

# Coming Events

## August

- 4<sup>th</sup>** SCRA Club Meeting 7.30pm - Hewlett Packard 1400 Fountain Grove Parkway
- 11<sup>th</sup>** SCRA Board Meeting 5.30pm - 8979 Conde Lane Windsor
- 14<sup>th</sup>** SCRA Fox Hunt 9.00am - Piner High School, Fulton Rd, Santa Rosa

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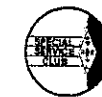
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## CENTRAL STATES PETITION CAUSES A STIR

What a difference a couple of words can make. A petition for rule making aimed at formally segregating wide band and narrow band modes on VHF and UHF bands has generated a flurry of comments within the Amateur Radio community. But the controversy is due, in part, to the inadvertent absence of some wording in the filing from the Central States VHF Society of Kerrville, Texas.

The FCC has assigned RM-9673 to the CSVHFS petition, which seeks generally more restrictive regulation of the modes used by amateurs in the 6 meter, 2 meter, 1.25 meter and 70 cm bands. Comments are due on the petition by July 28.

"The Central States VHF Society has long been concerned about the increasing encroachment into the so-called weak-signal portions of the bands above 50 MHz by wider-bandwidth modes, such as voice FM and occasionally packet also," said CSVHFS Government Liaison Committee Chairman Bill Tynan, W3XO. "All the Society was trying to do was to codify current practice into regulations so that nobody is confused."

The CSVHFS petition says that band plans such as those promulgated by the ARRL and other organizations "have not proven adequately successful in limiting these wide band modes from the band segments used for weak signal communication."

Tynan compared the petition's goals to the current regulatory situation on 10 meters, where FM is prohibited below 29 MHz. "I think you could see how bad it would sound on 20 meters if people decided they wanted to run FM because it sounded so good," he said. Problems resulting from wide band interference with narrow band--or weak-signal--modes such as CW or SSB are occurring more often, Tynan said, "especially in the larger cities."

Most of the controversy resulted from inadvertent wording in the CSVHFS petition that would have banned packet and APRS from the 2 meter band. "There's no intention of anything like that," Tynan said. "There was an error committed by me in the appendix in terms of not putting down all the modes that are listed in the rules."

Tynan said the petition actually intended no other modifications of authorization for "data" or "test" modes above 50.3, 144.3, or 222.15 MHz and on the portions of the 70 cm band below 431.8 MHz and above 432.5 MHz. "Unfortunately, by the inadvertent omission of 'data' and 'test' from the Appendix, the filing did not properly reflect that intent," he said.

Tynan said the mistake will be corrected when CSVHFS files its own comments on the petition by month's end.

The changes proposed to §97.305 of the FCC rules would have the following effects:

- **50.0-50.1 MHz:** Add RTTY and data emissions at up to 1200 bauds (this band segment is now limited to CW only).
- **50.1-50.3 MHz:** Delete MCW and data. The band segment would be limited to CW, phone, image, and RTTY, but CSVHFS proposes no maximum symbol rate for RTTY. No wideband FM would be permitted (modulation index would be limited to 1 or less).
- **50.3-54.0 MHz:** No changes.
- **144.0-144.1 MHz:** Add RTTY and data emissions at up to 1200 bauds (this band segment is now CW only).
- **144.1-144.3 MHz:** Delete MCW and data. The band segment would be limited to CW, phone, image, and RTTY, but CSVHFS proposes no maximum symbol rate for RTTY. No wideband FM would be permitted (modulation index would be limited to 1 or less).
- **144.3-148.0 MHz:** No changes.
- **222.0-222.15 MHz:** Delete MCW, RTTY, data, test (except for brief test transmissions), and wideband FM.
- **222.15-225.0 MHz:** No changes.
- **431.8-432.5 MHz:** Delete everything but CW and SSB (ie, no wideband FM permitted), and image.

The CSVHFS Board of Directors will formulate its own comments on the petition when it meets in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, July 22-24. The CSVHFS petition also is expected to come up for discussion when the ARRL Board of Directors gathers in mid-July.

