

Coming Events

September

- 1st** SCRA Club Meeting 7.30pm - Hewlett Packard 1400 Fountain Grove Parkway
- 8th** SCRA Board Meeting 5.30pm - 8979 Conde Lane Windsor
- 11th** SCRA Fox Hunt 9.00am - Piner High School, Fulton Rd, Santa Rosa
VE Exam Marin
- 18th** SCRA Swap meet 7.30am Luchessi Park, Petaluma, CA
- 19th** SCRA 'SCRAPS' event Clo's Classic- all day
- 25th & 26th** SCRA 'SCRAPS' event Waves to Wine

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September 1999

SCRA 1999 Swap Meet & Auction

Luchessi Park (on the Maria Street side)

---> Petaluma, California <---

Saturday September 18, 1999

Seller set-up at 6:30 AM. General Admission at 7:30 AM.

NO EARLY BIRDS !!

(Auction at Noon)

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You are cordially invited to the 17th annual SCRA Swap Meet. Just a short skip north of the Golden Gate Bridge in the heart of Sonoma County's wine country. Come see what we have to offer!

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LOCATION: NEW location this year! Luchessi Park in Petaluma, CA.

FOOD: A Lunch Wagon will come to the event.

FCC LICENSE EXAMS: VE Exams for all classes of FCC Amateur licenses will be held in Luchessi Center. Bring your original and a copy of your license, any CSCE's, a photo ID and your checkbook. The exam fee is \$6.45 except Novice.

DOOR PRIZES: Be sure to register for your free door prize ticket.

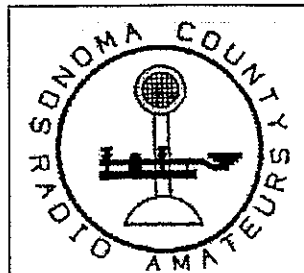
TIMES: Again, seller set-up at 6:30 AM. General Admission at 7:30 AM. **NO EARLY BIRDS!**

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CLUB MEETINGS

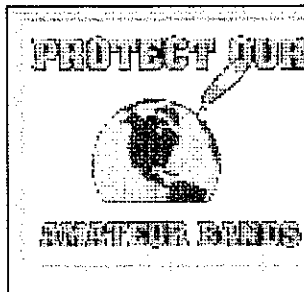
7:30pm on the first Wednesday of each month at the Hewlett-Packard plant in SANTA ROSA. See map below.

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.

CONTACTS

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SCRA HOTLINE: 707-579-9608
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Next Meeting: September 1st
7:30pm
Brian Torr N6IY on using the club's Spectrum Analyzer

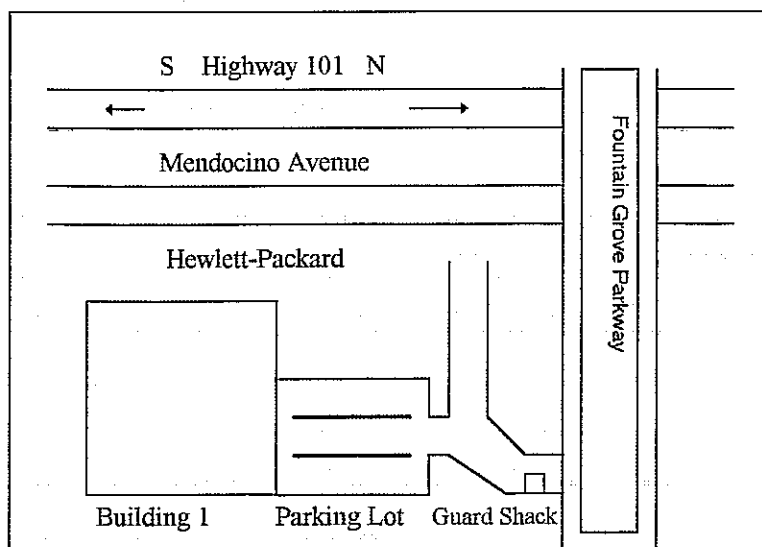
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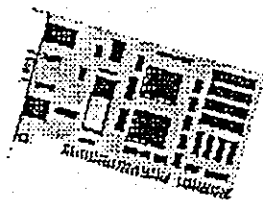
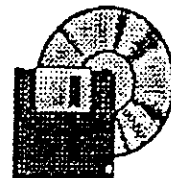
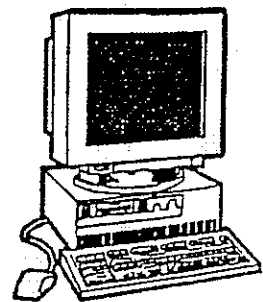
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Welcome to Hank's Swap Shop, a feature of the Sonoma County Radio Amateurs' weekly net, which is held on 146.73 MHz at 7:00 PM each Tuesday evening. Hank's Swap Shop is named in honor of the man who started it all, Hank Davis, W6DTV. Hank's Swap Shop is hosted by Ken Harrison, N6MHG.

