

SEPTEMBER 2005 CALENDAR OF EVENTS						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2 7:30 PM Marin ARC Meeting, Alto Clubhouse, 27 Shell Road, Mill Valley	3 10:00 AM ROYARC Meeting Red Oak Victory Ship, Point Richmond Directions: www.sredookvictory.org
4	5	6	7 6:00 PM BBQ before meeting at Luther Burbank Art & Garden Center 7:00 PM SCRA Meeting Luther Burbank Art & Garden Center 2050 Yulupa Ave., Santa Rosa	8	9	10
11	12	13 7:30 PM Hamilton Wireless Association Building 549, Hamilton Field, Novato	14 6:30 PM SCRA Board of Directors Meeting	15	16 8:00 PM SEARC Meeting Veteran's Administration Medical Center, Auditorium of Bldg. 7, 42nd & Clement St., San Francisco	17
18	19	20	21 7:00 PM REDXA Meeting Mister McGoo's Restaurant, Petaluma 7:30 PM VMARC Meeting McDougall Hall, Sonoma Dev. Center, Glen Ellen	22	23	24 2005: Waves to Wine Bike Ride* MS Society Benefit Event
25 2005: Waves to Wine Bike Ride* MS Benefit Society Event	26	27	28	29	30	*See "Volunteers Needed" article on page 1 for times, places, and opening events.

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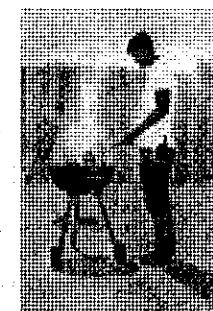


## President's Column

by  
John Felton KESRI  
SCRA President

I am not sure how we got here but it is September already. I've done some research into space-time physics and found that the higher level mathematics required to understand that stuff just gives me a headache. Without scientific support, I guess I'll just have to accept the fact that as one grows older, time speeds up. I suspect that Albert Einstein made the same observation and that he couldn't explain it either. Regardless, it is again time for me to write a President's Message. I got a reprieve last month as I was on vacation. You know, it is like when you read the newspaper and your favorite column is missing because the writer is on vacation. (Please forgive the example. I don't for a moment believe that I am your favorite writer.)

I fully expect an exceptionally large attendance at our up-coming meeting. From my experience there are three things that assure healthy turnout. First is a big controversy, second is a good speaker and third is food. Our next meeting will feature two of the three. For those of of you who enjoy a good controversy, you will have to wait for another time. A long time I hope. The closest subject I can think of is **NO CODE!** Personally I am in favor of no code licensing with the exception of Extra Class.



I don't want to get too long winded here or it won't fit in the allotted space. So for now, 73 and I hope to see you at the September meeting which will start at 6:00 PM. The doors will open at 5:00 for those of you who may want to help with cooking or setup or prepare a dish you have brought along. And, don't be shy about bringing a desert or a side dish.

### Got a digital camera?

If you've always wanted to shoot a picture of a hot dog grilling over hot charcoals, well, now's your chance! Bring your camera and shoot lots of pictures of hot dogs and while your at it, shoot some hams eating those hot dogs for the next issue of the *Short Skip* newsletter. Then send them to me: [cero.design@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cero.design@sbcglobal.net)

### Volunteers Needed

We could use help for this SCRA Public Service event:

#### Public Service Event for September.

Our last scheduled event for this year is the **Waves to Wine Bike Ride for the MS Society**. This event is set for **September 24th and 25th**. With two days of rest stops, sags and net control, there will be many opportunities for hams to fill these spots. Several hams have signed up, including some from the Marin ARC, but many more are needed. Ham radio plays a crucial role in this event's success and I'm hoping for a good turnout. Contact Craig at [cgarch@sonic.net](mailto:cgarch@sonic.net) or sign-up on the Tuesday night net.

On August 6th the Windsor YWCA held their first benefit bike ride and our support of the YWC2 ride was a complete success. Thanks to Brian N6HY, Bob KG6ZDN, Bill H KH6GJV, and Lee KE6EAQ for coming out and lending a hand.

For those that have already volunteered, thanks much. For those who wish to volunteer, see me at the September meeting.

Craig Goevert KG6THE, SCRA Public Service Wrangler

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**Tuesday Night Net**

Remember to check in to the SCRA net each **Tuesday** evening on the **146.985-(PL 88.5)** repeater at **7:00 PM**. Announcements are made of upcoming SCRA and other amateur radio activities in the area and what is listed in Hank's Swap Shop. You will also hear the weekly *Amateur Radio Newline* broadcast.

