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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

PLEASE NOTE THE HOLIDAY DINNER CENTERFOLD QST FROM LILY N6PGM IN THIS ISSUE! IT'S TIME TO MAKE YOUR DINNER ENTREE CHOICES AND TO GET YOUR CHECKS TO N6PGM. THE EVENT PROMISES TO BE ANOTHER PAARA SPECTACULAR!

ALSO SEE PRESIDENT'S CORNER FOR THE UPDATE ON AMPEX '90 AND THE PAARA ELECTIONS FOR THE COMING YEAR. LET'S RESOLVE TO HELP OUT IN THE CLUB'S ACTIVITIES FOR 1991 (EVEN THOUGH IT'S STILL 1990)!

TIL NEXT TIME, 73 DE YOUR EDITOR!

SPEAKER OF THE MONTH

***** MIKE COLYAR K7ITL *****

PAARA MEMBER AND SEAFARER EXTRAORDINAIRE, MIKE WILL ENLIGHTEN THE CLUB ON MARINE ELECTRONICS, ELECTRONIC AIDS TO NAVIGATION AND AN EXPLANATION OF CELESTIAL NAVIGATION, ALL BASED ON HIS OWN PROVEN EXPERIENCE!

GET YOUR SEA LEGS READY AND JOIN THE MEETING ON FRIDAY NOVEMBER 2, PRECEDED BY DINNER WITH THE SPEAKER: SU HONG'S EL CAMINO OFF RAVENSWOOD, MENLO PARK AT 5:45PM MEETING FRIDAY (AGAIN) NOVEMBER 2ND!

-DE ANDY VE3FZK PAARA PROGRAM CHAIRMAN-

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE AMPEX AUCTION! WE HAD JUST THE RIGHT SUPPORT IN EVERY CATEGORY AND I THINK EVERYBODY HAD A GOOD TIME. THE ATTENDANCE WAS ABOUT 280, DOWN FROM THE BANNER EVENTS OF 400-PLUS, BUT ENOUGH TO MAKE IT ALL WORTHWHILE. WE FINISHED EARLY, ABOUT 11:30, WITH A SMALL AND SOMEWHAT DAZED AUDIENCE. PRESUMABLY SOME OF THE EARLY DEPARTERS FOUND THEIR WAY TO PACIFICON. IT WAS NICE TO MEET JOHN PORTUNE, PRESIDENT OF THE AMPEX RADIO CLUB. IT'S THE FIRST TIME I'VE SEEN THAT CLUB ACTIVE ON THEIR OWN GROUNDS, AND THEY REPORTEDLY DID WELL FROM THEIR TABLE AND EVEN AUCTIONED A FEW THINGS OFF. ONE OF THEIR MEMBERS, RICK N6ZWI, ALONG WITH BRIAN KD6LI, WERE A GREAT HELP MOVING EQUIPMENT AROUND THE AUCTION AREA. THE 50-CENT BAG IDEA AT THE PAARA TABLE PROVED TO BE A BIG HIT AND AT THE CLOSE ABOUT 90% OF OUR DONATED TREASURES HAD FOUND A NEW HOME. I PARTICULARLY WANT TO THANK THOSE WHO DONATED ITEMS, SUCH AS N6VFH, KA6JLT, AA6PA, AJ6Q, K6URO & WA6ZGI. CHARLES CARY N6GEP DONATED SOME WONDERFUL EQUIPMENT THRU K6MPN, AND PAARA ESPECIALLY NOTES THE DONATION OF SILENT KEY GEORGE ICE K6CMT.

P.S. KEEP IN MIND NOMINATIONS FOR YOUR FUTURE OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS.

