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SCRA Year in Review

by Dave Harrison, W6IBC
SCRA President

2008 has been a good year for SCRA. Its end also marks the end of my tenure as your president. I've had a lot of fun leading SCRA, and I have so many to thank for making my tenure so

enjoyable. When I wrote my annual report for the November 2007 Short Skip, I noted two deficiencies worth working on: growing membership and more activities. From 2007 to 2008, our membership has grown from 71 members to at least 96 members. While we've lost some long time members, we've gained many new members. I think we're following a good path on the membership trail.

As for activities, we've had several really good ones this year. In March we visited the USS Pampanito and the SS Jeremiah O'Brien at the National Maritime museum in San Francisco. In October we visited the historical maritime station KPH at Pt Reyes. Both field trips were very successful. Field Day (Brian N6IY), PCAM (Pat KG6JSL) and JOTA (John KG6PEP) were also very successful. These activities occurred in a year when our calendar of regular public service events expanded to include the Lake Sonoma 50 mile footrace in March, and the Spring Hill Bicycle Race in July. Many thanks to our public service "wrangler" Craig K6XLT, and to all of our members who turned out for one or more of these important public service events.

In 2008 we continued our efforts to modernize our repeater system, with the addition of a new 2 meter repeater to our repeater system. We've also been working actively to reduce or eliminate interference on our coordinated 2 meter repeater channel. Our thanks to our repeater chairman John KE5RI for guiding the club in carrying out these improvements.

Through the tireless and effective efforts of our treasurer, Pat KG6JSL, the US Internal Revenue Service confirmed our Section 501(c)(3) status as a tax advantaged charity. Pat also has continued to maintain and upgrade the club van, our beloved "toaster". We've used the toaster at a number of activities this year including Field Day, PCAM and JOTA, and the toaster has

proven to be a very useful asset. Thank you Pat for not only keeping our financial records straight and paying the bills, but for all of the other service you have provided to SCRA in 2008. By the way, SCRA is solvent and has had positive cash flow in 2008.

We've had a number of very successful technician ham license classes led by our mentoring chairman John WB6FRZ and his team of instructors, assisted by our VE Liaison Brian N6IY and his team of volunteer examiners. Many thanks to John and Brian for jobs very well done this year. Many of our "graduates" are now members of SCRA. Let's keep up the good work on this front in the years to come.

Thanks to our Short Skip editor Dale KI6KNO we've completed the transition from print media to primarily electronic delivery for the newsletter. This significant step has been on our agenda for many years. Thank you Dale for a year of excellent work as editor.

We've had a lot of fun with our club raffles this year, thanks to Bob WB6TGI. Thanks, also, to Darryl KI6MSP who has provided refreshments at our meetings, activities and events this year.

At the November annual meeting we will be electing a new slate of officers and board of directors for 2009. Our nominating committee is pleased to report the following members have agreed to stand for election to club office:

President:	Dave KF6CLG
Vice President:	John KG6PEP
Secretary:	Becky KE6PZV
Treasurer:	Pat KG6JSL
Director at large:	Darryl KI6MSP, Bob WB6TGI, Mike AD6YB

We'll be electing two directors at large from our field of candidates. Nominations of any other qualified members will be taken at the meeting and added to the ballot, and then we'll have our election. Thanks to all of our members who have served and who continue to serve SCRA in an elected or appointed capacity.

Don't overlook our November 5th annual meeting. The Ham Radio Jeopardy game is always great fun and it will test your ham radio IQ. See you there!

73, Dave Harrison W6IBC

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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. You will also hear the weekly *Amateur Radio Newslines* broadcast.

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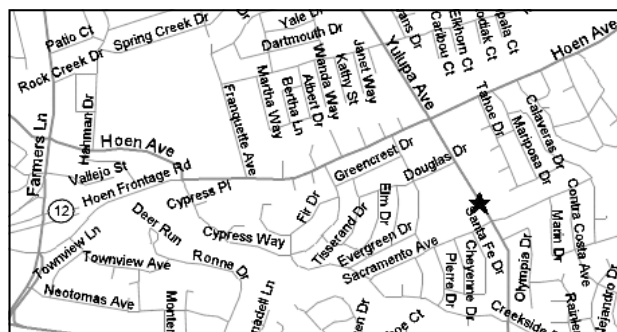


SCRA Club Meetings

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

Next meeting is 7:00 PM Wednesday, November 5th 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! 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.arrl.org/sections/?sect=SF>
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November Program: The Return of Ham Radio Jeopardy!