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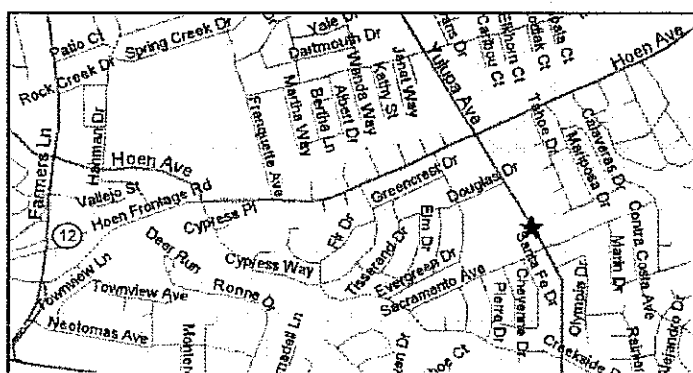


**SCRA Club Meetings**

The club normally meets the first Wednesday of each month. Exceptions are holidays or other big events.

Next meeting is September 7th at 6:00 PM at:

Luther Burbank Art & Garden Center  
2050 Yulupa Avenue  
Santa Rosa, CA



All are welcome!

Please join us at our next meeting. Anyone interested in Amateur Radio may be eligible for membership. A membership application is included in this newsletter.

For more information, contact any SCRA officer, director or member.

**Hungry before the meeting?**

Join us for dinner! But not at Coco's restaurant.

We're having a BBQ at 6pm at Luther Burbank Art & Garden Center and that's the place to be.

Doors will open at 5pm for food preparation.

If you are not getting the ARRL San Francisco Section news by e-mail and you are an ARRL member, be sure to subscribe under your Members Only information or go to these websites:

<http://www.arrl.org/sections/?sect=SF>  
<http://www.pdarrrl.org/sfsec/>

**In Search of Guglielmo**

article and photos by  
Bob Tripi N1KFV

*(continued from the August Newsletter)* During World War II, the government established Camp Wellfleet at the Wellfleet site as an artillery training facility. The Camp was closed after the war. In 1953, the Wellfleet Historical Society dedicated a plaque at the site and with the establishment of the Cape Cod National Seashore; the National Park Service acquired the site in 1961. In 1963, a pavilion was erected and in 1974, a shelter was built to house the model of the station. Park department signs call the area "Marconi Station." A few miles away is the access to the ocean called "Marconi Beach."

Marconi conducted many experiments, including working with microwaves. He also predicted radar based on observations made when ships passed between his transmitter and another station. In 1909 he was awarded the Nobel Prize for "development of the wireless telegraph." He claimed he was "not an inventor, but an improver of inventions."

**The Marconi Station Today**

Marconi station is reached from Route 6, a major Cape Highway. Sand and trees cover both sides of the road and except for a water tower peeking above the trees; there are few traces of civilization.

About 2 miles along is a parking lot. You can follow the path to the observation platform and look out toward Poldhu, England (Figure 1) across the Atlantic Ocean. To one side is the exhibit shelter, built to house the model of the station and various displays (Figure 2). This area is part of the National Seashore and a habitat for many fragile species. Much damage was caused by Camp Wellfleet and poor land use, which stripped the topsoil. As you move about, please respect the wildlife areas. There is little left of the station and as the beach erodes, more ground slips into the ocean. Some of the "dead men" that anchored the towers have been set out for viewing (Figure 3). The sign on the fence warns of the unstable cliff.

Just outside the shelter is a plaque in honor of the message sent in 1903 to the King of England and in the shelter is a model of the station as it was then (Figure 4). Displays show the text of the 1903 messages, the different parts of the original station, a schematic of the original spark gap transmitter, a map showing Poldhu, Glace Bay and Cape Cod (Figure 5), a bust of Marconi, and other information about Marconi and the station.