- DE WA6LNV-



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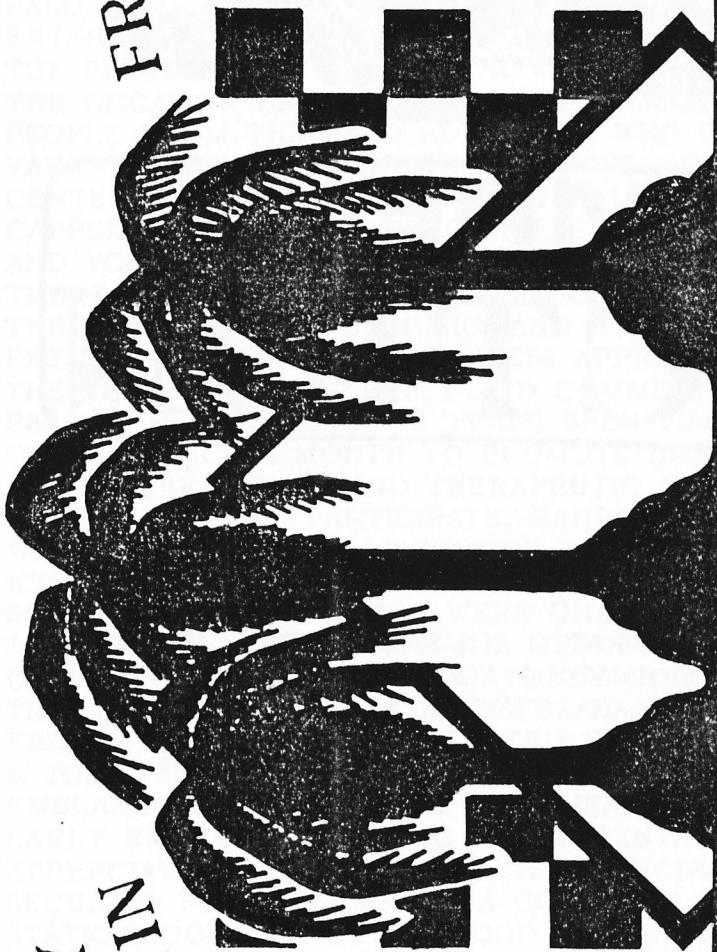
SPECIAL TNX TO WORLD RADIO (NAMELY KAYE SCHWARTZ,
HAMFEST PRIZE COORDINATOR) FOR THE WORLD RADIO PRIZE
SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR PAARA'S AMPEX '90 HAMFEST!

SPECIAL TNX ALSO TO OUR FRIENDS AT HRO FOR THEIR
CONTRIBUTION OF HAM EQUIPMENT PRIZES!

SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!

73 DE PAARA!

FROM LILY
N6PGM



HOLIDAY
BULLETIN

THE OFFICERS' CLUB

AT
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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 N6PGM

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BLIND CENTER QST

DE STEVE K6FS

ON THE AFTERNOON OF MAY 19, 1990, THE STUDENTS OF THE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION'S PALO ALTO WESTERN BLIND REHABILITATION CENTER ENTERTAINED THE CORPS OF VOLUNTEERS WHO ASSIST THE PROFESSIONAL STAFF AT A WHINGDING BARBECUE. THE OCCASION BROUGHT TOGETHER ALMOST A HUNDRED PEOPLE FROM THE PALO ALTO AREA WHO CONTRIBUTE VARIOUS EXPERT SERVICES IN SUPPORT OF THE CENTER'S PROGRAM OF TRAINING VISUALLY HANDICAPPED VETERANS IN LIVING SKILLS, MOBILITY, AND VOCATIONAL AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES. THERE WERE SPEECHES, GREAT FOOD (ESPECIALLY THE BARBECUED RIBS), MUSIC, AND A GENERALLY FESTIVE ATMOSPHERE TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION FOR THE VOLUNTEERS' INTEREST AND COMMITMENT. SINCE PAARA HAS FOR ALMOST 3 YEARS BEEN VISITING THE CENTER TWICE A MONTH TO PROMOTE AMATEUR RADIO AS A RECREATIONAL AND THERAPEUTIC ACTIVITY, WE WERE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE; HANDMADE INVITES WERE MAILED TO WALLY PORTER K6URO, JOE HORNE KB6OWG, AND TO STEVE STUNTZ K6FS. DUE TO WORK SCHEDULES, WALLY & JOE WERE UNABLE TO ATTEND, SO STEVE ACCEPTED FROM JOE HENNESSY, DIRECTOR OF THE CENTER, FRAMED CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION FOR ALL THREE, AND AT THE PAARA MEETING OF FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, PRESENTED THEIRS TO WALLY & JOE. (SEE COVER PIECE WITH ALL 3 HONOREES EMBLAZONED THEREON. -ED) MR. HENNESSY PARTICULARLY EMPHASIZED DURING HIS PRESENTATION REMARKS APPRECIATION TO PAARA FOR ITS PARTICIPATION IN SECURING FOR THE CENTER A COMPLETE HF & VHF STATION, DONATED BY KENWOOD & HRO, AND FOR OVERSEEING INSTALLATION OF RADIOS & ANTENNAS. THE STATION IS USED FOR DEMONSTRATION BY PAARA MEMBERS DURING THEIR TWICE-MONTHLY VISITS, AND WHEN SPARE TIME PERMITS, BY CENTER STUDENTS WHO ARE LICENSED HAMS. -DE STEVE K6FS-



