



# PAARAGraphs

Celebrating 60 years as a *real* ham radio club—Since 1937

Newsletter for the Palo Alto Amateur Radio Association, Inc.



## CALENDAR

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| Nov 1,  | <b>PAARA Auction</b> (see page 92)   |
| Nov 7,  | <b>PAARA Meeting, 7:30</b><br>Menlo Park Recreation Center<br>700 Alma Street, Menlo Park 7:30-9:30 PM |
| Nov 8,  | <b>PAARA Special Event Station</b> (see page 89)   |
| Nov 12, | <b>PAARA Board Meeting, 7:30</b><br>Red Cross Blvd. 400 Mitchell Ln., Palo Alto                        |
| Dec 5,  | <b>PAARA Meeting, 7:30</b>   |
| Dec 10, | <b>PAARA Board Meeting, 7:30</b>   |
| Jan 2,  | <b>PAARA Meeting, 7:30</b>   |
| Jan 7,  | <b>PAARA Board Meeting, 7:30</b>   |
| Jan ?   | <b>PAARA Winter Party</b>  |



## Program

November 7, 1997  
7:30 P.M.

### Speaker:

#### Jim Maxwell (W6CF)

Vice Director • Pacific Division • ARRL

"New Legislation Affecting Amateur Radio."

PAARA Radio NET every Monday evening, at 8:30pm,  
on the 145.230-600 repeater MHz, PL tone off.



## PRESIDENT'S PONDERINGS

de VIC BLACK, AB6SO

In August, 1996 the FCC announced safety regulations concerning Amateur Radio station RF exposure. Those rules required an evaluation of the RF energy radiated from most stations running 50 Watts or more peak envelope power (PEP). The rules listed maximum RF exposure allowed, averaged over specified time frames. All stations were to be in compliance by January, 1997. That date was later changed to January 1, 1998 to allow time to add questions to license exam materials and for the ham community to become educated about the new regulations.

In August, 1997 the FCC issued NEW regulations after an ARRL petition to scale power limits by frequency. All stations still have to comply with the exposure limits, but most stations will be exempt from routine evaluations. Beginning January, 1998 any station filing a Form 610 for a new license, license renewal or station relocation must be in compliance at the time the Form 610 is signed. Existing stations have until September 1, 2000 to fully comply.

Not only has the timeline been changed, but the threshold power limits were also revised. Power levels that trigger the need for a station evaluation have been raised in most cases and are now frequency dependent, thereby keeping more in line with good science rather than poor legislation.

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meet with us at

PAARA 7:30  
November 7

## Miscellaneous Dates

### Flea Market at Foothill

(schedule will be listed in the Spring)

**PAARA** Palo Alto Amateur Radio Association  
 meets 1st Friday 7:30 each month, Net 145.230 each Monday 8:30,  
 contact: Vic Black, Jr. AB6SO, (415)366-0636.

**PAARA Auction**, Saturday, November 1, (tentative)  
 contact Vic Black, AB6SO, (415)366-0636.

**EMARC** Electronics Museum Amateur Radio Club  
 Meets 4th Friday 7:30 each month,  
 contact Sheldon Edelman 415-858-2176, Edelman@richochet.net

**NCDXC** Northern California DX Club  
 Meets 2nd Friday each month, repeater for member info 147.360, each  
 Thursday 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 415-961-3266

**SPECS** Southern Peninsula Emergency Communication System  
 Meets each Monday 8:00PM on Net 145.27, 224.36, 440.80 MHz  
 contact Mike Hastings KB6LCJ, 408-243-6745 or 408-249-6909.

**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 Dick Collins K6ANN 415-393-8952

**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 R

**SVECS** Silicon Valley Emergency Communications  
 Operates WB6ADZ repeater (146.115 MHz+)  
 contact Lou Stierer WA6QYS 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 415-688-0423.  
 SAN JOSE CHAPTER American Red Cross  
 contact Scott Hensley KB6UOO, 408 249 7093, fish@richochet.net

**VE Exams**, 3rd Saturday each month, 11AM, 145.23- PL=100Hz  
 American Legion Hall, 651 El Camino Real, R.C.  
 contact Joe KB6OWG.

