

Calendar for November, 2000

November 1, 2000 General membership, at 7:30 P.M

SCRA's General Membership Meeting Aglient Technologies, 1400 Fountain Grove Parkway in Santa Rosa At the time of submittal, the program:

November 1, 2000 , at 6:30 o'clock P.M.

SCRA's Board of Directors Meeting Masterstouch Morgage, 8979 Conde Lane in Windsor All SCRA members are welcome to attend.

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## ARES Comm Log

Top 10 Reasons For Not Supporting ARES:

- 1.) "I don't have the time."
- 2.) "I don't have the right equipment."
- 3.) "I don't like the ARRL. They've never done anything for me."
- 4.) "Nobody can tell ME what to do."
- 5.) "I'll help ... but I don't need any training. I got my license way back in ...."
- 6.) "I'll help ... if I get paid."
- 7.) "That's the government's job."
- 8.) "Public and commercial communications systems never break down."
- 9.) "We never have emergencies or disasters here."

And ... now: The top reason for not supporting emergency services ... (drum roll please)

10.) "IT'S JUST A HOBBY!"

So ..... are YOU involved in ARES? Probably not! There are over 1400 licensed hams in Sonoma County and many hundreds in Santa Rosa alone. SCRA has about 170 members and, on a GOOD night, we get 9 or 10 people checking into the ARES net. Why is that? It seems to me that every amateur radio operator should take pride in being a part of emergency communications. Think about it. The history of radio is steeped in the transmission of information under difficult circumstances. Why did you go through all the trouble to earn your license if all you wanted was a glorified cell phone?

Our unit's main goal is to be prepared to handle traffic in an emergency. However, there's no law that says we can't have a little fun doing it! In the next few weeks we will be preparing for the ARRL SET (Simulated Emergency Test). It will be a short exercise in message handling followed by a critique of the event. I promise the exercise will last no more than two hours. If you would like to help plan the event, please let me know. If you would like to become involved in ARES please let me know. If you have any suggestions on improving the ARES unit, please let me know. I'd like to hear from each of you.

I firmly believe that, with a little work (and fun), we can make this group the strongest ARES unit around. It really doesn't take more than a few minutes a week to participate. The Santa Rosa ARES net meets at 7:30 PM on Mondays on 147.45 simplex. Check in ..... We'd like to hear from you!

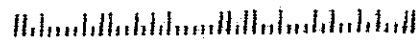
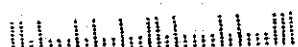
Rich  
KF6SZA

Santa Rosa ARES EC

## Christmas Party

The annual SCRA Christmas party will be held at Michele's Restaurant, 521 Adams Street (Railroad Square), Santa Rosa, on December 6th. The party starts at 7 PM. Cost is \$22 per person if paid before November 15, 2000 (postmark of 11/15 accepted). The cost will be \$25 per person if payment is received after November 15th. Payments will be accepted by mail, the club secretary or treasurer at meetings. The Christmas party is the capstone for the year and has always been enjoyed by members. Please join us for a review of the year and possibly a visit by a special guest.

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**2000 Club Officers**

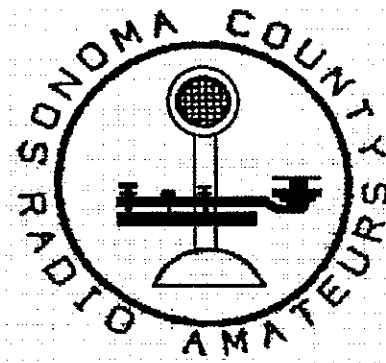
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**CLUB MEETINGS**

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

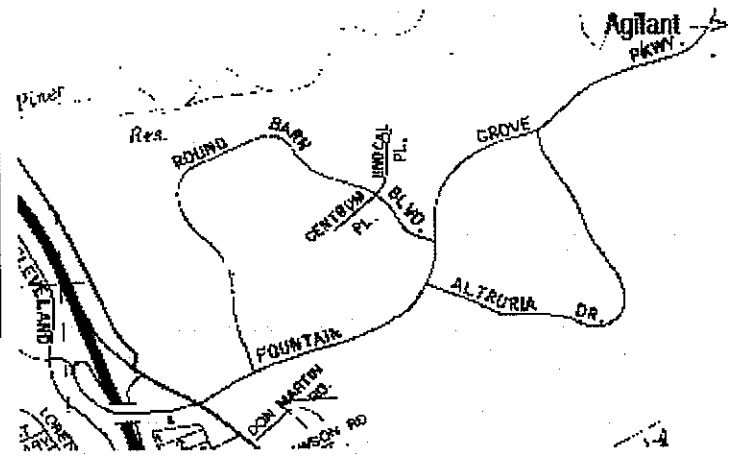
**ALL ARE WELCOME!!**

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:**

**November 1, 2000 7:30pm**

The next program will Program - Elections and video on Heard Island DXpedition



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**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.

