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BOARD OF REFLECTORS

OUR DECEMBER GENERAL MEETING will be held on Friday the 3rd at 7:30 PM at the Menlo Park Recreation Center and will feature Wilfred B. Walley. He will be telling us about use of RF energy to eradicate malignant tumors. Mr. Walley has consulted for RCA and for CBS and has had experience with radar systems and holds an MS in Engineering Physics from the University of Toronto (VE3FZK's alma mater). His talk has been well received by other local clubs and should prove very interesting.

And as an added bonus, the usual array of fine fellows, gourmet goodies, and the inevitable PAARA raffle. Be on hand.

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THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS final meeting for the year will take place the following Wednesday, December 8th at 7:30 PM in our crumbling antique trailer. Come join the last meeting for the outgoing board and help them dodge the falling debris. All members are welcome to attend as the thrilling discussion plots PAARA's course through the year to come!

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#### CONGRATULATIONS (or condolences) TO PAARA's 1977 OFFICERS.

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These fine people will be spending a not insignificant amount of time during the following year so the rest of you can enjoy what the club has to offer. Let them know you appreciate it!

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THANKS ALSO SHOULD GO TO THE RETIRING OFFICERS...especially to Fred Canham who has given more time and loss of peace of mind than anyone else. The success and good fortune of PAARA is really due to his untiring efforts of the past years. Thanks from all of us.

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THE FUNTASTIC PAARA NETS occur each Monday night. The AM net starts things off at 8:15 PM on 145.24 MHz and is followed immediately by the even better FM net at 8:30 on 147.45 MHz ± 1 kHz. COMMUNICATE:

ITEMS TO BE SOLD WANTED TRADED UNLOADED ACQUIRED FOUND OR LOST

SB-200 for sale for \$200 and Shure 444 mic for \$18. And wanted, a TenTec Triton IV. Charles, WB6CFW, 1034 E. Rose Circle, Los Altos, Ca 94022. Phone 968-4530. (See you on the net!)

Desk Microphone wanted for under \$20. Dan Marling 220 Oak Creek,  
Menlo Park 94025. Phone 325-8825. (Maybe the two of you  
should get together.)

For sale, a Heath HW-101 with HP-23 AC power supply, \$325. Also a Motorola single channel FM radio for 2 meters, \$100. Call Jim Cinquini at 368-5073.

To sell, a Drake R-4 with speaker for \$250. Phone Glen Pierce at 365-5361 after 7 PM.

For sale: An EICO capacitance decade box for \$5, and a Waters Universal Hybrid Coupler (phone patch) with speech processor, Model 3001, with manual for \$35. Call Herb, W6SAW, at 364-8538, evenings.

This spot is service to all, members or not (unless the demand gets out of hand). Copy to Terry at 1117 Lyons, Redwood City 94061

THE EXCITING WORD FROM THE LAST BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Present: WA6LNU, W6NIR, W6YPM, W6AIN, K6ES, K6YT and W6GCR

## Business

--Gerry, WA6LNV made the offer to the board that he would be willing to serve as Secretary of PAARA for the year of 1977. This was welcomed by the board, and he was unanimously approved to fill the spot, which was not filled at the election earlier in the month.

#### --Auction Comments

1. Publicity--Flyers at other club auctions as well as announcements on the repeaters proved very effective. We should make use of the free advertising available in the free distribution "newspapers". An invitation should be sent to QCWA and OOT groups to rent tables for display. More attempts to bring commercial distributors (such as ADVA) to the event to rent tables.
  2. Logistics--The flea market tables were perhaps a bit crowded and could be spread out a bit more.

--Christmas Party will be a breakfast on a Saturday morning if possible, at about 10 AM. WA6LNV will find a location for the event.

AND NOW A WORD FROM OUR EAST COAST CORRESPONDENT

who reports reception of the latest Commie plot to take over the world. A mysterious signal, which appears to be emanating from the USSR has been creating problems for communicators in the maritime, aviation, point-to-point, and amateur services. Very strong signals, which have at times pinned the S-meter of ye noble former editor's FT-101, have been emanating from three transmitters in the area of the Baltic Sea since early in July of this year. The transmissions are quite wide band, on the order of 200 kHz, and consist of pulses at a ten Hertz repetition rate. No clues as to any possible intelligence being transmitted on the signals have been forthcoming.

The FCC and the British Home Office have lodged protests with the Russians, but have not as yet received any replies. Amateurs in the USA, Sweden, Norway, West Germany, and Australia have reported reception of the disruptive signals.

In the learned opinion of your correspondent, it is just mean old interference!

.....Any of you desiring to correspond with your correspondent may do so:

Rick Ferranti WA6NCX/1  
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 Harvard University  
 Cambridge, MA 02138

..remember to use Holy water  
 to seal the glue on the  
 envelope!

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AND FROM OUR FORMER-FORMER EDITOR, W6FLE, Vance, comes some word on the availability of manuals for older radio sets (upon which you might want to use turpentine and baby oil). The Sunnyvale Library has a complete set of Ryders Manuals from 1935 to 1954. These are in loose leaf form and may be copied on the machines in the library. And take note, the Menlo Park Library has all of the QST's and CQ's from 1935 through 1973, courtesy of our club, in case you need to refer to some classic article.

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OUR DEDICATED PROPERTY CUSTODIAN, W6AIN would appreciate, as would the rest of the club, the return of the green cloth cover which formerly covered the heavy cable reel that sits by our trailer. It will help to keep off the moisture which has of late made itself known to us. (...can't understand who would be nuts enough to take something like that!)

