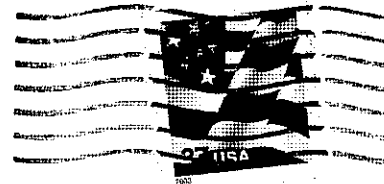


OCTOBER 2005 CALENDAR OF EVENTS						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 10:00 AM ROVARC Meeting Red Oak Victory Ship, Point Richmond Directions: www.ssradoakvictory.org
2	3	4	5 7:00 PM SCRA Meeting Luther Burbank Art & Garden Center 2050 Yulupa Ave., Santa Rosa	6	7 7:30 PM Marin ARC Meeting, Airo Clubhouse, 27 Shell Road, Mill Valley	8
9	10	11 7:30 PM Hamilton Wireless Association Building 549, Hamilton Field, Novato	12 7:00 PM REDXA Meeting Mister McGoo's Restaurant, Petaluma (note date change)	13	14 PACIFCON www.pacifcon.org	15 PACIFCON www.pacifcon.org VE Exams 9 AM to 12 PM, EXIT Realty Assoc., 7646 Bell Road, Windsor, CA
16 PACIFCON www.pacifcon.org	17	18	19 7:30 PM VMARC Meeting McDougal Hall, Sonoma Dev. Center, Glen Ellen 6:30 PM SCRA Board of Directors Meeting (note date change)	20	21 8:00 PM SFARC Meeting Veteran's Administration Medical Center, Auditorium of Bldg. 7, 42nd & Clement St., San Francisco	22
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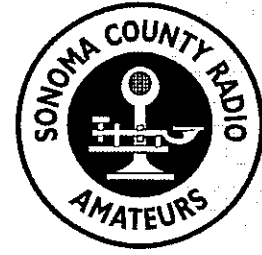
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President's Column

by
John Felton KE5RI
SCRA President

Well gang, here I sit on Sunday night, deadline night, trying to put together my monthly message. It has been a bad week. On the good side I am leaving for a three week vacation in Japan that I REALLY need. Now for the not-so- good side. For those of you who had the pleasure of meeting my dearest friend "Big Dog", I am sad to say that we had to say good by to him this week. He had cancer and was in terrible shape. Luckily it went fast for him. For my wife and me recovery will take a long time. On top of that my body is trying to rid itself of a gall stone. For any of you who have experienced that, you will appreciate the problem. So now you know why this message is so short and why I desperately need a vacation.

Kevin Alt, your Vice President will be presiding over the October meeting. In addition to the program, this is the time of year to come up with a slate of candidates for the club's Board of Directors election in November. When I return I hope to give you a good progress report on the repeater coordination situation. For now, I've go to get busy and pack for the trip. 73's and I'll see you all in November.

John Felton, KE5RI

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October Program

DX Videos...everyone likes videos.

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world wide, to render assistance wherever possible. We use all radio modes, including Echolink, teletype, CW, and cellular phones to pass the traffic efficiently and quickly. We encourage all stations who have access to the internet to use our web site to list H&W traffic, and are ready to handle traffic on the air when necessary. The SATERN network prides itself on continuing the job until all deliverable traffic has been passed and all parties are informed of the outcome. It's a big job, but it's made much easier with over 3,000 members in all parts of the world.

Hope this helps.

73's Jim Adams - WA0LSB, National Net Director, SATERN

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.

Amateur Radio Antenna "CC&R Bill" Reintroduced in Congress

(Sep 23, 2005) -- New York Congressman Steve Israel has reintroduced legislation that could make it easier for radio amateurs living in communities with deed covenants, conditions and restrictions (CC&Rs) to erect suitable antennas. Arkansas Congressman Mike Ross, WD5DVR, signed aboard as an original cosponsor of the "Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Consistency Act" (HR 3876). ARRL Hudson Division Director Frank Fallon, N2FF, who attended Israel's public announcement of the bill September 19 on Long Island, pointed out the Amateur Radio volunteers always fill the gap after other communication systems fail in an emergency or disaster. He notes the bill's introduction comes in the immediate aftermath of positive media coverage of Amateur Radio's response to the Hurricane Katrina disaster.

Article from the ARRL website. Go there for the full story and pictures.



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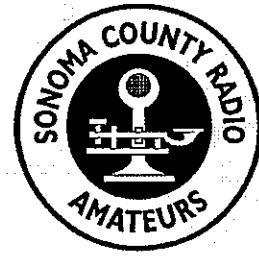
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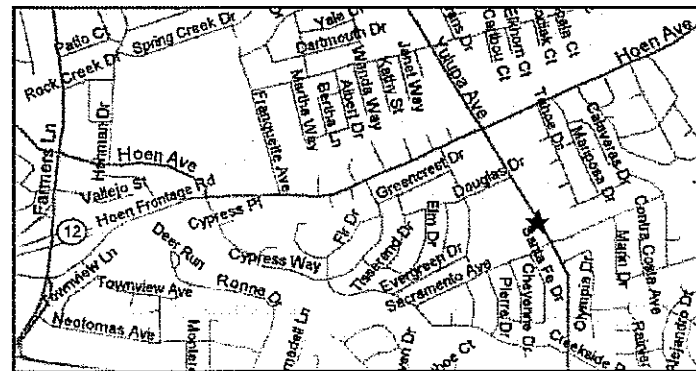


SCRA Club Meetings

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

Next meeting is October 5th at 6:00 PM at:

Luther Burbank Art & Garden Center
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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! We meet at Coco's restaurant, 1501 Farmers Lane (corner of Farmers & Hwy 12), Santa Rosa. People start showing up at 5:30 PM. No RSVP is required.

See you there every month except December.

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Contest Corner

by
Kevin Alt K6BSG

Hello testers. Big event this month: CQ WW DX SSB contest on the last weekend. Let's see how many club members we can get to participate! Happy DX'ing.

- 1 Oct - PSK Rumble (The Fall Classic) - 80-6 meters. See: www.n2ty.org/seasons/tara_rumble_rules.html
- 1 Oct - EU Autumn Sprint - SSB, 80-20 meters. See: www.eusprint.com
- 1-2 Oct - Oceania DX Contest - SSB, 160-10 meters. See: www.oceaniadxcontest.com
- 1-2 Oct - California QSO Party - CW/SSB, 160-2 meters. See: www.cqp.org
- 2 Oct - RSGB 21/28 MHz Contest - SSB, 15 and 10 meters. See: www.rsgbhfcc.org
- 2-3 Oct - Classic Exchange - CW, 160-2 meters. See: <http://qsl.asti.com/CX>
- 5-7 Oct - YLRL Anniversary Party - CW, 160-10 meters. See: www.qsl.net/ylrl/ylcontests.html
- 8 Oct - EU Autumn Sprint - CW, 80-20 meters. See: www.eusprint.com
- 8 Oct - FISTS Fall Sprint - CW, 80-10 meters. See: www.fists.org
- 8-9 Oct - Oceania DX Contest - CW, 160-10 meters. See: www.oceaniadxcontest.com
- 8-9 Oct - Pennsylvania QSO Party - CW/Phone, 160-10 meters. See: www.nittany-arc.net/paqso.html

- 9 Oct - North American RTTY Sprint - 80-20 meters. See: www.ncjweb.com
- 10 Oct - 10-10 Day Sprint - Phone/CW/Digital, 10 meters. See: www.ten-ten.org
- 14-16 Oct - YLRL Anniversary Party - SSB, 160-10 meters. See: www.qsl.net/ylrl/ylcontests.html
- 15 Oct - Bill Windle QSO Party - CW, 160-2 meters. See: www.firstclasscw.org.uk
- 15-16 Oct - Worked All Germany - CW/SSB, 80-10 meters. See: www.darc.de/referate/dx/fedcg.htm
- 15-16 Oct - JARTS WW RTTY Contest - 80-10 meters. See: www.edsoftz.com/JARTS
- 16 Oct - Asia-Pacific Sprint - CW, 20 and 15 meters. See: <http://jsfc.org/apsprint>
- 16 Oct - RSGB 21/28 MHz Contest - CW, 15 and 10 meters. See: www.rsgbhfcc.org
- 16-17 Oct - Illinois QSO Party - CW/Phone, 160-2 meters. See: <http://my.core.com/~jematz/rams.html>
- 22-23 Oct - ARRL International EME Contest, All bands >50 MHz. See: <http://www.arrl.org/contests/rules/2005/eme.html>
- 22-23 Oct - USI W/VE Islands QSO Party - CW/Digital/SSB, 160-6 meters. See: www.eng.mu.edu/usislands/usvetest.html
- 22-23 Oct - QRP ARCI Fall QSO Party - CW, 160-10 meters. See: www.qrparci.org
- 29-30 Oct - CQ Worldwide DX Contest - SSB, 160-10 meters. See: www.cqww.com
- 30 Oct - 4th Annual FISTS Coast to Coast Contest - CW, 80-10 meters. See: www.tomochka.com/k7fff
- 29-30 Oct - 10-10 International CW/Digital Contest - 10 meters. See: www.ten-ten.org

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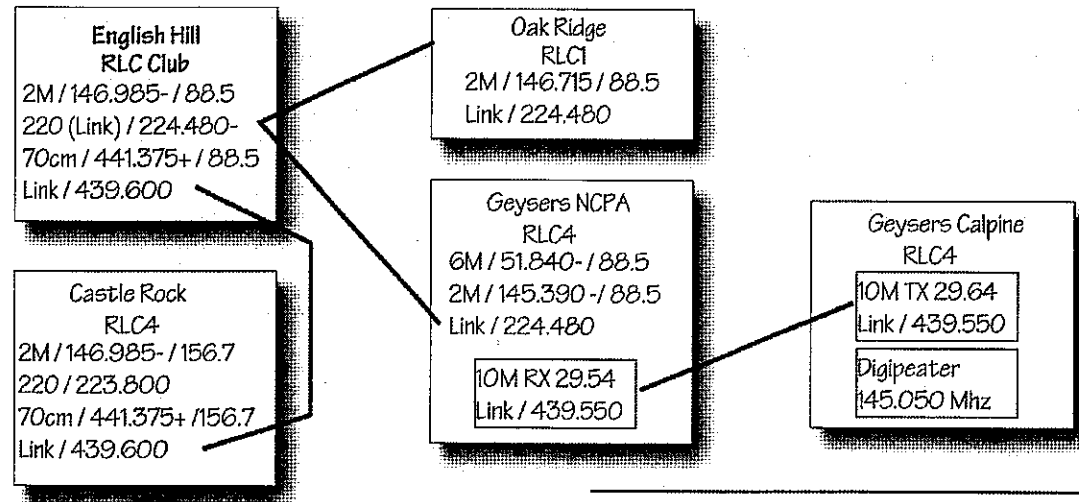
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Shown here are repeaters that link in to English Hill. The Oak Ridge repeater operated by AC6VJ is located in the Annapolis area and will help us with communications on the Terrible Two from Camp Gualala. The Geysers repeater (also AC6VJ) helps in the tough areas in the Alexander Valley. Note too that the digipeater is currently not operational.

Craig Gaeverd KG6THE



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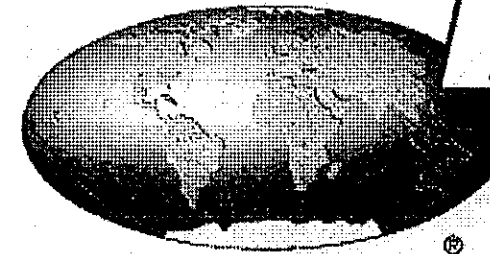
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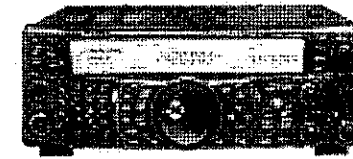
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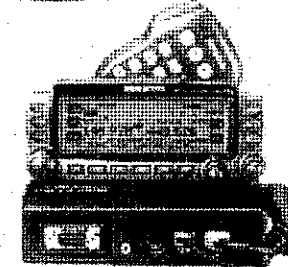
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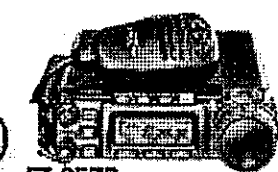


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Katrina Stories

by Rich Freitas KF6SZA
Sonoma County ARES
District Emergency Coordinator

Note: Many of you know that I have been mentoring students in the ARRL/AREC online emcomm courses for the past few years. One recent student, Robert Ratbone, AG4ZG,

was rushing to finish the course before Hurricane Katrina hit the area where he lived. He successfully finished just two days before the storm hit the mainland and his unit was activated ... my last words to him were, "Be safe." Below is his story as it happened.

Family of 5 People Trapped in Attic. by AG4ZG

I began monitoring SATERN around 1pm EST Monday 29, 2005 listening to the type of messages, the tempo and propagation, W7KB was the net control operator. Propagation on 20 meters was making it difficult at times to pass information requiring relays and sometimes relays to the relays. At times the propagation split the country into 3 parts causing doubling and difficult copy. I provided relay when it was clear that no other stations were available.

Routine messages were attempting to flow into the disaster area and were directed to the SATERN website and sometimes the messages were routed via the NTS network or SATERN NET Operators. Two stations reported emergency traffic into SATERN, in a close time frame around 3:00pm EST. The first was a group of 15 people stranded on a roof with an 81-year old woman in medical distress. This information was taken down and another ham operator began working on it. The next emergency traffic item was a family of 5 trapped in the attic, in Diamond Head, Louisiana at XXX AKIKAI DR. The people in distress had used their cell phone to call for help... unknown who they called initially.

I looked up the address on the computer for a map and saw the address was a coastal address - hit with the storm surge.

Another station (in the SATERN logs) attempted to call the local Sheriffs Department for that area as I also attempted to call the Sheriffs Department. I figured one person could call and I hadn't identified that I was working on the problem yet. Light bulb went off, house surrounded by water... Coast Guard! This was very early in the disaster and the idea of water being everywhere had not been shown on TV. I called the local SAR Coast Guard Station in Clearwater Florida at 727-824-7506 and identified myself to the Duty Officer, Petty Officer Heinzman as a Ham operator and the nature of my call. I told him I was looking for a closer station to pass the information. He informed me that New Orleans Coast Guard station had to relocate and was not available. I explained in detail the nature of the emergency - Family of 5 trapped in attic, water rising in Louisiana on the coast. I had to make sure of the address so I re-contacted SATERN net. The address of XXX AKIKAI DR. (still not sure how to pronounce it) was passed to the Coast Guard along with other information. Petty Officer Heinzman professionally copied the information and told me he would call me back when a rescue mission was initiated. I continued monitoring SATERN... Two other emergency calls came in with people in trapped in attics. That day the SATERN net gradually changed from Health and Welfare to handling more and more Priority and Emergency calls. And hour later I received a call from South Haven Sheriff Department in Louisiana (662-393-8652) the officer informed me a rescue operation was in progress. He also told me the state EOC building had collapsed (unverified) and they had to relocate.

Fifteen minutes later Petty Officer Heinzman called me to let me know a rescue mission was in progress. I passed this information back to the SATERN net. I continued to monitor and assisting in relays when no other coverage was available.

Ham radio works when all else doesn't!

Day Two. By the end of day one it became clear that signals out of the effected area were not in coming and propagation was not great. The Health and Welfare traffic was shunted to the web page that became

overwhelmed at times. The tempo of SATERN net had changed to accepting only priority and emergency traffic that continued to increase. A QRP station final appeared in the affected area. By the end of day two it became more clear that the Coast Guard was the rescue unit of choice. Another SAR I ran with involved 3 people stuck on a roof and one was a child.... This person TEXT messaged a family member in Michigan. I don't have recorded who first placed the call to SATERN net. K9ERG was the net control at 11:50am EST. I called my local Coast Guard and was routed to District 8, Petty Officer Merkle answered. The District 8 Office was not yet the coast guard command center until day 3. I had to do a little convincing that they were the nearest and only outlet for this information and needed to act on it. All information was taken down.

Do note that text message got out though regular cell phone circuit would not. These people were located at XXXX Virgil Blvd... (other info available).

By the end of day two, people trapped on roofs and attics became the most predominate emergency traffic and became the norm.

Day Three. SATERN net continues to relay emergency and priority information from various people and agencies. And everyone now has a collection of phone numbers and resources so that almost everything that comes in could be routed someplace mostly. Traffic heavy, net control ops tired.

Overnight (or sometime late on day two) District 8 Coast Guard became the command center for the disaster and water rescue calls...No convincing needed today when calls placed.

Day 3 Addendum.... 2 Emergency Traffic messages placed... came to me via VOAD conference call summary... I verified by several phone calls before I placed them on the net.

Here's another SATERN story that was among one of the first three or four emergency messages handled and worked on Monday by another Ham before we knew how bad things were....

Robert -

Per your request, I am sending a sequence of events for a specific piece of traffic that occurred on the SATERN net on Monday. At approximately 22:30 hrs, I received a call from Bill Simpson (KE4WRH) on 14.265khz requesting assistance in locating two elderly male individuals who were trapped in their house attic with water rising. The individuals were Steven Calcote and John Young, who reside at XXXX Glendale Place, Gulf Port, Mississippi. He had received a call from one of his co-workers who stated that he had received several calls from Mr. Calcote on his answering machine while he was at work. After trying to reach them for several hours, he remembered that KE4WRH was a ham operator and decided to call him.

After receiving the traffic, I tried to get a station on frequency who could deliver the message to authorities, but no stations were on. I turned over the net control duties to Tom Bucanon, (N9AL) SATERN 20 meter net Director, and started making phone calls. All circuits were either out of service or busy and I could not get any call through to emergency agencies. I then called Qwest, and got a hold of the supervising operator to see if they had any type of emergency link into the effected area. She referred me to the Red Cross and gave me their number. After waiting for 25 minutes on hold. I hung up and called Quinten Nelson, (WA4BZY) in Covington GA., and asked him to use his contacts to complete the traffic. Quint has been the National Health and Welfare Director for SATERN for many years and is extremely well connected in all parts of the world.

At approximately 23:50z, I received a call from Quinten stating that he was able to contact Captain John Robbins of the Southern Territory Salvation Army and he had contacted the Mississippi State Patrol, who were effecting the rescue.

Although not as dramatic, the above sequence of events continues many times during every emergency. During yesterdays net, we completed at least two messages related to individuals trapped in their attic with water rising. We also also listed over 400 pieces of H&W traffic of a more routine nature. The SATERN Organization is on call for any emergency,

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Sonoma County Radio Amateurs, Inc. Membership Meeting, September 9, 2005 Minutes

1. Call to Order; Verification of Quorum - The meeting was called to order by President John Felton, KE5RI, at 7:06 pm at the Luthe Burbank Arts and Garden Center. Kevin, K6BSG was absent; all other board members were in attendance.
 - a. Introductions
 - i) Officers & Directors - President, John, KE5RI, introduced those in attendance.
 - ii) Program Introduction - John, KE5RI, - Electromechanical Analysis of Popular Antennas.
 - iii) New Calls and Upgrades - KG6KTT upgraded to General.
 - iv) Visitors: Nick, KG6AAY; Eric, KI6AJB; Ed (Mr. HSC).
2. Approval of Minutes - It was moved by Al, K6MXI, and seconded by Bob, WD6DPE, to approve the minutes of the last membership meeting as published in Short Skip. The motion passed.
3. Officer and Director Reports
 - a. President - John, KE5RI, - He will be in Japan the first three weeks of October; Kevin, K6BSG will preside in his place. John also presented a case for local government changes to allow amateur antennas in areas with CC&Rs.
 - b. Vice President - Kevin, K6BSG, - Absent, No report.
 - c. Secretary - Rich, KF6SZA, - No report.
 - d. Treasurer - Jim, KE6VGV, - No report.
 - e. Directors -
 - i) Bruce, N6CT, - No report.
 - ii) Bill, KH6GJV, - No report.
 - f. Past President - Brian, N6IYY, - No report.
4. Committee Reports
 - a. ARES - Rich, KF6SZA, - The annual ARRL SET will take place on October 1st this year. All members were invited to check into the Monday night ARES net.
 - b. Mobile Comm Van - Rich, KF6SZA, - We are still awaiting graphics designs. A work party will be set up after the ARRL SET to install items taken off in preparation for painting.
 - c. Activities - BoD - To prevent conflicts with other events, this year's Christmas Party will be held on December 9th (the second Friday of December).
 - d. Newsletter - Vicki, KF6ZCT, - No report.
 - e. Public Service - Craig, KG6THE, - Volunteers are still needed for Waves-to-Wine on 9/24 & 9/25.
 - f. VE Liaison - Brian, N6IYY, - The next VE session will be on October 15th at Exit Realty in Windsor.
 - g. Repeaters
 - i) Greg, AC6VJ, reported that all repeaters and links, including Oak Ridge, are working.
5. Unfinished Business - Items still in progress:
 - i) Distribution of Short Skip via email.
 - ii) Finish the Comm Van.
 - iii) Update Club Roster.
6. New Business
 - i) John, KE5RI, solicited interest for this year's Nominating Committee.
 - ii) Al, K6MXI, requested that a list of area repeaters and frequencies be published in Short Skip.
 - iii) John, KE5RI, passed the hat to collect a donation in the name of SCRA for Hurricane Katrina victim relief. A total of \$106.00 was collected and will be given to Red Cross.
7. Program - The program was presented by Bruce, N6CT.
8. Announcements - The next Membership Meeting is October 5th, at 7:00 pm. The next BoD meeting is on September 14th, location TBA, at 6:00 pm. All members are welcome.
9. Adjournment - It was moved and seconded by Brian, N6IYY, and Michael, KC6UNA, that the meeting be adjourned at 9:35 pm. The motion passed.

