


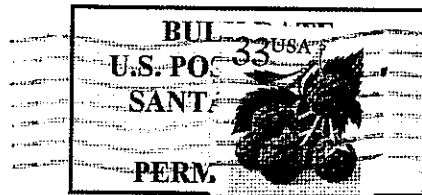
Coming Events

May

- 1st SCRA 'SCRAPS' Event - Wine Country Century 
- 5th SCRA Club Meeting 7.30pm - Hewlett Packard 1400 Fountain Grove Parkway, Santa Rosa
- 8th SCRA Fox Hunt 9.00am - Piner High School, Fulton Rd, Santa Rosa
- 12th SCRA Board Meeting 5.30pm - Bank Of The West Community Room, Marlow Shopping Center, Santa Rosa
- 15th SMRS VE Exam 5.00pm Petaluma Senior Citizen Center TALK-IN 146.910 RPT

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Repeater Station
W6SON

146.730 MHz ● 224.48 MHz ● 441.375 MHz

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CINCINNATI HAMS RESPOND AS TORNADO STRIKES

The Cincinnati Section SKYWARN Weather Amateur Radio Net was in operation April 9 when a killer tornado struck the Blue Ash/Montgomery area of the city around 6 AM. Six people died as a result of the storm, which caused heavy damage and power outages. WARN, with its W8NWS net control site at WLW radio, quickly reported weather conditions and damage as it occurred and alerted police and emergency crews.

As a result, WARN Public Information Officer and ARRL PIO Michael Nie, KB8VMX, ended up as the live lead story on the 6 o'clock news on April 15 on Cincinnati's WKRC-TV Channel 12. The station's Chief Meteorologist, Tim Hedrick, interviewed Nie live on the value of severe weather spotters and especially ham radio spotters.

"I was shocked," said Nie. "All the press releases and business cards finally paid off." During the interview, Nie told how two local spotters used Amateur Radio to relay the first reports of a tornado on the ground, as they dove for cover in a ditch. Despite the close call, the spotters were not injured.

The Queen City Emergency Net provided communication support on VHF with operators at various emergency operating centers, command posts, shelters, and disaster relief agency headquarters. QCEN is affiliated with the Cincinnati Red Cross and typically provides damage assessment and communication support for the agency. The storm also affected parts of Indiana and Kentucky.--Fred Stone, W8LLY; Mike Nie, KB8VMX

EMERGENCY EFFORT GETS NATIONAL TV COVERAGE

An effort to obtain health-and-welfare information via Amateur Radio from Yugoslavia war zone got some national media attention recently. Thanks to efforts by the ARRL, Diane Ortiz, K2DO, and Stephan Anderman, K2SMA, a TV news crew from Fox News Channel spent about two hours April 10 at the Long Island home of Mid-Island Amateur Radio Club President Mike Christopher KG2M, where this operation is taking place. A three-minute feature aired the following day on FNC.

On April 9, Christopher, who's also ARRL New York-Long Island Section Bulletin Manager, activated MIARC's International Emergency Assistance Unit for the purpose of passing health-and-welfare traffic from refugees in the Yugoslavia war zone to family and loved ones in the United States. This is being accomplished with the help of Drago, T94GB, in Bosnia-Herzegovina, the only country in the Balkans with which the US has a third-party traffic agreement. T94GB will be QRV daily on 80 meters with the war zone and refugee areas, gathering health and welfare traffic, then passing that to the IEAU on 15 meter SSB for forwarding to the National Traffic System.--The Hudson Loop via Mike Grant, N2OX

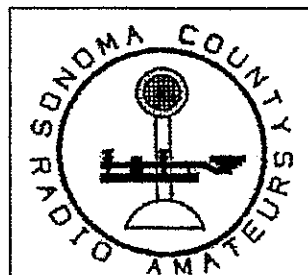
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1999 Club Officers

PRESIDENT	Larry Gustafson	KD6VUM	523-0266
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	Laurel Meyer	KC6FKX	
	Bob Phillips	N6RMW	
	Ken Harrison	N6MHG	
SWAP SHOP EDITOR	Ken Harrison	N6MHG	
SCRA Webmaster	Ken Harrison	N6MHG	
Assistant Webmaster	Claude Jones	AB6OL	



CLUB MEETINGS

7:30pm on the first Wednesday of each month at the Hewlett-Packard plant in SANTA ROSA. See map below.