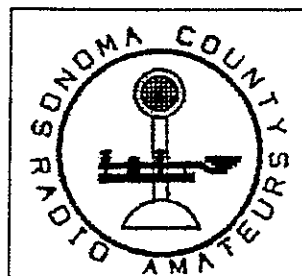
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**Next Meeting: Aug 4<sup>th</sup>**  
7:30pm  
SCRA Repeater Info  
Kelly KD6CJQ

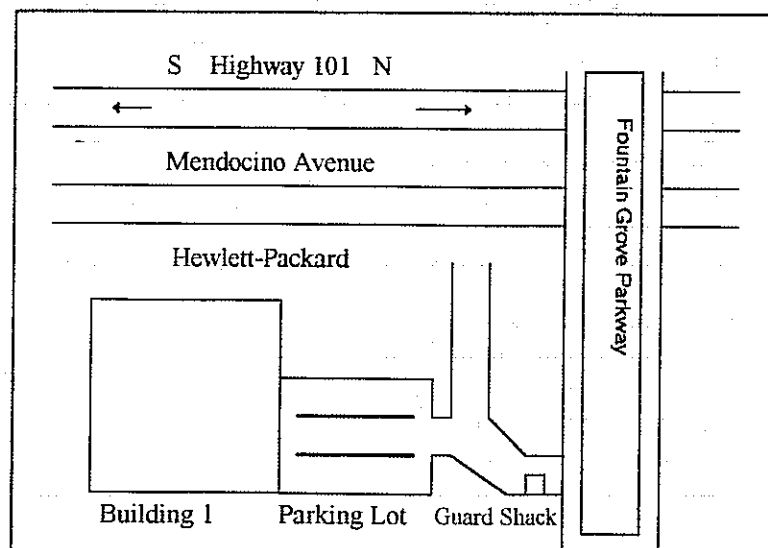
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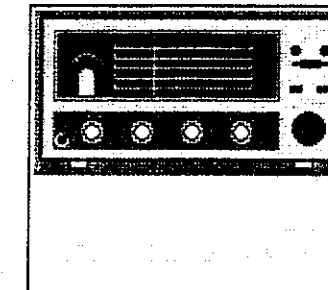
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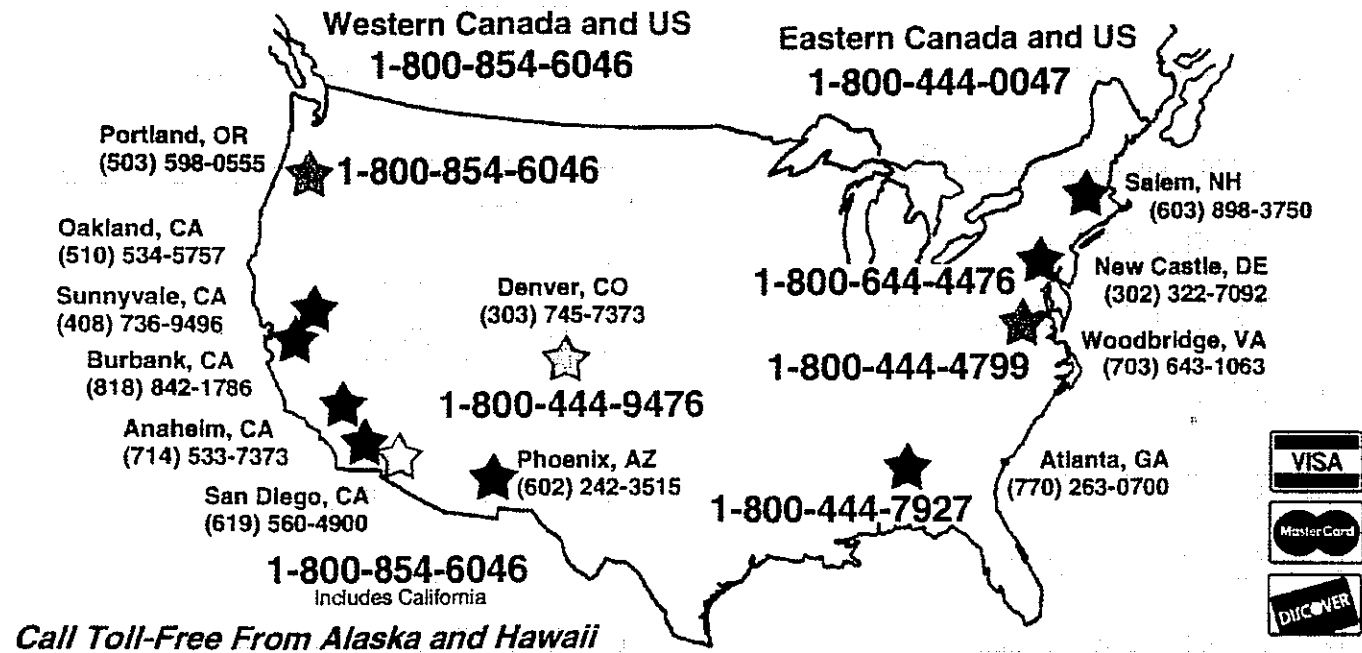
