

Saratoga Amateur Radio Association

Meeting January 05, 2022

2022-01-04

Topics

- Year in review
- Officer Nominations
- Officer Elections
- Installation of new Executive Team
- Discussion of club direction

Where we've been

(list compiled by John Glass)

- The Saratoga Amateur Radio Association is a 501 c 3 nonprofit corporation.
- SARA was organized following the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake, with an initial focus on providing emergency communications for the city of Saratoga
- We are an ARRL affiliated club
- The club holds monthly meetings which include a program related to amateur radio.
- SARA has the club license K6SA, and we operate two linked repeaters which have emergency power, and access to the Echolink and IRLP voip modes

Where we've been

- We installed amateur radio stations at the fire station, and city hall
- We also installed and maintain the city's 1610 emergency am radio station
- There is an email reflector, and web site, promoting amateur radio in Saratoga
- The club Holds a weekly net on Sunday nights, followed by a training session, often dealing with an emergency communications topic
- We have a MOU with the city, they provide our two meter repeater site free of charge, and we have agreed to assist with emergency communications as needed

Where we've been

- Many of our members participate in the periodic city and county emergency communication drills
- We provide a volunteer who checks in to the monthly EOC to EOC net for the city
- Many of our members are also CERT members
- The club has offered ham radio licensing, and training classes
- Several of our members assist the Silicon VE Group with monthly license testing at the fire station
- We used to coordinate the Halloween caper, and operate in ARRL's annual field day event

Where we've been

- Don Steinbach attends the quarterly county emergency coordinator meetings. He is also Treasurer of the Silicon Valley Emergency Communications System
- Several of our members attend the SVECS quarterly breakfasts, to stay informed about the latest county emergency communication activities and techniques
- Ability to support the city with their communications needs
- Demonstration of our preparedness
- Sufficient numbers available, competent, available

Year In Review

Prepared by:

Don Steinbach - AE6PM

EC Saratoga (Acting)

Primary Mission

To provide backup radio communication for the City of Saratoga in the event of an emergency. Toward that end we conduct weekly radio drills, support CERT communications needs, participate in County drills and exercises, and maintain two ham radio repeaters. SARA also supports the Saratoga Traveler's Information System radio system on 1610 kHz AM.