ALL ARE WELCOME!!

We invite you to attend our next monthly meeting. 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.

Next Meeting: May 5th
7:30pm
Beginning Contesting

SCRA HOTLINE: 707-579-9608
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 Short Skip On-line: <http://cds1.net/shortskip>

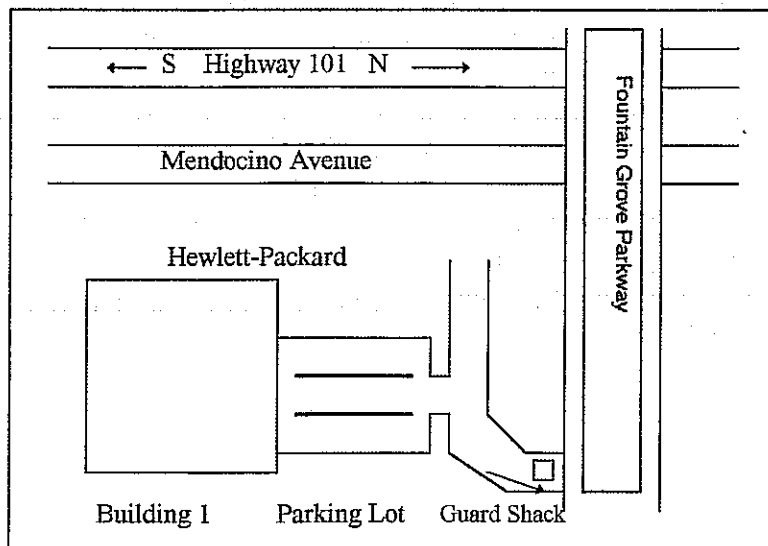
Tuesday Night Net

Check into the Tuesday Night SCRA net on the 146.73 repeater at 7:00pm. Announcements of upcoming SCRA activities, a Swap Shop, and the latest Amateur Radio News Line broadcasts can be heard.

Short Skip Advertising Rates

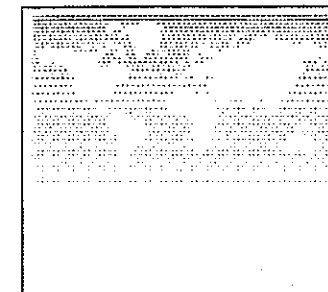
Business Cards:	\$10
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Education	Greg Gordon	AC6VJ	
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Meeting Raffle	Ken Harrison	N6MHG	
Membership Lottery	Jeff Basham	KF6TGQ	
Activities/Foxhunts	Greg Gordon	AC6VJ	523-7077
Antenna Ordinance/Legal	Lee Dibble	KE6EAQ	



Repeater Control Op's

Kelly	KD6CJQ	837-9434
Ken	N6MHG	539-2701
Steve	KV6A	579-9608
Merl	N6VUC	584-3898
Joel	KJ6LF	545-1782
Larry	KD6VUM	523-0266

Application for Membership in SCRA

Name _____ Call sign _____ License Class _____
 Address _____ Phone _____ Date _____
 City _____ Zip _____ E-mail _____

New Renewal

SCRA Dues: The renewal date is March 1st. Dues are \$18/year for individuals and \$27/year for families. New member initiation (badge) fee is \$6/person. New member dues are prorated at \$1.50/month for individuals and \$2/25 per month for families starting at renewal time.

