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July SCRA Update

by Darryl Paule, KI6MSP
SCRA President

By the time you read this issue of Shortskip you'll have had a chance to participate in Field Day.

SCRA has had two presentations to mark Amateur Radio week:

First was a Proclamation signed by Santa Rosa Mayor Ernesto Olivares.

Second SCRA received a Resolution from the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors acknowledging Amateur Radio week.

It is a great honor for me to accept these acknowledgements on behalf of SCRA.

On June 22nd I did an interview with Curtis Kim on KSRO. The interview went very well. I promoted Field Day, SCRA, and our technician classes.

I have the .mp3 file. It will be posted on the SCRA Web site soon.

73
Darryl
KI6MSP

Membership meeting programs for 2012

July

- Program to be determined

August

- Boat Anchor / Homebrew Night

September

- Radio Telescope presented by Keith Payea AG6CI

October

- Digital Modes

November

- Club Elections, Game Night

December

- No Program, Holiday Party



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Tuesday Night Net

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SCRA Club Meetings

The club normally meets the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm. Exceptions are holidays or other big events.

Meeting location:

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 Star Restaurant,
1350 Farmers Lane, 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/Groups/view/san-francisco>



Ham Radio Best Comms During an Alien Invasion

Pat Coyle KG6JSL

When the end of the world comes, it will be ham radio that carries the news. In a recent NPR interview, journalist Andrew Fitzgerald reported on a journalists' convention that concluded that in the event of an alien invasion, ham radio would be the best method of informing the public about such things as what areas of conflict to avoid as well as descriptions of alien anatomy that may be lethal to humans. The conferees acknowledged that even if the invaders did not immediately blast away our communication infrastructure, conventional communications would be rendered ineffective by massive overuse.

The conference also discussed the challenges to journalists in the event of a global pandemic in which case the safest place to be would be your home. The conferees discussed building a world wide "self-reporting" network that could send in information about the spread of the disease. Ham radio is perfect for such a scenario.

In his on-line article on the conference, Fitzgerald stated that "All in all, reporting the end of the world turned out to be great fun to imagine. I would advise every journalist out there to put together an emergency pack in your house. And probably learn ham radio."

The NPR interview: <http://www.onthemediamedia.org/2012/jun/08/> Click on the "Covering the Apocalypse" article.

The Article: <http://promiscuousintelligence.com/tag/newsfoo/>



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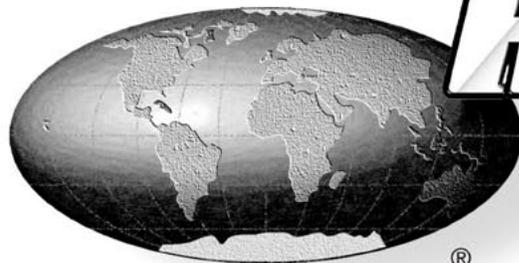
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Public Service Roundup for July 2012

Whoa, has it been busy. We start with the WCC way back in May. We had a good turnout on a pleasant day. The simple report is everyone did a great job, we had a few crashes and with the medical plan in place everyone got taken care of. A good day on communications and a good day for a century. At the same time Darryl, KI6MSP, was running, err, manning the Human Race over at Slater Jr. High. I think we had about 25-30 hams all working public service on one Saturday morning. Good stuff.

Sunday May 13 was the return of Amgen Tour of California. This year's tour was a crazy configuration where the riders started in Santa Rosa, went out for a loop up to Windsor, then back into Santa Rosa for a quick sprint, and then back out to Cazadero and the coast before racing back to Santa Rosa. With a course switch thrown in the middle this made for one of the oddest configurations I can recall. We had a wonderful turnout of some 25 hams that graciously gave their Sunday to be out on the course for what seemed like 15 minutes of intensity spaced out with an hour of pure relaxation followed by another 15 minutes of intensity and then another 3 hours of relaxation before the peloton returned to town. I spent the day in the police incident command van coordinating our guys and gals with the race officials and SRPD. For the first time we were all finally in the same space and it was easily one of the best cooperative working situation we've ever had with the other agencies. Other than 1 stray car on the course, the entire day went off without a hitch. In talking Raissa de La Rossa the Santa Rosa stage was still being talked about 7 days later at the finish. Santa Rosa put on a great show and we should be pleased to have been a part of that. And let's not forget that Raissa arranged for the club at the last minute to have a booth in the downtown festival. I've worked with Raissa now for several years and she knows what this club does for the community – and that's because we go out do that public service thing. That's a big thanks to all of you.

Last up is the hottest thing around, the Terrible Two. Oh yeah baby, the TT. And boy was it hot. If you were listening to the radio traffic we had 110 degrees on the backside of the Geysers. Tough on riders and hams

alike. I was up at 0300 and would not be in bed until 0130 the next morning. That's my day as the event chairman. Our first hams were working by 0600 and would work until 1100 that evening. There is nothing like the TT; I think everyone that comes out to work the TT brings their A game and judging from the workout we all had everyone did. A couple tips of the chapeau are in order to some really amazing work done by Jim, KI6REK, who worked all day at SAG and KI6MJC, Marcella, who comes down from Ukiah because she really likes working our events. Both drove SAG all day and boy did they hustle in a lot of riders. I'll single out REK though as one of my cohorts in the bike club mentioned what a great job Jim did taking control of situations where someone needed to. Here's a quote from one the riders that rode in Jim's car that attests to the nature of the day: "I figured out once I was in the sag wagon that the heat was such that you needed 1,000 drivers to keep apace with the attrition. Riders were waving at us to stop like crazed people. The chatter on the ham radios said it all, "riders 1, 2, 3 need sag support," then silence, then a few seconds later another burst, "riders 5, 6, 7 need sag support." On and on it went. Too much heat and simply no way to sweep up all of the riders." I think though the guys that had the toughest time had to be those manning fixed posts, such as Dave KF6CLG and Pat KG6JSL. Even under the canopy, they looked pretty whipped and they were just pushing the PTT button. My recollection too is that even KZ6T Charlie reported temps in around 100F at Rancheria – that would have been a place that you surely could have expected a cooling ocean breeze – no such luck. And if you haven't had a chance, check out the little video from Charlie KZ6T on YouTube: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YWJAzF8MPWg>

We have a nice little break now until August. PCAM will be up as will the Tour d'Organics on 12 August. I'm going to take a little vacation and then we'll ramp up for the T d'O. Future dates to keep in mind: 22-23 Sept for Waves to Wine and 29 Sept. for The Gran Fondo.

Craig
K6XLT
Public Service Wrangler





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