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DECEMBER 1988

(MEETING DECEMBER 2)

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

THIS IS 1988'S CLOSEOUT ISSUE, AND WITH THE END OF THE YEAR COMES TIME FOR ELECTIONS & OFFICERS FOR '89. HERE'S HOPING THAT ALL YOUR HOLIDAYS ARE THE BEST EVER AND THAT THE NEW YEAR BRINGS YOU GOOD THINGS. SEE YOU AT DINNER ON 12/19, DINAH'S SHACK, PALO ALTO. TNX FOR THE FINE SUPPORT IN '88 & I LOOK FORWARD TO THE NEW YEAR WITH PAARA & AMATEUR RADIO! -73 DE YOUR EDITOR.

SPEAKER OF THE MONTH

FRED KROCK N6AJV: BROADCAST ENGINEER, KQED RADIO;
AND

PAUL BLACK N6BBZ: BROADCAST ENGINEER, KMEL RADIO---
(***AND, POSSIBLY, KQED TV'S CHIEF BROADCAST ENGINEER MAY SHOW UP AS WELL TO SPEAK ***)
TOPIC: "THE TRIALS & TRIBULATIONS OF A HAM WITH ONLY 10 KW AT HIS FINGERTIPS"***



A RARE GLIMPSE OF A WORLD WITH THE SAME TECHNOLOGY AS HAM RADIO, THO ON A MUCH BIGGER SCALE; WITH NO 2-WAY COMMUNICATION EXCEPT ON THE TALK SHOWS!!! DON'T MISS IT!
DINNER WITH SPEAKERS, SU HONG RESTAURANT, EL CAMINO OFF RAVENSWOOD, MENLO PARK--5:45 PM OF MEETING FRIDAY 2 DECEMBER!

- QST DE ANDY VE3FZK, PGM. CHAIRMAN

PRESIDENT'S COMMENT

WELL, AS THE END OF THE YEAR APPROACHES, IT SEEMS THAT WE HAVE EARNED SOME REST, BUT THERE'S NO REST IN SIGHT. IN SPITE OF THE FACT THAT YOURS TRULY IS HAVING TROUBLE ATTENDING RECENT MEETINGS, THERE ARE MANY INDICATIONS THAT PAARA IS IN EXCELLENT HEALTH. WE ARE, OF COURSE, FINANCIALLY SOUND- WITH A TOP-NOTCH TREASURER MINDING THE BOOKS. YOU'LL NOTICE THAT A CLOSING REPORT ON THE OCTOBER AUCTION APPEARED IN THE FOLLOWING MONTH'S PARAGRAPHS. PERHAPS NO MORE IMPORTANT MEASURE OF THE CLUB'S HEALTH, HOWEVER, IS THERE THAN THE ENTHUSIASM EXUDED BY OUR MONTHLY NEWSLETTER. LAST MONTH'S TOME WAS A GOOD EXAMPLE: MANY CONTRIBUTORS, REPORTING OF NEWS NOT GENERALLY AVAILABLE TO OUR MEMBERS, AND A GENERAL PRESENTATION THAT'S PLEASING TO READ. IF YOU SEE HIM, GIVE CHUCK A PAT ON THE BACK AND TELL HIM TO UPGRADE (HI)! IT'S BEEN A GREAT YEAR FOR ME, AND AS NEAR AS I CAN TELL THE SAME IS TRUE FOR MANY OF OUR OTHER MEMBERS.

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PRESIDENT'S COMMENT

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I HEAR LOTS OF TALK ABOUT UPGRADES, NEW EQUIPMENT REPORTS, QSOs WITH RUSSIAN ASTRONAUTS, ET CETERA.

THERE SEEMS TO BE A LOT OF INITIAL ENTHUSIASM FOR THE 19 DECEMBER DINNER AT DINAH'S. BE SURE TO BRING AN EXCHANGE GIFT IF YOU WANT TO RECEIVE ONE. TRY TO KEEP A LID ON THE COST AT \$5.00 . WE WANT TO MAKE THE EXCHANGE FUN, NOT A BURDEN. LILY ANNE N6PGM WILL PROVIDE INFO & COLLECT MONEY AT THE 2 DECEMBER MEETING. DUE TO THE FLURRY OF NEXT MONTH'S ACTIVITIES, THE DECEMBER BOARD MEETING IS CANCELLED.

