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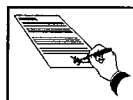
President's Prose

I'll try to keep this short. I attended the Disaster Readiness Seminar at the Fairmont Hotel, at the end of April. The speakers were interesting. There were vendors there from various earthquake and disaster preparedness organizations. All around the perimeter of Ceasar Chavez Park were other support organizations showing communications vans, mobile command centers from police and fire, a huge fire, water tanker. There were people all over with demonstrations of equipment, the sharing of vital information on prevention of disasters, as well as what to do when the preparation is not enough. I collected several give-a-ways. I sure got my walking in for the day.

The card that was signed by everyone at the April meeting was sent to Trudy Maxwell. Our sympathies go out to her on the loss of her husband, Jim Maxwell, the Pacific Coast Director. We will all miss Jim.

The plaque given to Gary Mitchell, WB6YRU, for ten years of service as editor of the *SCCARA-GRAM* was given by me with the comments, "thanks for all the years of good service and hard work, and putting up with my shortcomings." I hope he continues for another ten years. I will try to be prompter with my articles. Sometimes he needs more than just the patience of Job to publish the newsletter. **THANK YOU, SO MUCH!**

I hope everyone had a nice Easter, Passover, or other Spring Holiday you celebrated. See you on the nets and at the next meeting.



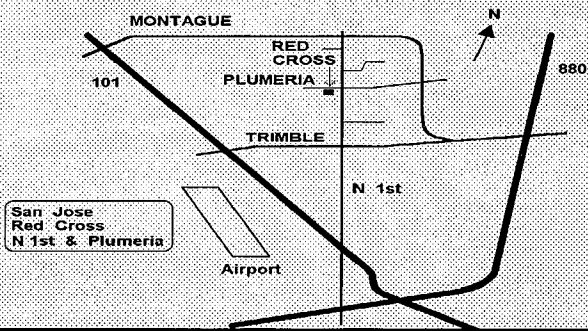
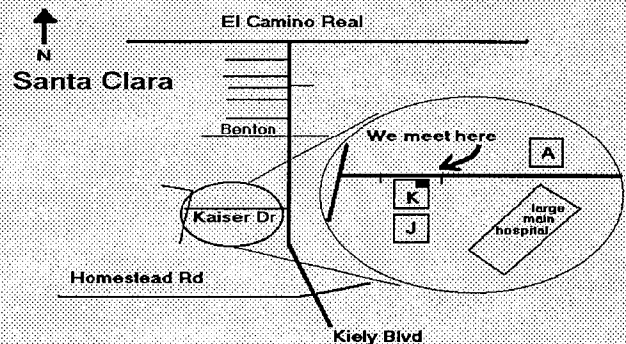
73, Barbara K. Britten, KD6QEI, Pres.

Calendar

- 5/10 Foothill Electronic Flea Market--WE HOST!
- 5/12 SCCARA General Meeting
- 5/19 SCCARA Board Meeting--(San Jose Red Cross, 7:30p, all are welcome)
- 6/9 SCCARA General Meeting

General Meeting:

Day: Monday, May 12, 2003
Time: 7:30 PM
Place: Kaiser Santa Clara, Bld K, Rm 1
Featuring: {to be announced}



Foothill Flea Market

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The deadline for articles is one week before the last Monday of the month.

SCCARA was formed in 1921 and became a non-profit corporation in 1947. SCCARA is an affiliate of the American Radio Relay League (ARRL). The club station is W6UW. Web page: <http://www.qsl.net/sccara>.

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SCCARA REPEATERS

SCCARA owns and operates two repeaters under the call W6UU:

2 meter: 146.385 + PL 114.8
70 cm: 442.425 + PL 107.2

Phone auto-dial and auto-patch is available. The two meter repeater is located at the Santa Teresa Hospital, south-west San Jose (near IBM). The 70 cm repeater and N0ARY BBS is located at the Regional Medical Center (formerly Alexian), east of downtown San Jose, north of 280 and 101.