### PSEUDORANDOM NOTES ABOUT PAARAGraphs

New mailing procedures instituted by the USPS have resulted in the possibility of several days of delay in the distribution of this esteemed publication. For that reason, the deadline for any material to be included in the following issue is 18 days prior to the monthly general meeting (the first Friday of each month, normally). The duplication will be done about 12 days prior to that date. Therefore, the USPS should be able to have this valuable document on your doorstep in time for the meeting, since they will have about 8 working days to move it. If any of you consistently fail to receive this on time, we will have to move the production dates even further ahead, or explore the possibility of first class mailing. Ed, W6AIN, suggests that for the dollars that we now spend, we can mail about 170 copies instead of the 200 we now send. This means that the people who now receive PAARAGraphs gratis, will possibly be removed from the list after an even shorter time than they are now.

Apparently no one has very sharp eyes, or they would have realized that your Editing Begonia has made a serious mistake in the last three issues of PAARAGraphs. So take your pencils in hand and mark the issue numbers of the September through November issues up to the next higher number. I am sure that once you realize that the error is there, you will want to save those issues forever, since they must have a great value to collectors of the rare and unusual!

Another note on the USPS while on that subject...It now costs the club 25¢ to recover returned copies of PAARAGraphs from the post office after they have gone to the address of persons who have moved and not told us. This may seem trivial, but we get quite a few returns and it starts to hurt our treasury. So please let us know when you are going to leave your present abode for a new one. It only costs you 9¢, while it costs us almost three times that much, plus a stupid trip down to the post office to pick the darn things up! And we'll be happy to publish your new address in PAARAGraphs so your friends will know where you went, too.

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WELCOME TO A NEW MEMBER, Ed Clark, W6KJI. Ed lives in Redwood City at 3657 Oak Knoll. Zip is 94062 and his phone is 366-8187. He is an Advanced class licensee and we are all glad to have you in PAARA.

And for you old members, make it a point to say hello to the new faces you see at our meetings...you were one once, too.

THE FUN-FILLED PAARA CHRISTMAS PARTY will be something different this year. It will be a Champagne Breakfast to be held at

STICKNEY'S HICK'RY HOUSE  
TOWN & COUNTRY VILLAGE  
corner of Embarcadero & El Camino Real  
PALO ALTO

Reception at 9:30 AM on December 18th...a SATURDAY...goes until Noon.  
Breakfast will be served at 10 AM. and it will consist of

Western Cheese Omlet      Hash Browns  
Sausage Patty              Fruit Cup      Coffee  
All for \$4.30 with tax and tip included. And if you desire,  
A split of Champagne for \$1.95 additional.

A gift exchange will take place...bring an inexpensive gift (\$5 max.)

If possible, let us know at the December 3rd meeting if you plan to attend...or call Gerry at 326-4908 evenings or Fred at 948-9238.  
Last minute attendees are welcome also.....See you there.....

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TWO METER NETS AROUND THE BAY AREA on repeaters....

MONDAY	1900 PST	WR6AHP	147.72 / 147.12	Livermore
	1900 PST	WR6ABM	146.22 / 146.82	Oakland
	2000 PST	WR6ACS	146.10 / 146.70	Marin
	2100 PST	WR6ADE	146.16 / 146.76	San Jose

TUESDAY	1930 PST	WR6ACI	146.19 / 146.79	San Francisco
	2000 PST	WR6ABD	146.04 / 146.64	San Jose

THURS	2000 PST	WR6ACR	147.93 / 147.33	Marin (RTTY)
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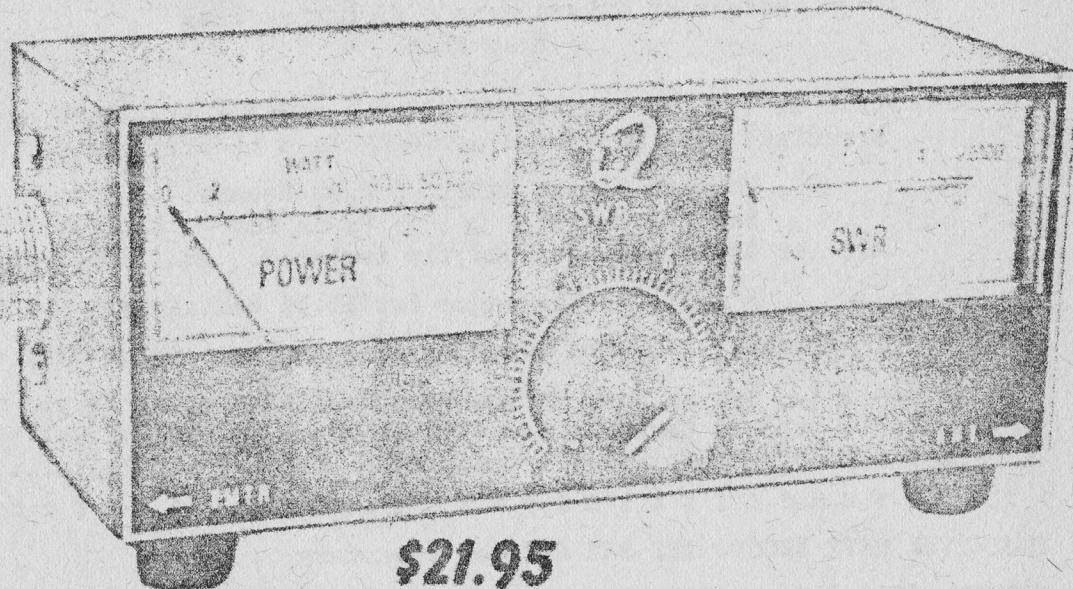
#### CALL LETTER PAARAPHERNALIA

Expect to see some new prefixes on the air soon. WD6 calls will soon be in evidence as will N prefixes for calls with two letter suffixes. Also look for two letter calls with X combinations.

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TYPED while hassling with the janitor to leave the light on in the lab so as to allow continuation of my labors.

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