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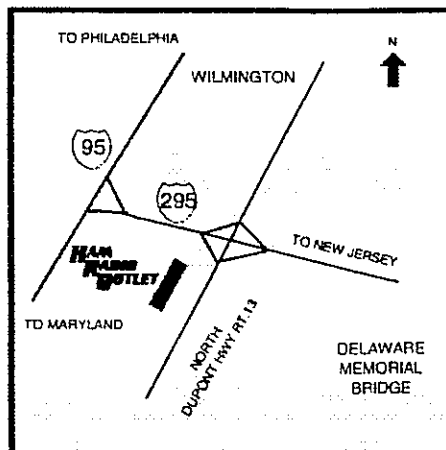
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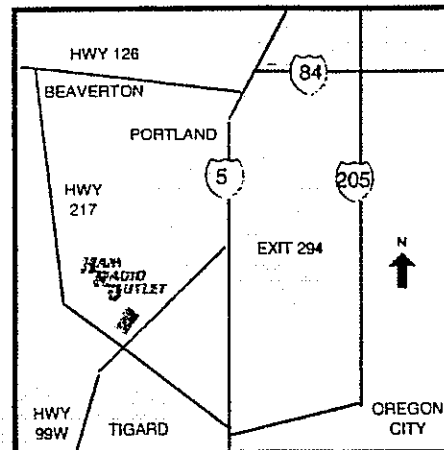
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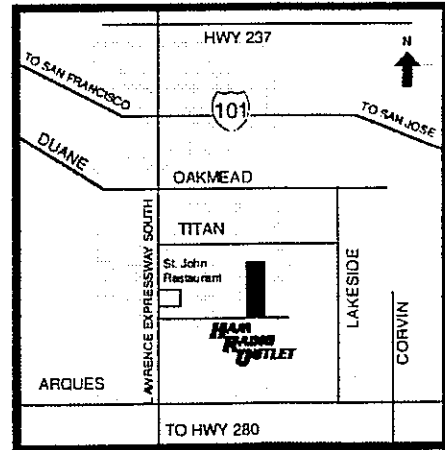
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(Set up time July 30 ~ 1pm)

