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January 2000

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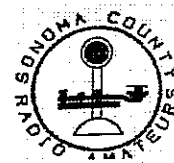
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Kelly Cureton KD6CJQ - 1999 SCRA Member of the Year

by Ken Harrison

It was my pleasure to present Kelly Cureton, KD6CJQ, with the SCRA 1999 Member of the Year award at the Christmas dinner meeting. Kelly was unanimously chosen by the selection committee for his outstanding service to the club and the community.

As you probably already know, Kelly has been the club's repeater chairman for the past few years. During that time, he has learned quite a bit about repeaters and their operations including their quirks and oddities. He has gone from merely babysitting them to actually building them, having replaced the UHF repeater up on Sonoma Mountain with one he made from a Motorola Mitrek commercial radio. To date, this repeater is still up there while the replacement has been modified to work correctly in the amateur bands (it, too, being a commercial piece of equipment.) I was talking with a local radio tech about Kelly and he said that when Kelly first got going as the SCRA repeater chairman, he asked a lot of questions (which isn't necessarily a bad thing, mind you!) These days, he rarely gets any questions from Kelly, attesting to the fact that Kelly has gained a bit of knowledge regarding repeaters and their operations. And who says you can't teach old dogs new tricks!

As repeater chairman, Kelly has made himself available at a moment's notice to run on up to Sonoma Mountain and fix whatever might be ailing our club's repeater system. He wouldn't be able to do that had he not gained the respect and trust of the Sonoma County communications department so that they will give him the key and access almost unquestioned. (That, in itself, is not an easy feat!)

Also, as repeater chairman, Kelly has literally saved the club thousands of dollars in technician fees. It isn't necessarily the job of the repeater chairman to be a competent radio technician, just to be able to orchestrate the repair and proper operation of the club's equipment. Kelly went that extra mile in learning to keep the equipment going on his own. Give your local commercial two-way radio shop a call and ask them how much it would cost to dispatch a technician up to the top of Sonoma Mountain to repair a repeater, spending oh... as little as 3 hours up there. I think you'll find that you could purchase the latest new fangled whoopy-doo FM amateur radio for far less!

Kelly was not only selected for his outstanding work as repeater chairman. He has also provided the amateur radio community with leadership as the ACS Radio Officer. The ACS (Auxiliary Communication Service) is an umbrella organization that has taken the place of RACES in the past couple of years. Kelly has donated much time as the ACS Radio Officer and attended many meetings. He has helped to organize the service to what it is today -- a shining example for other counties of how amateur radio operators can come to the aid of their community in times of emergency. Kelly was selected this year as the ACS Volunteer of the Year. It is clear that he is considered a valuable asset by many, not just our club.

For his work with the club's repeaters, his involvement with ACS, his volunteer of time to help with events like The Vineman and more, Kelly deserves our congratulations for a job well done. Congratulations, Kelly, the 1999 SCRA Member of the Year award couldn't have gone to a more deserving recipient!

And now a word from SETI

With your assistance, SETI@home has been amazingly successful. 1,500,000 people in 224 countries have downloaded the SETI@home screensaver and together they have contributed 125,000 years of computer time, with the common goal of finding the first sign of intelligent extraterrestrial life.

We've been recording data at the Arecibo radio telescope since December 1998, and most of the data through May 1999 has now been analyzed. 100 million signals have been detected and stored in our database. The second-phase processing, which rejects man-made interference and looks for "repeat" signals, will start soon. This is when we hope to actually detect an ET signal! Furthermore, thanks to the abundance of computing power, we'll be augmenting SETI@home to look for new types of signals.

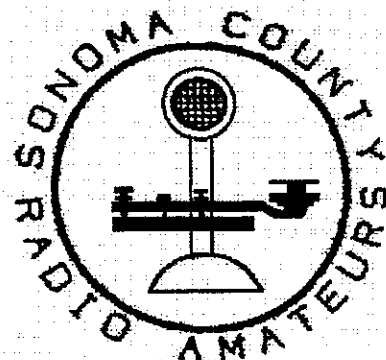
As the number of users has grown, we've had to upgrade our servers several times to handle the load. Sometimes it's been hard to connect (sorry!) but our most recent upgrades have fixed this problem for now. And the SCRA has helped.