March 17th article and photos from the ARRL Web site  
*(to be continued next issue)*

**Sonoma County Radio Amateurs, Inc.  
Membership Application**

Please Print Clearly New [ ] Renewal [ ]

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Call Sign \_\_\_\_\_ License Class \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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ARRL Member? Yes [ ] No [ ]

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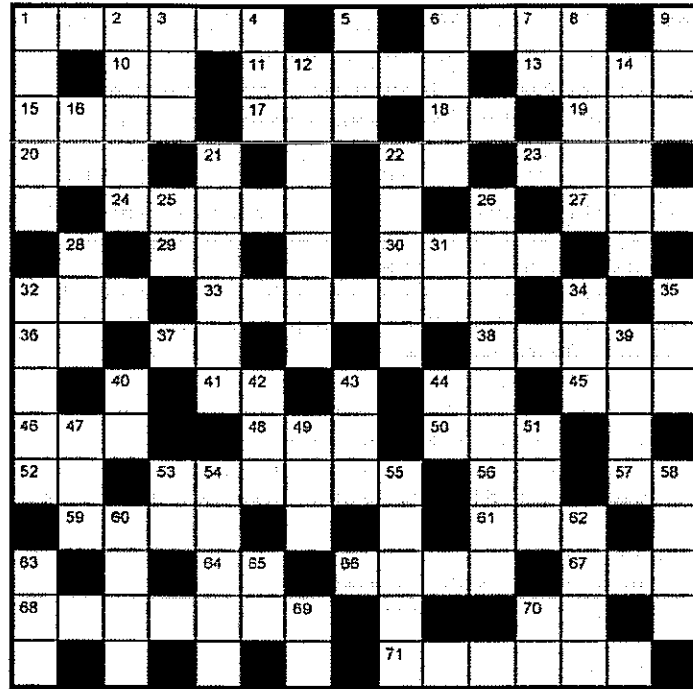
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The Amateur Radio Crossword Puzzle

"Morse Code - Closing in on 200 Years"

by H. Ward Silver NOAX

Whether or not the FCC decides to require CW ability as a gateway to amateur radio, hams will no doubt be using this most venerable of all wireless protocols well into the future. Just because it's not required doesn't mean it's going away - and why should it? CW is fun and useful and one of the biggest bangs for the buck in ham radio! With all that going for it, I'm sure there will be an article some day announcing the third century of CW - de NOAX.

(solution on page 4)

August 1st Crossword puzzle from the ARRL Web site

Across

1. Taker of the CW exam
6. Generate code
10. Weak (CW abbr.)
11. First CW mode
13. Something that makes you say 39 Down
15. To save time, CW ops do this to letters
17. I am listening here (Q-signal)
18. And (CW abbr.)
19. Listening to CW has this quality
20. Rapid sequence of QSOs
22. Biggest ham event, but not a contest (abbr.)
23. Simplest code making device
24. Too much code will turn your arm to this
27. Organized on-the-air meeting
29. Load (abbr.)
30. Look for
32. Semi-automatic code generator
33. CW was the first of this type of mode
36. Radio signals (abbr.)
37. I am closing the station (CW abbr.)
38. Eight dots signify this
41. Equalize (abbr.)
44. Thermometer metal (chemical symbol)
45. Unit of frequency (abbr.)
46. Sorry (CW abbr.)
48. CW signal report
50. Speed up (Q-signal)
52. Every state is this direction from KL7
53. Fast and accurate
56. End of message (CW abbr.)
57. A CW signal is on .. off
59. The longer code element
61. The magic word (CW abbr.)
64. A call sign is your radio .. (abbr.)
66. Nagging desire to send code
67. The shorter code element
68. CW "Speed King"
70. With 70 Down two precious metals (chemical symbol)
71. Inventor of Morse

Down

1. The exam can be one of these in your side
2. Syncopated code rhythm
3. License (CW abbr.)
4. Equivalent of OM
5. Buddy
6. Prearranged contact
7. Original home state of RCA Labs
8. At 5 wpm, each word takes this many seconds
9. Number of call districts in the US
12. CW abbreviations used for traffic control
14. Device that generates code electronically
16. Vacuum tube gain
21. User interface for 14 Down
22. CW Club
25. Telephone (CW abbr.)
26. First medium to use the code
28. Highest frequency that works ..
31. Add an 'r' to get the thing you use to receive a code transmission
32. This is what code users pound
34. Interference (Q-signal)
35. Who is calling me? (Q-signal)
39. Home state to the biggest US hamfest
40. The telegrapher's laugh
42. I have nothing for you (Q-signal)
43. Saint or suite (abbr.)
44. The ARRL's is in Newington, CT
47. This color means overload!
49. Surface-mount (abbr.)
51. Slow down (Q-signal)
53. Stand by (CW abbr.)
54. CW signal that changes frequency during each character
55. CW signals and musical ..... sound alike
58. Number of characters per unit of time
60. The pinnacle or peak of achievement
62. Rising and falling, they determine bandwidth of code signals
63. A very weak signal mode that uses CW to bounce signals back to earth (abbr.)
65. Just .. it
69. Women that have their own radio league (abbr.)
70. With 70 Across two precious metals (chemical symbol)

Contest Corner

by Kevin Alt K6BSG

Hello contesters. The summer is coming to an end and the big contest season is almost upon us. Lots of activity this month, and something for everyone. Happy DX'ing.