SCCARA NETS

On our two meter repeater: Mondays at 7:30 PM, (not the second Monday--our meeting night). Coordinator: Don K6PBQ. On ten meters, 28.385 MHz USB, Thursdays at 8:00 PM. Net control: Wally KA6YMD. Visitors welcome.

N0ARY PACKET BBS

SCCARA hosts the packet BBS N0ARY (San Jose). User ports: 144.93 (1200 baud), 433.37 (9600 baud), telephone 408 259-8497, internet (by registration only, get info by sending e-mail to: info@n0ary.org). Sysop: Gary WB6YRU

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ARRL/VEC Silicon Valley VE group,
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SCCARA is the sponsor of the May 10th Foothill Amateur Radio Flea Market. This is the only opportunity to generate additional funds for our club. The flea market is a manpower intensive endeavor but the more volunteers there are, the easier it is for everyone. The shifts are in two hour increments starting at 0400.

A	0400 - 0600
B	0600 - 0800
C	0800 - 1000
D	1000 - 1200
E	1200 - 1400

Please sign up for as many shifts as you can. Talk it up on the radio and bring a friend. Give me a call if you can help or have names of additional helpers.

Thanks, Lou WA6QYS, (408) 241-7999

SCCARA Supports MS Walk 2003

On Saturday April 5, the national MS Society held their annual MS walk from Campbell to Los Gatos along the Los Gatos Creek Trail.

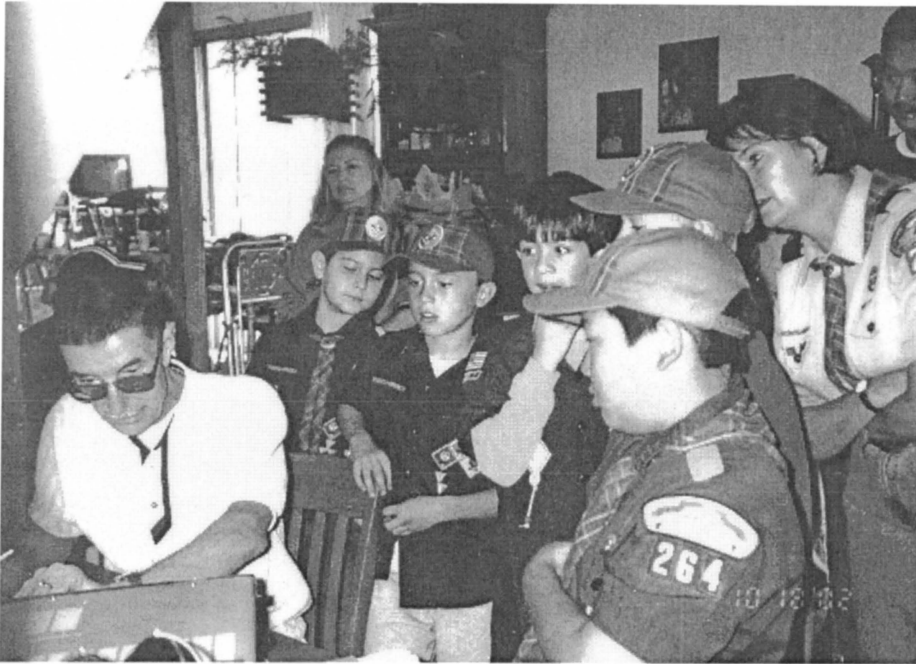
Amateur Radio plays a vital part on the walk by providing communications between rest stops and end point (net control). Communications is a very necessary item for safety.

I would like to thank the following SCCARA members for providing their time and skills for the MS walk: Don Hayden KO6HH and Lloyd DeVaughns KD6FJI for handling our net control post. Dan Watt KG6JCH for rest stop #1 and also doing first aide and helping with rest stop #5. Mike Hastings KB6LCJ for rest stop #2. I handled rest stop #3 along with my company (Spectra Physics). Ralf Erlickson (from SVECS) WA6CQA for rest stop #4. El Wirt K6ZYY for rest stop #5.