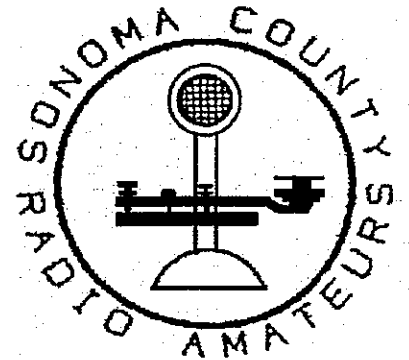
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**Application for Membership in SCRA**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Call sign \_\_\_\_\_ 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 \$7/person. Dues for new members only are prorated at \$1.50/month for individuals and \$2.25/month for families, starting at renewal time. ARRL dues: \$34/year, (\$28/year over 65 with proof of age.) Under 21 rates require application form. When renewing your ARRL membership, do it through the club and SCRA gets to keep some of the money.

(Please make checks payable to SCRA.)

**I WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION ABOUT:**

<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: \_\_\_\_\_

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Sonoma County Radio Amateurs, Inc. Board of Directors Meeting 10-11-2000

MINUTES

Board Members Present: Greg Gordon AC6VJ, Bill Hillendahl KH6GJV, Jim Cardillo-Lee KE6VGV, Rich Freitas KF6SZA and Bill McCall W6WDM.

Board Members Excused: Rick Reiner K6ZWB

Committee Chairmen Present: John Mullan KD2L and Jeff Basham W2JAB.

Guests Present: Sue Mullan K8SUE.

- 1. Call to Order, Verification of Quorum, Introductions - The meeting was called to order by Vice President Greg Gordon AC6VJ 6:58 PM. The meeting was held at the offices of Master's Touch Mortgage, 8979 Conde Lane, Windsor. A quorum was present in that five of the six voting board members were present.
2. Approval of Minutes - Rich KF6SZA moved that the minutes of the Board meeting of September 13, 2000, be approved as printed in Shortskip. The motion passed.
3. Officer & Director Reports
a. Treasurer
i. Current Financial - Jim KE6VGV reported on the financial standing of the club. He will move the donated \$2,700 to the savings account and note that the funds are earmarked for repeater improvements.
b. Officers
i. Secretary
Mail & Communications - Bill KH6GJV distributed the mail to the appropriate officers and presented the newsletters that the club had received. Bill reported that a letter and diskettes were sent to D&S Awards on September 20th to obtain a copy of the club logo. To date, the disks had not been returned although D&S had represented that they could turn around the request in 48 hours. Jeff will follow up with a phone call.
c. Directors - None.

- 4. Committee Reports
a. Activities Committee - Jeff Basham W2JAB
i. Swap Meet - The income and expenses received to date for the swapmeet were reviewed. It appears that the club made between \$00 and \$500.
ii. Christmas Dinner (Michele's) - The dinner reservation information was sent to the newsletter editor but it was not published in Shortskip. Bill will submit it again.
b. Newsletter - Henry Tate KE6ORF was not present to make a report.
c. Public Service Committee - John KD2L reported that the season was closed.
d. Repeater Committee - Greg Gordon AC6VJ
i. Status of Repeaters - Greg advised that everything seemed to be working normally.
ii. Meeting with DES Director Vern Losh on 10-20-00 - The meeting is to be canceled as Rick is ill. Bill was asked to call DES tomorrow.
iii. Net Control Operators - 11-7 WJ, 11-14 L, 11-21 RMW, 11-28 GJV

- 5. Unfinished Business
a. Meeting Programs - Nov- Elections and VKOIR Future program ideas - Cell Phone Technology, Surface Mount Devices, CATV Systems, Force 12
b. Club Calendar - No changes

- 6. New Business
a. NARCC Dues - Bill discussed the problems that he was experiencing getting the records straightened out with NARCC. Bill advised that the 2001 dues should be paid. Rich KF6SZA moved that the \$20 NARCC dues be paid for 2001. The motion passed. Jim gave Bill a check.

- b. Club Insurance - Bill presented the ARRL club insurance invoice. The cost for next year is \$329. Bill KH6GJV moved that the insurance premium be paid. The motion passed.
c. Nominations for 2001 officers and directors: Greg as the nominations chairman accepted volunteers for the positions. President: Greg Gordon AC6VJ; Vice President: Bill Hillendahl KH6GJV; Secretary: Jeff Basham W2JAB; Treasurer: Jim Cardillo-Lee KE6VGV; Director: John Mullan KD2L, Rich Freitas KF6SZA and Jeff Basham W2JAB. Greg is looking for more volunteers.
d. Board meeting location - Locations closer to Santa Rosa were discussed. Rich offered his store as a meeting location. There were no objections. The November Board meeting will be held at Furniture Traditions, 3450 Airway Drive, Santa Rosa.

- 7. Announcements - None
8. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM

The Dinner Crew

A new tradition is in the making. For several months now, a group of members has been getting together before the monthly meeting for dinner. You are welcome to join us! We meet at Marie Callenders restaurant, 2460 Mendocino Avenue (corner of Mendocino and Chanate), Santa Rosa. People start showing up at 5:30 PM. No RSVP is required.

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