

**SCRA INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENT as of 11/16/97**

**BEGINNING BALANCE**

Checking .....	978.43
Petty Cash .....	79.72
Savings .....	2953.71
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$4011.86</b>

**INCOME**


Dues:	
Initiation .....	6.00
Other .....	34.50
Interest .....	4.82
KZST .....	50.00
Monthly Raffle .....	45.00
Short Skip .....	192.00
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>332.32</b>

**EXPENSES**

SCRAPS .....	97.98
ARRL Membership .....	120.00
KZST Books .....	180.00
Awards .....	51.37
Newsline Phone .....	19.66
ARRL Insurance .....	327.00
Officers' Expense .....	33.22
Repeater Maintenance .....	406.12
Repeater Phone .....	16.54
Short Skip .....	109.01
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>1360.90</b>

**BALANCE**

Checking .....	-57.97
Petty Cash .....	82.72
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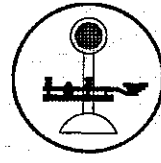
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**Next Meeting: December 3  
 Christmas Dinner at  
 Sweetriver Saloon**

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**W6SON**

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December 1997

## SCRA Christmas Dinner

Wednesday, December 3

Sweetriver Saloon - Coddingtontown

No Host Cocktails 7:00 / Election 7:30 / Dinner 8:00

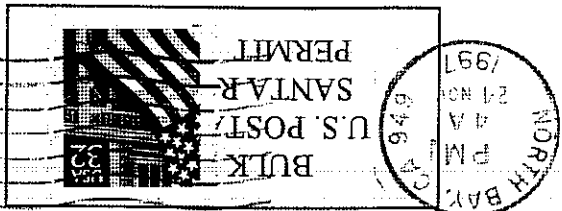
The SCRA Christmas dinner this year will be at Sweetriver Saloon located in the Coddingtontown Center. The date for the dinner will be December 3, 1997, which is the first Wednesday of the month. The cost for the dinner will be \$16.00 which includes tax and tip, coffee or tea. There will be a choice of dinners to pick from. The choices will be:

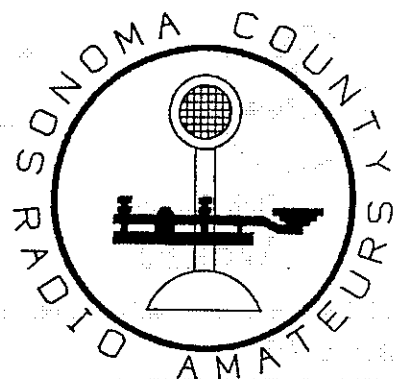
- Shrimp or Chicken Stir Fry
- Steak and prawns
- Prime Rib (10 oz)

There will also be a vegetarian selection: Gardenburger

Call or email Joel W6LFJ if you are planning on attending: joel@cdst.net

*Season's Greetings*





**Club Meetings**

7:30 pm on the 1st Wednesday each month at the Hewlett-Packard plant in Santa Rosa - except November & December meetings. (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.

**OFFICERS FOR 1997**

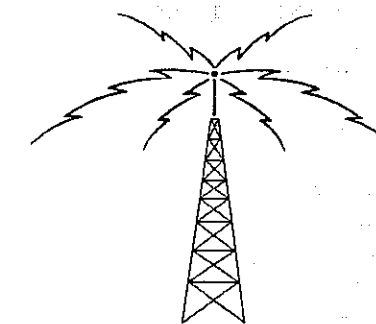
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SECRETARY:		vacant	
TREASURER:	Joel Nadler	KJ6LF	545-1782
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REPEATER:	Kelly Cureton	KD6CJQ	837-9434
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	Laurel Meyer	KC6FKX	
	Bob Phillips	N6RMW	
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Membership lottery	James Cureton	KD6GSF	
Packet BBS	Jim Andrews	KC6PJW	795-2163
Fox Hunt	Dave Willey	KD6KWM	577-0191