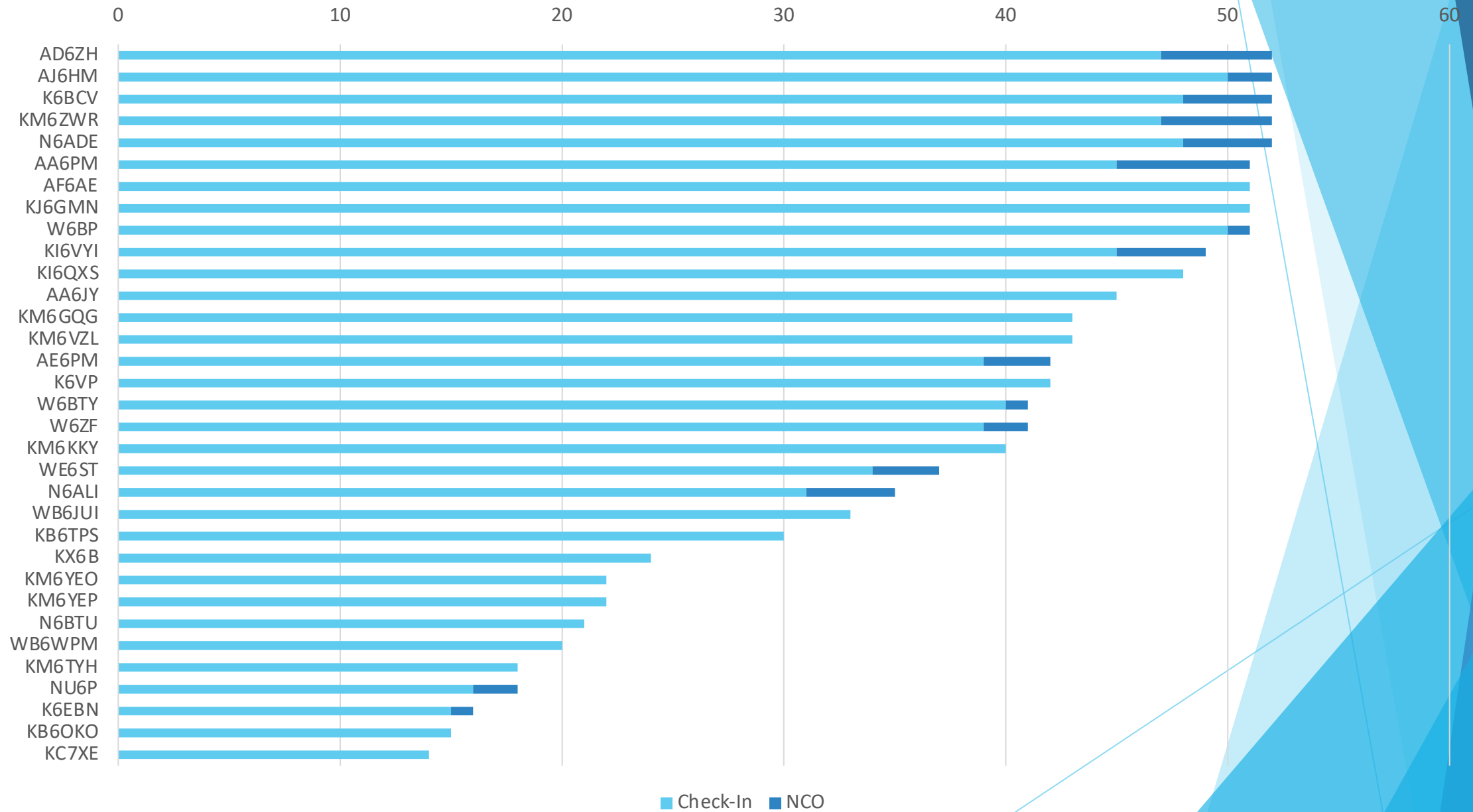
Net Sessions

SARA conducted 52 local net sessions over the past year for a total of 1,330 check-ins.

Net Participation

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SELECT netUser.id, netUser.name, netUser.callsign,  
count(netMapping.netUserId) count FROM netUser  
LEFT JOIN netMapping ON netUser.id = netMapping.netUserId  
LEFT JOIN net ON net.id = netMapping.netId  
WHERE net.netDate >= '2021-01-01' AND net.netDate <= '2021-12-31'  
GROUP BY netUser.id  
ORDER BY count DESC
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Net Participation Results



Members Participating in Credentialing

Stan Chapski (WE6ST)	DSW , F3 , P2	MAC
Peter Melhus (AA6PM)	DSW , F2 , N3	MAC
Steve Steps (AJ6HM)	DSW , C4	
Jeff Walker (N6ADE)	DSW , F3	

Members Participating in County Activities (past 2 years)

Call	Trainings	Drills	Events	Incidents
Stan - WE6ST	1	2	0	0
Peter - KM6TYH	0	1	0	0
Aviva - KM6GQG	0	1	0	0
Jack - KM6ZWR	2	3	1	0
Brent - N2CJN	3	3	0	0
Morris - AD6ZH	2	3	0	0
Wendy - KM6KKY	4	2	1	0
Peter - AA6PM	12	7	3	0
Davina - KM6YEP	0	1	0	0
Zachary - W6ZAN	1	0	0	0
Don - AE6PM	1	3	0	0
Steve - AJ6HM	17	6	3	0
Jeff - N6ADE	10	6	2	0

HAM Radio licensing - VEC

- Exam sessions are conducted two Saturdays a month or oftener.
- Morris Jones (AD6ZH) heads up the testing activity.
- Morris developed a remote/Zoom test approach that was approved for use by the national test authority - a massive undertaking - so that testing could continue in spite of Covid.
- Morris has personally participated in, or conducted, over 509 test sessions.
- Five Volunteer Examiners from SARA support this initiative.

After Net Discussions

- Morris has led after-net discussions since October 2018
- Topics include:
 - Radios, antennas, message passing, simplex and alternate nets, batteries, go kits, checking and testing equipment, relaying, packet, RF safety, and a host of other topics

Support CERT with their radio needs

- Another major effort was securing an FCC license for CERT to transition from FRS radios to Business Band radios. This included getting the license application coordinated and submitted to the FCC, recommending a suitable purchase, and programming the 82 radios.

Donated hours (2021)

Net Participation

- SARA net sessions: 52
- Total check-ins: 1,330
- Participant hours: 998
- SVECS net sessions: 52
- EOC-EOC net sessions: 12

Other

- Training for County Credentialing: 135
- Quarterly drill planning and execution: 39
- Design/build/test/demo Petersen

Base station: 32

- CERT FCC radio licensing: 24
- CERT Baofeng radio programming: 16
- CERT Baofeng radio training: 12
- TV station K14TG-D interference evaluation: 2
- Quarterly EC Council Meetings: 12
- SVECS Net Control: 2
- EOC-EOC Net Control: 2
- Ham radio license testing: 234+
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- **Totals: 1,572 hours**

Officer Nominations

- ❖ President

 - ❖ Jack Griswold

- ❖ Vice-President

 - ❖ Steve Steps

- ❖ Treasurer

 - ❖ Allison Cassidy

- ❖ Secretary

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Officer Elections

- ❖ We need to formally vote on the candidates
- ❖ You must be a active member
 - ❖ Meaning: current with your dues from 2021 or 2022
- ❖ If only one candidate for each office, we can vote once as a slate
- ❖ If multiple candidates, we'll vote for each candidate separately

Swearing in Ceremony



New Leadership discussion on possible topics

- ❖ Meetings:
 - ❖ In-person / hybrid / online only
 - ❖ Topics / in-house developed / outside speakers
- ❖ Drills
 - ❖ Approved for county credit
 - ❖ On county dates or shifted to allow participation at county level for credentialing
 - ❖ Joint with Saratoga CERT
- ❖ Other topics???