



PAARAgraphs

Celebrating 62 years as an *active* ham radio club—*Since 1937*
Newsletter for the Palo Alto Amateur Radio Association, Inc.



CALENDAR

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| Oct | 1, PAARA Meeting, 7:30,
Menlo Park Recreation Center
700 Alma Street, Menlo Park |
| Oct | 6, PAARA Board Meeting, 7:30
Red Cross Bld., 400 Mitchell Ln., Palo Alto |
| Nov | 5, PAARA Meeting, 7:30 |
| Nov | 10, PAARA Board Meeting, 7:30 |
| Dec | 3, PAARA Meeting, 7:30 |
| Dec | 8, PAARA Board Meeting, 7:30 |

2 m CODE PRACTICE, 2000 to 2030 PST, Tues W6APZ 145.23 repeater



PROGRAM

October 1, 1999
7:30 P.M.

Speaker:

(Speaker and subject not known at press time)

—PAARA Radio NET every Monday evening at 8:30 P.M., local time—
on the 145.230 -600 MHz repeater, PL tone off



PAARA PONDERINGS

de VIC BLACK, AB6SO

PAARA member Jeff Wheldon KF6PDF reports that his wife has been offered overtime pay to attend a Ham radio license class. This sounds like a win-win situation for everyone. She's a high school teacher at Silver Creek High School in the San Jose East Side Union High School District. Apparently, the school administration is concerned about communications during an emergency and the Y2K scare has created even more of an incentive for the school administration to act. If the teachers become licensed, they will no doubt involve students and there could be a cascading effect resulting in some students becoming licensed. There's some possibility that it could lead to a school radio club as well. If nothing else, this could result in some positive public relations for ham radio in the local newspaper.

Congratulations to PAARA officers Andreas Junge N6NU, Jon Zweig AD6FX and Dave Rice W6NUC. They all worked 100 countries for the DXCC Award during the past year while keeping up with all of their volunteer work for PAARA. Most of the work was accomplished running 100 watts or less into vertical antennas or from mobile rigs. Also, congratulations to Kit Kohlmoos W6ISO. A recent issue of CQ Magazine indicated that Kit worked 115 countries in one contest weekend.

In August I wrote about Jim Hale's (KJ5TF) milliwatt attempt to Work All States from Arkansas using less than one watt total power. In parallel with that effort, Jim has now established a more challenging goal: DXCC with less than one watt total power expenditure.

Jim wrote, "During the ARRL CW DX contest, conditions on 15/10M were good for skip. To test milliwatt power in a DX situation, I ran my power down on the Index Labs QRP+ using my OHR WM-2 power meter. The antennas were a 2 element quad at 70 feet and a simple wire vertical hanging on a 20 foot Black Widow collapsible fishing pole with 2 radials lying on the ground.

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Miscellaneous Dates

Flea Market at Foothill (info at: <http://joslin.com/FleaMarket>)
 Sept 11 Santa Clara County Amateur Radio Assoc., (SCCARA)
 Oct 9 South Peninsula Emergency Communication System (SPECS)

PAARA Palo Alto Amateur Radio Association
 meets 1st Friday 7:30 each month, Net 145.230 each Monday 8:30,
 contact: Andreas Junge N6NU.....(650) 233 0843

EMARC Electronics Museum Amateur Radio Club
 meets 4th Friday 7:30 each month,
 contact: Sheldon Edelman 650-858-2176, Edelman@richochet.net

NCDXC Northern California DX Club
 meets 2nd Friday 7:30 each month, repeater for member info 147.360, Thur 8:00PM,
 contact: Bob Mammarella KB6FEC 408 729 1544.

NorCalQRP Northern California QRP Club
 meets 1st Sunday each month,
 contact: Jim Cates 3241 Eastwood Rd., Sacramento, CA 95821.