## CELEBRATE PAARA'S SIXTIETH

### "60 for 60"

#### GET ON THE AIR

Have at least 60 QSO's between July 1 and Dec 31, 1997

Any band Any mode Simplex only -no repeater contacts  
 Submit log showing date, time and other station's call

**Specially designed certificates**  
 will be awarded in early 1998

**No confirming QSL's required!!**

**FIRST WINNER**

**STEVE STUNTZ, K6FS**

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(see "Calendar" for Board meeting times, visitors welcome)

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## The Board Minutes

**Dave Bailey (WS6W), Secretary**

**PAARA Board Meeting October 8, 1997**

#### PRESENT:

|                               |                            |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Vic Black (AB6SO)- Pres.      | Dave Bailey (WS6W)- Sec.   |
| Doug Schliebus (W6HXL)- Treas | Charlie Grandjean (WD6FAF) |
| Fred Canham (K6YT)            | Steve Stuntz (K6FS)        |
| Bill Rausch (AA6PA)           | Wally Porter (K6URO)       |

#### ABSENT:

Dave Meacham, (W6EMD) V.Pres. John Buonocore (KD6ZL)

The meeting was called to order by Vic (AB6SO). The September 10 PAARA Board meeting minutes were read by Dave (WS6W). The following correction was made:

Item 6 under Other Business was clarified to say that the one raffle winner will choose one prize among three. The other two prizes will carry over until the next month, and the club will buy a prize to replace the one chosen.

**Wally (K6URO)** gave the PAARAGraphs Editor's report. We currently have 108 paid members for 1997.

#### Old Business:

1. The Autumn Auction will be held Saturday, November 1. Vic (AB6SO) distributed a list of volunteers. Gerry (WA6LNV) made flyers to advertise the auction.
2. **Dave (WS6W)** said that Bill (N6CHI) and Dan (WB6STW) won net operating awards this month.
3. The License Class will be held October 25 and 26. Vic (AB6SO) will get in touch with Dan (WB6STW) to get the VE's set up.
4. The Special Event station for the club's 60th anniversary will operate on November 8. The location was not determined, but operation can be from more than one location. Vic (AB6SO) has a portable setup to use if the weather is good.
5. **Dave (WS6W)** gave the Officers' Nominating Committee Report. Doug (W6HXL) wants another term as treasurer, and **Dave (WS6W)** is willing to stay on as

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secretary or serve as vice-president next year. The bottom line is that we need at least two more officers and one more board member. If nobody volunteers to be president, the president will be chosen among the board members.

#### New Business:

1. The meeting raffles will be reinstated in January, 1998. The vice-president, treasurer, or refreshments person can be in charge. The treasurer might be the best bet since a fair amount of money is handled.

2. The winter party will be held in the middle of January. Several locations were proposed. **Fred(K6YT)** will investigate Shoreline Harbor. **Dave (WS6W)** will investigate the Bold Knight. **Charlie (WD6FAF)** will investigate the Country Harvest Buffet in Santa Clara.

#### Other Business:

1. We cannot store video equipment at the Menlo Park Recreation Center any more. **Steve (K6FS)** has the equipment at his home.

2. **Steve (K6FS)** mentioned that hams can renew licenses on-line using the Form 900. This form, available only electronically, can be used at most 120 days before the expiration of the license, and not after.

3. **Vic (AB6SO)** said that **Jim Maxwell (W6CF)** will be our speaker in November and **Mike Leland (KD6PIW)** will speak on rail-fanning in December.

The meeting was adjourned by **Vic (AB6SO)**.

Submitted by **Dave Bailey (WS6W)**

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**PAARA**  
**Special Event Station**  
**November 8, 1997.**  
**PAARA will be celebrating**  
**our**  
**60th Anniversary**

with a Special Event Station on Saturday, November 8. Operation will be on SSB in the General Class portion of the 40, 20, 15 and 10 meter bands using the club callsign **W6OTX**. If enough operators are available, we will also use VHF and UHF bands as well. Come on out and operate regardless of your class of license. Control operators will be available so that you won't need to be General Class in order to operate. Unlicensed third party operators are also welcome while control operators are in charge. Otherwise, contact us on the air to earn your commemorative certificate.