After a several year hiatus, SCRA is bringing back Ham Radio Jeopardy! The game "show" will be the highlight of our November 5th meeting (along with the elections, of course). The format is similar to the popular TV game show but there are some differences, of course. For example, there will only be five categories per round rather than six and we will be playing as teams, rather than individuals. Prizes will be awarded (but no cash prizes). The categories will all be ham-radio related. No Beethoven or Greek Mythology categories (although there may be some questions relating to certain letters of the Greek alphabet ;-)).

We'll also be making interesting use of some ham-radio peripherals to run the game show. Your co-hosts will be Brian Torr, N6IIY and John Breckenridge, WB6FRZ (Alex Trebek was not available, and besides, he's not a ham).

Come, Play, and Learn!

73,
Brian, N6IIY

Public Service Wrap up

Public service events are over for 2008 and in my opinion it was one of our best. This year we started off early with the Tour of California and closed with our traditional season ender, Waves to Wine. This year saw the addition of two new events, the Lake Sonoma 50 and the Spring Hill Road Race. Both events took us into new tactics and everyone was up to the challenge. If there is one aspect of coordinating public service events I enjoy, it is the 'how are going to do that?' challenge. Every event has a different flavor and requires a different set of tactics to pull it off. From you as volunteers to us trying to figure it out, I'd say we've all done a great job of planning and improvising to make all of our events a success, not just for us but for those we supported.

A big thank you to this year's public service volunteers:

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This list includes hams from other clubs and in some case from well out of our area. I would note too that if you have not participated in Public Service events, please consider doing so for next year. We can always use some new blood and for those of you new to the hobby, it is still one of the best ways to sharpen up your communication skills.

Craig Gaevert
K6XLT
Public Service Wrangler



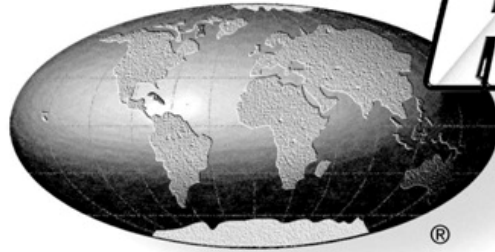
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Emergency Preparedness and Shelter Evacuation

by
Rich Freitas, KF6SZA

It's still autumn but the start of storm season will be upon us shortly. Now is a good time to break out your favorite go-kit checklist and begin replacing old supplies and stocking up for the new season. Many of the inhabitants of this county live in low-lying areas prone to flooding while others live in homes built on hillsides that could potentially slide. None of us are immune to the ravages of a major storm; even if your home is intact your access in and out of the area may be limited or blocked.

Why is being prepared for an emergency during the early part of the season so important? Let me relate a real-life incident (with a bit of dramatization) during a recent storm event.

The warnings had sounded to alert everyone of the oncoming storm and to evacuate to nearby shelters. An elderly man entered the shelter and looked around for medication. He eventually presented himself to the shelter manager and stated, "Where are the medications? I need such-and-such for my heart condition."

The shelter manger (who already had his hands full setting up shelter operations in a public school cafeteria) turned to the gentleman and said, "This is a shelter. It's not a hotel. It's not a pharmacy. Take a look around you. It's a roof, four walls and a concrete floor. That's it. We don't have any medications here. You need to bring your own medications, bedding, food, water and clothing."

The shelter manager wasn't really that crude and direct, but this dramatized version of a real incident makes the point. **If you don't prepare properly well ahead of time to evacuate and you don't bring your needs with you to the shelter, you're stuck. There is no magic waiting for you in an emergency shelter. Don't expect it. It's your personal responsibility to be prepared. If you don't, you're the loser and it could be fatal.**

In this incident, the shelter manger scrambled to find a pharmacy in the neighborhood and tracked down the pharmacist who had to reopen the store to fill the prescription. They managed to get it filled just in time and made it back to the shelter in time to hunker down and wait out the storm.