Perham Foundation,
 contact: Jerry Tucker WA6LNV 650-961-3266

SPECS Southern Peninsula Emergency Communication System
 meets each Monday 8:00PM on Net 145.27, 440.80 MHz, www.specsnet.org
 contact: Tom Cascone, KF6LWZ, 650-688-0441 specs@svpal.org

SCARES South County Amateur Radio Emergency Service
 meets 3rd Thursday 7:30 each month, San Carlos City Hall.
 Net is on 144.45 & 444.50 (PL-100) 7:30 Monday evenings.
 contact:

SCCARA Santa Clara County Amateur Radio Association
 Operates W6UU repeater 146.385+ Nets: 2m, W6UU, 7:30 Mon; 10m,
 28.385, 8:00 Thur. meets 2nd Mon each month.
 contact: Jack Ruckman AC6FU

SVECS Silicon Valley Emergency Communications
 Operates WB6ADZ repeater (146.115 MHz+)
 contact: Lou Stiere WAQYS 408 241 7999

WVARA West Valley Amateur Radio Association
 operates W6PIY repeater 147.39+, 223.96, 441.875, 1286.2
 meets 3rd Wed every month.
 contact: Glen Lokke Jr. KE6NBO at 408 971 8626, or glokke@pacbell.net

Disaster Services,

PALO ALTO CHAPTER, American Red Cross
 Meets 3rd Wed. each month 7:30PM,
 HF, packet, BBS, ATV, OSCAR Gateway, NASA satellite,
 contact: Alan Ball 650-688-0423.

SAN JOSE CHAPTER, American Red Cross
 contact: Scott Hensley KB6UOO, 408 249 7093, fsh@richochet.net

VE Exams, 3rd Saturday each month, 11AM, 145.23- PL=100Hz
 American Legion Hall, 651 El Camino Real, R.C.
 contact: Al Montoya at WB6IMX@worldnet.att.net

October Contest Calendar, 1999 ~Vic Black, AB6SO

(for rules and exchanges, see www.contesting.com)

- 2,3 VK/ZL/Oceania Contest, Phone 1000Z Oct 2—1000Z Oct 3
- 2 EU Autumn Sprint, SSB 1500Z—1859Z, Oct 2
- 2,3 California QSO Party 1600Z Oct 2—2200Z Oct 3
- 3 RSGB 21/28 MHz Contest, SSB 0700Z—1900Z Oct 3
- 9,10 VK/ZL/Oceania Contest, CW 1000Z Oct 9—1000Z Oct 10
- 9 EU Autumn Sprint, CW 1500Z—1859Z Oct 9
- 9,10 Pennsylvania QSO Party 1600Z Oct 9—0500Z Oct 10
 and 1300Z—2200Z Oct 10
- 9,10 Iberoamericano Contest 2000Z Oct 9—2000Z Oct 10
- 10 10—10 Day Sprint 0001Z—2400Z Oct 10
- 16,17 JARTS WW RTTY Contest 0000Z Oct 16—2400Z Oct 17
- 16 Asia—Pacific Sprint, CW 1230Z—1430Z Oct 16
- 16,17 Worked All Germany Contest 1500Z Oct 16—1500Z Oct 17
- 17 RSGB 21/28 MHz Contest, CW 0700Z—1900Z Oct 17
- 30,31 CQ Worldwide DX Contest, SSB 0000Z Oct 30—2400Z Oct 31
- 30,31 10—10 Int. Fall Contest, CW 0001Z Oct 30—2400Z Oct 31
- 30,31 BARTG RTTY Sprint 1200Z Oct 30—1200Z Oct 31

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH:

—Steve Stuntz, K6FS A VOICE FROM THE PAST

Check pages 45-46 of August QST: a clever use of old wine-bottle corks. ...

Note especially the italicized footnote at the end of the article - and this extract from K6FS log, plus embellishments...

3 Aug. 1989, 1820-1901 UTC. 24949.8 mHz USB - heard N4MPQ in QSO with KP4DLM. Appeared KP4 recently retired as official photographer-

for University of Puerto Rico; intensely disliked making photos of ballet and dancers. MPQ bristled, reminded him his Univ. has internationally-renowned ballet company in residence. Went on to mention her own career as soloist with New York City Ballet Co. and others. First time ever heard ballet, mentioned on ham bands by anybody associated with it. Called N4MPQ after she signed with KP4DLM; chatted for half-hour, learned she had studied under Balanchine, Danilova, been taken into NYCB at age 15, toured widely before retiring to North Carolina. Taught ballet classes in local studios, during summers at NC School of the Arts. Got interested in ham radio when she saw station operating at Boy Scout Jamboree. Twice

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WEB WANDERINGS

de Vic Black, AB6SO



Thanks to **Les Zwiebel WB6ORZ** for recommending a fascinating web site at <<http://chide.museum.org.uk/chide/r.g.wells.html>> <http://chide.museum.org.uk/chide/r.g.wells.html>. This tells the story of a British soldier held captive

in a World War II prison camp in the Pacific.