Hank's Swap Shop voicemail number! **707-579-9608 ext. 12**

Hank's Swap Shop are limited to amateurs from the Northern SF Bay Area. Please include your amateur call sign, telephone number and city.

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Contact Victor Zarich KE6DID at 650-756-8420 or email: VicZarich@aol.com

SCRA INCOME AND EXPENSES 6/14/99 - 7/14/99	
ASSETS AS OF 6/14/99	
CASH AND BANK ACCOUNTS	
SCRA CHECKING	3087.32
SCRA PETTY CASH	88.62
SCRA SAVINGS	1543.14
TOTAL CASH AND BANK ACCOUNTS	4719.08
INFLOWS	
ARRL INC	28.00
DUES:	58.00
INITIATION	12.00
FIELD DAY INC	576.00
MONTHLY RAFFLE	0.00
REFRESHMENT INC	18.25
REPLACEMENT BADGES	6.00
SHORTSKIP INC	192.00
TOTAL INFLOWS	890.25
OUTFLOWS	
ACTIVITIES:	
FIELD DAY	1058.22
OVERHEAD:	
OFFICERS'EXP	59.11
REFRESHMENTS	11.97
REPEATER: PHONE	39.55
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	1168.85
ASSETS AS OF 7/14/99	
CASH AND BANK ACCOUNTS	
SCRA CHECKING	2804.47
SCRA PETTY CASH	92.87
SCRA SAVINGS	1543.14
TOTAL CASH AND BANK ACCOUNTS	4440.48