Requests for certificates are welcome at the club address:

**PAARA, PO Box 911, Menlo Park, CA 96026.**

Contact **Vic Black AB6SO** for further information about operating.

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Power levels that trigger a routine station evaluation:

| Band<br>(Wavelength) | Transmitter Power<br>(W PEP) |
|----------------------|------------------------------|
| 160 M - 40 M         | 500                          |
| 30 M                 | 425                          |
| 20 M                 | 225                          |
| 17 M                 | 125                          |
| 15 M                 | 100                          |
| 12 M                 | 75                           |
| 10 - 1.25 M          | 50                           |
| 70 cm                | 70                           |
| 33 cm                | 150                          |
| 23 cm                | 200                          |
| 13 cm and up         | 250                          |

Note that everyone should be exempt from routine evaluation on 30 Meters as the power limit on that shared band is 200 Watts. Evaluations are not required for push-to-talk portable and mobile stations. Hams are fortunate since we are allowed to perform our own evaluations. No paperwork must be filed with the FCC. Commercial spectrum users must comply with more stringent environmental regulations.

Power control regulations are intended to ensure public safety. Some see them as a conspiracy by the EPA to take away freedoms and exercise more control over our personal lives. Others see them as just another set of pro-forma government regulations to be ignored, if possible. In any case, compliance could become a real problem if your neighbors decide to invoke RF exposure limits in an antenna zoning argument. This has already happened in one local case in which a prostate cancer patient claims that his neighbor is trying to kill him with RF even though the underlying hidden agenda may actually involve a dispute over the view from the property.

How difficult is it to comply? Fortunately, not very. Hams who find that their stations are non compliant may "adjust their power, mode, frequency, antenna location, antenna pointing or on-and-off times to bring their operation into compliance", according to October QST.

Evaluating your station is not very difficult if you find that, because of your power level, an evaluation is called for. The FCC has a web page devoted to RF safety exposure. ([Go to http://www.fcc.gov/oet/dockets/et93-62/](http://www.fcc.gov/oet/dockets/et93-62/)) The ARRL RF safety web page is available at (<http://www.arrl.org/news/rfsafety/>) For those without web access, the ARRL has an "RF-Exposure Information Package" available from the ARRL Technical Department Secretary. Cost is \$2 for members or \$4 for non-members, postpaid. This may become available from ham radio stores in the near future.

To help you perform a station evaluation, the University of Texas Amateur Radio Club has set up a web page at (<http://>

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## PAARA Meeting Minutes

### October 3, 1997

submitted by: **Dave Bailey(WS6W)**, Secretary

President Vic Black (AB6SO) called the meeting to order, and the introductions were done. We had several first time attendees this evening: **Dave Rice (WN6NW)**, **Conrad Weiss (NN6CW)**, **Paulette (KE6CFW)**, **Doug (KA6FJ)**, and **Mary and Clay Ripma**. **Ron Carmichael (KD6RFI)** upgraded to Advanced Class and has a new call, **KQ6RS**.

#### Announcements:

1. **Koert Koelman (KC6WCI)** is very ill, and everyone signed a copy of PAARAGraphs for him. Our best wishes go to Koert and his family.
2. The PAARA Board meeting will be this Wednesday, October 8, at the Pale Alto Red Cross Building at 7:30 pm.
3. The VEC License classes scheduled for October 18 are cancelled because of a conflict with Pacificon.
4. The PAARA New Ham Class will be held October 25 and 26 at the Pale Alto Red Cross. **Bill (AA6PA)** is one of our instructors. If you want to be a student or an instructor, talk to **Vic (AB6SO)**.
5. For club badges, see **Fred (K6YT)**.
6. **Jim Maxwell (W6CF)** will be our speaker next month.
7. **Andy (VE3FZK)** announced the Fremont Hidden Transmitter Hunt this Saturday, October 4. There will be a beginner hunt and a Doppler hunt.