After a couple of years in the camp he and the other prisoners were eager for news from the outside world. They saved bits of tin foil, string, fence wire, charcoal, paper, wax and other odds and ends. The recycled materials were used to make their own capacitors, inductors, resistors and batteries. Using memorized plans and schematics from their prior experience at home brewing radios, the prisoners built a working regenerative receiver in order to listen to the BBC short wave broadcasts from England. The clandestine project itself, as well as the end results, were inspiring morale boosters for the prisoners.

Andreas Junge N6NU recommends <<http://www.eham.net/>> <http://www.eham.net> as an informative new web site. This site has several thousand links to other web sites and so ranks up their with other "super sites" such as <<http://www.ac6v.com/>> <http://www.ac6v.com>, <<http://www.kldwu.com/>> <http://www.kldwu.com> and <<http://www.klufit.com/~ikluft/ham>> <http://www.klufit.com/~ikluft/ham> which we have discussed before. [Eham.net](http://www.eham.net) includes product reviews, ham radio news, classified ads, DX spots for all bands, operating news, QSL managers routes, a ham radio search engine and a large resources section complete with a chat channel and a soap box to allow you to express editorial opinions on ham radio related subjects. The site, called a "ham community", is somewhat unique in that it is more interactive than most and you are encouraged to add to the site. Incidentally, many hams are now using the chat channel to set up on the air schedules for special awards, experimenting, etc. You may want to mark this one as a favorite.

Vince Ferme VE3VFN urges us to try the QSL manager search program Pathfinder 2.0 which is available for free download at <<http://www.qsl.net/pathfinder>> <http://www.qsl.net/pathfinder>. Pathfinder, written by B, "is pre-loaded with the ability to search 12 popular sources of QSL information". Active DXers and Contesters appreciate good QSL route search engines. One of the finest on the Internet is the No. Florida DX Association search page maintained by B. Go to <<http://users.southeast.net/~rhicks/k4ute.htm>> <http://users.southeast.net/~rhicks/k4ute.htm>. Here you'll find more than 25,000 records of DX callsigns and their managers. Most manager locating services will only tell you who the manager is by callsign. Then you'll need to look up that callsign in various callsign directories. The No. Florida search engine brings up the address for you automatically along with any other known information. There's also a prefix lookup available which will provide the country name, longitude and latitude, continent, both ITU and CQ zones and information about when it was added to the DXCC list. Earlier I mentioned the web site for QSLMaker,

a freeware package to help you design and print your own QSL cards on card stock in your printer. In an e-mail message, the software's author **John McDonough WB8RCR** stated, "I thought you would like to hear a few statistics that just amazed me. The new website for QSLMaker produces all sorts of neat reports for me. Yesterday, after I posted a notice of the new version, the traffic, not surprisingly, jumped right up. The total volume was sort of a surprise, though. Almost 300 downloads have been served up in the past 24 hours. There were 50 pages served to Malaysia, but only 7 to Indonesia. Pretty interesting looking through the list of countries; kind of like reading contest logs. Malaysia and the UK were behind Belgium in number of requests. The greatest volume occurred around 7PM Pacific time". Go to <<http://www.qsl.net/wb8rcr>> <http://www.qsl.net/wb8rcr> for your copy of the software.