SCRA INCOME AND EXPENSES 7/15/99 - 8/10/99	
ASSETS AS OF JULY 15, 1999	
CASH AND BANK ACCOUNTS	
SCRA CHECKING	2578.47
SCRA PETTY CASH	92.87
SCRA SAVINGS	1743.14
TOTAL CASH AND BANK ACCOUNTS	4414.48
INFLOWS	
ARRL INC	50.00
DUES:	63.00
INITIATION	24.00
INTEREST EARNED	7.71
REFRESHMENT INC	6.21
SHORTSKIP INC	192.00
TOTAL INFLOWS	342.92
OUTFLOWS	
ACTIVITIES: FIELD DAY	104.96
ARRL MEMBERSHIP	48.00
OVERHEAD: REFRESHMENTS	11.97
REPEATER: MAINTENANCE	483.70
SHORTSKIP EXP	200.51
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	849.14
ASSETS AS OF AUGUST 10, 1999	
CASH AND BANK ACCOUNTS	
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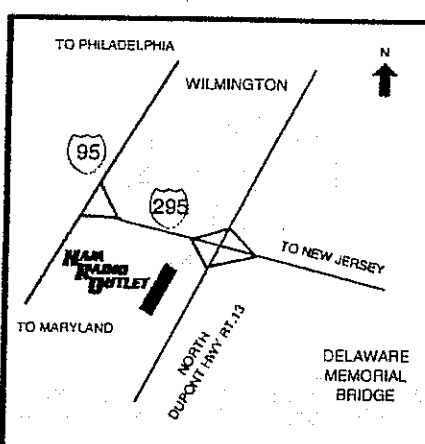
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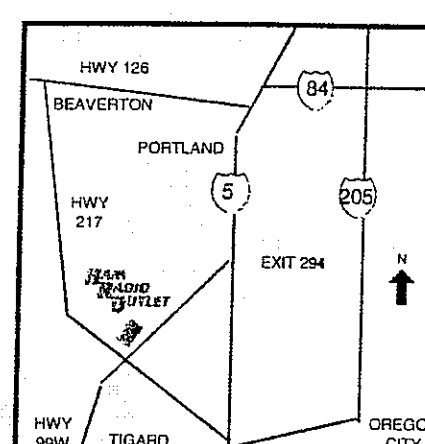
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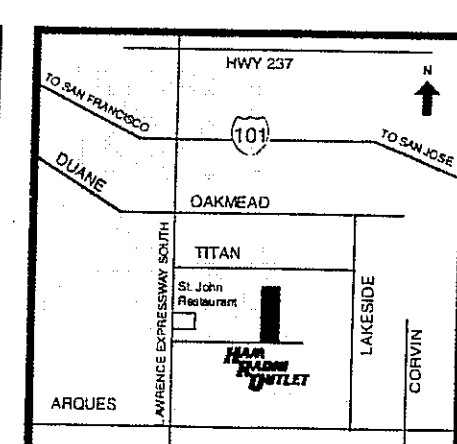
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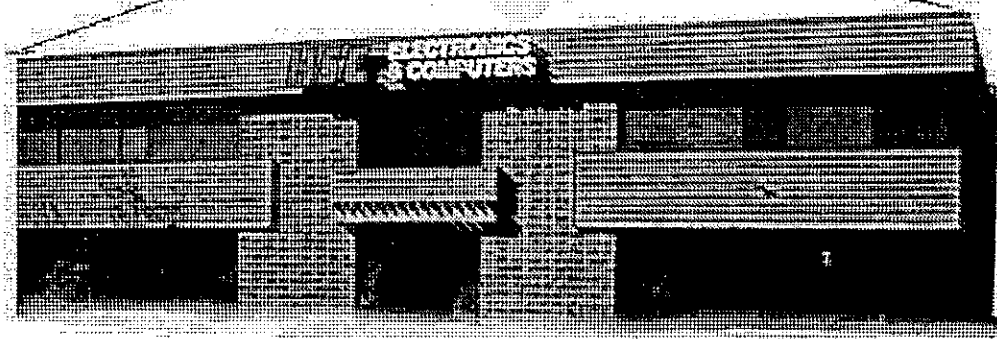
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**Sonoma County Radio Amateurs, Inc.
Membership Meeting 8-4-99
MINUTES**

1. Call to Order, Verification of Quorum - The meeting was called to order by club Secretary Bill Hillendahl KH6GJV at 7:40 PM at the Santa Rosa HP facility. There were 14 members in attendance at the time the meeting was called to order. In that a quorum of the members was not present, the meeting was held as an informational meeting with no business conducted.
 - a. Introductions
 - i. Officers & Directors - The club officers and directors introduced themselves.
 - ii. Guest Speakers - Kelly Cureton KD6CJQ on Repeater Resources.
 - iii. Visitors - Ed Small KF6AYG introduced himself.
 - iv. New Calls & Upgrades - None.

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 - None.
 - c. Directors - None

4. Committee Reports
 - a. Activities Committee
 - i. SCRA Swap Meet 9/18 at Luchesi Park in Petaluma. Jim Cardillo-Lee KE6VGV has secured the Petaluma park for the event. Those willing to assist should contact him.
 - b. Newsletter Editor - No report.
 - c. Public Service - John Mullan KD2LQ reported on the Vineman event. There are no events in August. The next event is the Waves to Wine on Saturday and Sunday, September 25th & 26th.
 - d. Repeater Committee - Kelly Cureton KD6CJQ reported that the new power supply for the Sonoma Mountain system had been ordered. He said that the Uniden UHF repeater is in the shop. All is working at this time.
 - e. PCAM Special Event Station - Bill Hillendahl KH6GJV reported that the next meeting of the group will be on Monday, July 26th at 7 PM at the Coddington Round Table Pizza at 1003 Guerneville Road (behind the Men's Warehouse). All are welcome. The event is on Saturday and Sunday, August 21st and 22nd. Antenna setup will be on Friday, August 20th at 6 PM at the airport.