Are you and your family prepared?

- **Do you have three to five days of food and water ready to go?** Shelters do not serve food for several days after they open. It takes time to mobilize supplies, equipment and manpower to open a food serving line. Remember ... you are not in a hotel and there is no room service. And, if power to the water pumps is disrupted, it may require several hours to flush the water mains before regular water service is restored.
- **Are your supplies current and fresh?** You'll need to bring or store one gallon of water per person per day for drinking purposes, especially if you're working outdoors during the recovery. Stock up with items that have a long shelf-life and rotate your foodstuffs periodically to ensure freshness.
- **Do you have your own checklist of what you need to secure the home, pack the car and head out?** Don't leave it to chance. Write down a checklist ahead of time before you need it. I will be happy to supply you with a checklist of standard go-kit items if you wish.
- **Are your amateur radios equipped, packed and ready to go with you to the shelter so you can operate there?** You may not have any other radio operators there and your equipment may come in very handy in sending statuses and needs and coordinating a response. Keep your NiCd and NiMH batteries charged on a rotating basis and always have an alkaline battery pack available.
- **Do you know the nearest three shelters in your neighborhood?** Who says your nearest shelter has enough room and parking for you and your family?

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Sonoma County Radio Amateurs, Inc Membership Meeting, October 1, 2008 Minutes

Call to Order - President Dave W6IBC called the meeting to order at 7:02 at the Luther Burbank Arts and Garden Center.

Program: by Jim WA2EWE on "E-Mail over Ham Radio". Jim demonstrated sending and receiving e-mails over VHF and HF radio using Airmail software. The local digital frequency, which will connect to the Internet, is 144.91 MHz. Information on setting up an e-mail system on Ham radio can be found on the WinLink 2000 website.

Business Meeting:

1. Approval of Minutes – The minutes were approved as written in the September issue of Short Skip.

2. Treasurers Report – Pat KG6 JSL reported that the club was solvent. The big news is that the club has received our 501.c3 tax-exempt status.

3. Club Generator – The Pengrove Power and Implement Museum has accepted our offer of the club generator. Arrangements to deliver the generator are still pending.

4. Field Trip to KPH – The field trip to the KPH radio station is now scheduled for Saturday, October 4.

5. Club Roster – Dave KF6CLG reported that the club roster has been updated. Anyone needing updated information should contact a club officer.

6. Public Service – Craig K6XLT thanks everyone who participated in the Waves to Wine bicycle event. There are no more public service events for the rest of the year.

7. Ham Classes and Mentoring – John WB6FRZ reported that 25 people completed the Technician class on September 27-28. Of the 25 people, 20 passed their Technician exam and one passed the General exam. John is also tutoring one student in Morse Code.

8. VE Program – Brian N6IYY reported that the next VE session will be on October 11 at the Blood Bank of the Redwoods.

9. Repeater – John KE5RI reported that he has purchased a used attenuator for the club repeater. He has also adjusted the volume for the repeater identification message. The club would like to put IRLP capability on the English Hill repeater. This is dependent upon finding a free high-speed Internet connection at the repeater site.

10. Refreshments – Darryl KI6MSP asked for suggestions for different refreshments at the meetings.

11. Pacificon – Dave W6IBC announced that the Pacificon Convention will be held on October 17-19 in San Ramon. There is an antenna seminar on Friday and excellent presentations on Saturday and Sunday. There will also be a Flea Market on Sunday.

12. Jamboree On The Air (JOTA) – John KE5PEP reported that the Boy Scout JOTA will be held in Windsor on October 18-19. Additional control operators are needed.

13. Club Picnic – Dave W6IBC asked the club whether we should have a club picnic this fall. Due to the heavy schedule, it was decided to postpone the picnic until next spring.

14. Club Elections – Dave W6IBC announced that election of the new officers and Board will be held at next month's meeting. Anyone interested in running for the board should contact Fred KQ6OB.

15. Christmas Party – Dave W6IBC announced that the annual Christmas Party will be held on Friday, December 5 at the Luther Burbank Art and Garden Center. The club will provide the entry and soft drinks. Club members are asked to bring a side dish such as a salads and desserts.