#### Continuing Business:

1. **Dave (WS6W)** gave the Nominating Committee report. We need two more officer candidates. If anyone is interested in running for office or serving on the Board, talk to **Dave (WS6W)**, **Charlie (WD6FAF)**, or **Wally (K6URO)**.
2. The Autumn Auction will be held Saturday, November 1, in the Shriner's Hall in San Mateo. **Gerry(WA6LNV)** wants flyers distributed to all of the amateur radio stores and events this month.
3. The PAARA 60th Anniversary Special Event Station will operate Saturday, November 8, on the General Class segment of 40, 20, 15, and 10 meters (SSB). Novice, Tech, and Tech Plus operators are especially needed. A certificate will be issued to those who contact the station.
4. **Fred(K6YT)** mentioned that the club call **W60TX** expires in July, 1998, and that he will renew it.
5. The PAARA Winter Party will be held in January, 1998.

#### New Business:

1. The meeting raffle will be reinstated next month. There will be three high quality gifts from which one winner can choose. One new gift will be purchased for the next month to replace the one chosen by the winner.
2. **Les (WB6ORZ)** gave the Monday Night Net operating awards to **Herb (KF6BKL)**, **Len (WA6HLE)**, and himself for checking into the net at least 20 times in 1997.

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## WEB WANDERINGS

de Vic Black, AB6SO

Three hobbies, stamp collecting, coin collecting and amateur radio, especially encourage knowledge of geography. In order to help you understand geography better we'll look at some free map sources available on the Internet.

**Barry Arneson K8SD** offers (<http://hem.passagen.se/sm3gsj/gcm.htm>) He says, "While doing some searching [for the ARRL grid map] I found a program by SM3GSJ. It allows you to build a Great Circle Beam Heading grid map from your coordinates. VERY COOL. It has far more detail than the ARRL map for those running Windows 3.1 or Win95. Handy for pointing the antenna, too." This message came from the VHF list.

Subscribe to the VHF list at ([vhf-request@w6yx.stanford.edu](mailto:vhf-request@w6yx.stanford.edu)) The human list administrator is at ([vhfapproval@w6yx.stanford.edu](mailto:vhfapproval@w6yx.stanford.edu))

**Watson Gabriel WB4EXW** sent the following e-mail message: "Depending on what you are looking for, try: (<http://www.zip2.com> or <http://www.city.net/>) Enjoy." "Another is (<http://www.mapquest.com/>) I find it to be almost great!" de **Jack Bryant W5TFB**. Try (<http://www.mapsonus.com/>) "In the setup portion, you can tell it to give you the lat/long of your address." de **Norm Melick**. **Ed Pacyna W1AAZ** says, "Try (<http://wc4.webcrawler.com/WebCrawler/Services/FindAddress.html>) Unless the address is very rural, you will get the detail you want."

**Ron McConnell, W2IOL** offers the following for converting place names to latitude/longitude for the US and Canada: "The US Geological Survey geographic name information service (GNIS) query: (<http://www-nmd.usgs.gov/www/gnis/gnis-form.html>) has coordinates for every big rock, small pond, bridge, cemetery, ... in the US that has a name, not just cities and towns. The Canadian counterpart is the geographic name server at Natural Resources Canada: ([http://www-nais.ccm.nrcan.gc.ca/cgndb/english/cgndb\\_lookup.html](http://www-nais.ccm.nrcan.gc.ca/cgndb/english/cgndb_lookup.html)) Cheers, 73." This would be a terrific resource for use in conjunction with your GPS receiver. It's also perfect for determining your location in VHF contests that require Maidenhead grids as part of the exchange.

**Brad Mugleston KB0ROL** offers an entire list of map sources. "If you are looking for a map of a particular address, these web sites will help you.

