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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

APRIL IS HERE, AND FOR PAARA THAT MEANS PLAN FOR MAY! NEXT MONTH HAS OUR FOOTHILL FLEA MARKET DATE ON MAY 12, FOLLOWED A WEEK LATER BY THE W6VG ANNUAL PICNIC FESTIVITIES AT RON & HELGA'S QTH MAY 19TH! THE LEAD TIME IS DECEPTIVELY LONG. BE SURE TO LEND YOUR HELP AND PRESENCE AT THE BIG EVENTS IN MAY, WHEN WE CAN PLAN FINAL STRATEGY FOR FIELD DAY IN JUNE!!! HAVE A GOOD APRIL & SEE YOU NEXT MONTH. 73 DE YOUR EDITOR

N6VFH SPEAKER OF THE MONTH

DR. DAVID CHENETTE, RESEARCH SCIENTIST

DISCUSSION OF THE VOYAGER PROJECT AND EXPLORATION OF THE OUTER PLANETS, FOCUSING ON THE RESULTS OF THE VOYAGER II ENCOUNTER WITH NEPTUNE LAST AUGUST.... AND ASPECTS OF THE DIFFICULT KINDS OF COMMUNICATIONS INVOLVED.... THE TECHNICAL CHALLENGE OF SPACE FLIGHT FACED BY LOCKHEED FROM CONSTRUCTION THRU LAUNCH AND VOYAGE OF VOYAGER II.

DINNER WITH SPEAKER-- SU HONG'S,
EL CAMINO OFF RAVENSWOOD, MENLO PARK,
5:45PM ON MEETING FRIDAY APRIL 6TH!

-DE VE3FZK ANDY, PAARA PROGRAM
CHAIRMAN.

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President's Column

FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO LOOKED OVER PAARAGPHS LAST MONTH, YOU NOTED THE BUSY PAARA CALENDAR. ONE THING I FORGOT TO PUT IN WAS THE CCRC NET EVERY SECOND THURSDAY AT 8PM ON 145.37- (KB6LT REPEATER). THIS NET IS FREE FOR LISTENING IN ON AND IF YOU DON'T HEAR AN OFFICIAL PAARA CHECK-IN, DO SO YOURSELF. I WOULD RATHER HAVE AN OCCASIONAL LISTENER PICK UP TRAFFIC AND BRING IT TO THE MONDAY NET THAN NOT HAVE ANY REPRESENTATION AT ALL.

THE SUBJECT OF FREQUENCY ACCURACY WAS MUCH DEBATED ON A RECENT MONDAY NIGHT NET. ONE SUGGESTION WAS THAT NET CONTROL COULD PERFORM THE FUNCTION OF A DE FACTO STANDARD. THIS PROBABLY WORKS OK WITH CRYSTAL RIGS, THAT CAN BE ARBITRARILY MOVED SLIGHTLY IN FREQUENCY. BUT IT'S ANOTHER MATTER FOR SYNTHESIZED RIGS. THE ISSUE WAS FURTHER EXPLORED WITH REGARD TO CALIBRATING OUR STANDARDS TO WWV AND JUST HOW THAT IS ACCOMPLISHED. I REMEMBER A FEW YEARS AGO ALAN WA6AZP BROUGHT SOME STANDARDS TO A MEETING AND WE HAD CALIBRATION NIGHT. PERHAPS WE SHOULD DO THAT AGAIN. HOW ABOUT A READER CONTRIBUTING AN ARTICLE ON HOW TO CALIBRATE COUNTERS TO WWV. I HAVE AN ANCIENT WWV RECEIVER BY SPECIFIC PRODUCTS WITH A TINY CRT IN IT. DOES ANYONE KNOW HOW TO USE IT FOR CALIBRATING EXTERNAL STANDARDS? MAYBE WE NEED A CONTEST FOR FREQUENCY ACCURACY. IN ANY CASE IT'S AN INTERESTING SUBJECT AND LET'S HEAR MORE ABOUT IT.