Referring to QSLMaker, **Sylvester Liew 9M8SL** said, I'm "one of the guys who downloaded from East Malaysia (Borneo Island), and it took me about 15-20 minutes. Jam-packed like a Highway traffic jam but it was worth it! Have tried using it last night and it is quite user friendly even for one who didn't bother to read the HELP files. 73 from The Hidden Paradise of Borneo." Be sure to visit the web site of the Mount Diablo Amateur Radio Club <http://www.pacificon.org/pac99_1.html> http://www.pacificon.org/pac99_1.html for information about this year's PACIFICON 99 hamfest. Festivities start with an all day antenna forum Friday, October 15. There is a separate charge of \$10 for this forum to cover cost of printed materials. The rest of the hamfest costs \$5 in advance or \$8 at the door and includes admission to commercial exhibits, forums and other activities on Saturday and Sunday October 16 and 17. PACIFICON is held at the Sheraton Concord Hotel in Concord next to Buchanan Airfield. The outdoor swap meet will be from 6 a.m. until 3 p.m. on Saturday. Kickoff speaker on Saturday at 9 a.m. will be FCC rules enforcer **Riley Hollingsworth K4ZDH**.

The ever popular QRP events (6 forums this year plus free compendium) will feature world famous speakers flown in from around the globe. Because of the success of the QRP sessions, some are now calling the hamfest QRPacificon. Even if you aren't "into" QRP, you may find it entertaining to watch some of the activities promoted by the 3000 member NorCal QRP club. One that promises to be especially entertaining involves building a station on site from parts supplied by NorCal QRP Club. The first 50 participants to ask on Saturday will be given free transmitter, receiver and dummy load kits including PC boards and all components. The kits must be assembled on site and then used in an HF "fox hunt" on Sunday. Unlike VHF hunts that require you to find the physical location of a hidden transmitter, this hunt will be to find and work the fox on the air (his frequency will be announced prior to the hunt). Recent major earthquakes in urban areas near Istanbul, Turkey and Athens, Greece have reminded us of the importance of emergency preparedness, including communications when the telephones are down. Go to FEMA's Emergency Management Institute's web page <<http://www.fema.gov/home/emi/ishome.htm>> <http://www.fema.gov/home/emi/ishome.htm> for self-paced home study programs. The courses are designed for both the

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During this contest, 110 DX stations were worked with mW and went into my log. They represent 47 different DXCC countries. Highest power used was 500 mW on an EA4 station. Lowest power was a G4 station worked with 5 mW. The G4 gave me a 559, and there were no repeats needed so I believe that report. I have received 16 DX QSL cards so far and the total power for all of them is 880 mW. Using DX-central dot com, <http://www.dx-central.com/> I have found many of these DX stations have managers in the states so I will be going after these QSL cards next. By then I should have my first 25 countries confirmed for milliwatt DXCC.

Just as with 5 watt QRP, 5 milliwatts QRPP doesn't mean anyone has to strain their ears. If conditions allow, I do it. If not, I go to 5w. If 5w won't work, I turn the radio off." Most hams sign "best wishes" with a 73. The QRP fraternity signs 72 to signify lower power "best wishes". Jim signs off 71!

Notice that Jim is doing this as a challenge and labor of love. The ARRL, which administers the DXCC award, doesn't distinguish among various power levels. The award is simply for working 100 or more DXCC countries. Power level, which can't be confirmed anyway, is not considered. If you've already made the DXCC Honor Role and want a new challenge, think about doing it again with very low power as a challenge. No doubt, after Jim reaches his goal it will be time for him to consider WAS using microwatts. Most microwatt work is more local, but in time someone WILL do it.