16. Club Polo Shirts – Becky KE6PZVs announced that we need several more polo shirt order to complete a minimum order.

17. Net Control Operators –

November 4 – Darryl KI6MSP

November 11 – Brian N6IYY

November 18 – Becky KE6PZV

November 25 – Fred KQ6OB

December 2 – Dave W6IBC

Net Month's Program – Ham Jeopardy

Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM



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*(Emergency Preparedness and Shelter
Evacuation: continued from page 5)*

Is your home prepared?

- **Have you kept your insurance current and stashed your insurance, homeowners papers and other valuable information in a safety deposit box or other similar storage and have a copy to take with you to the shelter?** You'll need it to open a disaster relief application. Other important papers should be kept in a watertight container to prevent damage to them.
- **Do you know how to prepare and file away valued and irreplaceable family photos?** No, you can't buy a replacement family photo of your great-great-grandparents at Sears. And, in this computerized age, it is very easy to scan those precious images and burn them to CD's or place them in archival storage.
- **Do you have an adequate supply of cleaning tools, rags, cleaners and trash bags to immediately start to clean up when you return home?** The sooner you begin cleanup, the easier it will be and you may not have the opportunity to run down to your local 7-11 store to buy a bottle of bleach ... especially if the store was heavily damaged and is not open.

These are only a few key things to do while the sun is shining, the sky is clear and the lines at the stores are few. Remember that the goal of emergency preparedness is not only to survive the storm but also to be well positioned to begin the recovery and restore your lifestyle.

So, when you see the notices that it is the start of storm season, pay attention and take action now ... not when the alarms sound.

The above article is, in part, paraphrased from ARES information found on the internet. The weekly ARES net meets on Mondays at 7:30 pm on 147.315 MHz, + offset, 88.5 PL. All members and guests are welcome. Please join us.

FCC Responds to ARRL Petition Against Experimental License using 40 Meter Band

On Monday, October 20, the ARRL filed a "Petition for Modification or Cancellation of Experimental Authorization" (Petition) with the FCC with respect to WE2XRH. According to the FCC, this experimental license -- issued to Digital Aurora Radio Technologies (DART) -- proposes to "test digital transmissions in 4.50-5.10 MHz, 7.10-7.60 MHz and 9.25-9.95 MHz for a terrestrial digital radio service to the citizens of Alaska." The League's protest was prompted by the certainty that high-power operation in the frequency range 7.10 to 7.30 MHz would cause unacceptable and harmful interference to the Amateur Radio Service in this part of the 40-meter band, which is an exclusive amateur allocation in ITU Region 2 (North and South America).

On October 24, the FCC responded by issuing an amended license that redefined one of the station's frequency ranges to eliminate conflict with the Amateur Radio Service. The amended license narrows the range to 7.30 to 7.60 MHz and gives as the reason for the change, "operation in the band 7.1-7.3 MHz will cause harmful interference to Amateur Radio Service licensees."

"We are delighted that the FCC acted so promptly to correct this error and are pleased that the matter has been resolved," said ARRL CEO David Sumner, K1ZZ.

WE2XRH will be using a 20 kHz bandwidth digital emission at a transmitter output power of 100 kW and an ERP of 660 kW within a radius of 1500 kilometers of Delta Junction, Alaska. According to the amended license, the transmissions will take place in the frequency ranges 4.4 to 5.1 MHz, 7.3 to 7.6 MHz and 9.25 to 9.95 MHz.

Sonoma County Radio Amateurs, Inc Board of Directors Meeting, October 8, 2008

Board Members Present: David W6IBC, Fred KQ6OB, Becky KE6PZV, Pat KG6JSL, Dave KF6CLG, John KG6PEP, John KE5RI

Guest Present: Bob KE6TGI, Brian N6IYY, Darryl KI6MSP and John WB6FRZ.

Call to Order: Verification of Quorum – President Dave W6IBC called the meeting to order at 6:45 PM. The meeting was held at Narsi's Restaurant, Santa Rosa. A quorum was present.

