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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Happy Holidays & New Year
from Your Editor - N6VFH

SPEAKER OF THE MONTH

ROD DEAKIN NR7E

CW OPERATOR AT KFS PALO ALTO (RECEIVER IS
IN HALF MOON BAY)....

SUBJECT: "COMMERCIAL CW 'IS NOT DEAD'"

Rod will overcome your amazement that it even exists still
and how much it's used!!!

Also, you'll hear all about its history, message types, operating procedures
and how they differ from ham radio, etc.

Also, some "tasty war stories will be thrown in" (to use his words).

Rod is currently also a technical consultant to KFS, and they are embarking on
some kind of improved approach to digital communications.

DINNER WITH THE SPEAKER

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Restaurant

EL CAMINO OFF RAVENSWOOD, MENLO
PARK, 5:45 PM ON MEEETING FRIDAY
DECEMBER 4TH !

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

DE GERRY WAGLNU

THANK YOU PAARA.

I HAVE BEEN HONORED TO BE YOUR PRESIDENT FOR THE LAST FEW YEARS. I CAN'T EVEN REMEMBER HOW FAR BACK IT GOES. I HAD A 3 YEAR STINT AS YOUR PRESIDENT BEFORE THE PRESENT MARATHON, AND BEFORE THAT WAS SECRETARY FOR A FEW YEARS. I REMEMBER ATTENDING BOARD MEETINGS IN THE OLD TRAILER AT SRI AND ACTUALLY TAKING MINUTES. I CAN ALSO REMEMBER HOW NERVOUS I WAS WHEN I HAD TO RUN MY FIRST MEETING. I RECALL CLEARLY THAT ONE OF MY MAIN MOTIVATIONS FOR BECOMING PRESIDENT WAS TO LEARN HOW TO BE MORE AT EASE IN A PUBLIC SPEAKING ROLE. PAARA IS PROBABLY A LITTLE TOO FRIENDLY TO PUT THAT TO MUCH OF A TEST, BUT WHEN I GAVE A TALK TO A COUPLE THOUSAND ENGINEERS A FEW YEARS AGO IN FLORIDA I REFLECTED THAT IT WAS JUST ANOTHER PAARA MEETING. AT THIS TIME WE ARE STILL LACKING A PRESIDENT ON THE SLATE OF NEW OFFICERS. WHOEVER IT WILL BE THEY CAN BE ASSURED OF A FUN YEAR. PAARA MEMBERS LOVE TO WORK, ALTHOUGH AT FIRST BLUSH THEY'RE A LITTLE SHY ABOUT MAKING HARD & FAST COMMITMENTS. AS A VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATION IT'S SOMETHING ANY LEADER HAS TO ACCEPT. IT BOTH TRAINS & TESTS ONE'S PATIENCE AS YOU CAJOLE, ENCOURAGE & MAKE COMPROMISES. ONE IMPORTANT RULE IN SUCH AN ENVIRONMENT IS ALWAYS MEASURE YOUR EFFORTS BY THE DEGREE OF SUCCESS ACHIEVED RATHER THAN THE DEGREE OF FAILURE AGAINST A MYTHICAL STANDARD. OUR HOBBY AND OUR ORGANIZATION ARE INTENDED TO BE FUN. NO MATTER HOW WE SEEM TO STRUGGLE & BE DISORGANIZED AT TIMES, WE SHOULD BE DETERMINED TO HAVE A GOOD TIME. WE VOTE IN OFFICERS AT THE DECEMBER 4TH MEETING & TURN THE REINS OF POWER OVER TO THEM AT THE DECEMBER DINNER. LILY ANNE N6PGM HAS ORGANIZED A GREAT HOLIDAY DINNER FOR US AT THE FARM HOUSE & I HOPE EVERYONE CAN MAKE IT. I ESPECIALLY HOPE NEWER MEMBERS WILL TRY TO BE THERE. BRING YOUR SPOUSE OR FRIEND, SINCE IT'S TRULY A PARTY ATMOSPHERE & A GOOD TIME DOES DEPEND ON YOUR BEING ON HAND. BRING A GIFT TO PARTICPATE IN THE GIFT EXCHANGE & KEEP THE VALUE BELOW FIVE DOLLARS. HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE & GET YOUR CHECKS TO LILY WITH YOUR RESERVATIONS !

DE WAGLNU

PAARA '93 OFFICER SLATE

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WELCOME!

ON BEHALF OF THE CLUB I'D LIKE TO
WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:
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GORDON BAILLIE KDSLHO
DE LILY N6PGM

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PAARA FIELD DAY SUMMARY DE CHRIS N6VZD

(DERIVED FROM QST NOVEMBER '92)

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3A SCV USA #21 OUT OF 371 94.3%
CA #5 OUT OF 43 88%
SCV #1 OUT OF 6 100%