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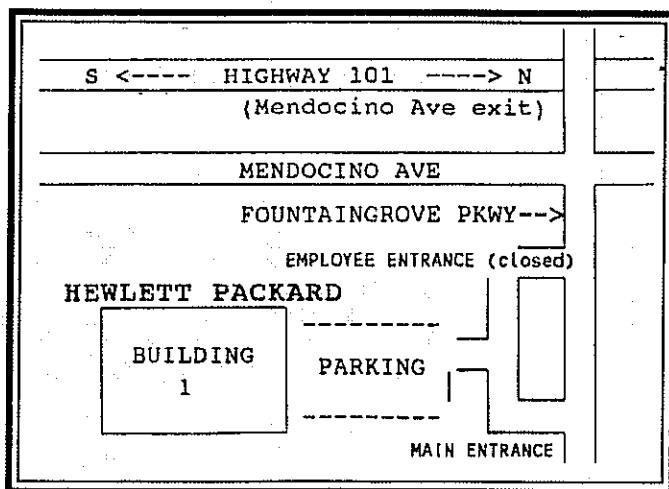
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**Next Meeting: December 3**  
**Location: Sweetriver Saloon**

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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**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.  
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- ( ) RACES or ARES Emergency Services
- ( ) Taking a Novice or Technician class
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- ( ) 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 + \_\_\_\_\_  
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 (# 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 \_\_\_\_\_  
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**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



In memory of Hank, Hank's Swap Shop will be closed this issue.

### ARRL Radio Coaches Program to Enhance Elmering

Over the years in the pages of QST, countless letters and articles have been written about Elmers, those patient, inspired souls who thoroughly enjoy bringing newcomers into the world of Amateur Radio. Now, the ARRL's new Radio Coaches program takes Elmering to new levels. Through the Radio Coaches program, you and your fellow club members can become part of a national effort to better the lives of youth using Amateur Radio. And ARRL will provide the game plan and materials!

Radio Coaches stems from the kickoff of America's Promise, the Alliance for Youth, a national campaign to improve the lives of the nation's young people and put them on paths for brighter, more productive futures.

The mission will be to give young people an ongoing relationship with a caring adult and a marketable skill through effective education. Amateur Radio will be our chief tool.

Through Radio Coaches, we want to reinforce the idea that Amateur Radio is a "sport for the brain." Ham radio provides not only a lifetime of enjoyment, but also, potentially, a lifetime career.

To get involved contact Radio Coaches, c/o Field Services Department, ARRL, 225 Main St., Newington CT, 06111; or e-mail coaches@arrl.org. Thanks.

### Call for New Ham Classes

If you will let me know when and where classes are to be taught within the Pacific Division, I plan to post the class information on the Pacific Division WWW site. I will also make certain that they are registered with Education Activities Dept. (EAD) at ARRL HQ. Training materials of all kinds are available from EAD in ARRL HQ. Let's start out 1998 with a large group of new ham classes!

ARRL Letter, Nov. 14, 1997

### ARRL/VEC test fee to rise

The ARRL/VEC test fee will be \$6.35 in 1998--up from \$6.25 in 1997. The announcement follows this week's FCC Public Notice announcing a 2.2% increase in the maximum fee reimbursement, to \$6.39. Volunteer Examiners (VEs) and Volunteer Examiner coordinators (VECs) may charge examinees for out-of-pocket expenses incurred in preparing, processing, administering, or coordinating examinations for amateur operator licenses. The amount of any such reimbursement fee from any one examinee for any one examination session, regardless of the number of elements administered, must not exceed the maximum allowable fee.

Bart Jahnke, W9JJ ARRL/VEC

**On the home front**, if you are interested in sharing your particular area of expertise be sure to talk to Dave KD6KWM. He is compiling an Elmers List to help those new to the hobby find the answers they need.

**Got a little class? Teach a little class.** We're always looking for someone willing to moderate or teach a class on a variety of subjects. This could involve as little as turning on a tape & handing out papers. Reach out and touch someone. Contact Greg AC6VJ for more information.

**FOX HUNT!** Don't forget, there is usually a fox hunt held on the third Saturday of the month, meeting at 9:00 a.m. in the Piner High School parking lot on Fulton Road. Contact Dave KD6KWM for details, or just show up.

### ELECTIONS

At last month's election meeting a quorum of members was not reached, so the election was not held. For this reason we will have a *SHORT* business meeting at the beginning of the December Christmas dinner meeting. If you can't come for the dinner, at least stop by to vote. Sweetriver Saloon, Coddington Center. 7:30 p.m. SHARP!