This year my wife Joan took part in the walk. Our thanks goes to Joan Hastings KB6LFZ along with their son James and a group of ladies from her school. They joined the Spectra Physics walking team and took turns pushing Joan along the trail in her wheel chair to rest stop #3.

On behalf of myself and the MS society I would like to thank everyone again for their help.

73, Don Village, K6PBQ



This year I operated Jamboree On The Air on Saturday Oct 19, 2002 from my home station. This marks the 10th year I've been doing JOTA.

I had three scout groups over with learners and parents for a total of 17 scouts. One troop from south San Jose and two from Cupertino. Troop 264 from San Jose were able to talk with scouts from Cedar City Utah, Huntington Beach and Placentia, California. One troop 433 from Cupertino had an interesting QSO with scouts from W7LKC in Elko, Nevada. Both of these troops were over for the second year with JOTA and had a great time.

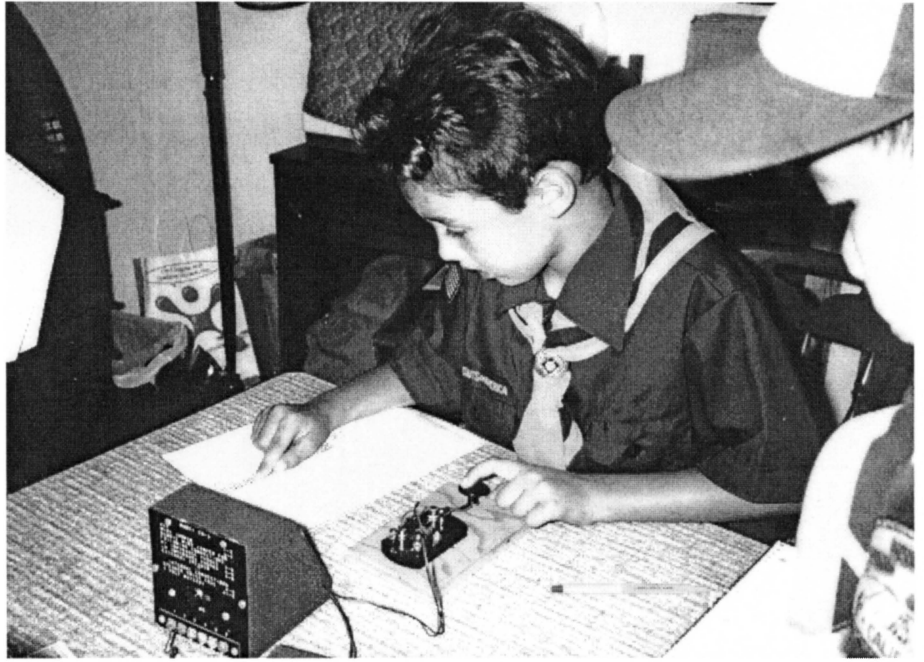
My third group was a Wolf den from troop 433, also in Cupertino. This was their first visit over for JOTA. They were also able to talk with W6HT from Placentia, CA.

I also set up a table with a code practice oscillator, so they could learn to send their names etc. in Morse code. The scouts found that activity very interesting along with using the phonic alphabet.

JOTA is as much fun for the scouts as it is for myself. So, I'm looking forward to JOTA 2003.

73, Don Village, K6PBO

CQ JOTA DE K6PBO



Meeting Minutes

General Meeting, April 14, 2003



Meeting opened at: 7:45 PM, #of people present: 16. No visitors.

OFFICERS:

PRESIDENT: Need help getting speakers for meetings. The president is doing the work of several missing officers. This is difficult to do with her present time constraints. Don Hayden, KK6HH, had agreed to help with this job.