**Sonoma County Radio Amateurs, Inc.**

Membership Meeting 7-7-99  
MINUTES

1. Call to Order, Verification of Quorum - The meeting was called to order by President Larry Gustafson KD6VUM at 7:34 PM at the Santa Rosa HP facility. There were 32 people present.
  - a. Introductions
    - i. Officers & Directors - The club officers and directors introduced themselves.
    - ii. Guest Speakers - Greg Gordon AC6VJ, Lee Dibble KE6EAQ, Rick Reiner K6ZWB and Bill Hillendahl KH6GJV on the Dayton Hamvention
    - iii. Visitors - Jack Robinson KF6WSH introduced himself.
    - iv. New Calls & Upgrades - None.
2. Approval of Minutes - Jeff Basham KF6TGQ moved that the minutes of the June 2, 1999, meeting be approved as printed 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 the membership about renewing their ARRL dues through the club.
  - b. Officers - Larry Gustafson KD6VUM reported that Field Day was fun. He reviewed the activities and issues. Larry reported that there were about 800 contacts made.
  - c. Directors - None
4. Committee Reports
  - a. Activities Committee - Greg Gordon AC6VJ announced the coming events. 7/8 6:30 PM Repeater Steering Committee, 7/10 Foot Hill Swap Meeting, 7/10 EARS Novice/Tech Class starts, 7/14 6:30 PM SCRA BoD meeting in Windsor, 7/17 9 AM VE Test session at HP, 7/21 7 PM REDXA Meeting, 8/1 Livermore Swap Meet, 8/4 SCRA Meeting, 8/6 REDXA BBQ, 8/7 Foot Hill Swap Meet, 8/11 SCRA BoD meeting, 8/17-18 Historical Ships On the Air
    - i. SCRA Swap Meet 9/18 at Luchesi Park in Petaluma. Jim Cardillo-Lee KE6VGV reported that he had secured the Petaluma park for the event. Those willing to assist should contact him.
    - b. Newsletter Editor - Wes Chapman K7DXG announced that he had to resign as editor due to his work load. Wes stated that the newsletter was done under Microsoft Word. The deadline for articles was the Saturday after the Board meeting. A new editor is wanted.
    - c. Public Service - John Mullan KD2LQ took signups for the 7/17 Harvest Century bike race, the 7/23-25 League of American Bicyclists event and the 7/31 Vineman.
    - d. Repeater Committee - Kelly Cureton KD6CJQ reported that he and Ken Harrison N6MHG had spent time at the Sonoma Mountain site over the Field day weekend. They swapped out the Uniden UHF repeater with the older Motorola transceiver. The Uniden is going in the shop for repair of the frequency drift problem. Kelly also reported that someone had been attempting to "hack" the controller.
    - e. PCAM Special Event Station - Bill Hillendahl KH6GJV reported that a team had reviewed the site for operations and had an antenna plan laid out. The next meeting of the team will be on Monday, July 26th at 7 PM at the Coddington Round Table Pizza at 1003 Guerneville Road (behind the Men's Warehouse).

5. Unfinished Business - None
6. New Business - Ted DeCroff KB6PTA suggested that the club pay for a listing in World Radio Magazine.
7. Show & Tell - Jim Robinson KE6UAR showed his modification of a military mast system and tripod to hold a temporary antenna.
8. Recess - The meeting went into recess at 8:24 PM and resumed at 8:44 PM.
9. Program - Lee Dibble KE6EAQ, Greg Gordon AC6VJ, Rick Reiner K6ZWB and Bill Hillendahl KH6GJV presented a slide show with commentary on their recent trip to the Dayton Hamvention.
10. Raffle
  - a. Regular - The raffle was not conducted.
  - b. Membership - The membership raffle was conducted.
11. Announcements
  - a. Next Program - The program for the August meeting will be on the club's repeater resources.
  - b. Board Meeting next Wednesday at Master's Touch Mortgage, 8979 Conde Lane, Windsor, at 6:30PM.
12. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 PM.

**Club Receives Donated Computers**

Thanks to the effort of Lee Dibble KE6EAQ and Bill Hillendahl KH6GJV, the club has received five laptop and two desktop computers from Bank of America. Lee had heard that the bank was donating older, excess computers to worthy organizations. Bill and Lee got together and put together an informational letter to the bank requesting several computers for the club's use in logging, packet operations and other activities. The letter worked. Bill called several weeks later to check on the possible donation. He was advised that five laptops had been allocated to the club. Lee and Bill took a day to drive to Livermore to pick up the machines. At the distribution center, Lee exercised his negotiating skill and Bill put on a sad face and they were able to secure the two desktop computers. The laptops are Compaq LTE Lite/25s and the desktops are Deskpro 66ms. Other than the uses listed above, do you have an idea how the computers can be put to good use? Let a board member or officer know.

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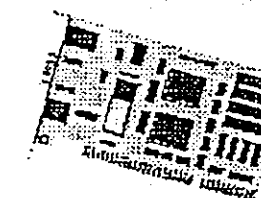
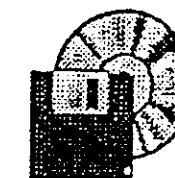
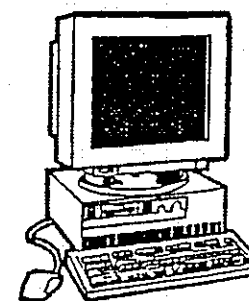
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**Update: SETI@home Progress**

At the time this article was submitted the SCRA SETI Team had completed 140 work units, and had a total of 5,565hrs 00min 52.9sec processing time. That is about 231 days of processing time, if 1 computer did all the work, and was on 24 hours a day. I would like to thank all the participants: N6MHG, K7DXG, KD6VUM, W6TLK, KJ6LF, KD6CJQ, KF6TGQ, and KE6RMC. Also, Non-Ham Participants: Steve Basham, and Robert Chapman.