ARRL Dues: \$34/year or \$28/year for seniors with proof of age. (Under 21 rates require application form.)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Public Service Events | <input type="checkbox"/> Helping with SCRA Flea Market |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Services | <input type="checkbox"/> Acting as Net Control Station |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Taking a Novice or Technician class | <input type="checkbox"/> Helping with VEC license exams |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Teaching a Novice or Technician class | <input type="checkbox"/> Field Day and other operating events |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Taking an upgrade class | <input type="checkbox"/> Helping with <i>Short Skip</i> (newsletter) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Teaching an upgrade class | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

BADGE (New Members Only)

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

Call sign _____

First Name _____

City: _____

Auto slot Request: Licensed SCRA members are entitled to a repeater auto slot. Fill in the information below to apply and send the form to: SCRA, PO Box 116, Santa Rosa CA 95402

Name: _____

Call sign: _____

Phone Number: _____

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Personal Adds

(not really, but it made you look didn't it?)

Well rounded, stimulating, intellectual and informative 7.00pm Tuesday night net seeking eligible backup News Line operators with similar qualities to provide backup for Brian N7MOE in the broadcast of News Line. A computer with Internet access, Real Audio, and some method of getting News Line from the computer to the radio is required. Interested parties should contact our fearless leader, Larry KD6VUM or our main News Line man, Brian N7MOE.



SCRA Tuesday Night Net Control Schedule

May 4 th	Larry KD6VUM
May 11 th	Steve KF6RCH
May 18 th	Bob N6RMW
May 25 th	Kelly KD6CJQ
June 6 th	Greg AC6VJ
June 8 th	Bill KH6GJV
June 15 th	Bob N6RMW
June 22 nd	Brian N6IIY
June 29 th	Joel KJ6LF

The following week Net Control Operator is back up for the current week. For example, Steve is backing up Larry for the 5/4 Net. If Larry misses, then Steve will take the 5/4 net and Larry the 5/11 net.

FCC OFFICIAL ACKNOWLEDGES OOs REALLY ARE "OFFICIAL"

The FCC's top amateur enforcer, Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH, says that hams who receive notices from ARRL Official Observers should take them seriously or take the consequences. "Failure to take the notices seriously and to take corrective action where possible will not be tolerated by the Commission," Hollingsworth said in an enforcement-related letter to a South Carolina amateur. "The volunteer work of these Official Observers is a critical element of the Commission's enforcement program," he said, adding that failure to act on an OO notice could lead to fines and other sanctions.

Hollingsworth's comments were contained in an April 7 station-inspection follow-up letter to Richard Whiten, WB2OTK, of Easley, South Carolina. Hollingsworth and an FCC engineering team visited Whiten's station on January 22 after what Hollingsworth called "longstanding complaints" about the operation of Whiten's station. Whiten reportedly cooperated in the station inspection. According to the FCC letter, the Commission has received "numerous complaints" about Whiten "regarding profanity, obscenity, broadcasting extreme racial slurs, deliberate interference and failure to properly identify."

Hollingsworth also said he'd heard complaints that Whiten had played recordings over the air "for the purpose of harassment or deliberate interference." Hollingsworth noted that Whiten had "apparently ignored notices from Official Observers," and pointed out that the volunteer OOs work "in accordance with an agreement between the Commission and the ARRL and in accordance with our statutory authority."

Hollingsworth also took advantage of the opportunity provided by his letter to Whiten to spell out the FCC's position on obscene and indecent Amateur Radio transmissions. "Obscene speech is not protected by the First Amendment and cannot be broadcast at any time," he advised. Indecent speech also is not protected between 6 AM and 10 PM, in accordance with the so-called "safe harbor" policy the FCC uses with commercial broadcasters.

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I wanted to report to you about an emergency communications exercise that we held here in the North Bay area on March 20th. It was sponsored by the Emergency Radio Response system (ERRS) of the LDS or Mormon church. The area involved stretched from San Rafael to Santa Rosa. There were 16 wards (congregations) and about 70 ham radio operators involved, making it the largest exercise of it's type held here. Additionally, we had several local hams with extensive disaster experience participate and observe.

It began at 0900 with each person departing from home and traveling to their church building. There, they established an emergency operations center, complete with operating radio station. An emergency communications net was established on the KC6NEO repeater (147.285). We used a series of questions and responses rather than a disaster scenario. With that many units on the net, we really had to have strong net control!