TREASURER: No report at this time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

REPEATER: There is no new info on the HF station at Regional Medical Center. They are expanding that hospital. It was suggested that the desk stay there in preparation for the station in the future. There are no changes at the Alum Rock Park site. The auto patch is not working. PL tone is 114.8 Hz

SCCARA-GRAM: No report. Gary Mitchell is not present.

BBS: No report. Gary Mitchell not present.

OLD BUSINESS:

FLEA MARKET: SCCARA will host the flea market at Foothill College on May 10. Lou is in charge of sign-up sheet. Everybody show up. No help will be refused.

SVECS BREAKFAST: Saturday, April 26 At Santa Clara Senior Citizen club. The speaker will be Rich Harrington, on transmitter hunting.

FIELD DAY: June 28, 29. Mt. Madonna is reserved. The fee for this year is \$366.00. A discussion followed regarding joining another group to help with the low manpower we experienced last year. Other groups are experiencing the same problem. RACES has offered to let SCCARA join them at their Berryessa Recreation site. A motion was made by Don Hayden to join with RACES this year if there are no snags, and to have the board report to the next meeting, seconded by El Wirt. Motion carried unanimously. Our tower is available for use at Field Day. Clark Murphy will be the chairman if we go to Mt. Madonna. Don Village and Don Hayden to assist. Clark.

WALKATHON FOR MD: Don Village thanked all those who helped with the communications for the race. Joan Hastings thanked all those who helped put the event on, for the pledges, and for helpers to push Joan Village on the route. It was a fun event. Even the weather cooperated.

NEW BUSINESS:

FILE CABINETS. The steel file cabinets are selling for

\$10.00, at the St. Vincent DePaul warehouse outlet on So Seventh St.

DAYTON HAMFEST: Don Apte is going to attend the Dayton Hamfest, and wanted to represent SCCARA at the various events there. He wants a copy of the SCCARA VHS tape to add to their archives. The copied tape will be given to him.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:35 PM.

Barbara Britten, KD6FJI

Board Meeting, April 21, 2003



MEMBERS PRESENT: Barbara K. Britten, KD6QEI, Pres.; Lloyd DeVaughns, KD6FJI, Treas.; Wally Britten, KA6YMD, Dir.; Don Village, K6PBQ, Dir.; Lou Steirer, WA6QYS, Dir.; Clark Murphy, KE6KXO, Dir.; Don Apte, KK6MX, Dir.; Gary Mitchell, WB6YRU, Newsletter Editor; Gwen Steirer, KF6OTD.

Meeting began : 7:45 PM at the American Red Cross.

OFFICERS:

President: Need help getting speakers for meetings. Don Hayden had agreed to help at a previous meeting.

Treasurer: Checking Acct: \$897.16; Savings Acct: \$4,911.21

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Repeater: There is no change of PL tone at the Santa Teresa site. The repeater is still off. The Eagle Rock site is okay. Trish Gibbons, WA6UBE, wants to raise the power, and change the receive antenna. When the changes are made, Trish wants to test the repeater with regard to the interference from Sacramento. The weather has not cooperated with getting the work done at the Eagle Rock site. NARCC has not been notified of the repeater site change.

BBS: The BBS has stopped talking. The serial port problem still exists. Gary needs to go to the site and investigate the reason why they are not working.

SCCARA-gram: The newsletter needs more articles from club members regarding ham radio subjects. There are several clubs that we have not received club newsletters from. There are no Naval Post Graduate School or OQS newsletters, because they are not being printed at this time.

