

## Emergency Organizations

Amateur Radio operators set up and operate organized communication networks locally for governmental and emergency officials, as well as non-commercial communication for private citizens affected by a disaster. Our club is active in the following organizations:



The Saratoga Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) is managed by the City of Saratoga and the Santa Clara County Fire Department.

During an emergency we will staff the Emergency Operation Center (EOC) and assist with communication with volunteers and government agencies.

The purpose of the Silicon Valley Emergency Communications System (SVECS) is to maintain a crew of trained Amateur Radio Operators to provide back-up emergency communications where needed.



The Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) is coordinated through the American Radio Relay League and its field volunteers to provide free communications during emergencies and for planned events.

The Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES) is coordinated through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). It is activated when a government entity requests amateur radio assistance for a disaster or wide-reaching emergency.



## Our Mission

The mission of the Saratoga Amateur Radio Association is to:



- Facilitate scientific education and knowledge of radio engineering and communication skills by providing state-of-the-art communications equipment for use by the members and the public;
- Provide voluntary noncommercial communication, particularly providing emergency communication as a public service and without any remuneration; and
- Promote amateur radio by facilitating the exchange of information, improve individual operating efficiency and strengthen the welfare of amateur radio in the community.

## Non-Profit

The Saratoga Amateur Radio Association is organized as a non-profit public benefit California corporation, registered as a 501(c)(3) charity with the California Attorney General's office.

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# Saratoga Amateur Radio Association



Our repeater in Saratoga, CA is on a frequency of 146.655 MHz, negative offset, PL tone of 114.8 Hz or on our linked 70 centimeter repeater, 443.150 MHz, positive offset, PL tone of 100 Hz.

## History

The club was officially formed on December 15, 1989, received a Charter of Affiliation from The National Association for Amateur Radio in 2004, and was incorporated as a non-profit public benefit California Corporation 501(c)(3) in 2009.

Since then we've been an active organization that has served those interested in amateur radio and the community.



## Interests

Hams have diverse interests. Members of our club range from beginner to experts, old and young, both men and women.



If you are interested in:

- Emergency response
- Community service
- Technology
- Contesting
- International communication
- Mobile communication
- Help with your station or handheld
- Licensing other members of your family
- Monthly educational meetings
- Radio controlled model planes/boats

Then consider attending a SARA club meeting. Meetings are free, membership isn't required, and we're sure you'll enjoy the presentation and make new friends.

## Net

We have a directed net every Sunday at 9:00 pm. The purpose for this net is to provide training and to verify communications capabilities of SARA members. One person directs all communication and is called net control. Members then check-in. When members have finished checking-in guests are invited to check-in too.



See the front of this brochure for the repeater frequencies and settings.

## Meetings

Meetings are on the first Wednesday of each month (except July and August) at 7:30 pm. We usually have a guest speaker and finish around 9 pm.



They are held at the Saratoga Fire Station, located at 14380 Saratoga Avenue on the corner of Saratoga-Sunnyvale and Los Gatos-Saratoga Roads in Saratoga.

Prior to the meeting some of our members enjoy having dinner at Jake's of Saratoga Restaurant located at 12175 Saratoga-Sunnyvale Road (0.1 mile South of Prospect Road). We usually arrive around 6:00 p.m. Someone will be monitoring the repeater while we are at dinner so check-in and say "Hi" if you are on your way.

*We strongly suggest you bring your 2M HT in case you have difficulty finding the meeting. If you do, please contact someone on the club repeater.*

## Activities

Several time a year, we have a one-day **technician license class** followed by the license exam. We offer follow-up classes on how to program your radio and on proper operating practices and procedures.



Our major annual event is **Field Day** in June. During a 24-hour period, hams contact as many stations as possible within the U.S. and Canada. It is an excellent opportunity to demonstrate Amateur Radio to local elected community leaders, key individuals with the organizations that Amateur Radio might serve in an emergency, as well as the general public. Please visit our website for details.

On **Halloween**, we patrol the Saratoga schools in the evening and report any suspicious activity. One of our members rides with the Sheriff as he patrols the area.

Other times our members are active in assisting with communications in **community events** such as bicycle races, parades, and other civic activities.

## Join the Saratoga Amateur Radio Association



If you would like to become a member, please complete our downloadable membership form in the Contact Us page on our website at [www.k6sa.net](http://www.k6sa.net). Mail it with your check to:

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