The net continued until 1100, when we began an "on the air" debriefing. Each unit was able to talk about lessons learned and problems encountered. Later, a more informal debrief was also held at the local pizza spot. Was it worth it? Everyone involved certainly thought so. We learned, for example, that "Murphy" is alive and living in Northern California. Radios overheated and broke, batteries failed, coax had the "wrong" connectors; you name it and it happened. Our learning curve seemed to go straight up.

Most of us want to do it again and soon. It was well worth our time and effort. The lessons learned were important and valuable preparation for an actual emergency.

We would recommend an exercise like this to any organization that wants to be ready for a disaster. I would be happy to provide copies of the operations order and scenario to any interested party that wants to hold a similar program.

SCRA INCOME AND EXPENSES

3/10/99 - 4/15/99

ASSETS as of 3/10/99	
Cash and Bank Accounts	
SCRA Checking	2967.37
SCRA Petty Cash	95.20
SCRA Savings	1535.54

TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts	4598.11
INFLOWS	
ARRL Inc	96.00
CALLBOOK CDROM INCOME	35.00
DONATION INCOME	29.25
DUES:	592.50
INITIATION	12.00
INTEREST EARNED	7.60
MONTHLY RAFFLE	22.00
REFRESHMENT INC	17.70
REPLACEMENT BADGES	6.00

TOTAL INFLOWS	818.05
OUTFLOWS	
ACTIVITIES:	
XMAS DINNER	100.00
ARRL MEMBERSHIP	106.00
OVERHEAD:	
REFRESHMENTS	11.97
REPEATER: PHONE	19.87
SHORTSKIP EXP	180.00
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	417.84
ASSETS as of 4/15/99	
Cash and Bank Accounts	
SCRA Checking	3362.78
SCRA Petty Cash	92.40
SCRA Savings	1543.14

TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts	4998.32

Sonoma County Radio Amateurs, Inc.

Membership Meeting 4-7-99

MINUTES

1. Call to Order, Verification of Quorum - The meeting was called to order by President Larry Gustafson KD6VUM at 7:33 PM at the Santa Rosa HP facility. There were 48 people present.
 - a. Introductions
 - i. Officers & Directors - The club officers and directors introduced themselves.
 - ii. Visitors & New Calls and Upgrades - Don Badger KF6LLZ, Marc Brivry KF6VNT, Bill McCall KF6VNR, Nicholas Stephens KF6VNS, John Briones KF6VNQ, Darrel VanBuer AK6I, Wes McCoy KF6USC and Salvatore Lauria KF6VNV
 2. Approval of Minutes - Jeff Basham KF6TGQ moved that the minutes of the February 3, 1999, and March 3, 1999, membership meetings be approved as published in Shortskip. The motion passed.
 3. Officer & Director Reports
 - a. Treasurer - Joel Nadler KJ6LF reported the current club account balances, and, the income and expenses for the last reporting period. Joel reminded members to renew their ARRL dues through the club as the club gets to keep \$2 for each renewal.
 - b. Officers - Club Secretary Bill Hillendahl KH6GJV advised that the club telephone hot line (579-9608) information has been updated. He reported that the information had not been updated since 1997. Bill also reported to the membership that the club's Special Service Club (SSC) status with the American Radio Relay League (ARRL) had expired in May of 1998 because a required report had not been submitted to the ARRL by the 1998 BoD. Bill said that he has submitted a report to reinstate the SSC status. Bill also stated that he had received a call from Lee KA6UAF who had just relocated to Rincon Valley. Lee is visually impaired and needs assistance in putting up an antenna. Bill asked any volunteers to contact him to set it up.
 - c. Directors - None
 4. Committee Reports
 - a. Activities Committee - Greg Gordon AC6VJ announced the coming amateur radio events.
 - i. Spring Bud Break Mini-DXpedition - Larry Gustafson KD6VUM reported on the event which will be held on April 17 and 18th. Signup lists for operators and setup crew were passed out. Setup will be on Friday evening, April 16th at 5 PM. Larry advised that those interested in event T-shirts should purchase shirts at the winery and that they will be printed later.
 - ii. Fox Hunt - Greg Gordon AC6VJ asked how many would be interested in attending a T-hunt class. Several members raised their hands. Greg said that he will try to set one up.
 - iii. Field Day - Larry KD6VUM reported that the club will be taking dinner orders by June 1st.
- SCRA Membership Meeting Minutes 4-7-99
- b. Newsletter Editor - Wes Chapman KD7DXG said that he would welcome articles or letters from members to put in Shortskip. He also knows of a local Ham who needs a ride to meetings. Wes said to contact him if you can help.
 - c. Public Service - John Mullen KD2LQ said that he needed operators for the Saturday, May 1st Wine Country Century. Darlene LaMont KD6GCK said that the Sebastopol Apple Blossom Parade on April 24th may need some help. They usually need 7-8 people.
 - d. Repeater Committee - Kelly KD6CJQ reported that work on the Sonoma Mountain site has been put on hold as the county is making equipment changes. That and the weather have put off the continued work.
5. Unfinished Business - None
 6. New Business - None
 7. Show & Tell - Bill Hillendahl KH6GJV showed a new, light-weight switching power supply from Astron. The supply is rated at 30 amps/25 continuous and weighs five pounds. The comparable Astron 35 weighs 25 pounds. Bill also discussed an antenna mast ground mounting system he had learned from a contractor who installs flag poles. The pole is mounted in pea gravel rather than concrete so that it can be removed easily. He will report later on the support's success.