OLD BUSINESS:

SVECS Breakfast: Date: Saturday, 4/26/03. Breakfast is at 9:00 AM. The speaker, Rich Harrington, KN6FW, will talk on transmitter hunting, at 10:00 AM. Lou Steirer acknowledged that he got the reimbursement for the pizzas. Lou will also make an announcement

FIELD DAY 2003: Discussion regarding SCCARA

joining RACES at their Berryessa park site or having Los Cumbres join SCCARA at Mt. Madonna. We need to know what direction we are going so that notices can be sent out to members. There is only one more newsletter before Field Day. There is more desire to go to Mt. Madonna, since it is already reserved. The price for the site has been reduced \$90.00. Lou Steirer will talk to the Los Cumbres club to see what they want to do and report back to me by the end of this week. Our group is low on people to operate stations, and so is Los Cumbres, and RACES. Barbara will contact RACES to find out what they decided, and get the info to Gary, hopefully before Wednesday, 4/24/03. If not then it will be in the next newsletter along with a registration form. There is a new class, Class F that is for EOC's. RACES will have two sites this year. One at the EOC, and another at Berryessa Recreation Center.

FLEA MARKET: SCCARA's day for flea market is May 10. Rick Joslin has moved out of the area, and can no longer stay at the gate to register vendors. Gary Mitchell has agreed to take over that duty for SCCARA, and will be at the flea market at 4:00 AM. We need to make sure that all vendors pay for the space they use to sell merchandise. The food booth will be in the same place as all other flea markets. Gwen Steirer will pick up a few dozen doughnuts on Friday to start the booth off on Saturday morning. Clark Murphy, will pick up more on Saturday morning and bring them to the food booth for sale. Gary Mitchell will print 50 cards and 50 extra newsletters to give out to people at the flea market. Lou is going to send an article regarding the flea market to Gary for print in the newsletter.

NEW BUSINESS:

Gary Mitchell: Gary was presented with a plaque in appreciation for being the editor of the newsletter for the last ten years, with the hope that he continue for another ten years. He has had to work hard to fill the pages of the newsletter when there are no pictures or articles from club members. He made a request for these items for future newsletters. He will bring it to the next meeting so that a picture can be taken for the newsletter.

ANTENNA EXERCISE: There is going to be a test of RACES 100 foot tower at the city yard on Senter Rd, on Saturday, 4/26, at 10:00 AM.

HAMFEST in Visalia: Clark Murphy, KE6KXO, is going to the Visalia Hamfest and wants to represent SCCARA at the event.

INVENTORY OF LOCKER EQUIPMENT: The locker needs to be cleaned out of all excess equipment, to make way for some things from the Tanner estate that are still in club members homes. It was decided to do this after Field Day.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:40 PM.

Barbara Britten, KD6FJI

ARRL News

From *The ARRL Letter*, April 11, 2003

FCC OPENS RECEIVER INTERFERENCE IMMUNITY INQUIRY

The FCC wants to know how it can incorporate receiver interference immunity specifications within its overall spectrum policy. In a Notice of Inquiry (NOI) in ET Docket 03-65, released March 24, the FCC seeks public comments on possible methods and means of improving receiver performance. The Commission suggests that these could include incentives, guidelines or regulatory requirements--or a combination of all three.

"From a technical standpoint, a radio receiver's susceptibility to interference is largely dependent on the interference immunity of the device, particularly with regard to its rejection of undesired radio frequency (RF) energy and signals," the FCC said in its introduction to the NOI. While expressing its reluctance "to implement a new regulatory regime" of mandatory receiver standards, the Commission said it believes incorporating receiver performance specifications could "promote more efficient utilization of the spectrum and create opportunities for new and additional use of radio communications."

The FCC said the NOI builds upon the recent work of its Spectrum Policy Task Force, which looked at ways to improve overall radio spectrum management. The ARRL commented on the Task Force report and plans to comment in the receiver interference immunity NOI as well.

While the NOI does not specifically address interference from Amateur Radio transmitters to consumer TV and radio receivers, the FCC does seek information describing the interference immunity characteristics of "receivers used in the various radio services." With respect to broadcast sets, the FCC suggests in its NOI that set manufacturers have been doing a pretty good job all along.

The FCC seeks comments on "the desirability of developing minimum interference immunity performance specifications for broadcast receivers." But it added that the Commission has no plans to reverse its "longstanding practice of allowing the market to determine the performance of broadcast receivers, with the Commission stepping in only where obvious deficiencies appear" that could disrupt reception.