- 3 Sep - Russian RTTY WW Contest, 80-10 meters. See: [www.radio.ru/cq/contest/rule-results/index2.shtml](http://www.radio.ru/cq/contest/rule-results/index2.shtml).
- 3 - 4 Sep - All-Asian DX Contest - Phone, 160-10 meters. See: [http://www.jarl.or.jp/English/4\\_Library/A-4-3\\_Contests/2005AA\\_Rule.htm](http://www.jarl.or.jp/English/4_Library/A-4-3_Contests/2005AA_Rule.htm).
- 4 Sep - DARC 10-Meter Digital Contest - Digital Modes. See: [www.darc.de/referate/hf/contest/](http://www.darc.de/referate/hf/contest/).
- 4 - 5 Sep - IARU Region 1 Field Day - SSB, 80-10 meters. See: <http://www.contesting.co.uk/hfcc/rules/ssbfd.shtml>.
- 5 - 6 Sep - MI QRP Labor Day CW Sprint, 160-6 meters. See: [www.qsl.net/miqrpclub/](http://www.qsl.net/miqrpclub/).
- 10 Sep - Second-Class Operators Club (SOC) Marathon Sprint - CW, 160-10 meters. See: <http://www.qsl.net/soc/>.
- 10-11 Sep - WAE DX Contest - SSB, 80-10 meters. See: [www.darc.de/referate/dx/](http://www.darc.de/referate/dx/).
- 10-12 Sep - Arkansas QSO Party - CW/SSB/PSK31, 80-10 meters. See: [www.arkan.us](http://www.arkan.us).
- 11 Sep - North American Sprint - CW, 160-10 meters. See: [www.ncjweb.com](http://www.ncjweb.com).
- 11-12 Sep - Tennessee QSO Party - CW/Phone, 160-10 meters. See: [www.k4ro.net/tcg/tqp/tqp05\\_rules.html](http://www.k4ro.net/tcg/tqp/tqp05_rules.html).
- 12 Sep - ARRL Sep VHF QSO Party, all modes, 6 meters and up. See: <http://www.arrl.org/contests/rules/2005/sepvhf.html>.
- 14-16 Sep - YLRL Howdy Days - CW/SSB, all bands, all modes. See: [www.ylrl.org](http://www.ylrl.org).
- 16-18 Sep - Get Your Feet Wet Weekend - CW, 80-10 meters. See: [www.fists.org](http://www.fists.org).
- 17-18 Sep - ARRL 10 GHz and Up Contest, all modes. See: <http://www.arrl.org/contests/rules/2005/%2010-GHz.html>.
- 17-18 Sep - Scandinavian Activity Contest - CW, 80-10 meters. See: [www.nr1.no/7\\_english/start\\_e.htm](http://www.nr1.no/7_english/start_e.htm).
- 17-18 Sep - Washington State Salmon Run - CW/SSB, 160-6 meters. See: [www.wdxc.org](http://www.wdxc.org).
- 17-18 Sep - South Carolina QSO Party - Phone/CW/Digital, 160-6 meters. See: [www.kf4ghc.net/scqp.shtml](http://www.kf4ghc.net/scqp.shtml).
- 17-18 Sep - Mediterranean Islands Contest - CW/SSB, 80-10 meters. See: [www.mdx.org/contesimio/rules.htm](http://www.mdx.org/contesimio/rules.htm).
- 17-18 Sep - QCWA Fall QSO Party, - Phone/CW/Digital, All bands. See: <http://qcwa.org/2005-qso-party-rules.htm>.
- 17-18 Sep - QRP Afield - CW/Phone/Digital, 160-10 meters. See: [www.qsl.net/wq1rp/main.htm](http://www.qsl.net/wq1rp/main.htm).
- 18 Sep - North American Sprint - SSB, 160-10 meters. See: [www.ncjweb.com](http://www.ncjweb.com).
- 24-25 Sep - ARRL EME Contest, all modes, 2304 MHz and up. See: <http://www.arrl.org/contests/rules/2005/eme.html>.
- 24-25 Sep - CQ Worldwide RTTY DX Contest - 80-10 meters. See: [www.cq-amateur-radio.com](http://www.cq-amateur-radio.com).
- 24-25 Sep - Scandinavian Activity Contest - SSB, 80-10 meters. See: [www.nr1.no/7\\_english/start\\_e.htm](http://www.nr1.no/7_english/start_e.htm).
- 24-25 Sep - Texas QSO Party - CW/Phone/Digital, 160 meters - 70 cm. See: [www.txqp.org](http://www.txqp.org).

