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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER of the SANTA CRUZ COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

# SHORT SKIP



By Art Lee WF6P

## CHATTER

Imagine my surprise on a Wednesday evening when I approached the end tie of P dock at the yacht harbor. There, waving at me stood Ron, k6EXT, and his XYL Margie. They are crewing on a beautiful 35' Hanse yacht. The Hanse, built in Germany, is a fine looking boat and includes all the latest in boat handling equipment. Her owners, Ruth and Rich Carlson, were taking the boat out to participate in the Wednesday night "Beer Can" races. Hence, the valuable services of the now-nautical Baldwins. The Carlsons and Baldwins are neighbors, living close to the yacht harbor. I was presented with a glass of Champaign to help celebrate the first few sailings of the brand new boat. The maiden voyage, coming down from San Francisco, was only a short time earlier. The Carlsons are writers with PR experience. I was amazed today, to open the Santa Cruz Sentinel and find the latest copy of the Santa Cruz Magazine inside. Contributing writers were Rich and Ruth with no less than the cover shot and centerfold for their multi-page article on the merits and charm of our yacht harbor. In case you missed it, there were many fine action photos of boats on Monterey Bay by Rich. We truly live in Paradise.

Oh, it turns out that Margie loves music. And the older the better. They have a piano and some day we will get together

to bang out some tunes from the 1930s. A decade or so ago several of us hams had a group which met at my house: Norm Peterson, N6DAC, on piano; Don McCalson, (ex-W6), on sax; Royce Krilanovich, AC6Z, on standup bass; and me on the Hammond Organ. One night we even had Sal Basile, N6WSR, sit in with his trombone. He was as good (in my opinion!) as Russ Morgan, a band leader in the 1930s and 40s. "My horns put me through college and Law school," Sal stated.

Ain't it something when things happen at the wrong time? Was on the 40 meter band the other morning and my contact, Terry, N6NUN, wanted to QSY to 80 mtrs. When I did, my ICOM shut down on that band. It turned out that my ancient-but-effective dipole had shorted out at the balun. The next day, after some untwisting, I was rewarded with success. Terry lives on his boat in Sausalito where 80 meters is the band to use for that short skip.

I imagine that Skip Allen, N6NEN, has completed his late-July trip in the single-handed race to Kauai (doesn't anyone go to Oahu anymore?). He has made that race several times. When I asked him if he wanted to set up a sked or perhaps something on the internet, his eyes rolled as he thought, "I guess Art has never single-handed for 2400 miles (plus tacks)."

I was happy to see my latest article, "So You're Going To Offer A Tow" appear in the July issue of Heartland Boating Magazine. In it I described our rescue, at late night, of a yacht whose engine wouldn't start. (Another don't cha hate that! situation.) They were drifting toward the surf and shore in a no-wind condition. Of course they could have dropped their anchor, but they wanted to get home to nice hot showers.

## Club Meeting: Antennas & History of the BC-222

At the next meeting of the SCCARC, Friday the 15th of August, we will have two guest speakers.

Welcoming back Ron (W6W0) from vacation, he will present his experiments in near-end fed wire antennas.

Also presenting will be, a local radio history enthusiast, John Field. He will be speaking on, and demonstrating, the BC-222. The Army's first "walkie-talkie" (worn on your back) from WWII. Based on a design from the 1935 ARRL Handbook, it has two tubes, AM, 100 mW, 28 MHz to 62 Mhz.

Let's welcome John and learn more about this fascinating radios history. More on the BC-222 can be found at [http://www.greenradio.de/e\\_bc222.htm](http://www.greenradio.de/e_bc222.htm).

## Time to Clean Out the Shack! Sept. Raffle and Nov. Auction

Just think how nice and spacious your shack will be once you've cleared out all that extra radio gear and brought it for the raffle at our September membership meeting or the auction at our November meeting! We are not limited to radio-related items, though anything someone else might want is fair game.

--Kathleen, KI6AI

**CLUB MEETING FRIDAY AUGUST 15, 7:30PM**

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## MONTEREY BAY REPEATER ACTIVITY

Santa Cruz County	K6BJ 146.790- PL 94.8 Santa Cruz 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 Monday 7:00 PM 28.308 MHz USB
ARES Nets	SC County Wide ARES Tuesday 7:30 PM on 147.180+ PL 94.8 443.600+ PL 110.9 (Linked repeaters)
San Lorenzo Valley	WR6AOK 147.120+ PL 94.8 Ben Lomond • SLV Net Thursday 7:30 PM
Loma Prieta	AB6VS 440.550+ / AE6KE 146.835- PL 94.8 (Linked for net 94.8) • LP Net Tuesday 7:15 PM
Monterey	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) • Newsline (Ham News) Broadcast Wednesday at end of NPSARC Net
LPRC	WR6ABD 146.640- PL 162.2 / 442.900+ PL 162.2 (winsystem) • LPRC Net Tuesday 8:00 PM 146.640-(PL 162.2) • Newsline (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	Aug 15
Board Meeting	Wed	Aug 27
Short Skip articles due	Monday	Sep 8
SCCARC Meeting	Friday	Sep 19

## 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.

## NET CONTROL SCHEDULE

(Subject to Change)

8/11	Tom K6TG
8/18	Diane KI6IFS
8/25	Cody KG6YPK
9/1	Phil KE6UWH
9/8	Allen WB6RWU
9/15	Chris KG6DOZ

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## Net Worth Report

The July 2008 Net Worth Report presented to the Board of Directors showed that the SCCARC treasury had \$3,379 in cash and bank accounts. At that time all financial obligations had been met, including the annual equipment insurance premium. The full Net Worth Report will be available for review at the August 15 Club meeting.

--Kathleen, KI6AIE

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