noon. Need VE slots filled. Phone number in Short Skip.

Repeater Committee Report by Kelly KD6CJQ

Antennas: Lee KE6EAQ reported he was the only ham at the city meeting. City building department added restrictive requirements to ordinance. Need to start a letter campaign to city council.

Field Day: Rick K6ZWB reports attendance was down. Windy but great radio location & incredible view.

Remote transmitter in Sebastopol is up & running.

Michael N6WRM is operating again with a new handheld donated by a group of hams. He is very grateful. He was able to attend Field Day. It was proposed to give Michael a years membership to SCRA & a badge. Moved/seconded & passed.

The program for the evening was about the USS Pampanito SS383, the World War II submarine docked at Pier 45 in San Francisco. Presented by Joe KM6TN.

Net control: July, Gene KF6IKH. August, Ed KF6HAB.

Prizes for the raffle were provided by Radio Shack, ARDCO and HSC. Please patronize these fine establishments to show our thanks for this support.

The meeting was adjourned at about 9:35 PM.

Board Meeting Minutes

July 9, 1997



The July 1997 Minutes of the Sonoma County Radio Amateurs board meeting held at the Bank of the West on Marlow Rd. Members of the board present were: President, Steve KV6A; Vice President, Rick K6ZWB; Secretary, Steven KD6CJR; Treasurer, Joel KJ6LF; Members-at-large, Claude AB6OL and Bill KH6GJV; Repeater Chairman, Kelly KD6CJQ; Activities Chairman, Dave KD6KWM and Public Service Chairman Marie KI6QY. There were also 5 other SCRA members present. The meeting was called to order at 6 PM by President Steve KV6A.

Steve KV6A: What does the club want out of field day? This will be an item of business for the next couple of months to start planning for next year. English Hill is one heck of a operating sight.

Steve KD6CJR: Read portions of a letter from Tracy WB6TMY soliciting support for his remote transmitter site. Bill KH6GJV motioned that the club support and promote the activity but not allow use of any club call sign while operating the machine. Joel KJ6LF seconded. Passed unanimous.

A letter from John W6TLK was also read. He solicits the support of club members in his Section Manager bid. He also wrote to clarify his position on some matters that his opponent has mentioned in his correspondence. Dave KD6KWM moved that the board support John. Rick K6ZWB seconded. Discussion centered around whether the club should be involved in such political matters. Motion withdrawn. KJ6LF moved to invite each candidate to a future club meeting to discuss their viewpoints. KD6KWM seconded. Passed unanimous. Steve KV6A will make the arrangements.

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Bill KH6GJV: If a formal NET is going to be run for ANY reason it would help if the group would get the repeater put into net mode before the NET starts. This would facilitate users knowing without having to be chased away. Prior notification of the board or repeater chairman would help.

Dave KD6KWM: Suggested an emergency DX pedition. Foxhunts still going each month on the third Sat. Asked about an Elmer list that was generated a couple of years ago. It was suggested that he contact Kathy Mahan.

Education-Several classes with enough interest to get a class organized, just need someone to mentor/moderate it.

Marie KI6QY: 36 operators are needed for the Vineman only 14 signed up. Weekend of the Alcatraz trip impacting.

Larry KD6VUM: 32 signed up for the Alcatraz trip. Extra money will be used to fund food and other supplies needed for the trip

Respectfully submitted by Steven Feil, KD6CJR, Secretary.

ANTENNA ORDINANCE PUBLIC HEARING

August 12, 1997, 5:00PM

This is a notice to all hams. YES, it does concern you, even if you do not live in Santa Rosa.

Lee Dibble called and provided the following information:

The antenna ordinance is scheduled for a public hearing on August 12, 1997, at or about 5:00PM. It is critically important that everyone mark their calendars and attend with name badges (no squawking handhelds).

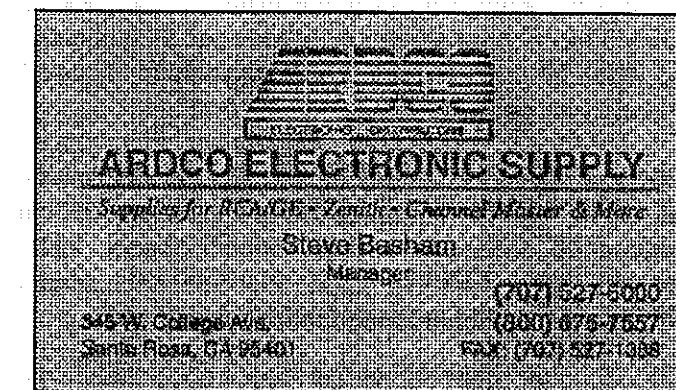
At the SCRA meeting, the concept of a sample letter for hams to use was discussed. Some individuals thought that "form" letters would have no impact. I spoke with a political lobbyist in Sacramento that I work with on California Apartment Association matters. He stated that while individual letters are the best, sample "form" letters are also VERY IMPORTANT. He said that politicians do recognize that people who take the time just to copy and add their name, address and signature to a form letter are just as sincere as those who draft their own letter from scratch. Of course, individuals certainly may modify the form letter to express their own experience and views. So, let's not dismiss the form letter concept. It may help those of use who are more literarily challenged.

The city's web site is: www.santa-rosa.ci.ca.us. The city's e-mail is through the public affairs person, Pat Fruitt: pfriitt@netdex.com
Address e-mail to the city council. Pat will send it on.

I will HELP with a sample letter, BUT, I need others to provide the "factual" information.

This is an important issue. The city has adopted a far more restrictive role in this issue than any other city or the county on antennas. If we snooze, we lose!

Bill KH6GJV



STOLEN RADIO!

I am reporting a radio which was stolen from my vehicle in Boyes Springs on July 3, 1997. It was a Radio Shack HTX-204 dual band HT. Unfortunately, I don't have the serial #. I had only recently purchased the radio and hadn't settled in and got around to writing it down. I actually never even got to use the darn thing! My callsign, KF6HGA, is displayed whenever the unit is turned on.

It was still in the box with all the accessories and manual when it was stolen. I'm keeping my hopes up for its return, though. If it was or is going to be sold in the Sonoma County area, I think I've got a chance at recovering it.

Please advise me via email on any other organizations I can contact to report this. I just recently moved back to Sonoma County after a 16 year absence and do not have either a telephone or a ham rig to communicate with. Can you believe I was only back in town for three days when my camper was burglarized? Welcome home, huh?

Hope to meet and talk with you soon.
Shane Mullen, PO box 308, Glen Ellen, Ca 95442
COBRA29ST@aol.com