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3. All QSO's must be simplex or thru one repeater, no linkups.
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5. Score is one (1) point for each station worked.
6. All stations participating must be within a 200 mile radius of San Jose.
7. Logs must be submitted by noon December 17, so awards can be made promptly.
8. Logs will be checked, award decisions are final.
9. Winners must pick up their prize before Jan. 1, 1980.

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R E G U L A R M E E T I N G

FRIDAY

DECEMBER 7, 1979

7:30 p.m.

Rooms 15-17, Menlo Park Recreation Center, Civic Center, Alma at Mielke Drive,
Menlo Park

HO! HO! HO!

SEM and DU HAVE
A SURPRISE FOR ALL!
A FUN MEETING IS ASSURED-

CIRCLE THE DATE

Friday

December 7, 1979

7:30 p.m.

FUTURE MEETINGS: Christmas Party, December 17, January 4, 1980, February 1, March 7, April 4, May 2, June 6, Field Day June 28-29, July 11, August 1, September 5, October 3, November 7, December 5, January 2, 1981, February 6, March 6, April 3,...enuf.

if you can't invite a friend, invite someone

PAST CORNER: Hans, WB6KFO, showed us more of Japan than most tourists ever see in one trip. Slides from his many visits over the last year took us from San Francisco to Tokyo via the polar route, around Tokyo, day and night spots, looking and shopping. Rides on the subway, local trains and the "Bullet" to the out country and the Geisha girls. We visited with a number of the JA fraternity, seeing their beautiful stations, their QSL cards and their antenna farms. Anyone who saw the slides and listened to Hans who didn't go home and start rearranging his station must have had a pretty good start. Switzerland—Japan—where can we get Hans sent next for a further view on "Hams Around the World"?

Jim, K7UDG, expressed appreciation to PAARA for the successful efforts of the Auction and Flea Market to the Explorer Post. He indicated their shack has been rebuilt and is now a hospitable place—except for the stacks of gear that are surplus.

Nominations were put off until this issue of PAARAGraphs and the night of the election—December 7.

Gerry, WA6LNV, reported on the upcoming Christmas Party, December 17—Monday—See the note a paragraph or page down the line for details.

John, KA6CUG, distributed raffle tickets during the refreshment (coffee, cookies and eyeball QSO's) period and Bob, W6BFH, walked off with the last of the drawing—9' 8 3/8" of RG-8U (v.f. .66) which will make a good quater wave stub for some out of band frequency.

The meeting ended a little before 10 with those who had to get up early Saturday going down the block and around the corner to continue hamming it up.

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BOARD CORNER: The Board of Directors met November 7 in the Club trailer, located just inside the guard gate on 4th Street at SRI, from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m., and determined:

1. That Ted Harris, W8RPA, and XYL, be invited to the Christmas Party to present the Field Day plaque to PAARA.

2. That Ed, W6AIN, examine postal regulations to determine if PAARA is eligible for new non-profit orgazination postal rates.

3. That PAARAGraphs cost about \$850 per year and nets about \$300 in advertising.

4. Raffirmed, after quiet discussion, that PAARA dues be increased to \$6.00 per year beginning 1980.

5. That Bob, K6SEM, make a report to PAARA for inclusion in PAARAGraphs.

- 4 - 6. To include a copy of the Club Bylaws in a near-future issue of PAARAGraphs.

7. To organize a spring-time field trip to KFS at Half Moon Bay—a picnic, excursion type of thing.

8. Rick, WA6NCX, our sometimes most eastern member, will present the January program.

And the unrecorded activities continued down the block and around the corner only to find no skittle.

PUBLIC RELATIONS CORNER: About 50 attended the November meeting. The list of attendees was always where your reporter wasn't, so visitors may miss an introductory issue of PAARAGraphs. We will try to pick them up next month.

PRESIDENT'S YEAR END REPORT: 1979 has been a great year for PAARA. The easiest thing to do is list some specifics:

- Field Day: Number One!
- Auction and Flea Market: Best Ever
- Picnic: A very successful first
- Explorer Post 599: Outstanding new venture
- PAARAGraphs: Better than ever
- Emergency Preparedness: 2 SET'S and new cooperation with city
- Monday Night Net: More checkins than ever
- Meetings: Record attendance and fine programs
- Christmas Party: Looks GREAT

The list goes on—but this misses the point. The strength of PAARA is the people. PAARA is not a repeater club, or a DX Club or a VHF Club or a Novice Club or an Old Timers Club or a We have members involved in all aspects of Amateur Radio—and that's our interest and strength.

As I see it, our number one challenge for the 80's is to be involved in the activities of interest to the members. We want to get everyone involved in Club activities, but more importantly, we want to have the activities that interest you. Speak up—what kind of programs to you want? What kind of field trip? Special projects?

A "Thank You" to everyone for making this a great year for PAARA and a fun one for me personally. Have a super holiday season and see you at the Christmas Party.