<http://www.vicinity.com/mapblast/index.html>  
<http://www.mapquest.com/cgi-bin/>  
<http://mapweb.parc.xerox.com/map/>  
<http://www.delorme.com/cybermaps/>  
[http://www.city.net/countries/united\\_states/](http://www.city.net/countries/united_states/)  
<http://www.geocode.com/eagle.html-ssi>"

After you find the maps you need, look up addresses from the next message I received from **Bill Jones KD7S** in Sanger, California. "I stumbled across a URL that has a good listing of

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surplus electronics and computer parts stores in California's famous Silicon Valley area. For those planning a visit, you may want to check this web site first. I have visited many of the stores personally and they are wonderful.

The URL (courtesy of KC Engineering) is (<http://www.kce.com/junk.htm/>) September, 1997 QST features an update article by PAARA member and QST Contributing Editor **Jack Troster W6ISQ** on the NCDXF/IARU HF Beacon program. The worldwide 18 station beacon network is now nearly complete with 16 stations currently active on 14.1, 18.11, 21.15, 24.93 & 28.2 MHz. Each station transmits, in timed sequence every three minutes, its callsign, and four dashes. The first dash is at 100W output, and the other three are at 10, 1, & .1 Watt out. ID is 22WPM CW. For info on the beacon program, see (<http://www.ncdx.org/>)

**Bob Follett AB7ST** of Park City, Utah tried a shareware program which makes the HF beacon system use very easy. He reports, "To REALLY make propagation monitoring from your QTH easy there is a Windows program that goes with this stuff called BeaconClock. It, in real-time, displays the callsign transmitting with beam heading and distance from your QTH. I have it loaded, and it has the option to "try to stay on top" of all other windows screens. I can watch it as I type this E-mail! Of course your computer clock has to be accurate, but they give you an easy way to make small adjustments from WWV. Or, use a modem clock setting program, as I do. Yes, you gotta have Windows 3.1 or Win95, but if you do—there is no excuse for not running this program!" This program is available for downloading free from (<http://www.mutadv.com/kawin/pages/bcnclk.htm>)

Have you been spammed (i.e. sent unwanted e-mail commercial advertisements)? Avoid unsolicited e-mail ads. Go to (<http://drsvcs.com/nospam/>) for "Internet Spam Control Center" or "No Junk E-Mail" at ([http://pages.ripco.com:8080/~glr/nojunk.html/](http://pages.ripco.com:8080/~glr/nojunk.html)) Thanks for these tips from **Mark Pipes KB7RJF** in Reno.

"Antennas" is a mailing list (reflector) devoted to discussing, comparing, evaluating, designing, and constructing antennas of all types, especially for amateur radio, SWL, scanning, and monitoring. Design and Evaluation; Modeling, Optimizing; Analysis Software; MF, HF, VHF, UHF, SHF; Construction Projects; Anything Else Antenna Related.

To join Antennas, send email as follows:

TO: majordomo@qth.net  
SUBJECT: <leave blank>  
BODY: subscribe antennas

Post to Antennas as follows:

TO: antennas@qth.net

Antennas is sponsored by **Al Waller K3TKJ** and routine administrivia is handled by me, **Brian K Short**, (k7on@qsl.net). Enjoy."

Last month I mentioned the folded monopole antenna fashioned by avid op **Dr. Rogerio "Roger" Gonzaga CT1ETT** with help from PAARA member **Dave Meacham**

**W6EMD**. Apparently his antennas work. Roger earned second place in the world for Single Op QRP Phone Division of the ARRL International DX Contest. He also rated a photo of his well equipped hamshack in October CQ magazine, page 11.