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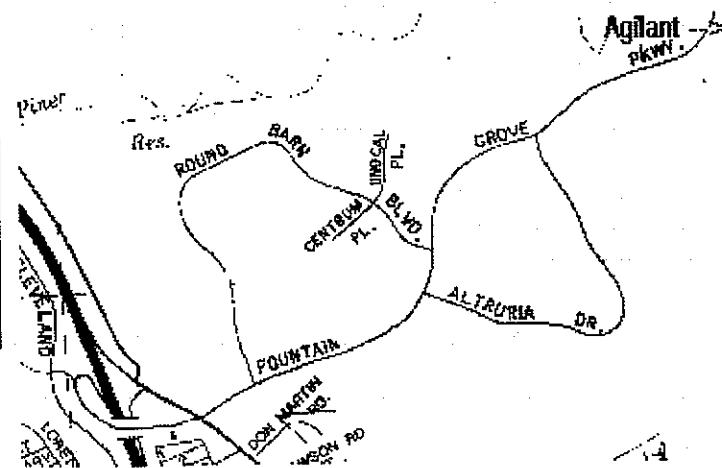
7:30pm on the first Wednesday of each month at the Agilent plant (formaly HP) in SANTA ROSA. See map below.

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:
DECEMBER 1, 1999**

**7:30pm
Event**



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Application for Membership in SCRA

Name _____ Call sign _____ License Class _____

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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.

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Phone Number: _____

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"RICKS RAMBLEINGS"

"Happy New Year" and even more significant! "Happy New Millennium" to all. This is an exciting time to be elected President of SCRA. Its not often one is chosen to be the first of something and make history as the first president of the new Millennium. I believe that I'm also the first to be elected President of SCRA for a fourth time. I'm really honored and excited and looking forward to the upcoming year. SCRA has been around since 1956 and is still going strong. Like any other organization we have had our growing pains but have always rallied and carried onward and upward. I'm sure we will face our share of challenges in 2000 but we have a strong board of Directors and Committee Chair Persons to guide and support us. We are one of the largest Ham Radio Clubs in Northern Calif. And I'm sure we will continue to grow.

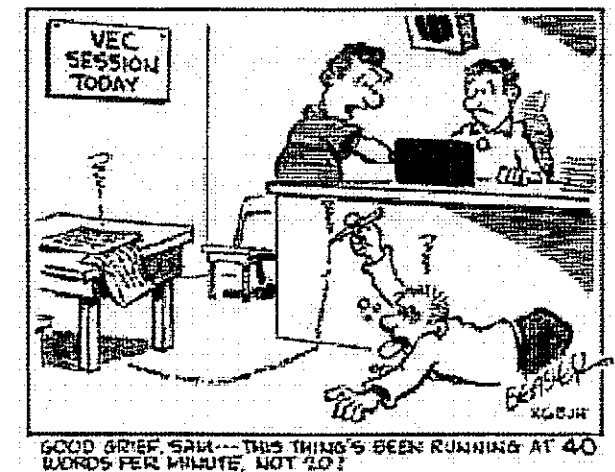
Soon The FCC will be announcing the latest restructuring of the requirements for obtaining the coveted "Ham Ticket" and without any doubts what so ever, all will not agree. Well hear this now! There have been many restructures since the advent of ham radio and we have survived and will continue to do so. Every time there has been a restructuring there are of course have been the nasayers predicting the doom of Ham Radio. Well we are still here and having a good time with more modes of operation than could ever be imagined back in the 1920s at the beginning of the radio arts. This up coming year 2000 (are you all like me having a hard time saying 2000 rather than nineteen ninety something ?) Will be a lot of fun. We have a new mode of operation to play with, PSK31 and a new Amateur Satellite, phase 3D will be going up soon that should be the most exciting satellite to date. We'll try to have programs on both and programs on many other exciting thing. I look forward to seeing each and everyone out there. This is your club and it is yours to support. Don't be afraid to raise your hand and volunteer there more than enough fun to go around Well by now you understand why I titled this column " RICKS RAMBLINGS" so at risk of taking up any further space, again "Happy new Millennium" to all. Remember its your club to support. Volunteer!! It won't hurt I promise.