5. Show & Tell - Brian Rayl N7MOE showed an ATV amplifier for 426-450 MHz that developed 50 watts output with 25 milliwatts drive. Bill KH6GJV asked various members to tell how they got interested in amateur radio.

6. Recess - The meeting went into recess at 8:25 PM and resumed at 8:45 PM.

7. Program - Kelly Cureton KD6CJQ presented a program on the club's repeater resources including a video of the Sonoma Mountain equipment.

8. Raffle
 - a. Regular - The raffle was not conducted.
 - b. Membership - The membership raffle was lost by Jennifer Dewey KF6DDQ.

9. Announcements
 - a. Next Program - To be announced.
 - b. Board Meeting next Wednesday at Master's Touch Mortgage, 8979 Conde Lane, Windsor, at 6:30PM.

10. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM.

N6XMW Confirmed as Federal Judge:

Congratulations to League member and Extra licensee William H. Alsup, N6XMW, who has been confirmed by the US Senate as the newest judge on the US District Court for the Northern District of California. Alsup, 54, began his career by clerking for US Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas and later became a trial attorney with the Morrison & Foerster law firm. He'll fill the vacancy left by US District Judge Thelton Henderson. Alsup was recommended by Sen. Barbara Boxer, who called him "an outstanding attorney who is eminently qualified to serve on the federal bench."

Alsup will bring more than 22 years of experience in civil litigation to the bench. He graduated with joint degrees in law and public policy from Harvard Law School and the John F. Kennedy School of Government.

Thanks Phil Kane, K2ASP

Coming Events:

Livermore Swap Meet - 1st Sunday of each month at Las Positas College in Livermore, 7:00 AM to noon, all year. Talk in 147.045 from the west, 145.35 from the east. Contact Cliff Kibbe, KF6EII, (209) 835-6715, e-mail: larkswap@hotmail.com

Foothill Flea Market - 2nd Saturday of each month from March to October at Foothill College, Los Altos Hills, CA.

ARRL Pacific Division Convention (PACIFICON99), Concord, CA., Oct. 15 - 17. Contact Dick Brown, KT6X, (925) 676-9048, email paccon99@pacbell.net. <http://www.pacificon.org>.

Sonoma County Radio Amateurs, Inc.

Board of Directors Meeting 8-11-99

MINUTES

Board Members Present: Bill Hillendahl KH6GJV, Joel Nadler KJ6LF, Greg Gordon AC6VJ, Brian Torr N6IYY, Jim Cardillo-Lee KE6VGV, John Mullan KD2LQ and Kelly Cureton KD6CJQ.

Board Members Absent: Larry Gustafson KD6VUM, Steve Brink KF6RCH, and Wes Chapman K7DXG.

Guests Present: Jeff Basham W2JAB, Bill McCall KF6VNR, Jay Peskin and Sue Mullan.