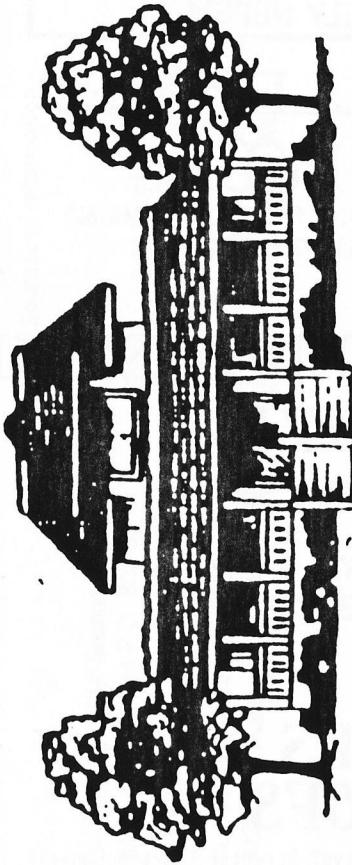
LEAGUE LINES DE STEVE K6FS

On Saturday, Dec. 5, ARRL Pacific Divn. Director Chuck McConnell, W6OPD, meets with his Division Cabinet, to receive inputs from clubs and divn. officers regarding issues to be presented at the January meeting of the ARRL Board of Directors at League Hq. Hottest are: (1) proposed name-change of "American Radio Relay League" to American Amateur Radio League ", and (2) a proposed plan for allocating special subbands for digital communications (AMTOR, packet, etc.) in all HF bands except 160. Both issues are discussed in November QST, pages 77 and 96 respectively. As a League-affiliated club, PAARA can directly influence the Board's decision on both by voting at the December 4th meeting. Results of the vote(s), with any recommendations will be reported to Director McConnell Dec. 5 by Steve, K6FS, assistant director representing PAARA. Read the above articles and come ready to discuss and vote! 73 es tks.....Steve K6FS. From: K6FS@KA6JLT

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de Lily N6PGM
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DX ANNOUNCEMENT DE JIM W6CF

TOOLS FOR THE DXER November 6, 1992

The publications listed below are reliable, and they all give good value for the money. Other excellent publications also exist.

Bulletins and Magazines .

The DX Bulletin. Weekly DX bulletin. \$32.00/yr Second Class, \$42.00/yr First Class. Send SASE for sample to P.O. Box 50, Fulton, CA 95439.

QRZ DX. Weekly DX bulletin. \$36.00/yr First Class. Send SASE for sample to P.O. Box 8322205, Richardson, TX 75083.

The DX Magazine. Monthly DX magazine. \$15.00/yr. P.O. Box 50, Fulton, CA 95439.

NCJ - The National Contest Journal. Bimonthly contest magazine, contains much information of interest to DXers too. \$10.00/yr. ARRL, 225 Main St., Newington, CT 06111.

W6GO/K6HHD List. Monthly directory of QSL managers. \$25.00/yr, single copies \$2.50. P.O. Box 700, Rio Linda, CA 95673.

The DXer. Monthly bulletin of the Northern California DX Club. For membership information, send an SASE to the Secretary, NCDXC, P.O. Box 608, Menlo Park, CA 94026. The NCDXC meets on the second Friday of each month, usually at a location on the San Francisco Peninsula.

Other Sources of Information .

Books - Dozens of books are available on various aspects of DX and DXing, ranging from travelogues to "how to" books. Two books which are especially good are *The Complete DXer* by Bob Locher, W9KNI (\$12.00), and *The DXCC Companion* by Jim Keaman, KR1S (\$6.00).

Other Specialized Publications - There are many other specialized publications of use to the DXer, such as award directories, country lists, zone maps, computer programs, etc. These are advertised regularly in the DX magazines and bulletins listed above, and many are stocked by local ham radio supply stores. One especially useful publication is the DXCC Countries List, available from the ARRL for \$2.00, postpaid.

DX Nets - Many on-the-air DX nets exist, mainly on 20 meter SSB. Listen to them and learn their schedules and procedures.

The W6TI Bulletin. An on-the-air weekly bulletin sponsored by the Northern California DX Club. Bulletins are transmitted each Sunday at 1800 PST on 7.015 and 14.002 MHz.

ARRL DX Bulletins. Late-breaking DX news from W1AW on phone, CW, RTTY, and packet. See QST for latest schedules.

DX Columns. Monthly DX columns are published in QST, CQ, 73, and *Worldradio*. Although a great deal of interesting, useful information is published in these columns, their publication lead times generally make it difficult for them to accommodate late-breaking news.

QSL Bureaus -

Outgoing cards - For ARRL members only, most may be sent via the ARRL Outgoing QSL Bureau at ARRL HQ. Cost is \$2.00 per pound of cards. Those countries handled by the outgoing bureau are noted in the ARRL DXCC Countries List, mentioned above. Outgoing QSL services also exist which give more personalized service than the ARRL's outgoing bureau, but at a higher cost. One such service is operated by Richard J. Moen, N7RO, 2935 Plymouth Dr., Bellington, WA 98225. Write with an SASE for info.

Incoming cards - For everyone, ARRL members and non-members alike. Send #35 self-addressed envelopes with First Class postage affixed to the Sixth District QSL Bureau, Box 1460, Sun Valley, CA 91352.

DX Spotting Nets .

Northern California Packet DX Spotting Net - This is Packet Cluster system covering Northern California and Western Nevada. Connect to N6ST on 146.58 MHz., K6LLK on 144.95 MHz., or W6OAT on 145.77 MHz.

Need more information?

Monitor the NCDXC repeater or the DX packet cluster spotting network.

Attend meetings of the NCDXC.

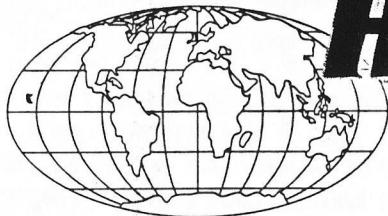
Talk to other DXers - consider the Visalia convention each April. DXers are friendly!

W6TI: Repeater of the Northern California DX Club - 147.36196 MHz. Closed repeater under PL, but lots of non-members listen. A meeting on the air, including a DX swap shop, is held weekly each Thursday evening at 8:00 P.M.

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de W6CF

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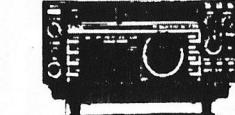
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