Old Business

1. Approval of Minutes – The minutes from the September BOD meeting were approved as written in Short Skip.

2. Treasurer's Report – Pat KG6JSL reported the club is in good shape financially. We have outstanding bills for insurance and one for printing Short Skip. The BOD approved paying the outstanding bills and recommended that we do not use the present printer in the future.

3. Repeater – John KE5RI reported that the itinator which he purchased on E-Bay was defected and had to be returned. He was able to purchase a better one, which will be installed at the repeater. John is also looking into the report of scratchy transmissions from the repeater.

4. Raffle – There was some discussion on the proceeds from the raffle. It was decided that we should go back to the old 50/50 raffle with the proceeds being used to obtain better prizes. Any unspent money should go to Pat KG6JSL. The quality of some items donated for the raffle has not been good. Dave W6IBC volunteered to develop some guidelines for donated items.

5. Refreshments – Darryl reported that he needs to replace the refreshments which were used for the Technician Class. The BOD approved an advancement to restock the refreshments.

6. Mentoring/Class – John WB6FRZ reported that he has returned the advance which the BOD authorized to purchase training supplies. The price for the Technician class has been raised to \$15 which will now cover training supplies and refreshments for future classes.

7. JOTA – John KG6PEP reported that the Jamboree on the Air (JOTA) is scheduled for October 18-19. He is currently planning on running 4 stations. John needs additional volunteers for control operators. He would also like to get the club banner and a supply of club brochures.

8. Membership List – Dave KF6CLG reported that the

membership list is updated. We currently have 96 paid members. Dave was requested to bring several copies of the updated list to the next club meeting.

9. Nominating Committee – Fred KQ6OB presented the list of proposed candidates for the 2009 Board. After some discussion, the list was finalized. Fred will prepare the ballots and present the proposed candidates at the November Club meeting.

10. Program Planning – Programs for the rest of the year have been selected. Since the new BOD will have little time to plan the January meeting, the current BOD will plan this meeting. Possible suggestions were: APRS, Cross-banding, and Digital Signal Processing. Becky KE6PZV will investigate these possibilities and make a recommendation at the November BOD meeting.

11. Christmas Party – Brian N6IYY announced that the Christmas party will be on Friday, December 5. The Club will provide the entree. Members will be requested to bring salads, side dishes and desserts. Brian N6IYY will put together an announcement for Club members.

New Business

1. Letter for Donations – Pat KG6JSL was asked to compose a standard tax letter for people donating items to the Club.

2. Next Ham Class – John WB6FRZ announced that he is looking for a location in Windsor for the next Ham class. Anyone who knows of a location should contact John.

3. IRLP – The BOD is interested in expanding the capability of the repeater on English Hill to include IRLP. This would be contingent on obtaining a free high-speed Internet connection at that location. Verizon might be a possible source for this connection. The Board decided to defer this project to the next BOD.

4. Donation of Unwanted Club Assets – The Penngrove Power and Implement Museum has accepted the Club's generator for their collection. The Marin Maritime Museum has also accepted our Microfiche Reader and films. Arrangements will be made during October to deliver these items.

5. New Assets – The BOD decided to look into the possibility of purchasing a digital projector for Club meetings.

6. Member of the Year Award – The BOD met in closed session to discuss the candidates nominated for the Member of the Year Award.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15.

CONTEST CORNER by Kevin Alt, K6BSG

Hello testers. It's here! November is Sweepstakes month. By the time you read this, the CW portion has probably already been held, but there is still the Phone portion 15-17 November. Couple of other interesting DX contests, so plenty to keep you busy through Thanksgiving. Happy DX'ing!

1-2 Nov – **IPA Contest** – CW/SSB, 80-10 meters.

See: www.ipa-rc.de.

1-2 Nov – **Ukrainian DX Contest** – CW/SSB, 160-10 meters. See: www.ucc.zp.ua.

1-2 Nov – **Radio Club of America QSO Party** – Phone, 80-15 meters. www.radioclubofamerica.org.

1-3 Nov – **ARRL November Sweepstakes** – CW, 160-10 meters. See: www.arrrl.org/contest.

1-3 Nov – **Collegiate ARC Championship** – CW, 160-10 meters. See:

www.collegiatechampionship.org.