Rick Reiner K6ZWB showed his new ICOM tri-band HT. It covers 6 meters, 2 meters and the 44

Autopatch On...

The county is working on the microwave link system, reports Kelly KD6CJQ, which is the reason for the intermittent operation of the autopatch. Until the county completes their work, the SCRA repeater committee will be unable to maintain the clubs equipment.

To keep our friends at the FCC happy, Kelly reminds us not only to ID every ten minutes, but to also allow the repeater to un-key during long transmissions such as News Line.

Going my way?

Igor Polo XU8IP is searching for a ride to and from the SCRA club meetings from his home in Santa Rosa. He doesn't drive anymore, but would enjoy riding 'shotgun'. Igor can be reached at 707-537-1103

Field Day Food ☺

John Mullen KD2LQ will once again grace the starving masses of Field Day with his culinary expertise. Where else but at the SCRA Field Day can you get the best chicken and ribs you'll ever wrap a lip around for only \$ 8.00 advance purchase or \$10.00 at the park. Remember Field Day is June 26th at Youth Park.

Sonoma County Radio Amateurs, Inc.

Board of Directors Meeting 4-14-99

MINUTES

Board Members Present: Larry Gustafson KD6VUM, Steve Brink KF6RCH, Bill Hillendahl KH6GJV, Joel Nadler KJ6LF, Brian Torry N6HY, Greg Gordon AC6VJ, John Mullen KD2LQ, Kelly Curston KD6CJQ and Wes Chapman K7DXG.

Board Members Absent: Jim Cardillo Lee KE6VTV and Dave New AA9YX.

Guests Present: Randy Black KE6VMZ and Sue Mullen.

