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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Holiday Time is here! Where did the year go? 1990 is headed for the history books and 1991 looms on the horizon. At this time of year we pause to celebrate and to reflect on the year's activities. Then comes the planning for the New Year and the whole cycle of events in the PAARA ham calendar. Let's make the season and the new year a safe and happy time and what better way to start than at the PAARA holiday dinner! Monitor the PAARA net for the latest details. Last but not least, see the PAARA election QST in this issue. Til next month/next year, 73 de Your Editor.

SPEAKER OF THE MONTH

GEORGE UAGAZW

Topic: Ham trends

in the USSR.....

Dinner with the speaker!
Su Hong's, El Camino off Ravenswood,
Menlo Park.... 5:45 p.m. on Meeting Friday
December 7.

de Andy VE3FZK, PAARA Program
Chairman

YOURS TRULY HAS HAD A LITTLE TROUBLE FOCUSING ON THE PRESIDENTIAL DUTIES THE PAST FEW WEEKS. UNFORTUNATELY I HAVE BEEN OUT OF THE COUNTRY MORE THAN IN RECENTLY. NEVERTHELESS OUR DECEMBER DINNER IS CONVERGING NICELY THANKS TO LILY ANNE N6PGM. THE MENU APPEARS ELSEWHERE IN PAARAGRAPHS AND WE WILL GET TOGETHER ABOUT 6:30 AT MOFFETT FIELD FOR PRE-DINING SALUTATIONS WITH DINNER AT 7:30 . WE WILL HAVE THE USUAL GIFT EXCHANGE (KEEP IT UNDER \$5.00) AND A FEW DOOR PRIZES WILL BE GIVEN AWAY. I ESPECIALLY WANT TO ENCOURAGE NEWCOMERS TO SIGN UP AND GIVE THE REST OF US A CHANCE TO SHARE AN EYEBALL QSO.

ONE OF THE STANDARD STRUGGLES THIS TIME OF YEAR IS WORKING UP A SLATE OF OFFICERS TO VOTE ON AT THE DECEMBER MEETING. THE PAST OFFICERS FOR THE MOST PART HAVE AGREED TO RUN FOR ANOTHER TERM. SO FAR WE HAVE NOMINATIONS AS FOLLOWS:

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WE HAVE 4 POSITIONS OPEN ON THE BOARD, WITH WSNIR AND KASLZI AGREEING TO SERVE ANOTHER 2-YEAR TERM. THE 2 FINAL NOMINATIONS WILL HOPEFULLY BE KNOWN BY THE DECEMBER MEETING.

HERE'S HOPING YOU CLOSE OUT 1990 IN A CHEERFUL FRAME OF MIND AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU AND YOURS !

--DE WASLNU---

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THE OFFICERS' CLUB



NAVAL AIR STATION MOFFETT FIELD, CALIFORNIA



DUE TO REQUESTS FROM FOOTBALL FANS WE HAVE CHANGED OUR HOLIDAY CELEBRATION AND OFFICER INSTALLATION TO TUESDAY DECEMBER 11TH. IT WILL BE HELD IN A PRIVATE DINING ROOM, THE MACON ROOM, AT THE OFFICER'S CLUB, NAVAL AIR STATION, MOFFETT FIELD. THERE WILL BE A NO-HOST COCKTAIL HOUR FROM 6:30 TO 7:30 AND DINNER WILL BE SERVED AT 7:30.

ENTREES:

- (1) PRIME RIB OF BEEF AU JUS -- \$18.00
- (2) ROCK CORNISH GAME HEN A LA 'ORANGE -- \$14.50
- (3) VEGETABLE STIR FRY -- \$14.50

DINNER INCLUDES SALAD, POTATO, VEGETABLE, ROLLS, ICE CREAM OR SHERBET, COFFEE & TEA. THE CLUB WILL PROVIDE WINE WITH DINNER.
MAIL CHECKS & ENTREE CHOICES TO ME AT: P.O. BOX 911, MENLO PARK, CA, 94026 -- OR SEE ME AT THE MEETINGS!