ENJOY THE HOLIDAYS!

de WA6LNV

PAARA BRIEFS

PLEASE NOTE YOUR EDITOR'S NEW
LANDLINE NUMBER ON PAGE 2 OF
THIS ISSUE.-ED

RICH W6APZ WILL OWE YOUR EDITOR
A COMPLETE TUTORIAL ON HIS
REPEATER SYSTEM AS OF YOUR
EDITOR'S ACHIEVING THE COVETED
"TICKET". HIS "523" OPERATION
HAS ALWAYS BEEN A MAINSTAY FOR
2-METERS & I LOOK FORWARD TO
GETTING A COMPLETE OVERVIEW
FROM RICH IN THE FUTURE!-ED.

ANDY VE3FZK REPORTS:
WHILST AT A LOCAL McDONALD'S
GETTING BREAKFAST HE WAS
PRESENTED WITH HIS MORNING
COFFEE ALONG WITH A "GRATUITA"
FROM THE GIRL AT THE REGISTER.
SEEMS "SENIOR CITIZENS" (LIKE
ANDY) GET THEIR COFFEE FOR FREE
FROM THE GOLDEN ARCHES... SUCH
IS THE PRICE FOR BEING SO VENER-
ABLE, ANDY! -ED.

TEST SESSION: WED. DEC. 14, SAN
CARLOS (CITY HALL) CHERRY & ELM.
ALL ELEMENTS. CONTACT CRAIG
SMITH N6ITW FOR INFO AT (415)
365-7369. -VIA AE6Z MSG. (ED).

PAARA BRIEFS

TOWER PARTY NETS A 4-SECTION
LIGHTWEIGHT FIELD DAY UNIT***

PAARA ACQUIRED A NEW TOWER A FEW WEEKS AGO, THANKS TO K6FS. STEVE HAS APPARENTLY HAD HIS EYE ON THIS FOR SOME TIME, AND ALERTED PAARA TO THE POSSIBILITY OF PURCHASING IT. A TEAM OF K6FS, W6VG, WA6LIJ, K6YT AND MYSELF MADE QUICK WORK OF DE-INSTALLLING IT. IT IS A CRANK-UP 4-SECTION 20 FOOT-PER-SECTION UNIT. IT IS FAIRLY LIGHT WEIGHT, WHICH MAKES IT SUITABLE FOR FIELD DAY, AND IT'S COMPLETELY GALVANIZED. WE ARE STILL LOOKING, HOWEVER, FOR A 5-SECTION 10 FOOT-PER-SECTION UNIT, WITH THE IDEA OF MOUNTING IT ON A TRAILER. IF YOU FIND SOMETHING THAT LOOKS INTERESTING, LET ME KNOW.

de WA6LNV

(TNX TO FRED K6YT FOR INFO
FOR THIS QST ALSO! -ED.)

HOLIDAY BULLETIN FROM LILY N6PGM

HURRY HURRY

GET YOUR CHECKS INTO BOX 911,
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MAY BE LEFT OUT OF PAARA'S
FANTASTIC HOLIDAY CELEBRATION
& OFFICER INSTALLATION DECEMBER
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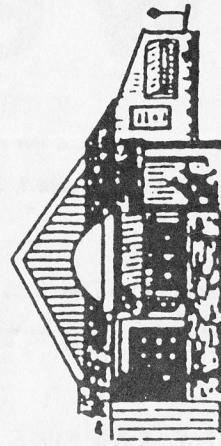
THERE WILL BE DOOR PRIZES & A
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I'LL BE TAKING MONEY AT THE
DECEMBER 2 MEETING. THE
ABSOLUTE LAST DAY FOR RESER-
VATIONS IS DECEMBER 12.

de N6PGM



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1940's VINTAGE--SEE DATE LINE. -ED)

ED FAIRBANKS REMEMBERED -

MEMBERS OF PAARA - ESPECIALLY THE LONG TIMERS - RECALL ED FAIRBANKS W6AIN FOR HIS QUIET DEVOTION TO THE CLUB. MOST OF US REMEMBER ED AS PURVEYOR OF COFFEE, REFRESHMENTS, & RAFFLE TICKETS AT MEETINGS, AND AS CUSTODIAN OF CLUB PROPERTY (I.E. THE TRAILER & ALL THE GEAR STORED IN AND AROUND IT IN THE SRI PARKING LOT). HOWEVER, FOR MANY YEARS ED WAS A FIELD DAY SPARKPLUG. HIS SPECIALTY WAS PLANNING & INSTALLING ANTENNAS AT WHATEVER SITE THE CLUB COULD WANGLE. USUALLY DURING A FIELD DAY OVERNIGHT, ED COULD BE FOUND ROAMING THE SETUP MAKING SURE THE TROOPS WERE FED & KEPT COFFEED UP.