1. Call to Order, Verification of Quorum, Introductions - The meeting was called to order by President Larry KD6VUM at 6:38 PM. The meeting was held at the Bank of the West meeting room at Guerneville and Marlow Roads. A quorum was present in that eight of the ten voting board members were present.
2. Approval of Minutes - Joel KJ6LF moved that the minutes of the Board meeting of March 10, 1999, be approved as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.
3. Officer & Director Reports
 - a. Treasurer
 - i. Current Financial - Joel KJ6LF reviewed the club financials with the Board. Joel noted that 1/3 of the 1999/2000 dues had been received to date. Moving the club's operating account from Exchange Bank to Bank of the West was discussed. Joel will check with the banks and report back at the next BoD meeting. Joel moved that \$180 be sent to the USPS for the club's bulk postage account. The motion passed.
 - ii. Officers - Bill KH6GJV presented a copy of the letter that he and Leo Dibbie KE6EAI put together to solicit computer donations from Bank of America.
 - iii. Directors - Brian N6HY advised that due to business trips, he may be absent from a couple of meetings including the next BoD meeting.
4. Committee Reports
 - a. Activities Committee
 - i. Spring Bud Break Mini-DXpedition - Larry KD6VUM reported on the event this weekend. Brian N6HY will be heading up the antenna setup. There will be three operating stations with one backup radio. Larry is trying to set up the NA logging program that Bill KH6GJV bought. Paper logs will also be available just in case. Anyone who wants an event T-shirt will need to purchase their shirt at the winery at a discount. They will be silk-screened later. Setup will start at 5 PM on Friday. Bill suggested that those interested might have a social dinner on Saturday evening after the event.
 - ii. Field Day - The dinner will be BBQ chicken and ribs. Greg AC6VJ suggested that dinner tickets be available at the next meeting. Dinner costs were discussed. Joel KJ6LF moved that the dinner tickets be \$8 per person if pre-purchased and \$10 at the event with the deadline for pre-purchase being the BoD meeting before Field Day. The motion passed.
 - iii. Swap Meet - Food service was discussed. It was thought that getting a vendor to serve at the swap meet with the club getting a percentage of the register would be preferred. Kelly KD6CJQ will check with Richardson's Ribs and Larry KD6VUM will check with Willie Bird Turkeys.
 - b. Newsletter - Wes Chapman K7DXG - Greg AC6VJ discussed the editor's comments in the last edition of Shortskip. Of concern was the concept of the editor having complete editorial say as to content. Bill KH6GJV advised that this issue came out of the 1998 BoD when the editor at the time censored a letter that Bill, as an outgoing Director, had submitted to be published in Shortskip listing ten items to improve the club. When the letter was subsequently handed out at a club meeting, the 1998 BoD attempted in executive session to find a way to remove Bill from the club for exercising his right of free speech. Wes K7DXG said that he would appreciate member letters and articles for Shortskip. The current BoD directed the newsletter editor to accept all articles and letters from members for publication provided that they are in good taste and not inflammatory in nature. If there is a submission that he felt that the content was in question, the editor is to present the article to the BoD for review.
 - c. Public Service Committee - John KD2LQ reported the following events:
 - April 18th - MS Walkathon 8AM to 1 or 2 PM. Finley Park - John has this event covered.
 - May 1st - Wine Country Century Bike Race - John needs an event manager as he will be away. Ken Harrison N6MHS will be contacted as a possible event manager.
 - June 20th - Mini-Vineman
 - July 31st - Full Vineman
 - September 28/29th - Waves to Wine
 - d. Repeater Committee - The county is working on the microwave link system. The stream of workers and equipment makes it unfeasible for working on the repeaters at this time. Work will recommence when the county is done in June. English Hill equipment is still running, but the power supply on the repeater still puts a bad AC buzz on the transmitter.
5. Newsletter Broadcast - Brian K7MAE normally handles the Newsletter broadcast with Jeff KF6TGQ as a backup. More backup operators are needed. Each would need to have a copy of Real Audio on their computer. Interested parties should contact Larry KD6VUM or Brian K7MAE.