WHAT'S IN A NAME? The Origin of YAESU-

OF THE "BIG THREE" JAPANESE HAM EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURERS - KENWOOD, ICOM, AND YAESU - THE NAME YAESU SEEMS THE MOST JAPANESE. HOWEVER, THERE IS AN INTERESTING HISTORY ATTACHED TO IT.

IN THE YEAR 1600 A.D., TOKUGAWA IEAYASU WAS CONSOLIDATING HIS POWER AS SHOGUN, OR MILITARY RULER OF ALL JAPAN, OVERSHADOWING EVEN THE EMPEROR. A TYPHOON WRECKED A SHIP OFF THE COAST OF KYUSHU, THE SOUTHERNMOST OF THE MAIN ISLANDS OF THE JAPANESE ARCHIPELAGO. WASHED ASHORE WERE TWO SAILORS, GLAD TO ESCAPE WITH THEIR LIVES, IF NOTHING ELSE. ONE WAS ENGLISH, WILLIAM ADAMS. THE OTHER WAS DUTCH, JAN JOOSTEN (PRONOUNCED YAHN YOSHTEN). THE SHOGUN, DESIRING TO ISOLATE HIS NATION FROM FOREIGN INFLUENCE, MADE THE TWO HIS ADVISORS ON THE WESTERN WORLD. THEY WERE GIVEN VILLAS IN EDO (NOW TOKYO), THE NEW CAPITAL IN THE SHOGUN'S SCHEME. WILLIAM ADAMS WAS LATER USED AS THE HISTORICAL MODEL FOR THE HERO IN JAMES MICHENER'S OPUS, SHOGUN. THE CLOSEST THAT THE JAPANESE COULD COME TO PRONOUNCING "YAHN YOSHTEN" WAS "YAYOSU", LATER CORRUPTED TO "YAESU". THE NAME APPEARS ON MORE THAN RADIOS IN JAPAN. IN THE GENERAL VICINITY OF THE SITE OF JOOSTEN'S VILLA IN CENTRAL TOKYO IS THE YAESU UNDERGROUND ARCADE, A MAZE OF SHOPS, RESTAURANTS, ETC., ADJOINING THE MAIN TOKYO SUBWAY AND RAILWAY STATION. DOWN THE STREET A FEW BLOCKS IS THE YAESU FUJIYA HOTEL.

INCIDENTALLY, ALMOST ALL U.S. HAMS MISPRONOUNCE THE NAME AS "YAYSOO" WHICH SOUNDS TO ME LIKE THE GERMAN "JESU" OR JESUS. ("YAESU, JOY OF HAM'S DESIRING?" TO PARAPHRASE JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH). AS MY JAPANESE SENSEI (TEACHER) WOULD SAY: "'YAYSOO'? IIE, CHIGAIMASU! TADASHII HATSUON WAS 'YAHACE' DESU YO." TRANSLATION - "'YAYSOO'? NO, IT'S DIFFERENT! THE CORRECT PRONUNCIATION IS 'YAHACE'". 'NUFF SAID. -73 BILL, AA6PA-

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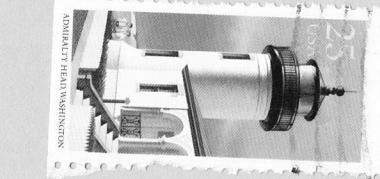
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