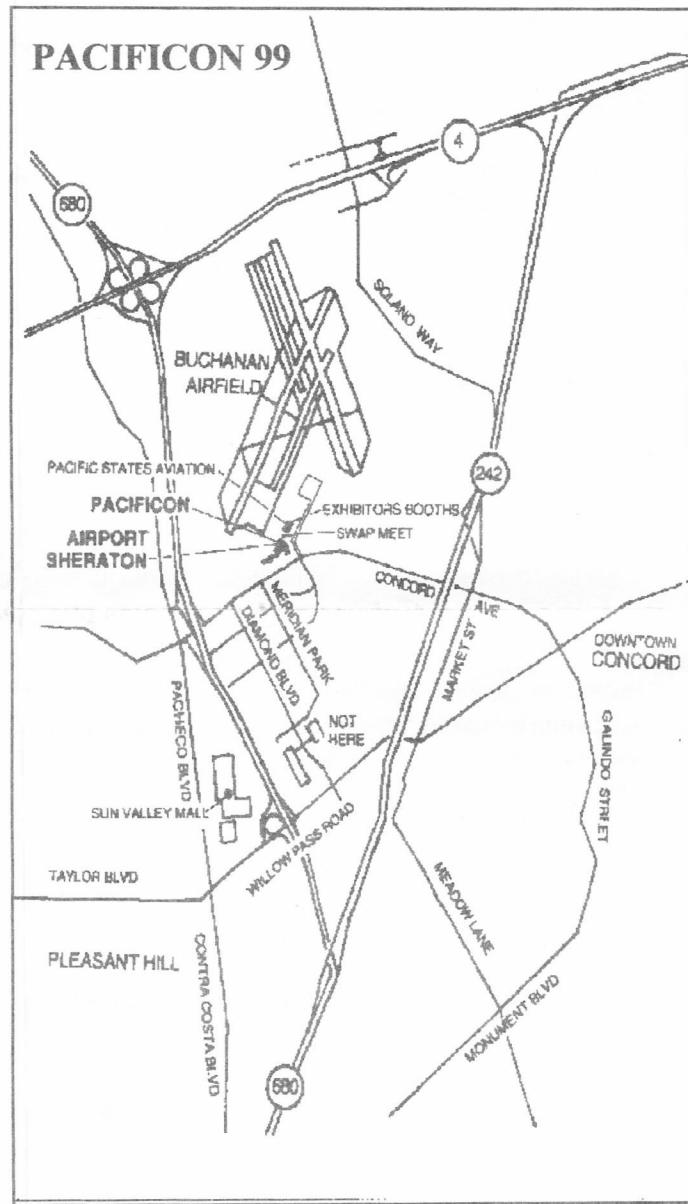
It was exciting to have test pilot Marty Knutson W0BBV talk to PAARA about his experiences flying U2 spy planes for NASA and the CIA. In 1960 another ham made a name for himself with his high altitude hi-jinks. Joe Kittinger N4HDP of Actamonte Springs, FL was a test pilot and pre-astronaut for NASA's predecessor, NACA. As a true pioneer, his job consisted of flying helium balloons to the edge of space and bailing out of an open gondola with nothing but a pressure suit and a parachute to test recovery methods for astronauts who might have to leave rockets headed for orbit. If a parachute was deployed too soon it would simply streamer out above Joe and then shred at lower altitudes. Special parachutes were built and had to be tested. They would be opened in the denser atmosphere after a very long free fall.

The problem was that there was so little air in the stratosphere that there was no drag to slow a man in free fall. With no air resistance there would be no sensation of speed as he dropped. During Joe's last jump from nearly 103,000 feet he had difficulty getting free of the balloon as he had frozen to his seat. When he finally cleared the gondola he looked up and saw his balloon shooting straight up at astronomical speed. He thought it had taken off because it was lighter without him. Finally he realized that the balloon wasn't headed to space but was stationary. Rather, he was falling at an outrageous speed.

At that time Joe became the only person to ever achieve the speed of sound in free fall as he passed 600 miles per hour.

Joe's nineteen and a half mile free fall lasted for over 13 minutes. Sometime when you have the time available, look at a clock and count off the minutes for 13 minutes. Imagine that you are falling at the speed of sound for that entire time. Thirteen minutes would be a major challenge even to the 40 meter ragchewers who have "push to listen" switches on their micro-

phones. Maybe Joe's the reason airline pilots swore they had seen UFO's fly by at high speed. ("Ham shaped object at 2 o'clock high traveling at 600 miles per hour!"). Twenty four years later in 1984 Joe had matured a bit and decided not to jump from a perfectly good balloon. Instead, he rode it out and became the first person to make a solo balloon crossing of the Atlantic. ☺☺☺



Join us for pre-meeting eyeball
QSO October 1st



gab & gobble



6 pm— at Su Hong Restaurant
 1039 El Camino Real, Menlo Park
—across from Kepler's Book Store—