DUE TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF MOFFETT FIELD I MUST HAVE ALL RESERVATIONS BY DECEMBER 4TH. SEE EVERYONE THERE!
LILY N6PCM

H-D-M

HUMOR DIE FRED K6YI ES MAC KA6NDX

TWX TO FRED K6YI AND MAC KA6NDX FOR THIS CLASSIC J - ED.

Here is a little story reprinted from L'Anse Creuse Radio Club, newsletter "Tuned Circuit", which explains why more detail is sometimes necessary in documentation:

ANTENNA RAISING INCIDENT

"I'm writing in response to your request for additional information for block number 3 of the accident reporting form. I put "poor Planning" as the cause for my accident. You said in your letter I should explain more fully, and I trust the following details will be sufficient."

"I am an amateur radio operator and on the day of the accident I was working alone on the top section of my new 80 foot tower. When I had completed my work, I discovered that I had, over the course of several trips up the tower, brought up about 300 pounds of tools and hardware. Rather than carry the now unneeded tools and materials down by hand, I decided to lower the items down in a small barrel by using a pulley, which fortunately was attached to the gin pole at the top of the tower."

"Securing the rope at ground level, I went to the top of the tower and loaded the tools and materials into the barrel. I went back to the ground and untied the rope, holding it tightly to insure a slow decent of the 300 pounds of tools. You will note in block number 11 of the accident reporting form, I weigh only 155 pounds."

"due to my surprise at being jerked off the ground so suddenly, I lost my presence of mind and forgot to let go of the rope. Needless to say, I proceeded at a rather rapid rate of speed up the side of the tower. In the vicinity of the 40 foot level, I met the barrel coming down; this explains my fractured skull and broken collarbone. Slowed only slightly, I continued my rapid ascent, not stopping until the fingers of my right hand were two knuckles deep into the pulley."

"Fortunately, by this time, I had regained my presence and mind and was able to hold onto the rope in spite of the pain. At approximately the same time, however, the barrel of tools hit the ground and the bottom fell out of the barrel. Devoid of the weight of the tools, the barrel now weighed approximately 20 pounds. I refer again to my weight in block number 11. As you might imagine, I started a rapid descent down the side of the tower. In the vicinity of the 40 foot level, I met the barrel coming up; this accounts for my two fractured ankles and the lacerations on my legs and lower body."

"The encounter with the barrel slowed me enough to lessen my injuries when I fell onto the pile of tools, and fortunately only 3 vertebrae were cracked. I'm sorry to report, however, that as I lay there on the tools, in pain, unable to stand, and watching the empty barrel 80 feet above me, I again lost my presence of mind...I let go of the rope."

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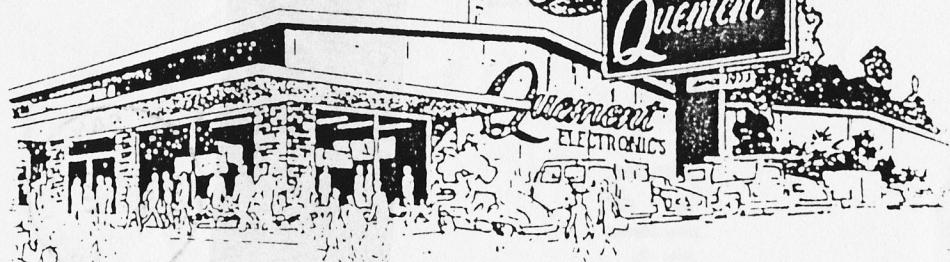
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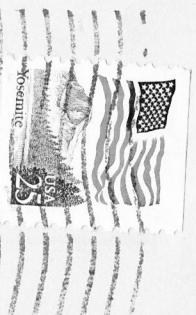
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