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OUR JANUARY MEETING WILL FEATURE THE UP-COMING SIMULATED EMERGENCY TEST. Pete Ashen, the Director of Disaster Services for the Golden Gate Chapter of the American National Red Cross, will present a slide talk similar to the one he gave at the ARRL Convention in San Jose last September. He will highlight amateur communication support of Red Cross relief work in Colorado, Idaho, and Guam.

Jim Knochenhauer, K6ITL, will appear as the distinguished added attraction. Jim is the newly-appointed Bay Area Emergency Coordinator with the AREC, and will discuss the concept and the function of the new area EC.

Meeting will be on January 7, a FRIDAY, at 7:30 PM at the Menlo Park Recreation Center. In addition to the above features, the fun-filled PAARA raffle and goodies will be forthcoming. Join the gang and don't forget to wear your PAARA badge if you have one. If you don't, you may see K6YT to order this spiffy identificator.

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THE NEWLY SWORN-IN BOARD OF DIRECTORS will meet in the amazing PAARA steel coffin with wheels at SRI on the following Wednesday, January the 12th at 7:30 PM to answer the age old question that arises this time of year--Who gets to sit next to the heater? In addition, other less important subjects, such as SET and PAARA's activities for the year to follow will be on the agenda. All are welcome.

THE SPELL-BINDING PAARA NET meets twice each Monday on diverse modes.

To be specific, the Archaic Modulation people meet at 8:15 PM on or about 145.24 Mhz. Those who remain awake thence move their frequency generating equipment to 147.45 Mhz and employ the latest in Frivolous Modulation at 8:30 PM. Whichever mode you chose, you will find an amiable group of fine fellows which grows weekly.

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AS A NEW FEATURE, PAARA INVADES THE HF SPECTRUM each Saturday morning at 10 AM PST. The PAARA International Sideband System meets on 15 meters on 21393 kHz if propagation conditions permit or on 14245 kHz on 20 meters otherwise. Reliable contacts are being made with W1AF at Harvard with your East Coast Correspondent, WA6NCX at the helm. Dodging QRM can be fun; come find out for yourself. Witness the cockle-warming ceremony!!

RAQUEL WELCH HAS NOT AGREED TO BE IN ATTENDANCE AT OUR S-E-T, but hopefully that won't keep you away. The 1977 Simulated Emergency Test will be held on Saturday, January 29 from 10 AM until 4 PM PST. K6YQT will be the control station and the tentative frequencies are 147.45 MHz simplex as the primary and 146.25/.85 RACES repeater as the secondary channel.

This will be a simulated earthquake, without sound effects, 7.5 on the Richter scale in South San Mateo County. The object of the SET is to provide communication support for the Red Cross Disaster Relief Services in Menlo Park and Redwood City.

Mobile stations are to report in person to the K6YQT trailer in the SRI parking lot to receive sealed instructions. Fixed stations should use emergency power if possible and check into the net to handle any necessary traffic.

*** A SPECIAL PLANNING MEETING will be held on Friday January 21st at 7:30 PM pst at the Menlo Park Recreation Center in our regular meeting room. Please come and bring any interested parties, be they licensed or not.

For other details, stay tuned to your PAARA nets and plan to attend the January 7th General Meeting.

ITEMS OF GREAT VALUE FOR SALE

TR-22A with crystals for six channels, mic, case, AC and DC power cables, extra set of nicads, BNC rubber ducky as well as telescoping whip for \$190. Also a Drake MN-4 antenna matcher for 80 through 10 in mint condition for a mere \$90. Steve, K6FS, 322-4952 evenings.

Midland 13-505 Handie Talkie with nicads and crystals for 34-94, 94-94, 16-76, 22-82, 28-88, and 52-52. Two watt output. \$190.

A classic Hammarlund HQ-170a (without clock) covers 160 through 6m. Bought new in 1965. With manuals and shipping carton, \$190. Call Terry at 364-3107, after 7PM.

FUTURE DATES FOR PAARA MEETINGS

are February 4th, March 4th, and April Fool's Day (the 1st). So mark your calendars now so you won't miss one exciting meeting. Meetings are usually the first friday of each month unless there are conflicts with holidays.

THE STATE OF OUR BUGETARY AFFAIRS AS SWORN TO BY W6QBY, now in Argentina.

FUNDS ON HAND- January 1, 1976

Checking account	\$ 171.52
Savings account	1125.59
Petty cash	33.00

\$ 1330.11

INCOME

Dues	263.00
PAARAGraphs subscriptions	22.00
Raffle ticket sales	201.25
Equipment sales	2.25
San Carlos Xmas Party payment	34.00
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Auction	526.00
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Stamps and office supplies	11.00

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NET BALANCE

Funds on hand, December 1, 1976

Checking account	712.48
Savings account	1168.39
Petty cash	74.31

\$ 1955.18

Thus we are disgustingly solvent.....

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LET ME TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO WELCOME THREE NEW MEMBERS TO PAARA.

Jack McEnnerney, W6LII, 73 Ensenada Rd, San Carlos 94070. 591-8526

Jerome Zobel, WB6QVB, 877 Northampton Dr, Palo Alto 322-0063

Dan Curry, WB6STW, 451 Avenue del Ora, Redwood City 94062 365-0944

PARABLE OF THE DECEMBER BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING December 8, 1976

Present: K6YT, K6FS, W6AIN, W6NIR, W6YPM, W6BFH, WB6GRZ

Business:

Report from Erv on the division directors meeting. (See below.)

Suggested that the editor contact World Radio News to get on their mailing list

Program for the Christmas Party was outlined. Voted to spend \$25 on ladies' gifts, which will be purchased by Steve and YLS.