42nd JAMBOREE-ON-THE-AIR

Sponsored By: The World Organization of the Scout Movement
October 16 - 17

Next month more than 400,000 Boy and Girl Scouts and Guides worldwide will "get together" over the airwaves for the 42nd annual Jamboree-on-the-Air (JOTA). Thousands of stations will be operating on pre-assigned Scout frequencies, including:

- GB2GP, the Scout Association, Gilwell Park, London, United Kingdom
- HB9S, the World Scout Bureau, Geneva, Switzerland
- K2BSA, the Boy Scouts of America National Office, Dallas, Texas
- XE1ASM, the Boy Scouts of Mexico
- 5Z4KSA, the Kenya Scouts Association, Paxtu Station, Nyeri, Kenya

The BSA Troop Amateur Radio Team would like to invite PAARA to participate with us in setting up and operating 3 JOTA stations at the BSA Boulder Creek Reservation on Saturday, 16th of October. We will be setting up about 09:00 and work the ratio into the evening, until campfire.

We would appreciate your assistance with your radio expertise and experience. We have equipment for two stations but could use two more rigs for 20M and 40/80. We have a 40/80M and 10 dipoles but could use a 20M antenna.

This is an opportunity for PAARA to help Scouts talk around the world and plus have fun at our Mountain Man Rendezvous where other Scouting activities will take place. Plus, we will feed any PAARA member while you are there. You might even enjoy our campfire with us.

Objective: *Get as many Scouts to talk over the radio as possible. Each Scout will get a JOTA "QSL" card*

Special: *There will be special Amateur Radio handouts, a large map to pinpoint our contacts, and a radio contest for the Scouts.*

Interested?

Contact Doug Mecham, KC6UKJ; see phone and email address below.
See Also: <http://www.arrl.org/ead/jota.html>

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Membership Form

This form takes only 3-4 minutes to fill out completely.

The following information will be used to publish a membership database/guide to all PAARA members. If you do not want something published, (for internal use only) please circle it.

Call Letters _____	Old Call(s) _____	Family Membership Main Call _____
Name _____	Favorite Repeater _____	
Address _____	License Class _____	
City, State, Zip _____		
Tel: Home _____	Work _____	ARRL Member Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> Fax _____
E-mail Address _____		

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS OPTIONAL: Check appropriate line:
 PAARA member since _____ Age Group < 18 18-34 35-49 50-64 >65
 Bands of interest: HF 160 80 40 30 20 17 15 12 10
 VHF 6 2 1.25 Meters
 UHF 70cm 33cm 23cm
 Microwave 2.3GHz 3.3GHz 5.6GHz 10GHz >10GHz
 Modes: CW AM FM SSB ATV SSTV Packet Other _____

Rate PAARA events by your interest level: 1 = Little or no interest, 3 = Some, 5 = High interest

Winter Dinner	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Picnic	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Flea Market	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Raffle	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Auction	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Newsletter	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Field Day	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Board Meeting	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Operating News	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Introductions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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PROGRAM NOTES:



PAARA Program, September 10, 1999

— Steve Stuntz, K6FS

Guest speaker was Jim Maxwell, W6CF, Pacific Division director-elect, stepping into the breach on short invitation, with his masterfully “cobbled together” (sic) presentation on the history of telegraphy. Starting with revelation of 18th-century visual semaphore panels (hilltop-to-hilltop in Europe, UK, and across the channel from Calais to Dover), Jim traced the development of “long distance” communication from pre-electric days into early “wireless”. Of paramount importance was the formulation of ways to represent - encode - language by means of various signals, in general standing for letters and numerals of the Anglo-European alphabet.

Earliest tries at electrifying telegraphic signals involved transmitting DC voltages over wire systems connected to receiving devices which would hydrolyze conductive fluids, creating patterns of bubbles roughly corresponding to alphanumeric characters. Another technique sent pulses of DC, approximating what we now think of as “dots” and “dashes”, to a receiver which pressed on paper traces resembling the transmitted pulses, patterned to represent alphanumerics.