FCC Chairman Michael Powell said he'd prefer that the Commission "rely on market incentives and voluntary industry programs to establish receiver immunity guidelines."

The FCC Notice of Inquiry in ET Docket 03-65 is available

o n t h e F C C W e b s i t e
<http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/FCC-03-54A6.doc>. Although it has not formally been posted for the filing of comments via the FCC's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS), the system is accepting comments. The formal comment period concludes 75 days from publication of the NOI in the Federal Register, which has not yet happened. The FCC does not post such dockets for electronic comments until publication occurs.

A copy of the proposed legislation is available on the California Legislature Web site <http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/bill/asm/ab_1201-1250/ab_1228_bill_20030221_introduced.html>. Utah recently became the latest of 17 states to incorporate the essence of PRB-1 into their laws.

CALIFORNIA ANTENNA BILL ZIPS THROUGH ASSEMBLY

Just eight days after being voted out of committee, California's latest effort to pass an Amateur Radio antenna bill--Assembly Bill 1228--this week got the approval of the California Assembly on a 67-0 vote on April 10. The measure's had its first reading in the Senate. The next major step will be a hearing--as yet unscheduled--before the Senate Local Government Committee.

"Excellent news!" was the reaction of ARRL Southwestern Division Director Art Goddard, W6XD. The bill, introduced February 21 by Assemblyman Bob Dutton (R-63rd), got a unanimous 9-0 favorable vote at an April 2 hearing of the Assembly Committee on Local Government at which ARRL staffer and antenna expert Dean Straw, N6BV--a California resident--testified on behalf of the measure. ARRL Pacific Division Director Bob Vallio, W6RGG, also spoke at the hearing.

Mike Mitchell, W6RW, who's spearheading the Amateur Radio community's effort to promote the bill says AB 1228, now is seeking witnesses for the Senate committee hearing. Straw already has volunteered to appear. AB 1228 marks the first bill sponsored by Dutton--who was elected last November--to reach the Assembly floor.

AB 1228 would incorporate the language of PRB-1 into the statutes of California. The state is home to some 100,000 Amateur Radio licensees--by far the greatest number of any other state and nearly 15 percent of total US licensees. The measure would require any ordinance regulating Amateur Radio antenna structures to not preclude but to "reasonably accommodate" Amateur Radio communications, to allow amateur station antenna structures "at heights and dimensions sufficient to accommodate Amateur Radio Service communications" and to constitute "the minimum practicable regulation to accomplish the legitimate purpose of the city or county."

The California legislature approved a nearly identical PRB-1 measure three years ago, but Gov Gray Davis vetoed it. Davis said at the time that he did so because funds for required studies were not included in his budget. The new bill does not carry a price tag.

Packet Pieces

Downloaded from the packet network:

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Date: 23 Jun 2000 23:37
From: AB7RG@AB7RG
To: FARCE@WW
Subject: How To Mess With The IRS

Always put staples in the right hand corner. Go ahead and put a down the whole right side. The extractors who remove the mail from the envelopes have to take out any staples in the right side.

Never arrange paperwork in the right order, or even facing the right way. Put a few upside down and backwards. That way they have to remove all your staples rearrange your paperwork and re-staple it (on the left side).

Line the bottom of your envelope with elmer's glue and let it dry before you put in your forms, so that the automated opener doesn't open it and the extractor has to open it by hand.

If your very unfortunate and have to pay taxes use a two or three party check.

On top of paying with a three party check pay one of the dollars you owe in cash. When an extractor receives cash, no matter how small an amount, he has to take it to a special desk and fill out of few nasty forms.

Write a little letter of appreciation. Any letter received has to read and stamped regardless of what it is or what its on.

Write your letter on something misshapen and unconventional. Like on the back of a Kroger sack.