If you are interested in participating in this project as part of the SCRA team, please visit the SETI@home web site to download the software. The software is available for Windows, Macintosh, and UNIX. After you download the software, during the installation process you will create an account. You will then have to get your password by visiting:

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Good Luck to the SCRA SETI@home team!

73 and See you at the next meeting!

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**Sonoma County Radio Amateurs, Inc.**  
**Board of Directors Meeting 7-14-99**  
**MINUTES**

Board Members Present: Larry Gustafson KD6VUM, Steve Brink KF6RCH, Bill Hillendahl KH6GJV, Joel Nadler KJ6LF, Brian Torr N6IY (left early), Jim Cardillo-Lee KE6VGV, John Mullan KD2LQ and Kelly Cureton KD6CJQ.

Board Members Absent: Greg Gordon AC6VJ, Wes Chapman K7DXG and Dave New AA6YX.

Guests Present: John Breckenridge WB6FRZ, Jeff Basham KF6TGQ, Bill McCall KF6VNR and Sue Mullan.

1. Call to Order, Verification of Quorum, Introductions - The meeting was called to order by President Larry KD6VUM at 6:40 PM. The meeting was held at the offices of Master's Touch Mortgage, 8979 Conde Lane, Windsor. A quorum was present in that eight of the ten voting board members were present.
2. Approval of Minutes - Bill KH6GJV moved that the minutes of the Board meeting of June 9, 1999, be approved as printed in Shortskip. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Officer & Director Reports

- a. Treasurer
  - i. Current Financial - Joel KJ6LF reviewed the income, expenses and balances in the club accounts. He reported that new signature cards had to signed as Exchange Bank had misplaced the earlier cards submitted.
  - b. Officers - Steve KF6RCH handed out an inventory listing on a spreadsheet. Corrections were made to the listing. Bill KH6GJV gave Steve a listing of the computers donated by Bank of America. Steve will distribute several disks of the listing so that it will not be lost in the future. Larry KD6VUM stated that he had purchased three plastic storage containers to replace the decomposing boxes that held club property. Larry donated the boxes to the club.

Bill KH6GJV reported that he had heard from a member that the on-line club roster had been down for several months. It was explained that Ken Harrison N6MHG, the club's web-master, was working on a more secure, spam-proof listing.

- c. Directors - Jim KE6VGV suggested that the letter from Bill KH6GJV's attorney, Peter Walls, to Larry as President of the corporation advising the Board of Directors as to the proper notice requirements for calling a meeting of the Board be entered into the minutes of the club. Larry KD6VUM stated that he felt that since the letter was sent to his home that it was a personal matter and an attack on him. Larry moved that the issue be dropped. The motion passed.

4. Committee Reports

- a. Activities Committee
  - i. Swap Meet - Jim KE6VGV reported that he had secured Luchesi Park in Petaluma for the Swap Meet at no cost. The date is set as September 18th. The swap will be outside in the parking lot, but rooms in the building will be made available for the VE test session. Inside bathrooms will also be available. Sellers will need to bring their own tables. The club will have to get a few tables for themselves. A certificate of the club's insurance will be needed. Authorization for parking at the adjacent school will be secured. Larry KD6VUM moved that Jim KE6VGV be made chairman of the swap meet. The motion passed.
  - ii. Repeater Steering Committee - Next meeting will be on Thursday, August 26th at 6:30 PM at Round Table Pizza at 1003 Guerneville Road. Chairman Lee Dibble KE6EAQ had secured a meeting with Pete Pterka who was the former head of the county emergency services who would be able to provide a significant amount of background on the clubs relationship with the county. Larry KD6VUM moved that the committee be dissolved. Discussion ensued. Issues raised were that the committee required an extra meeting each month, that the issues were not "broken" so do not "fix" them, that the club was frequently being told that use of the county repeater site was in jeopardy, that there were no issues with the county and the club was not in jeopardy of losing the site, that there was a hidden agenda behind the committee, that the committee would aggravate the county, that the meetings were important to explore the relationship with the county, that an extra meeting was necessary to focus on the single issue rather than add to the already long board meeting agendas, etc. Ayes: Larry KD6VUM, Steve KF6RCH, Joel KJ6LF, Kelly KD6CJQ;

Noes: John KD2LQ, Bill KH6GJV, Jim KE6VGV. The motion failed in that to rescind a previous action, a two-thirds super majority vote is required. Larry KD6VUM stated that he would continue to bring the issue up until he was able to dissolve the committee.