2 Nov – **DARC 10-Meter Digital "Corona"** –

Digital, 10 meters. See: www.darc.de/referate/dx/fed.htm.

2-4 Nov – **High Speed Club CW Contest** – CW, 80-10 meters. See: www.dl3bzz.de/html/hsconcte.html.

8-9 Nov – **Worked All Europe DX Contest** – Digital, 80-10 meters. See: www.waedc.de.

8-9 Nov – **Japan International DX Contest** – Phone, 80-10 meters. See: www.jidx.org.

8-9 Nov – **OK-OM DX Contest** – CW, 160-10 meters. See: www.okomdx.crk.cz.

8-9 Nov – **Kentucky QSO Party** – Phone/CW, 160-10 meters. See: www.wkdx.com/page2.html.

8-10 Nov – **CQ WE (Western Electric)** – All modes, 160 meters – 70 cm. See: cqwe.cboh.org.

15-16 Nov – **ARRL EME Contest** – All modes, 6 meters – 23 cm. See: arrrl.org/contest.

15-16 Nov – **JT 50th Anniversary Contest** – Phone/CW, 160-10 meters.

15-16 Nov – **LZ DX Contest** – Phone/CW, 80-10 meters. See: www.qsl.net/lz1fw/contest.

15-16 Nov – **Collegiate ARC Championship** – Phone, 80-10 meters. See: www.collegiatechampionship.org.

15-16 Nov – **RSGB 1.8MHz Contest** – CW, 160 meters. See: www.rsgbhfcc.org.

15-17 Nov – **ARRL November Sweepstakes** – Phone, 80-10 meters. See: arrrl.org/contest.

16 Nov – **PSK63 QSO Party** – Digital, 160-10 meters. See: www.eu.srars.org.

29-30 Nov – **CQ WWCW** – CW, 160-10 meters. See: cqww.com.

From the Editor:

Questions? Comments? If you have any news, photos or any other interesting information that relates to Amateur Radio, please feel free to send submissions to ki6kno@gmail.com.

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Tentative Programs for 2008:

January 2: D-Star Tim Barrett K6BIV, (program completed)
February 6: Satellite Communications, ARISS and the SRJC Earth Station, Tim Bosma W6MU
March 5: Basic Ham Radio Construction Practices, Pat KG6JSL and John KE5RI
April 2: Backup power sources for Ham Radio, Dave W6IBC
May 7: Antenna Night, antennas and counterpoises, NVIS, Fred KQ6OB
June 4: Field Day Preparations, Brian N6IYY and Emcomm aspects of Field Day Rich KF6SZA
July 2: DXpeditions and DXing, Brian N6IYY
August 6: Boatanchor/Homebrew night (Group presentation)
September 3: Repeater update, how a repeater works, SCRA's repeater system now and in the future, John KE5RI
October 1: Digital Night (Jim McLaughlin WA2EWE)
November 5: SCRA Jeopardy Brian N6IYY (Club elections night)
December 5: (Friday) Holiday Party

Club Activities:

February 8-19: Amgen Tour of California (Public Service)
March 22: Field Trip to SF Maritime Museum USS Pampanito, Dave KF6CLG
April (day TBD): ARES Safety Fair, Rich KF6SZA
April 12: Lake Sonoma Run
May 3: Wine Country Century (Public Service, Craig K6XLT)
May 2-4: ARES Emcomm West, Reno NV Rich KF6SZA
May 4: SRJC Day Under the Oaks (Dave W6IBC)
May 4: MS Walkathon (Public Service, Craig K6XLT)
May 10: Human Race (Public Service, Craig K6XLT)
June 21: Terrible Two Bicycle event (Public Service, Craig K6XLT)
June 27-29: Field Day (Brian N6IYY)
August 16-17: PCAM Wings over Wine Country (Pat KG6JSL)
September 13-14: MS Waves to Wine (Public Service, Craig K6XLT)
October 17-19: Boy Scout Jamboree on the Air (John KG6PEP)
October 17-19: ARRL Pacific Division PACIFICON convention
December 5: Holiday Party
CLUB PICNIC - postponed until a later date

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