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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER of the SANTA CRUZ COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

# SHORT SKIP



## Ole KY Home

Hi All greetings from My Ole KY Home far away.

The HF bands are very active here and I have worked some juicy DX not often heard on the West Coast, Competition with the big guns from both EU and the States is tough but I am really pleased with what my 100 watts and beam are doing. I even worked a rare one on the West Coast K6XX no less! sad to learn there will be no K6BJ on FD. 73 BCNU in July



W6WO has been making good use of his time in KY. He has recently completed this home brew HF Yagi antenna. The antenna has about 7 dbi gain on the 20 and 17 meter bands. Ron reports that the performance of the antenna is quite good exceeding his initial expectations. I am sure we will have a full report on the project when he returns to Santa Cruz next month.... —K06RS

## June Speaker

For the upcoming SCCARC meeting, I have Dave Rank, K06RS, Retired Faculty from UCSC Astronomy Department. Title of Dave's talk is "Tropospheric Ducting, Mirages, Volcanoes, Santa Catalina Island, and Mickey Mouse."

—Pat AA6EG



By Art Lee WF6P

## CHATTER

The ham radio hobby is fun. You get to meet a lot of good people and share mutual interests. Was working on the Shriner's net (7.228 MHz 0800-0900 daily) and had a lengthy QSO with a fellow ham en route to the Philippines. His XYL is a Filipina and they own a 100 acre garden ranch on the island of Luzon. He has plenty of room for really big antennas, and loves cw (no, this was not Art Bell!). We have an agreement to try 15 meters in the future. I will have to reorient my wire before we do that. With the sunspot cycle headed on the upswing, DXing will again be easier. Another contact on the same net was sad. An older ham lost his XYL a few years back. He and she used to travel the USA in their trailer, making contacts from various locations. He now lives with his daughter and both will be relocating to Oregon. We'll keep in touch and swap trailer on-the-road stories. He is a real rag chewer. Donna, AB6XJ, and I spent many cross-country trips setting up our ham station in trailer parks each evening. Every night was our mobile Field Day.

Speaking of Field Day, it is something that is an enjoyable part of the hobby. Regrettably, the number of our members interested in that event has dwindled. Tom Ginsburg, K6TG, spent many years putting them together in the past. It took a lot of effort on his part and others. While our sites were actually too remote for public observances, this was understandable. Setting up in Costco or Sears parking lots seems like a good idea, as suggested by some members. This would introduce a few new problems of course, but these could be overcome with some ham ingenuity.

## Club Sponsored FD Event Cancelled

SCCARC Members:

Tonight the SCCARC Board of directors voted not to have a club sponsored Field Day event this year. Board members felt that there is not enough interested club members to successfully put on the event. It also saves the club from spending money that can be used for items in which members are interested.

Remember, as I pointed out in a previous message, you need not attend a club sponsored event to participate in Field Day.

—Chris Angelos KG6DOV, SCCARC President

See back page "A Family Field Day"

I missed the last CAKE meeting at Gigi's. Had out of town kids visiting so spent the time with them. Will look forward to reading KI6AIE, Kathleen McQuilling's report. At our May club meeting, I sat next to old pal Lauren Hardy, KC6TPW, and discovered that he, like me, was an aircraft carrier sailor. He was a communications tech aboard USS Nimitz from 1975-78. I served aboard USS Ranger and the now sunken USS Oriskany. It is odd to see the many photos as she went down and to visualize the fish swimming through my old stateroom. I still have a heavy brass A/C adapter I carried with me to allow me to plug into ship's power for my 40 pound reel-to-reel tape recorder.

I am happy to report that my broken ICOM 761 has been repaired and returned from ICOM America, in Washington. It had no frequency readout and a few other minor problems. Using the original container, I took it to UPS and off it went. Received a couple of emails from the bench tech, stating that parts were no longer available for the tuner or memory circuits. Both systems worked, partially. My accepting that, he boxed it up and shipped it back. The repair cost was not much more than a few tanks full of gasoline. I am now anxious to get the rig back on the air.

**CLUB MEETING FRIDAY JUNE 15, 7:30 P.M.**

## SCCARC Board - 2007

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## MONTEREY BAY REPEATER ACTIVITY

Santa Cruz	K6BJ 146.790- PL 94.8 Santa Cruz
County ARC	KI6EH 147.945- PL 94.8 Watsonville K6BJ 440.925+ PL 123.0 Santa Cruz • SCCARC Net Monday 7:30 PM 146.79- /147.180+ /440.925+ linked • SCCARC 10 Meter Net 28.308 MHz USB Monday 7:00 PM
San Lorenzo	WR6AOK 147.120+ PL 94.8 Ben Lomond
Valley ARC	• SLVARC Net Thursday 7:30 PM
Loma Prieta RC	WR6ABD 146.640-(PL 162.2) • LPRC Net Tuesday 8:00 PM
Naval Postgraduate School ARC	K6LY 146.97- PL 94.8 / 444.700+ PL 123 (Linked) Monterey • NPSARC Net Wednesday at 8 PM on K6LY/R • Monterey ARES Net Wednesday 7:30 PM K6LY 146.970- (PL 94.9)
ARES Nets	SC County Wide ARES Tuesday 7:15 PM on AB6VS 440.550- W6WLS 147.180+ AE6KE 146.835-(Linked repeaters / PL 94.8)
Followed directly by	• SLV ARES W6JWS 146.745-(PL 94.8) & WR6AOK 147.120+(PL 94.8) on alternate Tuesdays • South County ARES K6RMW 147.00+ (PL 94.8) • LPrieta ARES AE6KE 146.835- / AB6VS 440.550+ (Linked /PL 94.8) • Santa Cruz ARES K6BJ 146.79- / (PL 94.8)
	• Newline (Ham News) Broadcast Wednesday at end of NPSARC Net • Santa Clara Valley Section Traffic NET Tuesday 9:00PM 146.640- (PL 162.2)

**FOR MORE INFO SEE: <http://www.k6bj.org/freq.html>**

## SCCARC Calendar of Events

SCCARC Meeting	Friday	June 15
Field Day	Sat-Sun	June 23-24
SCCARC Board Meeting	Wed	June 27
Short Skip Deadline	Monday	July 9
SCCARC Meeting	Friday	July 20

## MONTHLY MEETINGS.

The SCCARC Meets at 7:30 PM, on the THIRD FRIDAY of the each month (except December). Meetings are at Dominican Hospital, 1555 Soquel Drive, Santa Cruz.

## Treasurer's Report

At the April 2007 Board of Directors meeting, Treasurer Kathleen McQuilling, KI6AIE, reported that the SCCARC treasury had \$5939.88 in cash and bank accounts.

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# A Family Field Day

Santa Cruz county hams will be on the air at the CAL FIRE Training Center for Field Day again this year. The small Kerns Family field day effort has expanded to include amateurs from the San Lorenzo Valley and Santa Cruz proper. Organizer Donald Kerns (AE6RF) says "The main focus is to have fun and get as many new people on the air as possible. While we'll turn in a score, this is \*not\* a serious contest attempt."

Due to insurance issues, people desiring to participate need to pre-coordinate absolutely ASAP! They are particularly looking for a VHF/UHF weak signal Elmer and youth operators. Set-up starts the afternoon of Friday June 22nd, operation starts at 11:00 PDT on Saturday the 23rd with clean up Sunday early afternoon. For more information contact Donald Kerns, AE6RF (831) 338-1214, ae6rf@arrl.net.