SET plans tentatively made. Steve will prepare messages and route assignments for mobiles participating. (Details on page 4.)

Suggested that a promotion to get more members wearing badges at the club meetings. Fred will coordinate purchases.

VIC DIVISION DIRECTOR'S MEETING was held on December 4, 1968, at the Vicksburg Hotel.

A report was given on Bill Eitel. He has returned home after several surgeries.

New ARRL training films are available from W6VZT

Area emergency coordinator K6ITL advised that a directory will be available. The following are emergency frequencies: 3630, 3930, 7130, 7230, 28630, and 146.52. It was urged that closer ties with the Red Cross be established.

There was considerable discussion on public relations. Expansion in this field is desirable, including CB to ham encouragement.

An FCC representative was in attendance and took part in a question and answer session. De-regulation discussed.

Doc Gmelin, W6ZRJ, the Division Director, made several reports.

Mentioned the results of his surveys.

Gave bulletin schedule info. (See page 7.)

Talked at length about the ARRL training program. The Marin club has expanded it's membership to about 400 on the strength of it's training program.

WARC preparation reports are available from ARRL for a 24¢ SASE. It was confirmed that PAARA is an affiliated club, but we should send a list of officers to hq. and inquire about the mailing list and to reaffirm our affiliation.

The San Mateo Radio Club will sponsor the Bay Area Hamfest in 1977. Sixty delegates were on hand and received a gratis lunch ala Colonel Sanders (at a cost of only about \$1.50 per person.)

A NEW CONTEST WAS PROPOSED by WA6UAM at the division directors meeting. To be called the "Silent Keys Contest", only silent keys would be eligible to participate in the contest. (Tnx SFRC NEWS)

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BULLETINS AND CODE PRACTICE AND OTHER SUNDRY OCCURENCES

Pacific Division Bulletins on the first and third Tuesday of each month. CW on 3590 at 7PM (15 to 20 WPM); SSB on 3815 at 7:30 PM and RTTY on 3615 at 8 PM (45.45 Baud, 170Hz shift)

LEARN THE CODE course for beginners is given by K6RAU in Merced on 3780±2 kHz on A2 (MCW) from 6:30 to 7 AM PST. The course runs for one month and then repeats. Courses in March, April, May, September, October, and November.

Code practice from W6QIE is heard Tuesday through Sunday at 8 PM on 3590 kHz.

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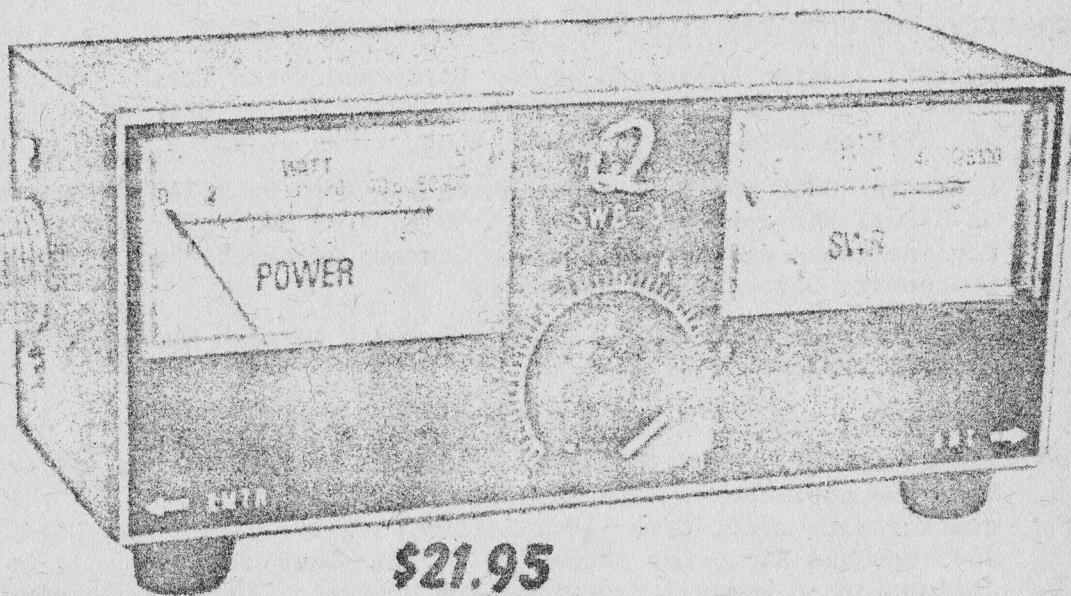
BAY AREA TWO-TWENTY GROUP (BATT) functions to promote the use of the 220 band and publishes a nice newsletter. Membership is \$2.50 per quarter plus a one-time \$10 initiation fee, to Gil Morris, WB6KCJ at 1585 Ben Roe Ave., Los Altos, CA 94022. They have a weekly net and indicate that several repeaters are active. (They didn't say when or where the net was.)

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NEWS OF K6OTR FROM LOREN CHAN, WA6ENC is that the station is on the air about once a month and participates in WWJ, ASH, QFO, AND PAARA nets on AM and the QFO net on FM. The station will remain in its present location until at least the end of January. This is longer than had been expected, since the Red Cross has had difficulty selling the present site and purchasing a new one farther to the north in the county.

Loren also expresses surprise that he could not find that well-known four-letter word in the last issue of PAARAGraphs, but wonders what is meant by "begonia", citing the definition of the word. Actually, is a very loose usage, arising from the PAARALLEL between the asymmetrical leaves of the plant, and the seeming unbalance of the mind of the editor of this fine publication!

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