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ED WAS ONE OF THE EARLY MENLO PARK RACES ORGANIZERS; HE, BOB BAUM, & STEVE STUNTZ HELD SEVERAL INITIAL MEETINGS WITH THE CITY MANAGER TO INTRODUCE HAM RADIO INTO THE CITY'S EMERGENCY PLANNING. BEYOND THAT, HE PARTICIPATED IN COUNTLESS SIMULATED EMERGENCY TESTS AND PUBLIC SERVICE EVENTS OVER THE YEARS, USUALLY TAKING THE MOST DISTANT OR OUT OF THE WAY LOCATION ASSIGNMENTS.

PROBABLY THE MOST ENDURING AND DEMANDING OF ED'S COMMITMENTS TO PAARA, HOWEVER, WAS TO THE PUBLICATION OF PAARAGRAPHS. IN THE LONG PERIOD WHEN THE MONTHLY JOURNAL WAS PRINTED ON THE CLUB'S ANCIENT MIMEOGRAPH MACHINE, ED WAS ALWAYS ON HAND TO KEEP THE MACHINE RUNNING, OVERSEE THE FOLDING & STAPLING OF THE COPIES, AND MAKE SURE THEY WERE PROPERLY STAMPED, PACKAGED & POSTED. NEEDLESS TO SAY, ED ALWAYS TOOK ON THESE MENIAL-SEEMING CHORES IN GOOD HUMOR AND WITH A PURPOSEFUL QUIET THAT APPEARED SELF-EFFACING. NOBODY EVER SAW ED LOSE HIS COOL; HE ALWAYS HAD A CLEAR HEADED SOLUTION FOR THE MOST VEXING PROBLEMS OF KEEPING PAARA GLUED TOGETHER. IN BELATED RECOGNITION OF ED'S INVALUABLE SUPPORT OF THE CLUB, HE WAS AWARDED IN AUGUST THE VERY FIRST HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP EVER CONFERRED. ONLY A COUPLE OF WEEKS LATER, ED WAS A SILENT KEY. APPRECIATION CAME LATE BUT W6AIN WILL BE LONG REMEMBERED BY THOSE WHO HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF HIS ACQUAINTANCE. AT THE TIME OF HIS PASSING, ED WAS 82 AND HAD BEEN A HAM FOR ABOUT 60 YEARS.



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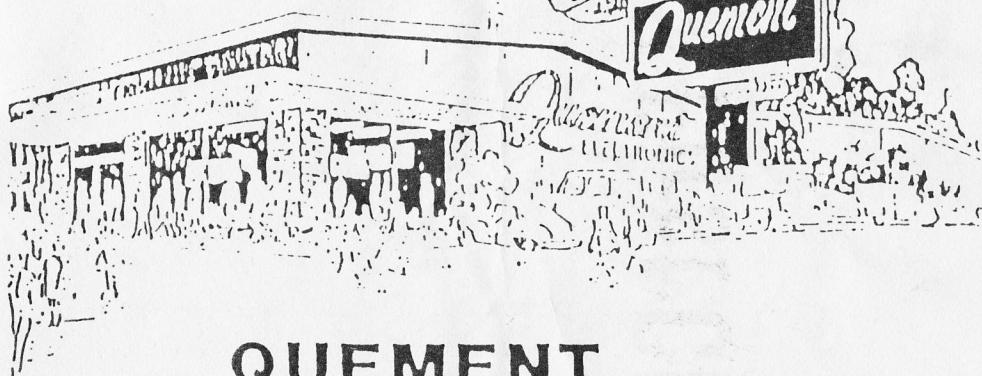
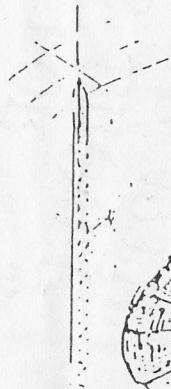
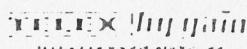
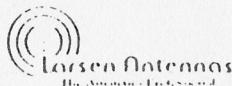
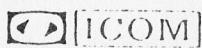


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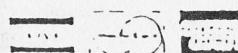


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