Bob, K6SEM

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PENANINK CORNER: Ma Bell changed phone numbers of:

Andy Anderson, K6EHS	to 494 0831
George Callander, WA6SZX	856 1752
Ken Dwitht, WA6NYB	856 0727

CUT AND PASTE CORNER: Please add a new member to your November Roster:

Vanover, James F.

V.A.M.C., 3801 Miranda Av., MPD, Palo Alto, CA 94304

NEW MEMBER CORNER: Jim Vanover has been attending meetings for the past three months and thinks amateur radio is for him. Your editor has talked with him and thinks so too. Jim was an enthusiastic worker at the Auction/Flea Market, resting his weary back on a wall once in a while, but most always on the move.

He has a visual handicap that he is gradually overcoming and has learned a good deal of theory and rules and regulations. While he has only been studying the code a short time he would have, in a mock test, have passed his novice test except for a few letters.

We look forward to having Jim at least on the bottom rung of the ladder in the next month or so.

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PUBLIC SERVICE CORNER: On the morning of Veterans' Day, November 11, seven PAARA members reported to Herman Kemp, in charge of volunteer activities at the Menlo Park VA Medical Facility on Willow Road.

The occasion: the 10,000-meter Vet-a-Run; the purpose: to provide auxiliary communications during the event.

Participating were: Ed, W6AIN, operating stationary mobile near the Bohannon Street Post Office, Dave, WB6JFH, and Jim Vanover, new member, operating stationary mobile control station at the VA; Bill, W6DVB, operating mobile in the Red Cross service van; Alan, WA6AZP, operating a bicycle mobile accompanying the lead runners; Steve, K6FS, operating bicycle mobile accompanying the walkers; and Al, AG6D, as stand-by-in-case-of-need.

The event turned out approximately 150 runners from around the Bay Area who raced, jogged and walked/struggled around the course to the Bohannon Industrial Park and back. The winning time was about 35 minutes and the race was concluded in an hour and five minutes.

Prizes were awarded by Mayor Doug Dupen of Menlo Park to first and second placers in male and female categories of three age groups, and to first and second wheelchair contestants.

Before the race and during the awards ceremonies music was played by a local band and by the Conquistadores Drum and Bubble Corps from South San Francisco. The day turned out sunny and pleasant.

Thanks to Jim Vanover for clueing in the Club on this opportunity to once more show the public service spirit of amateur radio.

NOMINATIONS CORNER: The nominating Committee, Fred, K6YT, Eric, W6DU and Terry, N6RY has developed the following slate of officers and Board Members for 1980:

President	Bob Wheeler	K6SEM
Vice President	Erik Edberg	W6DU
Secretary	Gerry Tucker	WA6LNV
Treasurer	Irene Lile	WB6RAF
Board Members	Gerry Wagstaffe	W6NIR
	Terry Conboy	N6RY
Carry-over	Jock McKaig	N6YY
Board Members	Ed Fairbanks	W6AIN
	Swede Swenson	KA6BEU
	Shannon Lile	K6TNY

Other nominations will be accepted prior to the election to be held December 7 at the regular meeting.

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UPGRADE CORNER:

Bill King, WA6OFN, a long-time Tech, upgraded to General October 17, just a day late to be mentioned in last month's PAARAGraphs. By now it's old stuff to Bill since he's licked the problem of using all the RF up in the antenna tuner. He has been busy enjoying the HF Spectrum and the Monday following his upgrade he coaxed a bunch of the two-meter gang to listen for him on all the bands—one at a time!

Doug Baum, KA6DQR, a not-so-long-time Novice, elected, during a week in drydock at Newport News, to take a day off to go to Norfolk and became a General November 1. His first chore was to get a microphone and the next to get the ship floating again. Then followed his first QSO as a General with his OM, Bob, W6BFH through the Pacific Maritime Net. Ed, W6KJI, alerted Bob that Doug was looking for him from 28N 79W. The first QRM free QSO we'll get his Mom on the horn.

Swede Swenson, KA6BEU, is looking for a new call because of his efforts November 14 when he thought he became a Tech but actually, or apparently, became a General. Swede will have to tell you of the confusion. Not much doubt that Swede worked his way into radio with a vengeance and we're all glad he made it. His only lament: "Now I can't make DXCC as a Novice".

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PILE-UP CORNER: He was never a DX hound, but as a result of KA5DQR's travels, W6BFH was surprised to work ten European countries in about 20 minutes as a result of his contacts with Doug. They were a patient lot. "PSE QRX

FER MY QSO KA5DQR/MM1" The form might not have been right but they waited. So many calls were heard for DQR they couldn't be recorded...and when he goes off the air, he's gone—like to dinner!

Gerry, W6NIR, ailing with a sore leg, moved the honest to gosh QRP rig into the bedroom (how come a sick ham can always move equipment?) and worked seventeen countries in fewer minutes during the DX contest late in October. Gerry predicted record scores because of propagation conditions that have been great lately.