- 24,26 Sep - Tesla Cup - CW/SSB, 160-10 meters. See: [www.computeradio.us/TeslaCup.htm](http://www.computeradio.us/TeslaCup.htm).
- 25 Sep - Alabama QSO Party - CW/Phone, 160 meters-70 cm. See: [www.arrl.org/contests/months/sep.html](http://www.arrl.org/contests/months/sep.html).
- 25-26 Sep - Classic Exchange - AM/SSB, 160-2 meters. See: <http://qsl.asst.com/CX>.
- 26 Sep - Fall QRP Homebrewer Sprint - CW/PSK31, 80-10 meters. See: [www.njqr.org/data/qrp-homebrewers-sprint.html](http://www.njqr.org/data/qrp-homebrewers-sprint.html).

VE Exams

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## SET 2005

by Rich Freitas KF6SZA  
Sonoma County ARES  
District Emergency Coordinator

Well, folks, it's that time of year again.  
The ARRL's Simulated Emergency

Test (SET) is scheduled to take place on Saturday, October 1st. This is a nationwide exercise that provides a chance for all of us to test the readiness of our communications equipment and accessories along with our emergency-operating skills in an emergency-like deployment.

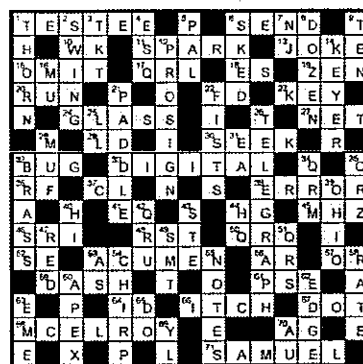
Those of you who have participated in the past know that this role-playing does not accurately portray what would happen in a real emergency. In a real emergency situation, of course, you get neither advance warning of the event nor any choice in where you will be when the event occurs; also lacking is the personal stress involved with having a crisis in your community.

On the other hand, the SET does give us a medium to practice those critical skills of message handling that will be so important when they are needed the most; it is the ideal opportunity to demonstrate the capabilities of Amateur Radio and to improve them, as necessary, by experimentation. The SET is sort of like auto insurance... we spend our time and effort on something we hope we will never have to use. It is a method of preparedness for one day when the normal modes of communications will fail and we may have to rely on Amateur Radio communication to ensure the safety of ourselves, our family, and our community.

In speaking about emergency communications with many amateur operators over the years, there seems to be a commonplace hesitancy to participate in formal exercises; many feel comfortable chatting with another ham on 2 meters or ragchewing on 40 meters but they tense up when asked to read a priority message someone else wrote. It's a lot easier than you think. Yes, there is a certain discipline required to pass formal traffic; it has the objective to send an error-free message, under sometimes difficult conditions, in the shortest amount of time. In emergency communications, time is a precious commodity that must not be wasted. Like-wise, in terms of importance, accuracy is utmost; a changed word can cause a change in the meaning of a message leading to potentially disastrous results. Because of these two crucial requirements, practice is the only way to become prepared. We keep the exercises simple and low-impact while concentrating on message handling procedures. The object is to have fun while learning the basics. After the event we will get together for lunch and a critique of the exercise.

Plans are currently underway for this year's event. If you've taken part in a SET in the past, I hope you will again use the exercise to enhance those skills you've learned in past exercises. If this is your first opportunity to participate, I sincerely hope you will schedule a few hours to experience this year's SET as a method to begin cultivating your emergency communications skills. Get involved... have some fun... learn a new skill.

The ARES net meets on Mondays at 7:30 PM on the SCRA repeater on 146.985 MHz, - offset, 88.5 PL. You are invited to check in anytime.



## The Solution

Just remember...you don't look at this until you have finished the puzzle!