When you mail it, mail it in a big envelope (even if its just a single EZi form). Big envelopes have to be torn and sorted differently than regular business size ones. An added bonus to the big envelope is that they take priority over other mail, so the workers can hurry up and deal with your mess.

If you send 2 checks they'll have to staple your unsightly envelope to your half destroyed form.

Always put extra paper clips on your forms. Any foreign fasteners or the like have to be removed and put away.

Sign your name in ink on every page. Any signature has to verified and then date stamped.

These are just a few of the fun and exciting things you can do with the man. These methods are only recommended when you owe money.

73 & May the FARCE be with you! Clinton, AB7RG.
[AB7RG @ KB7FRV.AZ.USA.NOAM]

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Date: 24 Jun 2000 00:17
From: AB7RG@AB7RG
To: FARCE@USA
Subject: The Bald Eagle...

One day there was a man who was walking through the forest and got lost. He wandered around for over a week, and was beginning to starve.

He spotted a Bald Eagle who had just caught a fish and chased it, hoping to get it to drop the fish so he could eat it. Then he saw the bird land on a tree stump not far from him, so he picked up a stone to toss at it--hoping the bird would be frightened and fly away without the fish. But, weak as he was, his aim was off and he hit the poor bird square on the head, and killing it.

"Well," he thought to himself, "no sense letting it go to waste, if I leave it here it will just rot, and it could save my life if I eat it."

So, he built himself a little fire--using a couple of stones--and cooked the eagle to eat. While it was cooking a ranger stumbled upon the man, and when he saw what he was up to, he immediately arrested him--because as you know, that is quite illegal!

The man told the ranger what had happened, and asked for a trial so he could explain the situation to a judge.

So, the day of his trial he told the judge, "Please your Honor, it was a life or death situation! I was lost and starving, and I didn't mean to harm the bird--I only wanted the fish! And when I accidentally killed it, well, I felt terrible but couldn't see any reason to let it go to waste!"

The judge listened to the man's story and deemed him, "Not guilty, on the grounds of extenuating circumstances." The man was very grateful, and thanked the judge for his fairness.

Then, the judge leaned over and quietly asked the man, "Just between you and me, what DOES a Bald Eagle taste like anyway??" The man contemplated this for a moment and then spoke, "Well, it's kind of hard to explain... but, I would say somewhere between a California Condor and a Spotted Owl."

73 & May the FARCE be with you! Clinton, AB7RG.
[AB7RG @ KB7FRV.AZ.USA.NOAM]

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Date: 24 Jun 2000 00:17
From: AB7RG@AB7RG
To: QUOTES@USA
Subject: QUOTES # 058 !!!

Computers can never replace human stupidity.

I know a good quote when I steal one.

He who dies with the most quotes wins!

Every body lies, but it doesn't matter much since nobody listens.

Therapy helps, but screaming obscenities is much cheaper.

If you can read this you spend way too much time reading these quotes...

Discoveries are made by not following the instructions.

Two wrongs don't make a right, but three rights make a left.

Anything worth doing is worth getting someone else to do.

One person's error is another person's data.

We will get along just fine as soon as you realize that I am always right.

Never underestimate the power of human stupidity.

Don't bother trying to make something fool proof. They'll just make a better fool.

I'm the person that your mother warned you about.

Junk--Stuff we throw away. Stuff--Junk we keep.

Minds are like parachutes, they only work when open.

Nothing is so simple that it can't get screwed up.

Teamwork is essential. It allows you to blame someone else.

The best defense against logic is stupidity.

The only thing shorter than a weekend is a vacation.

I used to be indecisive, but now I'm not so sure...

Computers make very fast, very accurate mistakes.

Press CTRL-ALT-DEL for unlimited access to my system.

Some days you're the dog, some days you're the hydrant.

Mess with the best, get flamed like the rest!

Sometimes a good quote is it's own reward... :-)

As long as the end justifies the means...

"Hey, look! An iridium flux capacitor!"

"It only takes one spark to ignite a fire: a fire which will spread, much like a forest fire, consuming all within it's path..." -- Clinton Herbert, AB7RG 04/05/97.

A near-death experience can also be called an "eye-opener".

Quotes -- When you can be original and creative steal them!

When you can't laugh at yourself laugh at someone else.

Life without danger is a waste of oxygen.

Famous Last Words: "Life without danger is a waste of oxygen.

The fastest way between two points is a node!

Accidents are usually the result of poor-planing.

Stress: Doing a U-Turn in the middle of the freeway at 90 mph.

73 & May the FARCE be with you! Clinton, AB7RG.
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Packet Network (BBS, forwarding): WB6YRU
Code operating and installations: WB6EMR, K6PBQ
DX (long distance/propagation): WB6EMR
Emergency operating/preparedness: WA6QYS
FM (VHF/UHF, repeaters): WA6VJY
HF operating techniques (SSB, CW): WB6EMR, K6PBQ
Classes/license upgrading: W6ACW
Legal/FCC rules: WB6YRU
SCCARA (club inner workings):
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packet: home BBS NOARY
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K6PBQ, Don Village, (408) 263-2789

WA6QYS, Lou Steirer, (408) 241-7999
packet: home BBS NOARY

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evening & msg: (408) 275-0735

WB6YRU, Gary Mitchell, msg (408) 265-2336
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internet: wb6yru@aenet.net

Need Help?

Amateurs have a long history of helping each other. An experienced amateur who helps another is traditionally called an "Elmer." If you have a question or problem, you are encouraged to ask one of SCCARA's Elmers. Below is a list of topics including who to contact for each.

If you consider yourself to be reasonably competent in at least one area of amateur radio and would be willing help others, please ask the club secretary for an Elmer survey form and fill it out.

Antennas, feed-lines, tuners: WB6EMR, K6PBQ, WB6YRU
Lightning protection, grounding: WB6YRU
Station set-up, equipment: K6PBQ
TVI/RFI: WB6YRU
Homebrew projects, construction: KD6FJI, WB6YRU
Computers: KB6NP; IBM PC: WB6YRU

Newsletter Notes

At the April board meeting, president Barbara KD6QEI presented me with a very nice plaque recognizing my tenth year as the *SCCARA-GRAM* editor. It reads:

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GARY MITCHELL - WB6YRU

EDITOR

IN APPRECIATION FOR
10 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE.

2003

Thank you all very much! I'd also like to thank El Wirt, K6ZYY for helping with the preparation for mailing of the newsletter over the past several years, and Clark Murphy, KE6KXO who likewise helped out in the past.

73, Gary WB6YRU, editor

S.C.C.A.R.A. Membership Form for 2003

(Fill in name and address if there is no mailing label below; make corrections if the label is incorrect)

Name: _____ Call: _____ Class: E A G T+ T N

Address: _____ Licensed since (yr): _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ - _____ Licence Expiration
Date (mo/yr): _____

Telephone: () _____ New Member I'm also an
 Renewal ARRL member _____

E-mail: _____ Packet: _____

For family memberships (at the same address), please fill out a separate form for each. Indicate the "primary member" for mailing purposes: _____

Annual membership dues are payable at the first of the year and expire the following December 31. New members joining on or after July 1, pay half the membership dues.

Annual Membership dues: \$15 Individual \$20 Family \$5 Student (under 18)

Please send the repeater Auto-Dial/Auto-Patch codes (no charge, circle): Yes
WE MUST BE ABLE TO VERIFY YOUR AMATEUR RADIO LICENSE
BEFORE ANY REPEATER CODES WILL BE SENT

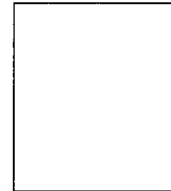
Give this completed form (or copy) with payment to the Secretary or Treasurer at any meeting or mail to the return address below.

====> PLEASE DO NOT TEAR OR CUT FORM <====

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