- iii. PCAM Special Event - Aug 21/22 - Co-ordinated by EARS. Larry KD6VUM stated that he had a motion to make. Jim KE6VGV moved to adjourn. The motion failed. Larry KD6VUM moved that SCRA not sponsor the PCAM/EARS event. Bill KH6GJV stated that Larry was being retaliatory. Larry said that he was indeed. Jim KE6VGV asked Larry if he really wanted to make such motion. Larry withdrew the motion. Bill KH6GJV reported that the station and antenna locations had been reviewed. The next meeting of the team is Monday, July 26th at 7 PM at the Coddington Round Table Pizza, 1003 Guerneville Road.
- b. Newsletter - Wes Chapman K7DXG - Wes was not present to make a report. It was reported that Wes was resigning. A new editor needs to be found.
- c. Public Service Committee - John KD2LQ reported the following events:
  - i. 7/17 Harvest Century 7 AM to 2 PM
  - ii. 7/23-25 League of American Bicyclists - Looking for volunteers
  - iii. 7/31 Vineman 6 AM to ?
- d. Repeater Committee - Kelly KD6CJQ reported that he and Ken Harrison N6MHG had spent time at the Sonoma Mountain site over the Field day weekend. They swapped out the Uniden UHF repeater with the older Motorola transceiver. The Uniden is going in the shop for repair of the frequency drift problem. Kelly also reported that someone had been attempting to "hack" the controller. He has worked with Link communications to secure the controller.
  - i. Net Control Operators for the Weekly Net - 7/20 RMW, 7/27 RCH, 8/3 VUM, 8/10 VGV, 8/17 RMW, 8/24 VNR, 8/31 LF
5. Unfinished Business
  - a. Meeting Programs - August - Repeater Resources. Future program ideas - Member Shacks, Use of the Club's Spectrum Analyzers, Cell Phone Technology, Surface Mount Devices, CATV Systems, PG&E Safety
  - b. Club Calendar - No changes.
  - c. Storage of Club Property - Most of the club property is stored at Larry KD6VUM's employer's storage unit. The free storage is still be explored. Other equipment is at members' homes as listed in the inventory report.
  - d. Club Property Inventory - as above.
  - e. Club Stationary - Bill KH6GJV had not checked into the cost of new letterhead for this meeting.
  - f. Dipole Antenna Purchase - Joel KJ6LF said that the antenna is still on hold until the manufacturer is back in operation late in the Summer.
6. New Business
  - a. November Meeting Room - Brian N6IY said that the room in HP building #1 was not available for the November meeting, as in past years. He will check on the cafeteria as a meeting location. Bill KH6GJV expressed that it is important to have the location as close to the regular meeting location as the November meeting was election night.
  - b. Newsline Contribution - The on the air news report is again asking for funds. Although the club has budgeted \$100 for a contribution, there being no objection, it was agreed that the club would "pass the hat" at the next meeting and see how much could be raised from contributions. The BoD would decide later if the fund would need to be augmented.
  - c. Magnetic Signs - Bill KH6GJV brought in samples of magnetic signs that club members could purchase and put on their cars when engaged in public service events. Bill will look into the cost of having signs made with the club logo on them.
  - d. Donated Computers - Bill KH6GJV showed one of the laptop computers that had been donated to the club by Bank of America. Bill commented on how the club could set up a packet system with the laptops to transfer race data during public service events. This would also keep members in practice for packet systems during emergencies.
  - e. Repeater Exclusive Use by Other Agencies - John KD2LQ asked about the exclusive use of the club's repeater by CDF during the July 4th weekend. Concern was expressed about a high level resource like the club's repeater being tied up on a major holiday by an activity that required little actual air time, thereby limiting use by the local hams. Kelly KD6CJQ advised that the use has occurred for years, but that in the past it was understood that the use was non-exclusive unless there was an actual emergency. Kelly would remind CDF of the arrangement.
7. Announcements - None.
8. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM