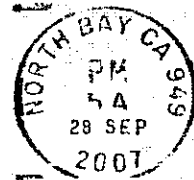


# OCTOBER 2007 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3 7:00 PM SCRA Meeting Luther Burbank Art & Garden Center 2050 Yuba Ave., Santa Rosa	4	5 7:30 PM Mister ARC Meeting, Alto Clubhouse, 27 Shell Road, Mill Valley	6 10:00 AM ROVARC Meeting Red Oak Victory Slip, Point Richmond Directions: www.sscrcokvictory.org California QSO Contest
7 California QSO Contest	8	9	10 7:00 PM REDXA Meeting Mister McGoo's Restaurant, Petaluma 6:30 PM SCRA Board of Directors Meeting (note date change)	11	12	13
14	15	16 7:30 PM Hamilton Wireless Association Building 549, Hamilton Field, Novato	17 7:30 PM VMARC Meeting McDougal Hall, Sonoma Dev. Center, Glen Ellen	18	19 8:00 PM SFARC Meeting Veteran's Administration Medical Center, Auditorium of Bldg. 7, 42nd & Clement St., San Francisco Pacifica	20 Pacifica
21 Pacifica	22	23	24	25	26	27 SCRA Ham Class Oakmont
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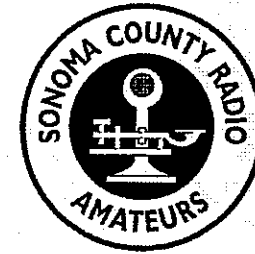
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## Worth Repeating

by Dave Harrison, W6IBC  
SCRA President

SCRA is very fortunate to have an excellent VHF-UHF repeater system. We've had the benefit of this system through the diligent efforts of several SCRA members. Greg AC6VJ has provided the use of his Motorola Micor radios to the club for many years. As you probably know, Greg is an expert when it comes to modifying and maintaining the Micor for amateur radio repeater service. The club owes Greg a considerable debt of gratitude for lending his radios and tireless work in establishing and maintaining the SCRA repeater network. Thank you Greg!

We also need to acknowledge the significant contributions of our repeater chairman, John KE5RI, who, as President of SCRA, resolved the litigation with NARCC and obtained NARCC frequency coordination for our 2-meter channel pair. This was a major accomplishment that needs to be remembered and acknowledged. We also need to acknowledge John's continuing role and efforts as repeater chairman. Thank you, John!

Finally, and certainly not least, the SCRA repeater system has significantly benefited through the generosity of Cal Sites, Inc. a communications business owned and operated by our members Al, WA6MXI and Bob K6QXY. For many years Cal Sites has provided SCRA with the English Hill and Castle Rock sites at no charge, including equipment sheltering and electrical power. Thank you, Al and Bob! We also need to thank our member Bruce N6CT, owner of the English Hill site for his support of our repeaters at his location.

Cal Sites now faces a very important public hearing before the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors on October 9th at 2:15 PM. At that time the Supervisors will hear Cal Sites appeal from a denial for its use permit at English Hill. It is very important to SCRA that Cal Sites be permitted to remain in operation at the English Hill site. You may have already seen the

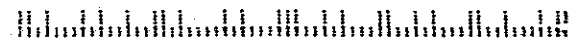
letter SCRA sent to the Supervisors, setting forth our position. I will be appearing at the hearing on behalf of SCRA, and I invite all of you to attend this hearing and show your support for Cal Sites. This matter is important!

Looking forward, with the work that has been accomplished regarding change of corporate status and adoption of bylaws, and with tax advantaged charity status granted by the IRS hopefully in view, your Board has undertaken a feasibility study to upgrade our repeater system. This project calls for obtaining and installing the latest repeater technology in place of the radios Greg AC6VJ has lent to the club for many years. Greg recommends that the club investigate acquiring the Kenwood line of repeaters, because these radios are programmable with software that is available in the public domain at no charge. Our thought is initially to obtain two Kenwood 2-meter repeaters, with one for English Hill and the other for Castle Rock as a backup. By obtaining the latest equipment we would not only be entering the 21st century, we'd also have the Kenwood warranty and service department to help us keep the equipment on the air.

And that brings me to my final point. Assuming SCRA is successful in obtaining tax advantaged charity status from the IRS, the Board recommends that the club undertake a fund raising effort to support the repeater upgrade project. This effort would follow several approaches, including seeking direct contributions and pursuing grants. We're in a preliminary planning phase, but I wanted you to know the Board's latest thinking about the repeater system. Please let us know what you think about this project.

Many thanks to Brian N6IHY for the excellent presentation on Amateur Television at our September meeting. We look forward to the October meeting presentation by John KE5RI on test equipment for the ham shack: what, how and why. See you at our meeting on October 3rd.

73, Dave, W6IBC  
SCRA President



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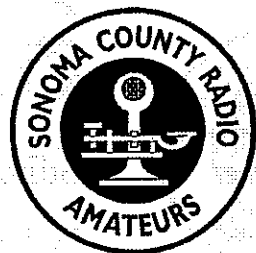
Remember to check in to the SCRA net each **Tuesday** evening on the **147.315+(PL 88.5)** repeater at **7:00 PM**. Announcements are made of upcoming SCRA and other amateur radio activities in the area and what is listed in Hank's Swap Shop. You will also hear the weekly *Amateur Radio Newsline* broadcast.

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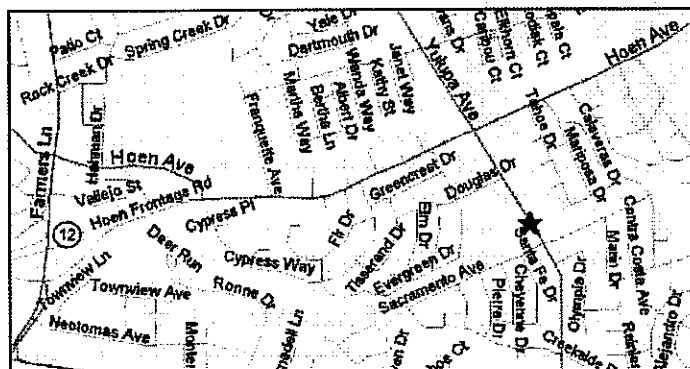


**SCRA Club Meetings**

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

Next meeting is Wednesday, October 3rd at 7:00 PM at:

Luther Burbank Art & Garden Center  
2050 Yulupa Avenue  
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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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<http://www.pdarrrl.org/sfsec/>

**Contest Corner**

by Kevin Alt K6BSG

Hello testers. California QSO party is this month. Good time to go to an obscure county and get a taste of what it's like to be a rare DX station. Or if microwave operations is more your style, there are a few VHF and above activities to keep you busy. Happy DX'ing!

- 2-4 Oct - YLRL Anniversary Party - CW, 160-10 meters. See: [www.ylrl.org](http://www.ylrl.org).
- 3 Oct - VHF Fall Sprints - CW/Phone/Digital, 432 MHz. See: [www.svhfs.org](http://www.svhfs.org).
- 6 Oct - PSK Rumble (The Fall Classic) - 160-6 meters. See: [www.n2ty.org/seasons/tara\\_rumble\\_rules.html](http://www.n2ty.org/seasons/tara_rumble_rules.html).
- 6 Oct - EU Autumn Sprint - SSB, 80-20 meters. See: [www.eusprint.com](http://www.eusprint.com).
- 6-7 Oct - California QSO Party - CW/SSB, 160-2 meters. See: [www.cqp.org](http://www.cqp.org).
- 6-7 Oct - Oceania DX Contest - Phone, 160-10 meters. See: [www.oceaniadxcontest.com](http://www.oceaniadxcontest.com).
- 6-7 Oct - PRO CW Contest, 40 meters. See: [www.procwclub.yo6ex.ro](http://www.procwclub.yo6ex.ro).
- 7 Oct - RSGB 21/28 MHz Contest - SSB/CW, 15 and 10 meters. See: [www.rsgbhfcc.org](http://www.rsgbhfcc.org).
- 7-8 Oct - Classic Exchange - CW, 160-2 meters. See: [qsl.asti.com/CX](http://qsl.asti.com/CX).
- 9-11 Oct - YLRL Anniversary Party - SSB, 160-10 meters. See: [www.ylrl.org](http://www.ylrl.org).
- 10 Oct - 10-10 Day Sprint - Phone/CW/Digital, 10 meters. See: [www.ten-ten.org](http://www.ten-ten.org).
- 10 Oct - Straight Key Sprint - CW, 80-10 meters. See: [www.usatek.net/~yoel/contests.html](http://www.usatek.net/~yoel/contests.html).
- 13 Oct - VHF Fall Sprints - CW/Phone/Digital, 902 MHz and higher. See: [www.svhfs.org](http://www.svhfs.org).
- 13 Oct - EU Autumn Sprint - CW, 80-20 meters. See: [www.eusprint.com](http://www.eusprint.com).
- 13 Oct - FISTS Fall Sprint - CW, 80-10 meters. See: [www.fists.org](http://www.fists.org).
- 13 Oct - Bill Windle QSO Party - CW, 160-2 meters. See: [www.firstclasscw.org.uk](http://www.firstclasscw.org.uk).
- 13-14 Oct - Worked All Britain HF Contest - Phone, 20-10 meters. See: [www.worked-all-britain.co.uk](http://www.worked-all-britain.co.uk).
- 13-14 Oct - Pennsylvania QSO Party - CW, Phone, PSK31, RTTY, 160-10 meters. See: [www.nittany-arc.net/paqso.html](http://www.nittany-arc.net/paqso.html).
- 13-14 Oct - Oceania DX Contest - CW, 160-10 meters. See: [www.oceaniadxcontest.com](http://www.oceaniadxcontest.com).
- 14 Oct - North American RTTY Sprint - 80-20 meters. See: [www.ncjweb.com](http://www.ncjweb.com).
- 20-21 Oct - W/VE Islands QSO Party - CW/SSB/Digital, 160-6 meters. See: [www.usislands.org](http://www.usislands.org).
- 20-21 Oct - VHF Fall Sprints - CW/Phone/Digital, 6 meters. See: [www.svhfs.org](http://www.svhfs.org).
- 20-21 Oct - QRP ARCI Fall QSO Party - CW, 160-10 meters. See: [www.qrparci.org](http://www.qrparci.org).
- 20-21 Oct - Worked All Germany - CW/SSB, 80-10 meters. See: [www.darc.de/referate/dx/fedcg.htm](http://www.darc.de/referate/dx/fedcg.htm).
- 20-21 Oct - JARTS WW RTTY Contest, 80-10 meters. See: [www.edsoftz.com/JARTS](http://www.edsoftz.com/JARTS).
- 20-21 Oct - 070 Club 160m Great Pumpkin Sprint - PSK31, 160 meters. See: [www.podxs.com/html/160\\_meter\\_sprint.html](http://www.podxs.com/html/160_meter_sprint.html).
- 21 Oct - Asia-Pacific Sprint - CW, 20-15 meters. See: [jsfc.org/apsprint](http://jsfc.org/apsprint).
- 21-22 Oct - Illinois QSO Party - CW/Phone, 160-2 meters. See: [www.w9awe.org/ILQP%202007%20Rules.pdf](http://www.w9awe.org/ILQP%202007%20Rules.pdf).
- 27-28 Oct - ARRL International EME Contest, all modes, 50-1296 MHz. See: <http://www.arrl.org/contests/rules/2007/eme.html>.
- 27-28 Oct - CQ World Wide DX Contest - SSB, 160-10 meters. See: [www.cqww.com](http://www.cqww.com).
- 27-28 Oct - 10-10 International CW/Digital Contest, 10 meters. See: [www.ten-ten.org](http://www.ten-ten.org).
- 28-29 Oct - Straight Key Weekend Sprint - 80-10 meters. See: [www.usatek.net/~yoel/contests.html](http://www.usatek.net/~yoel/contests.html).

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## Hams Aid in Capturing Home Invasion Ring

From the ARRL Web Site / September 25, 2007

Some hams in Florida got an earful when they heard what turned out to be teenagers planning various robberies over the Jupiter Farms 444.400 MHz CERT repeater. On September 8, Al Moreschi, AG4BV, of Jupiter, and John Levey, KI4HTL, of Palm Beach Gardens, overheard, according to Moreschi, "what sounded like men talking about committing a burglary and we were monitoring them on one of the local ham repeaters." A retired police officer, Moreschi said he and his fellow hams notified local law enforcement agencies of the break-in, but the alleged thieves "didn't describe the house well enough to get the exact address."

The amateurs kept listening for the vandals to show up again on the repeater. On September 21, they were in luck. This time the hams were ready and had set up recording devices to capture the break-in as it transpired. Moreschi said he and his fellow hams recognized the voices and started recording; they also called the police. The last transmission heard over the air by the suspects was, "Code Red, Code Red, Code Red. There are cops everywhere, dude!" Three suspects were captured and arrested: one at the scene, one who was walking down a nearby road and one at a local grocery store.

An official with the local sheriff's office said that the suspects were charged with burglary for the two break-ins; the three are suspects in other local robberies, as well. The tapes made by the hams are in the custody of the sheriff. Moreschi said that these suspects might also be facing charges from the Federal Communications Commission for operating without an amateur license.

"We don't know how these kids got hold of the ham radios. Their transmissions came right over the CERT repeater, and that has a special tone and you have to have a special tone to key it up," Moreschi said.

## Club Picnic and Foxhunt on Saturday Oct. 13th!

(More info later)

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## Brian N6IYY Demonstrates

via Dave Harrison, W6IBC



Brian N6IYY demonstrates amateur television at the September meeting.

## October Meeting: Test Equipment Night

A discussion led by John KE5RI

- What equipment do I need in my Ham Shack and why?
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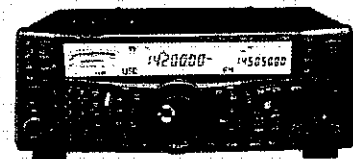
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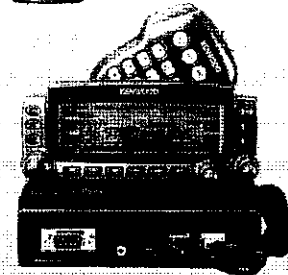
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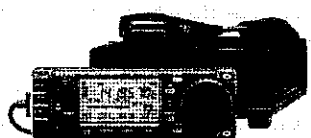


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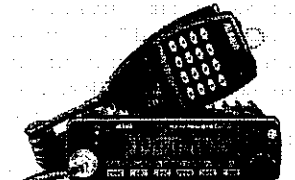
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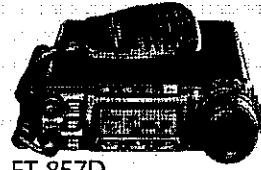
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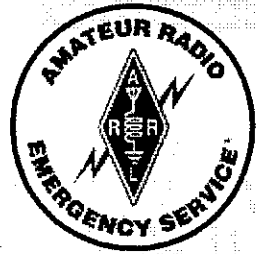
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## Basic Communication Skills

by Rich Freitas KF6SZA, Sonoma County ARES District Emergency Coordinator

The following is taken from the ARRL Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Course, Level I

All too often we are quick to jump on the latest technology available to serve our purposes – the thought being that the newest gizmo will somehow make up for a lack of knowledge in some other area. However, in emcomm operations there are no substitutes for basic communication skills. This is a classic case of the "KISS" principle ... Keep It Simple Stupid!

An emergency communicator must do his part to get every message to its intended recipient, quickly, accurately, and with a minimum of fuss. A number of factors can affect your ability to do this, including your own operating skills, the communication method used, a variety of noise problems, the skills of the receiving party, the cooperation of others, and adequate resources. Life and death communications are not part of our daily experience. Most of what we say and do each day does not have the potential to severely impact the lives and property of hundreds or thousands of people. In an emergency, any given message can have huge and often unintended consequences. An unclear message, or one that is modified, delayed, mis-delivered, or never delivered at all can have disastrous results.

Listening is at least 50% of communication. Discipline yourself to focus on your job and "tune out" distractions. If your attention drifts at the wrong time, you could miss a critical message. Sometimes the job of listening is complicated by noise. You might be operating from a noisy location, the signal might be weak, or other stations may be causing interference. In each of these cases, it helps to have headphones to minimize local noise and help you concentrate on the radio signal or Digital Signal Processing (DSP), filters, and other technologies to help reduce noise and interference, but nothing will help as much as applying all of your concentration on the message at hand.

Learn to speak correctly into a microphone to maximize intelligibility. For optimum performance, hold the mic close to your cheek, and just off to the side of your mouth. Talk across, rather than into, the microphone to reduce breath noises and "popping" sounds that can mask your speech. Speak in a normal, clear, calm voice; raising your voice or shouting can result in overmodulation and distortion, and will not increase volume at the receiving end. Above all, speak at a normal (or slower) pace – rushing your words can cause slurred and unintelligible speech. Pronounce words carefully making sure to enunciate each syllable and sound.

When using a repeater, be sure to leave a little extra time between pressing the PTT switch and speaking. A variety of delays can occur within a system, including CTCSS decode time, and transmitter rise time. Some repeaters also have a short "kerchunk" timer to prevent brief key-ups and noise from keying the transmitter. It also gives time for some handhelds to come out of the "power-saver" mode. Leaving extra time is also necessary on any system of linked repeaters to allow time for all the links to begin transmitting. These techniques will ensure that your entire message is transmitted, avoiding time-wasting repeats for lost first words. Lastly, pause a little longer than usual between transmissions any time there is a possibility that other stations may have emergency traffic to pass; this will allow them to break-in with higher-priority traffic if necessary.

Each communication should consist of only the information necessary to

get the message across clearly and accurately. Extraneous information can distract the recipient and lead to misinterpretation and confusion. Make your transmissions sound crisp and professional like the police and fire radio dispatchers and the air traffic controllers. Do not editorialize or engage in chitchat. Be sure to say exactly what you mean and use specific words to ensure that your precise meaning is conveyed. Using non-specific language can lead to misunderstandings and confusion. To reduce requests to repeat words, use standard ITU phonetics anytime a word has an unusual or difficult spelling, or may be easily misunderstood. Above all, refrain from using "cute" phonetics.

As hams, we use a great deal of "jargon" and specialized terminology in our daily conversation. In an emergency, however, we must take steps to avoid using words that may be unfamiliar to others as a misunderstood message could cost someone's life. For these reasons, all messages and communications should be in plain language. "Q" signals (except in CW) and 10 codes should be avoided; the one exception to this is the use of standard "pro-words" (or "pro-signs") used in Amateur traffic nets, such as "clear", "say again all after" and so on. Avoid using words or phrases that carry strong emotions since most emergency situations are emotionally charged already and you do not need to add to the problem.

Remember that clear, concise communications save time and reduce misunderstandings. Avoid any non-essential transmissions. Use tactical call signs to call other stations, and give your FCC call sign only at the end of the complete exchange, or every ten minutes during longer exchanges. Plain language is more easily understood by a wider range of people than most codes or jargon.

The next ARES training session will be on Basic Communication Skills and is scheduled for Monday evening, October 15th, at 7:30 pm. All interested parties are welcome to attend.

The ARES net meets on Mondays at 7:30 pm on 147.315 MHz, + offset, 88.5 PL. All members and guests are invited to check-in.

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urged follow up on new members.

Treasurer's report: Brian, N6IYY presented the treasurer's report which was accepted.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted, Patrick Coyle, Acting Secretary.



Another little stamp... do you suppose that is the way they spell "ham"?

## Sonoma County Radio Amateurs, Inc. Membership Meeting, September 5, 2007 Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Dave, W6IBC, at 7:05 PM. Officers present were Dave and treasurer Brian, N6IYY. Pat KG6JSL was appointed acting Secretary.

Brian, N6IYY, presented a program on Amateur Television. Brian presented a slide show, videos and a presentation describing the construction and operating procedures of an ATV station. Brian also had on hand equipment he has built. It was an interesting and informative program.

The business meeting was called to order at 8:30 PM. Dale, KI6KNO, noted that his call sign was incorrect in the minutes of the last meeting. As corrected, the prior minutes were approved. Dave, W6IBC, announced that the next meeting of the Board of Directors would be held on September 19, 2007, at Narsi's in Coddintown beginning around 6:30PM. All members are invited to attend.

Brian, N6IYY, presented the Treasurer's report, which was accepted. Public Service: Craig, K6XLT, announced that the Waves to Wine bicycle event would be held on September 29 and 30, 2007. Volunteers are needed and any volunteers are requested to contact Craig. ARES: Rich, KF6SXA, advised that the antenna system at the Red Cross building is nearly complete.

Mentoring and VE: Brian, N6IYY announced that the September 15, 2007, VE session is canceled and will be rescheduled.