With the proliferation of telegraphic signaling modes, there rose a need for standardizing means for encoding message elements, so that people might more effectively - and profitably - communicate. Ultimately an alphabet of short and long electrical pulses, separated by no-signal periods of varying lengths, emerged as the basis of what came to be called “Morse code”, after Samuel F. B. Morse, the American artist who became an enthusiastic proponent of electrical telegraphy. Along the way, means had been found to transform the long-and-short code pulses into sequences of spaced clicks, producing audible signals which could be “read” by human operators who wrote/printed - and later typed - messages sent over wires.

The great innovation occurred when electromagnetic - what we now call radiofrequency - energy was found capable of propagating over significant distances without the use of direct connection between sender and receiver. Jim’s talk summarized the contributions of Heinrich Hertz and a host of 19th-century experimenters who paved the way for Guglielmo Marconi’s pioneering use of “wireless” telegraphy, and development of a whole new way of communicating.

Prior to Jim’s presentation, John Ronan, K3ZJJ, candidate for election to the office of Vice Director, Pacific Division, ARRL, made a campaign appeal for votes in the upcoming election, outlining his accomplishments as Manager of the Connecticut Section, New England Division, as President of the Northern California Repeater Coordination Council, and in various public-service applications of amateur radio over a 35-year period.

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photographed in “Up Front in QST”, Field Day and local emergency operation.

This contact led to weekly skeds; turned out she knew and had danced with Michael Smuin. Howard Sayette (balletmaster, Oakland Ballet), Diana Adams, many others of note.

On trip to visit brother in Klamath Falls, OR, had 6-hour lay-over between flights. Grabbed her at SJC, spent high-energy visit at K6FS shack where she experienced first AMTOR QSO, working NJ7D/mm aboard APL container ship west of date-line.

Subsequent QSO’s: her first encounter with ZS6AL, their growing friendship, his visit to USA, hers to RSA. See where ham radio can lead? ☺☺☺

Honorary Member 1999

Jim Maxwell, W6CF

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general public and those with emergency preparedness responsibilities. The web site has a list of available courses which you can download for free. There are no prerequisites or enrollment fees for these courses. Some interesting courses are titled ‘Emergency Preparedness USA’, ‘Hazardous Materials: A Citizen’s Orientation’, ‘A Citizen’s Guide to Disaster Assistance’ and a couple of modules titled ‘Animals in Disaster’ which help you prepare your pets who can’t take care of themselves during emergencies. Another valuable preparedness site <<http://www.preparenow.org/>> <http://www.PrepareNow.org> is aimed at vulnerable and special needs populations. A major memory from my elementary school days was the time I attended a Boy Scout World Jamboree. Five years later, the first Jamboree On The Air (JOTA) brought scouts together from all over the world through the magic of ham radio. This year will mark the 41st annual JOTA. JOTA is held the third weekend of October each year starting Saturday at 0001 hours local time to Sunday, 2359 hours local time. This overlaps Pacificon here in Northern California. If you don’t attend Pacificon, you may want to participate in JOTA by helping local Scouts make contacts. For more information, go to the ARRL JOTA web site <<http://www.arrl.org/ead/jota.html>> <http://www.arrl.org/ead/jota.html>. If you attend Pacificon, be sure to visit the JOTA Special Event Station set up for the Scouts at Pacificon. More than 500,000 Scouts and Guides worldwide are expected to be exposed to ham radio during this year’s event. ☺☺☺

The American Radio Relay League Pacific Division



October 15, 16, & 17, 1999
 Concord Airport Sheraton Hotel
 Concord, California

1999 EVENTS INCLUDE:

- Swap Meet
- All Friday Antenna Seminar
- Outstanding Technical Forums
- Friday Exhibitor "Shootout"
- Exhibitors – Saturday and Sunday
- VE Exams – Saturday and Sunday
- Internet and Ham Radio
- Transmitter Hunt

KEYNOTE SPEAKER!

the FCC's Riley Hollingsworth

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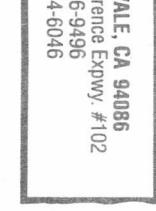
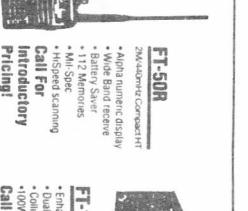
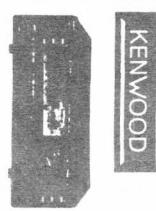
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