-- DE WA6LNV

BULLETIN

CAL QSO PARTY UPDATE / CLUB AWARD WINNERS

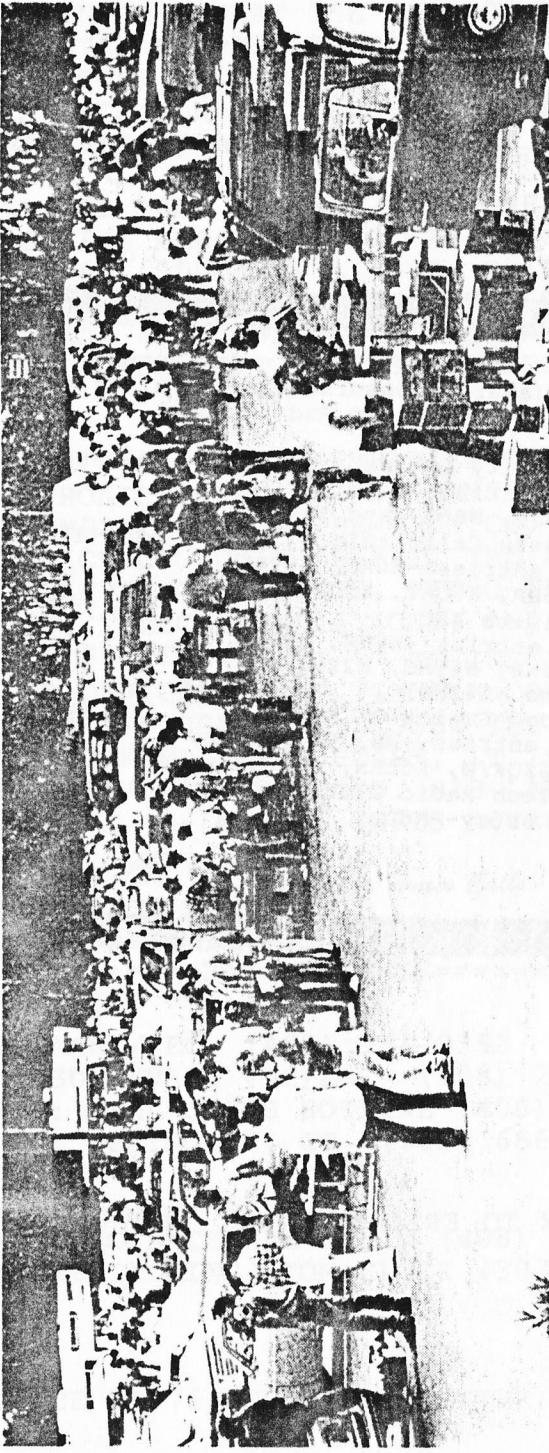
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Northern California DX Club	591,113
(5 entries--N6RO, K6TMB, K6DR, W6OAT, and N6JM)	
Satellite ARC	283,774
(6 entries--W6AB, KK6AD, N6MB, N6TME, W2KVA/6, and WB6ZNB)	
Redwood Empire DX Assn.	159,799
(5 entries--WB2CHO, KE6WL, W6ZQK/M, K6LRN, and WA8LLY/6)	
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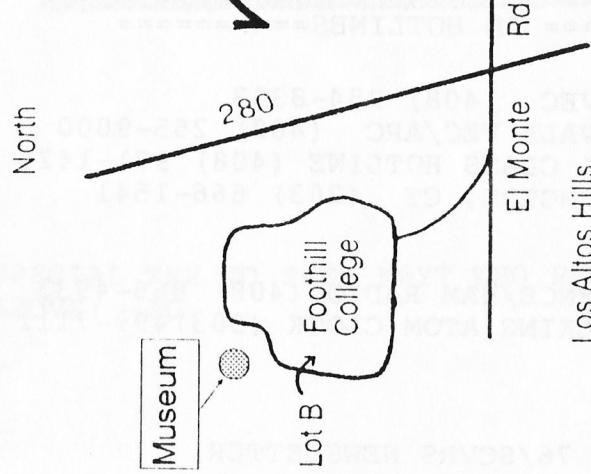
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- May 12—Palo Alto Amateur Radio Association
- June 9—Foothills Amateur Radio Society
- July 14—The Perham Foundation
- August 11—SPECs Users' Group
- September 8—Palo Alto Red Cross

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Subject: NOVICE CLASS

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SOUTH COUNTY ARES (SCARES) HOLDS A WEEKLY NOVICE SEMINAR EACH THURSDAY EXCEPT FOR THE THIRD THURSDAY OF THE MONTH WHICH IS THE SCARES MONTHLY MEETING NIGHT. THE SEMINAR MEETS AT THE SAN CARLOS CITY HALL ROOM #208 AT 7:00PM. PLEASE BE PROMPT BECAUSE EACH THURSDAY AT ABOUT 8:15 BOTH WRITTEN AND CODE TESTS ARE GIVEN. WE ARE FINISHED AT 9:00PM. THERE IS A COST OF \$10.00 PLUS \$3.00 FOR A SPECIAL CODE TAPE DEVELOPED BY WD6DGT PLUS THE COST OF THE ARRL BOOK "TUNE IN THE WORLD". THE SEMINAR IS HOSTED BY WD6DGT AND N6XMO PLUS VARIOUS MEMBERS OF THE SCARES VE TEAM. THE TEST CORRECTIONS ARE HANDLED BY K6JBR, N6KG, KB6OWG, WB6WAU, K6MPN. THIS SEMINAR IS EXTREMELY SUCCESSFUL AND OUR AVERAGE TIME FROM BEGINNING TO PASSING IS THREE WEEKLY SESSIONS.

73 DE ROGER WD6DGT

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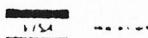


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