### Are you a budding author?

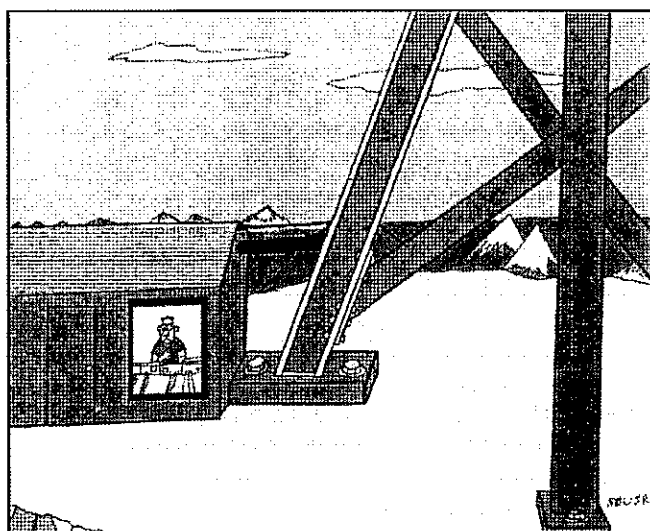
Write an article (long/short) for *Short Skip* on a Ham related subject or anything you think we would all enjoy.

E-mail the article to: [cero.design@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cero.design@sbcglobal.net).

## September Program

### Electromagnetic Analysis of Popular Antennas

This presentation by Bruce Donecker N6CT will illustrate the effects of length, height, and stacking for basic wire antennas. It will expand the analysis to widely used HF antennas and demonstrate a variety of design modifications which can provide selective improvements in bandwidth, gain, directivity, match, construction, or operation. Verticals, vertical arrays, dipoles, VEEs, Rhombics, Yagis, Loops, and Beverages will be reviewed. Other examples may be reviewed in response to questions.



"Yes I really am running just 5 watts QRP...although I suppose I do have an above average antenna system..."

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## Sonoma County Radio Amateurs, Inc. Membership Meeting, August 3, 2005 Minutes

- Call to Order; Verification of Quorum – The meeting was called to order by President John Felton, KE5RI, at 7:12 pm at the Luther Burbank Arts and Garden Center. Jim, KE6VGV, Kevin, K6BSG, and Bruce, N6CT were absent; all other board members were in attendance.
  - Introductions
    - Officers & Directors – President, John, KE5RI, introduced those in attendance.
    - Program Introduction – John, KE5RI, - NET Control Training, Q&A Session.
    - New Calls and Upgrades – None.
- Approval of Minutes – It was moved by Cortland, KA5S, and seconded by Randy, KE6VMZ, to approve the minutes of the last membership meeting as published in Short Skip. The motion passed.
- Officer and Director Reports
  - President – John, KE5RI, - No report.
  - Vice President – Kevin, K6BSG, - Absent, No report.
  - Secretary – Rich, KF6SZA, - No report.
  - Treasurer – Jim, KE6VGV, - Absent, No report.
  - Directors –
    - Bruce, N6CT, - Absent, No report.
    - Bill, KH6GJV, - No report.
  - Past President – Brian, N6IHY, - No report.
- Committee Reports
  - ARES – Rich, KF6SZA, - The annual ARRL SET will take place on October 1st this year. There will be an attempt to involve some ARES districts and/or agencies in the event. All members were invited to check into the Monday night ARES net.
  - Mobile Comm Van – Rich, KF6SZA, - Some graphic designs should be available at the next general meeting.
  - Activities – BoD – The September membership meeting will start at 6:00 with a hot dog BBQ on the patio. Drinks will also be provided by SCRA and members may bring additional dishes if they wish. John, KE5RI, reported on his visit to the 100th anniversary of KPH radio.
  - Newsletter – Vicki, KF6ZCT, - No report.
  - Public Service – Craig, KG6THE, - The YWCA event is this weekend. If operators wish, they can also help out with the Marin Double Century on Saturday. August 21st is the Tour d'Organics – a bicycle event in Sebastopol.
  - VE Liaison – Brian, N6IHY, The July 16th VE session had 1 candidate and resulted in a new Tech license – KI6ADA. The next VE session will be in October.
  - Repeater –
    - John, KE5RI, reported that all repeaters are working.
    - Net Control Volunteers: 8/9 – Craig, KG6THE; 8/16 – Brian, N6IHY.
- Unfinished Business – Items still in progress:
  - ? Distribution of Short Skip via email.
  - ? Finish the Comm Van.
  - ? Update Club roster.
  - ? We still need a coordinator for PCAM. It was decided that the PCAM event will be canceled if we do not have a coordinator by the BoD meeting on August 10th.
- Member Biography – Zach, KG6ABA
- Program – John, KE5RI, held a Q&A session. It was decided to table the NET Control Training until a later session with more attendance.
- Announcements – The next Membership Meeting is September 7th, at 6:00 pm for the BBQ – the meeting will begin at 7:00 pm. The next BoD meeting is on August 10th, location TBA, at 6:00 pm.
- Adjournment – It was moved and seconded by Bob, KG6ZDN, and Brian, N6IHY, that the meeting be adjourned at 9:12 pm. The motion passed.