Bylaws: Pat, KG6JSL, announced that the updated and amended Articles of Incorporation have been approved and filed with the Secretary of State. Pat further presented to the membership revised By-Laws of the Corporation. A quorum of members was present at the meeting. After discussion, Pat moved and Bill, KH6GJV, seconded, that the revised By-Laws be adopted, and that the amended Articles of Incorporation be activated as the governing documents of the Corporation. The Motion passed unamously.

Ham Class: Dave, W6IBC announced that the weekend ham class will be held at Oakmont at a date to be determined, hopefully in October. Rich, KF6SXA, is preparing materials and announcements. Dave reported that additional prospects signed up at the PCAM booth of the Club.

New Business: Dave announced that elections were coming up and urged members to seek office and participate in the business of the Club. A Vice President is particularly needed to assist the President.

Repeated: Dave, W6IBC reported that Cal Sites is facing opposition to the renewal of its permits at the repeater sites. Cal Sites provides power and facilities for the Club and Dave will draft a letter on behalf of the Club and appear at the Board of Supervisors meeting to speak on behalf of renewal of the Cal Sites permit.

Dave W6IBC further reported that the repeater transceiver radio equipment is owned by Greg, and while Greg has been extremely generous in donating his time and the use of his equipment for the benefit of the club, a policy question exists as to whether the Club should own all of its repeater system equipment. Dave reported that the Board will look into the situation and report back to the membership with a recommendation.

Dave, W6IBC announced upcoming meeting programs.

Net Control volunteers were appointed.

Bill, KH6GJV, our ARRL Section Manager, asked for communications from members on suggestions for improving the hobby. He further announced that Pacificon would be held on October 19-21-2007. Bill also advised of pending election for ARRL Vice-

Director of the Pacific Division was forthcoming.

John, KG6PEP, advised of the Jamboree on the Air scouting program and requested club support and volunteer operators. This is a scouting program that puts Scouts on the air and teaches ham radio operations and opportunities.

Josh, W6XU, announced the California QSO contest was scheduled for the first weekend of October and encouraged all to participate.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted, Patrick Coyle, Acting Secretary

## Sonoma County Radio Amateurs, Inc. Board of Directors Meeting, September 19, 2007 Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Dave Harrison, W6IBC, at 6:50 PM. Board members present at the meeting were Dave, W6IBC; Pat, KG6JSL; Bob, KG6ZDN; Brian, N6IYY; and John, KE5RI. Members present were Rich, KF6SZA; Becky, KE6PZV; Bob WB6TGI; Dave, KF6CLG; Jeff, KK6JAB; Jim, KE6VGV; and, Bill, KH6GJV.

The minutes of the previous board meeting were approved. Rich, KF6SZA, reported on the ham class scheduled for October 27-28, 2007. Rich and John, WB6FRZ, are preparing course material for use at the class. A discussion followed regarding the course presentation, materials, and attendance.

Repeater Issues: Dave reported that he has sent a letter to the Board of Supervisors regarding the support that Cal Sites provides for the Club repeaters. An appeals hearing is being held on renewal of the Cal Sites operating permit and it was moved, seconded and passed that Dave be authorized to appear before the Board of Supervisors on behalf of the Club to explain to the Supervisors of the assistance Cal Sites provides to SCRA.

John, KE5RI, addressed the Board on the issue of Club ownership of the repeaters. It was moved, seconded and approved that Dave and John further investigate and report concerning ownership of equipment, technical issues and alternatives, commercial equipment and develop a plan for a unified approach to repeater ownership and operation.

Public Service: Dave advised of the Wave to Wine event and the need for volunteers.

October Meeting Program: Dave announced that John, KE5RI, will present a program on test equipment for the radio shack.

Club Picnic: Dave will ask Fred, KQ6OB, to organize the Club Picnic.

Elections: Dave announced that elections are upcoming, there is a nominating committee provided for in the new ByLaws, and requested to member to consider running for office.

Dave received a letter from John Chavez, KG6PEP, requesting assistance and operators for the Boy Scout Jamboree on the Air to be held October 19-21. Pat KG6JSL will contact John and work with him to provide club assistance.

New Business: Brian reported that he has received a request from the Boys and Girls Club in Marin County to provide classes for its members. Discussion followed and the consensus was that the Ham Class and other activities precluded assistance at this time.

Bob, WB6TGI, brought up the question of check-ins for the Club net. A discussion ensued regarding ways to increase participation in the Net.

Bill, KE6GJV, advised that the club roster was not up to date and

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