1. Call to Order, Verification of Quorum, Introductions - The meeting was called to order by club Secretary Bill KH6GJV 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 seven of the nine voting board members were present.
2. Approval of Minutes - Bill KH6GJV noted that the BoD's approval of the purchase of a new power supply for the Sonoma Mountain repeater had not been included in the text of the minutes that he had sent to be printed in Shortskip. The copy in the BoD members hands now had the text included. Joel KJ6LF noted that immediate Past President Dave New AA6YX should be deleted as a BoD member as his dues were not paid for the year. The club governing documents were consulted and require BoD members to be full members of the club. Dave's name will be deleted. Also, in section 3c, Joel, not Larry, made the motion in question. Joel KJ6LF moved that the amended minutes of the Board meeting of July 14, 1999, be approved. 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.
 - b. Officers - Secretary Bill read an e-mail message from Ken McTaggart thanking the club for allowing them to use the 2 meter repeater as a backup system for the Liberty Ride in Sonoma.
 - c. Directors - None.
4. Committee Reports
 - a. Activities Committee
 - i. Swap Meet - The proposed flyer for the swap meet was reviewed. It was felt by the members that the flyer should be done in black and white due to the cost. The grand prize was discussed. Joel KJ6LF moved that up to \$500 be allocated to purchase a VHF/UHF mobile radio. The motion passed.
 - ii. Repeater Steering Committee - Kelly KD6CJQ and Joel KJ6LF asked if the next meeting date could be moved as they would not be available on 8/26. Bill said that he would look into a date change. Thursday, September 2nd was listed as a good date for those present.
 - iii. PCAM Special Event - Aug 21/22 - Co-ordinated by EARS. The next meeting of the team is Monday, August 16th at 7 PM at the Coddington Round Table Pizza, 1003 Guerneville Road. The event is on course.
 - b. Newsletter - Wes Chapman K7DXG - Wes was not present to make a report. A new editor needs to be found as Wes cannot continue. Kelly said that he had referred two people interested in the job to Wes.
 - c. Public Service Committee - John KD2LQ reported the following events:
 - i. 9/19 Clo's Classic - all day
 - ii. 9/25-26 Waves to Wine
 - d. Repeater Committee - Kelly KD6CJQ reported that the new power supply had been picked up by Bill from HRO and given to Kelly. He expected to have it installed in the next couple of weeks.
 - i. Net Control Operators for the Weekly Net - 8/17 RMW, 8/24 VNR, 8/31 LF, 9/7 IYY, 9/14 JAB, 9/21 RMW, 9/28 VGV, 10/5 CJQ, 10/12 IYY, 10/19 RMW, 10/26 LF
5. Unfinished Business
 - a. Meeting Programs - September - Brian N6IYY on Spectrum Analyzers. Future program ideas - Member Shacks, Cell Phone Technology, Surface Mount Devices, CATV Systems, PG&E Safety
 - b. Club Calendar - No changes.
 - c. Storage of Club Property - No report. Most of the club property is stored at Larry KD6VUM's employer's storage unit. Sale of the club generator was discussed. Bill suggested that membership approval should be obtained. It will be brought up at the next meeting.

- d. Club Stationary - Bill KH6GJV reported that club member Michael McHugh KF6VNU, who owns a printing company, had quoted a cost of about \$20 for 1,000 sheets of black and white letterhead. Color would cost about \$55. These prices are Mike's material costs only. Joel KJ6LF moved that the 1,000 pages with black lettering be ordered at a cost of about \$20.
 - e. Dipole Antenna Purchase - Joel KJ6LF said that the antenna is still on hold until the manufacturer is back in operation late in the Summer.
 - f. November Meeting Location - Brian N6IYY did not have a commitment from HP on meeting in the cafeteria in November. He will report again at the next meeting.
6. New Business
 - a. Membership Raffle - Jeff Basham W2JAB is working on a computer program to make the monthly membership raffle. It was suggested that it might be less cumbersome to have the program generate a random number with a set high number rather than have to update the membership roster file each time. Jeff said that he will continue working on it.
 - b. Ted DeCroff KB6PTA is in need of a new coffee pot. The old one is not operating properly. Kelly KD6CJQ moved that Ted be allotted up to \$100 to purchase one or more coffee pots. The motion passed.
 - c. It was reported that John Breckenridge WB6FRZ had advised that after one more month, he would no longer be able to coordinate the making of the Shortskip audio tapes. A replacement for John's position will be needed.
 - d. A local visually impaired Ham, Lee KA6UAF has again requested assistance from the club in erecting his antennas at his Rincon Valley rental home. His landlord's concern is that the antenna structures not harm the building and the building can be fully restored when the antennas are removed. Bill KH6GJV noted that Lee had made this request many months ago and that Bill had announced it at a general meeting. He had no response to the call for help. Bill said that he felt that it was SCRA's responsibility to assist Lee in his effort. Bill KH6GJV, Bill McCall KF6VNR, Jeff W2JAB, Brian N6IYY and Kelly KD6CJQ offered to help.
 7. Announcements - None.
 8. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 PM

Secretary's Notes:

The minutes of the 7-14-99 Board of Directors meeting published in Shortskip were amended as follows:

Dave New AA6YX was removed from the Board Roster as he is not a current member of the club. In section 3c, Joel, not Larry, made the motion in question. In section 4d, text showing the BoD approval of the purchase of an Astron 65 ampere power supply for the Sonoma Mountain repeater site was omitted.

Special Note: A proposal to authorize the Board of Directors to sell the club's trailered generator will be presented at the next meeting. Please plan on attending to discuss this important issue.