Sonoma County Radio Amateurs, Inc. Board of Directors Meeting, September 14, 2005 Minutes

Board Members Present: John Felton, KE5RI; Kevin Alt, K6BSG; Rich Freitas, KF6SZA; Bruce Donecker, N6CT; Bill Hillendahl, KH6GJV; Brian Torr, N6IYY. Jim, KE6VGV, was absent.

Guests Present: None.

1. Call to Order; Verification of Quorum - The meeting was called to order by President John Felton, KE5RI, at 6:26 pm. The meeting was held at John Felton's home. A quorum was present in that all but one voting board members were present.
2. Approval of Minutes - It was moved by Bill Hillendahl, KH6GJV, that the minutes of the 08/17/2005 meeting as printed in Short Skip be approved. The motion passed.
3. Officer and Director Reports
 - a. President - John, KE5RI, - Reported he will be in Japan for the next membership and BoD meetings.
 - b. Vice President - Kevin, K6BSG, - No report.
 - c. Secretary - Rich, KF6SZA, - No report.
 - d. Treasurer - Jim, KE6VGV, Absent, no report.
 - e. Directors -
 - i) Bruce, N6CT, - No report.
 - ii) Bill, KH6GJV, - Reported that we have two new members; Eric, KI6AJB, and Sam, KG6WYZ.
 - f. Past President - Brian, N6IYY, - No report.
4. Committee Reports
 - a. ARES - Rich, KF6SZA, - The annual ARRL SET is scheduled for October 1st this year. This year's Hospital Drill is scheduled for Thursday, November 10th.
 - b. Mobile Comm Van - Rich, KF6SZA, reported that a work party will be set up in the near future to put the lights and trim back on so the vehicle is drivable.
 - c. Activities - The Summer BBQ was discussed and all present felt it was a success. Brian, N6IYY, will check with Red-X to see if there are any DX-pedition tapes or presentations for the October membership meeting. November's membership meeting will be "Amateur Radio Squares" and Elections.
 - d. Newsletter - Deadline for articles this month is September 25th. After general discussion, it was decided that we will overlap two months of mailed and email newsletters once we begin. An article will be placed in Short Skip prior to the change.
 - e. Public Service: Waves to Wine, Sept. 24 & 25, still needs a couple of volunteers.
 - f. VE Liaison - Brian, N6IYY, No report.
 - g. Repeater -
 - i) John, KE5RI, reported that all equipment is working; Bill, KH6GJV, mentioned that there is a hum on the squelch break on 146.985.
 - ii) SCRA vs NARCC Update - John, KE5RI, reported that efforts are continuing.
 - iii) Net Control Operators: 9/20 - Kevin, K6BSG; 9/27 - Brian, N6IYY; 10/4 - Kevin, K6BSG.
5. Unfinished Business -
 - a. Programs:
 - i) October - Nominations - John, KE5RI, will head the nominating committee.
 - ii) November - Elections, Ham Radio Squares
 - iii) December - The Christmas Party will be held on Friday, December 9th, this year.
 - b. Inventory still needs to be done. Some equipment that has been donated to the club may be put up for sale.
6. New Business -
 - a. There was discussion regarding a joint effort with other clubs to educate local officials so as to get a standardized tower regulation in the county. The object would be to stress the benefits Amateur Radio provides to the community in time of emergency.
 - b. Bruce, N6CT, motioned that the BoD meetings be moved to the third Wednesday of each month to avoid conflict with Red-X general meetings. The motion passed.
7. Adjournment - It was moved by Kevin, K6BSG, to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm. The motion passed.