## Sonoma County Radio Amateurs, Inc. Board of Directors Meeting, August 10, 2005 Minutes

- Board Members Present: John Felton, KE5RI; Jim, KE6VGV; Rich Freitas, KF6SZA; Bruce Donecker, N6CT; Bill Hillendahl, KH6GJV; Brian Torr, N6IHY. Kevin Alt, K6BSG, was absent.
- Guests Present: None.
- Call to Order; Verification of Quorum – The meeting was called to order by President John Felton, KE5RI, at 6:31 pm. The meeting was held at John Felton's home. A quorum was present in that all but one voting board members were present.
  - Approval of Minutes – It was moved by Jim, KE6VGV, that the minutes of the 07/13/2005 meeting as printed in Short Skip be approved. The motion passed.
  - Officer and Director Reports
    - President – John, KE5RI, - Nothing to report.
    - Vice President – Kevin, K6BSG, - Absent, No report.
    - Secretary – Rich, KF6SZA, - Nothing to report.
    - Treasurer – Jim, KE6VGV, reported checking and savings bank balances.
    - Directors –
      - Bruce, N6CT, - Nothing to report.
      - Bill, KH6GJV, - Nothing to report.
    - Past President – Brian, N6IHY, - Nothing to report.
  - Committee Reports
    - ARES – Rich, KF6SZA, - The annual ARRL SET is scheduled for October 1st this year.
    - Mobile Comm Van – Rich, KF6SZA, reported that we are still awaiting graphics designs. A work party needs to be set up in the near future to put the lights and trim back on so the vehicle is drivable.
    - Activities – The Summer BBQ next month was discussed; members may bring a side dish if they desire. SCRA will provide the hot dogs, buns, potato salad, soft drinks, plates and utensils, and condiments. The September program will be "Antennas" by Bruce, N6CT.
    - Newsletter – Deadline for articles this month is August 28th. Rich, KF6SZA, presented a color .pdf version of last month's newsletter and photo resolution was discussed. It was decided to begin building an email list in anticipation of use for the near future.
    - Public Service: 8/21: Tour d' Organics; 9/24-9/25: Waves to Wine.
    - VE Liaison – Brian, N6IHY, Nothing to report.
    - Repeater –
      - John, KE5RI, reported that all equipment was working.
      - SCRA vs NARCC Update – John, KE5RI, reported that efforts are continuing.
      - Net Control Operators: We will have a future session on NCS training that was postponed from the last general meeting.
  - Unfinished Business –
    - Programs:
      - October – Nominations
      - November – Elections, Ham Radio Squares
      - December – Christmas Party
      - Future: Red Cross Disaster Services, ARRL Intruder Watch, Emergency Services, etc.
    - PCAM was discussed. If an event leader is not found soon, we will not participate in the event this year.
    - Inventory still needs to be done. Bill, KH6GJV, has the last list.
  - New Business –
    - Badges: The new non-engraved version was discussed. It was decided that the old style is preferred even at the increased cost of \$2.00 per badge.
  - Adjournment – It was moved by Brian, N6IHY, to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 pm. The motion passed.

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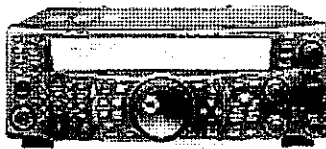
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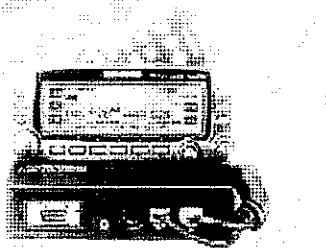
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