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MODIFICATION CORNER: From one of the newsletters received by PAARA, the following was gleaned. Unfortunately the cover page was not attached so only the author can be acknowledged:

GOOD NEWS

Thought I'd pass this info on since so many Hams have Icom IC22S mobile rigs. The IC22S is back on the market and the factory has made available a set of instructions to modify the IC22S for operation on the repeater subbands 144 - 145 MHz, without botching it all up. It still is on the 15 KHz step band plan, as is used here in Northern California, so it's a super mod and not complex. I will be happy to supply copies at no charge if you drop me a sase.

I must add that I am quite pleased with the attitude of Icom. I had a need to call and ask about a couple of things as well as request the above mod information and one couldn't ask for more cooperation — super folks and excellent gear.

73, Dick Lietrach, WB6WKM
(ed. note: Dick may not be happy supplying copies outside his Club, maybe SCCARA)

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PAARAnet CORNER: Earl, W6VYC, checked into the PAARA net Monday, November 5, for the first time, made possible using his new AZDEN PCS 2000. Using a 5/8 wave vertical mounted on his desk he worked most members. He says the rig has everything he was looking for and some features he didn't know existed.

The Monday evening PAARAnet meets at 8:30 pm on 147.45 MHz with 25 to 30 check-in and 12 or 15 doing the talking. For the least part, Eric, W6DU, controls his remarks to: "yup" or "nup" but when he says more it's usually worth listening to.

Swap-shop and rag-chews follow the brief Club news and activities section. The net is usually over by 9 p.m. except for a few that carry on discussing equipment problems or great events. If you have the gear and don't check in, you're missing something.

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MONDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1979

CHRISTMAS PARTY



MENU (or SHEU, depending on who cooks)
Cross Rib of Beef, au jus

or	Coq au vin
	Long Grain Rice or Potatoe
	Fresh Vegetable
	French Rolls and Butter
	Ice Cream or Fresh Fruit Sherbert
	Coffee
	\$7.75

MONDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1979
No host cocktails at 6:00
Dinner at 7:00 p.m.

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Gerry, WA6LNV, would like your reservations in by December 7, with payment, so he can make arrangements for the Dinner. Either see him at the meeting or mail your cheque to him at:

1112 Ramona St.
Palo Alto, CA, 94301
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FOR THOSE WHO CAN'T MAKE IT:

MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR

from

Each of us to all the others

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UNCLASSIFIED CORNER:

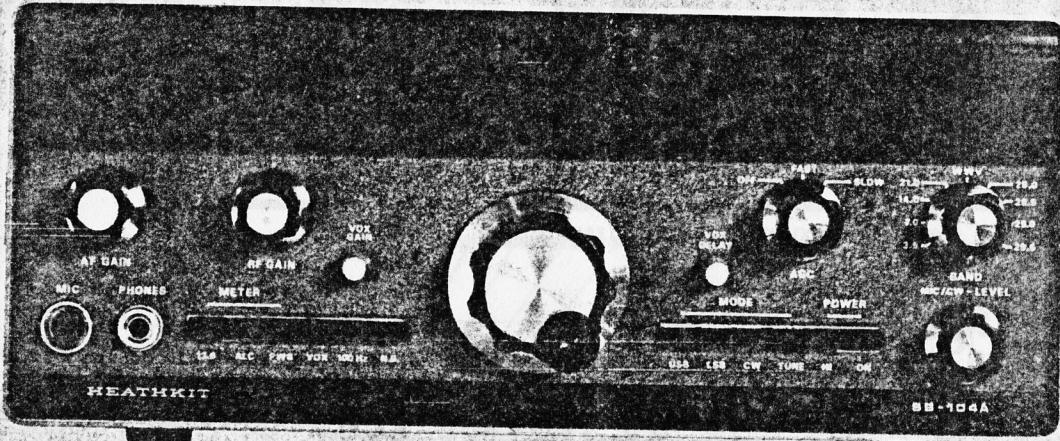
FOR THE NEEDY: Dave, WB6JFH, has manuals for the HW-101 and HW-? he will make available to someone who needs either. Wisely considering what rig to get he studied the manuals before he settled for the SB-104. Contact Dave at the meeting or if you really need them give him a call at 366 9672.

FOR SALE: MJF Versa Tuner II, widely advertised. Almost new. Asking \$85. call Bill, WA6TZh, 225 Mt. Herman #16, Scotts Vly, 95066

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EDITOR'S CORNER: Typed whilst listening to Rhapsodie über ein Thema von Paganini für Klavier und Ochester op. 43 and it could have been said in less space in English—but one has to fill out the page.

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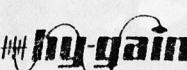
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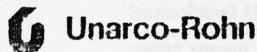


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