6. Kelly KD6CJQ reminded everyone that who ever is running Newsline must break the repeater transmission each ten minutes to stay in compliance with FCC rules on automatic control stations.
 7. Net Control Operators for the Weekly Net - 4/20 RMW, 4/27 LF, 5/4 VUM, 5/11 RCH, 5/18 RMW, 5/25 CJK, 6/1 VJ, 6/8 GJV, 6/15 RMW, 6/22 LY, 6/29 LF
 8. Unfinished Business
 - a. Meeting Programs - April - May - Contesting for Beginners (REDXA); June - Field Day Preparations; July - Dayton Hamvention; August - Repeater Resources. Future program ideas - Member Shacks and Use of the Club's Spectrum Analyzers.
 - b. Club Calendar - No changes.
 - c. Storage of Club Property
 - i. Location of Generator - The generator has been delivered to Larry KD6VUM's home. It will be stored there for now.
 - ii. Storage Facilities - Larry announced that after the BoD meeting, we will clean out Claude Jones' trailer. The club property will be stored by Larry until the final storage area is determined.
 - d. Club Property Inventory
 - i. Novice/Technician and General Class Instructor Materials - Bill KH6GJV received class materials from Jim Robinson N6BJAR at the last meeting. These materials were not on the club property inventory prepared by the 1998 board. Bill will give a list of the materials to Steve and will hold them until the storage facility issue is resolved.
 - ii. ARRL Special Service Club status - Bill KH6GJV advised that the club's status as an ARRL Special Service Club (SSC) had been reinstated. Larry KD6VUM presented a letter that he had received from ARRL acknowledging the reinstatement. In digging into the matter, Bill found out from the ARRL that the SSC had terminated on May 1, 1998, due to a report not being filed with ARRL. Bill found the envelope with the required report forms in the Secretary's briefcase that had been turned over to him at the start of his term. The paperwork had been sent to the club in February of 1998. Bill commented that it is important that the reports needed to maintain affiliation with ARRL must be sent in on time. It is because of this affiliation that the club enjoys its insurance policy.
 9. New Business
 - a. Officer Badges/Pins - Larry KD6VUM noted that on a recent visit to another organization, he saw that the club officers had extra text on their badges denoting their office. Larry thought that such identification would help identify club officials to new members and recognize the effort of others who have helped in the leadership of the club. Bill KH6GJV showed samples of other organization officer emblems. Logo pins were considered too expensive for a club of SCRA's size. Larry KD6VUM moved that future membership badges for Past Presidents and Life Members be authorized, adding the status to a longer version of the current member badge. The motion passed.
 - b. Pacific Coast Air Museum (PCAM) Air Show - Bill KH6GJV advised that the Empire Amateur Radio Society had secured the right to operate a station at the PCAM event on the weekend of August 21/22. The EARS Steering Committee has opened up the event to all amateur radio clubs in the county to expand the public's knowledge of amateur radio. The airshow has a great attendance in the several thousands and would offer good exposure. There is no cost to the clubs. REDXA has been invited as well VOMARC. Larry KD6VUM moved that SCRA participate in the PCAM event. The motion passed.
 - c. Windsor Hot Air Balloon Classic - John KD2LQ mentioned that Windsor was again going to have the balloon classic. He said that it might be a good event to explore to assist.
 - d. Spring Bud Break T-Shirt Printing - Larry KD6VUM moved that the club pay for the making of silk screens of the club logo to print on the Bud Break T-shirts and other event shirts in the future. The motion passed. Larry reminded members
- SCRA BoD Meeting Minutes
- a. to pick up shirts at the winery and he will have them printed later. Cost per shirt is still to be determined based on the total number of shirts to be printed.
 - b. 8590A Spectrum Analyzer - Brian N6HY reported that the club's 8590A analyzer needed calibration. He said that he will get possession of the unit and handle it.
7. Announcements - None.
 8. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 PM

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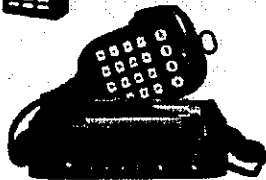
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The first SCRA Public Service (SCRAPS) event of 1999 is now history. The National Multiple Sclerosis Society walk-a-thon was held on Sunday April 18. Start and finish were at Finley Park, and the rest stops were in Dutch Flohr Park and Pioneer Park.

This year the walkers had a choice of either 5 km or 10 km courses. Due to a course marking problem there was a 3 km course as well.

Dorothy KD6OTC and Jeff KF6TGQ served at net control. Cortland KA5S was at Dutch Flohr Park, scene of the inverted porta-a-potty. Rich KF6SZA manned the Pioneer Park rest stop. Jim K6UUW from Sonoma, and Blair KF6USV manned the sag wagons, and John KD2LQ was sag/rover/jack-of-all-trades (We specialize in righting fallen port-a-potties). Thanks to all of them for making the day a success. Over \$6000 was pledged by the walkers.

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