## SCRA MINUTES

November 5, 1997

Submitted by Rick K6ZWB



7:30 Meeting was brought to order by President Steve KV6A

Thanks was expressed to Andrew for finding a temporary meeting place (Farm House Inn, River Road). 1 visitor present-Denise Harrison (Mrs. Ken, N6MHG). There were no new licences or upgrades announced. President Steve explained that we need to have a quorum of 51 members to hold elections and vote on Bill's (KH66VV) proposed change's to the club constitution (We missed by 6 of having a quorum). Elections and constitution voting will be deferred to the Dec. meeting & Christmas dinner.

Dave, KD6KWM announced upcoming fox hunts and reminded everyone present of the Christmas meeting and party is to be held at Sweet River Saloon in Coddington. Dave also reminded us of an open house at W2AIR at the USC6 at Petaluma.

Tracy, WB6TMY, reminded all of the 80 meter CW transmitter available for member use.

Greg, AC6VJ, stated we have a number of prospective students, but no instructors or facilitators are coming forward. Our previously successful education seems to be dying a cold death-In response, Dave, KD6KWM said he is willing to moderate CW practice sessions and Jim, KE6UAR, is willing to help with a general class group.

Dave again presented the mentor list. He would like to have mentors posted on the club page.

Repeater chain, Kelly, KD6CVQ report repeaters are working up to par and recent improvements are as good as expected.

Greg, KE6FXV, volunteered to be net control for December.

Lee, KE6EAQ, says nothing new regarding Santa Rosa antenna ordinances.

Darlene, KD6GCK gave a brief summation on current ACS activities such as recent tests, area facilities, tours of emergency operating locations during floods or earth quakes.

Jim, KE6UAR announced the upcoming Ham World Convention in Reno this coming February 27-28 & March 1.

KD2LQ told about a current solar flare that could present a possible lower states aroua.

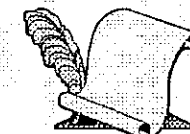
After break new officer candidates were introduced and each gave a brief bio their career in ham radio and why they would like to be more active with SCRA and hold office During the 1998 term.

Fred, N6YEU was the lucky winner of the monthly lotto, grand amount of \$12.00 in misc change, congratulations Fred

## Board Meeting Minutes

November 12, 1997

Submitted by Joel KJ6LF



The board meeting, held at the Bank of the West meeting room, was called to order by President Steve, KV6A, at 5:30 P. M. on November 12, 1997. Board members present were, KV6A, K6ZWB, KJ6LF, KH6GJV, KD6CJQ, AB6OL, KI6QY, KD6KWM. There was one visitor.

KH6GJV told us that Two Rock Coast Guard station ham shack is now closed. The trustee of the ham shack received a letter from the commanding officer of the base that day to close the shack immediately.

KJ6LF discussed the idea of having the board call the member of the club to find out how many to expect at the upcoming X-Mas dinner. It was decided that the board members will call the current membership. Discussion followed about the December meeting. The Constitution and By-laws of the club call for the December meeting to not be a regular meeting. As there was not a quorum at the November regular meeting elections will have to be at the X-Mas dinner in December. This will be the only official business to be held at this meeting. The change to the constitution will be carried over to the January meeting.

KV6A asked KD6CJQ to contact the awards distributor to get the awards for the X-Mas dinner, and asked that KD6CJR write a letter to the Farmhouse Restaurant to thank them for letting us use the facilities for our regular meeting this month.

K6ZWB brought an envelope from KD6CJR with the sales of KZST books for this year. We made a profit of \$120 this year. Thanks go to KD6CJR for getting the work done on this project.

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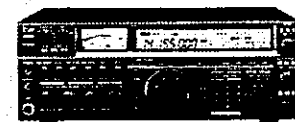
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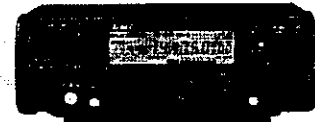
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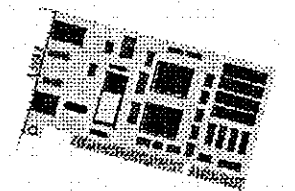
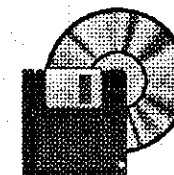
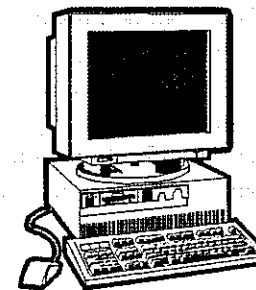
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