## 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

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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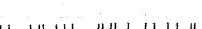
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## ARES Comm Log

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

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

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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 quest.

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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.



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:

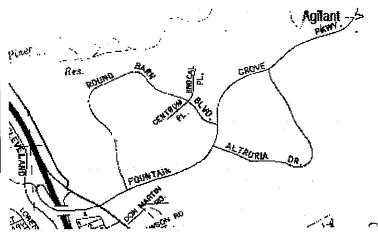
## November 1, 2000 7:30pm

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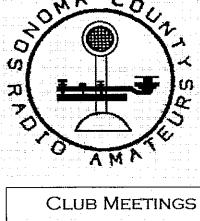
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# Application for Membership in SCRA Name \_\_\_\_\_ Call sign \_\_\_\_ License Class \_\_\_\_ Address Phone Date City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) Renewal ( ) New SCRA Dues: The renewal date for SCRA dues is March 1st. Dues are \$18/year 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: ( ) Public Service Events ( ) Helping with SCRA Flea Market ( ) Emergency Services (\_\_) Acting as Net Control Station (\_\_\_) Taking a Novice or Technician class (\_\_\_) Helping with VEC license exams ) Teaching a Novice or Technician class( ) Field Day and other operating events ( ) Helping with Short Skip (newsletter) ( ) Taking an upgrade class ( )Other (\_\_) Teaching an upgrade class BADGE (New Members Only) Auto slot Request: Licensed SCRA members are entitled Fill in this section exactly as you want it to appear on to a repeater auto slot. Fill in the information below to apply your badge. and send the form to: SCRA, PO Box 116, Santa Rosa CA Call sign

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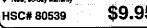
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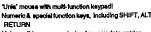
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## Sonoma County Radio Amateurs, Inc. Board of Directors Meeting 10-11-2000

### 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 AC6VI 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 moved the donated \$2,700 to the savings account and note that the funds are earmarked for repeater improvements.

### b. Officers

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 copies 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 dub made between \$00
  - 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
- 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 VJ, 11-14 L, 11-21 RMW, 11-28 GJV

#### 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 KH6GIV 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 AC6VI; Vice President: Bill Hillendahl KH6GIV; Secretary: Jeff Basham W2IAB; Treasurer: Jim Cardillo-Lee KE6VGV; Director: John Mullan KD2L, Rich Freitas KF6SZA and Jeff Basham W2JAB. Greg is looking for more
- 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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# Sonoma County Radio Amateurs, Inc Membership Meeting 10-4-2000

### MINUTES

- 1. Call to Order, Verification of Quorum The meeting was called to order by President Rick Reiner K6ZWB at 7:33 PM at the Santa Rosa Agilent Technologies facility. There were 28 people present.
  - a. Introductions
    - i. Officers & Directors The club officers and directors introduced themselves.
    - ii. Guest Speakers/Program Video on Heard Island DXpedition
    - iii. Visitors Cassy, a friend of Kevin French KG6ABB
    - iv. New Calls & Upgrades Mike von der Porten KGFDLK upgraded to General and changed his
- 2. Approval of Minutes Bob Olsten WD6DPE moved that the minutes of the September 6, 2000, be approved as printed in Shortskip. The motion passed.
- 3. Officer & Director Reports
  - a. Treasurer Jim Cardillo-Lee KE6VGV reviewed the account balances. He gave a preliminary profit figure for the Swap meet of about \$500.
  - b. Officers Secretary Bill Hillendahl KH6GJV invited the members to review the binder of newsletters received from other clubs. Bill pointed out the member badges that need to be picked up.
  - c. Directors Santa Rosa ARES Emergency Coordinator Rich Freitas KF6SZA advised the membership of the coming Simulated Emergency Test promoted by the ARRL. Rich invited members to participate in the planning of the event and on the day the SET occurs. Watch Shortskip and listen to the Tuesday night nets for more information.
  - d. President Rick expressed his personal thanks to everyone who participated in the Swapmeet. There were 27 vendors and plenty of visitors. Rick believed that the event will continue to grow.

#### 4. Committee Reports

- a. Activities Committee Jeff Basham W2JAB The Christmas party will be held at Micheles restaurant again. The night is December 6th. The cost is \$22 per person if paid before November 15th. The cost is \$25 per person if paid after.
- Newsletter Editor Henry Tate KE6ORF No report.
- Public Service John Mullan KD2L advised that the public service season has come to an end for the year. John expressed his thanks to all who participated. John said that he had heard that the Waves to Wine event raised in the neighborhood of \$750,000.
- Repeater Committee Greg Gordon AC6VJ reported that all systems are up and running properly. Greg reported a meeting between the SCRA board, county DES officials and the county communications manager. The county has informed SCRA that shortly after the first of the year, there will be no access to the equipment on Sonoma Mountain. English Hill will be

the primary location and Al Ferrera WA6MXI and Bob Magnani K6QXY from CalSites have offered Castle Rock as the alternate, backup site.

#### 5. Unfinished Business

SONOMA COUNTY RADIO AMATEURS, INC.

a. Constitution & Bylaws changes - The motion to make the changes was made by Greg Gordon AC6VJ and seconded at the last meeting. Discussion ensued. Motions to amend the main motion were made: Al Bloom N1AL moved that a new paragraph g. be added to Article IV, Section 1, stating: nominate repeater control operators who shall be approved by the repeater license trustee; and, that the text "repeater control operators" be deleted from paragraph f. of the same article. The motion was seconded. The motion passed. Al N1AL moved that the last line of proposed text of Article IV, Section 4, referring to term limits be deleted. The motion was seconded. The motion failed. Al N1AL moved that all-of Article IV, Section 5, referring to removal from office for non-attendance be deleted. The motion was seconded. The motion failed. Al N1AL moved that Article V, Section 2, paragraph b, have language referring to the national Association of Parliamentarians be deleted. The motion was seconded. The motion passed. The main motion to change the constitution and bylaws, as amended, was put to the question. The motion passed unanimously.

#### 6. New Business

- a. Nominating Committee This was referred to the Board meeting.
- b. Member of the Year This was referred to the Board
- 7. Recess The meeting went into recess at 8:55 PM and resumed at 9:10 PM.
- 8. Show & Tell Bill Hillendahl KH6GJV showed the wrist rocket and crossbow pistol with attached fishing reels that he uses to launch antenna lines in trees.
- 9. Program There being no objection, the planned program was put over to the next meeting due to the time.

- a. Regular The 50/50 raffle was won by Brian Torr N6IIY who split \$38 with the club. Brian donated the winnings back to the club.
- b. The membership raffle was won by Brain Rayl N7MOE who won \$25.20 in small change.

#### 11. Announcements

- a. Next Program Elections and video on Heard Island
- b. Board Meeting next Wednesday at Master's Touch Mortgage, 8979 Conde Lane, Windsor, at 6:30PM.
- 12. Adjournment The meeting was adjourned at 9:28 PM.

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