Rick Reiner, K6ZWB President SCRA

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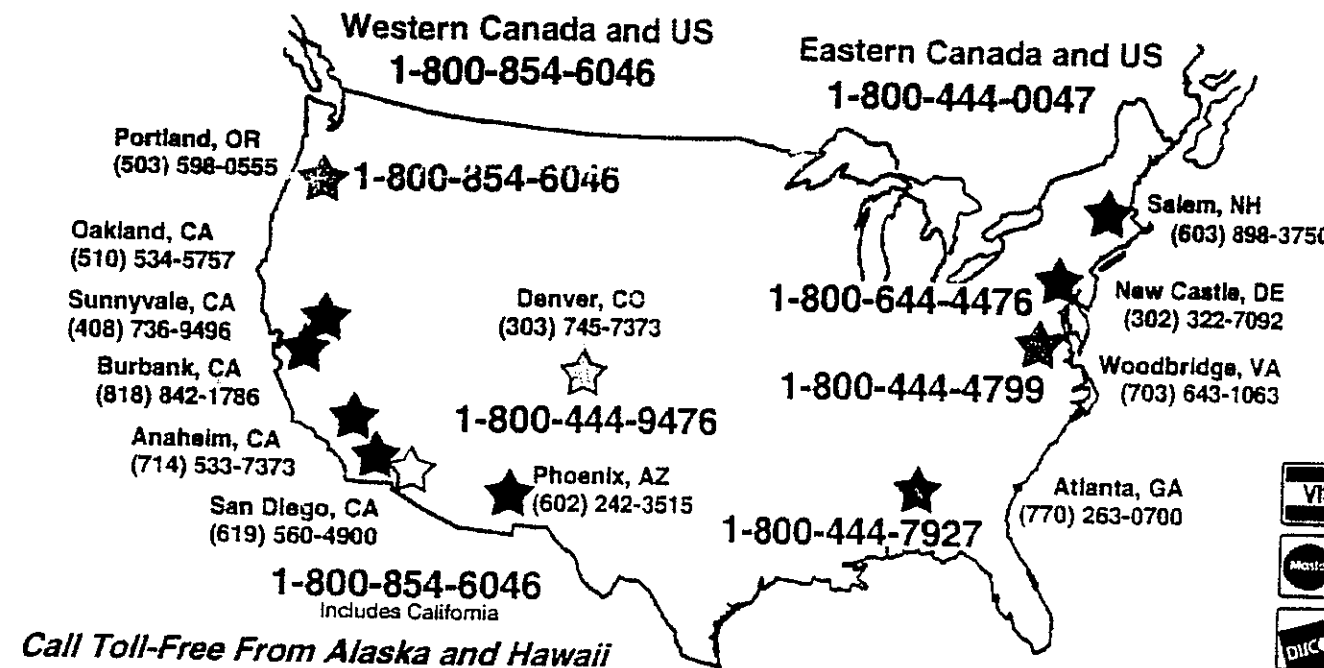
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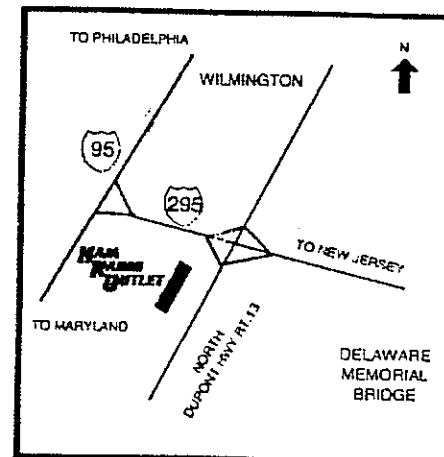
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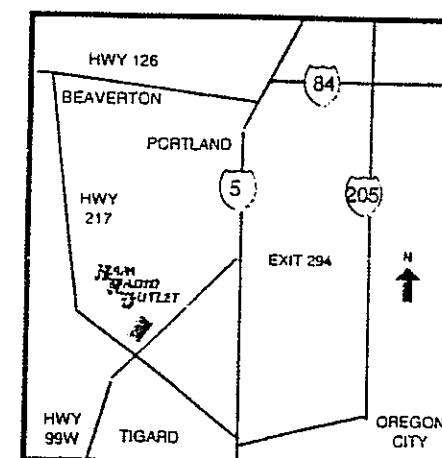
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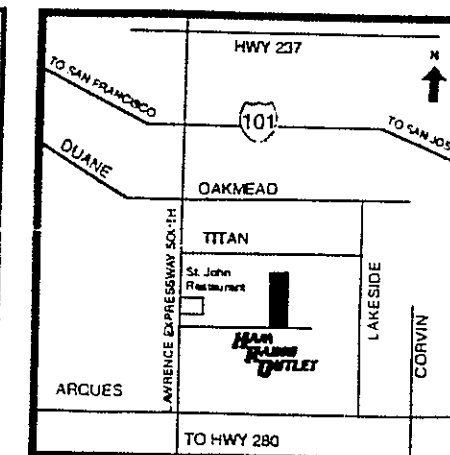
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