Finally, this important e-mail message was received from **Ernie Gregoire AA1IK** of Canaan, NH. "Hello Gang. The deadly H-bola virus (H- for hams) has killed tens of thousands of hams. This conclusion was reached after a 4 hour session on 15 meters. I programmed the CMOS III keyer to pause for 5 seconds between unending CQ's. I got [only] 4 takers. The band was open coast to coast. I had two chats with W6 stations, one in Arizona and one in XE1. The XE1 was QRP and running 5 watts. RST was 579 both ways. There can be only one explanation [for this lack of activity]: the deadly H-bola virus has killed most of the hams." ☺☺☺

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[www.cs.utexas.edu/users/kharker/rfsafety](http://www.cs.utexas.edu/users/kharker/rfsafety)). Fill in requested information such as transmitter power, antenna gain and distance the antenna is located from people. The web software automatically calculates your station's field strength and informs you if you are in compliance. If you are not in compliance, it will specify how far to remove the antenna from people in order to comply. The FCC will soon issue simple look up tables (Bulletin 65 Amateur Supplement) to make it easy to evaluate your station. For more RF Exposure Safety information, see October, 1997 QST, page 51.

On the 25<sup>th</sup> of September PAARA members **Dan Curry WB6STW** and WorldRadio columnist **Jack Troster W6ISQ** were seen hobnobbing with well known DXers and contesters at a local pizza parlor (Give Pizza Chance). Owner **Rusty Epps W6OAT**, a driving force behind the World Radio Team Championship and former PAARA guest speaker, assembled a group of about 20 hams from all over the US to ragchew about DX. **Eric W6DU** brought Swedish operator **Eric SM0AGD** who left the next day for a DXpedition to Kure Atoll to operate as **K7K**. Check their photos in Oct. CQ, page 77. Also present was **Trey N5KO** who operated from the Galapagos Islands as **HC8N** where he placed second for Single Op, High Power during the World Wide CQ DX Contest. **Steve Morris K7LXC**, CQ Contesting magazine antenna Tower Editor, flew in from Seattle for the confab. One discussion topic was plans for the California QSO Party. **Bob Wilson N6TV** of WRTC Team USA was promoting participation in the California QSO Party for the No. Calif. Contesting Club to ensure representation from all California counties.

**Dave Bailey WS6W**, our Officers' Nominating Committee Chairperson, is looking for a few people with dynamic ideas to become club officers and board members for the 1998 calendar year. Duties include one low stress board meeting per month plus duties of the individual offices. If you are interested in giving back to the club which has given you so much, don't hesitate to contact **Dave**. Since he's our Net Control Operator for the Monday night PAARA Net, he's easy to contact. ☺☺☺

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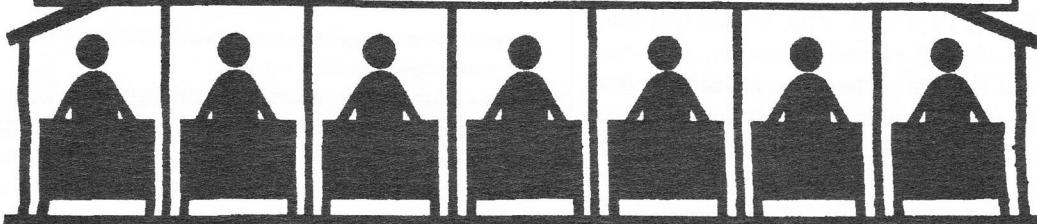
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# AUCTION &

## FLEA MARKET



SATURDAY NOVEMBER 1 9:30 A.M.

**San Mateo Shriners' Center**  
 1925 Elkhorn Court, San Mateo, CA

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HAM RADIO GEAR ELECTRONIC PARTS

TEST EQUIPMENT RAFFLE PRIZES

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AUCTION CHARGES: 10% OF SALES PRICE. BUY BACK  
 SUBJECT TO \$5.00 MAX. CHARGE PER LOT.



Join us for pre-meeting eyeball

**QSO Nov 7th**  
**gab & gobble**

6 pm—at Su Hong Restaurant  
 1039 El Camino Real, Menlo Park



### PAARA MONDAY NIGHT NET

8:30 PM 145.230-600 MHz repeater  
 PL tone off

Latest news between monthly issues of PAARAGraph

**PAARA-Palo Alto Amateur Radio Association-P.O. Box 911, Menlo Park, California 94026-0911**

Club meetings are on the first Friday of each month, 7:30pm at the Menlo Park Recreation Center, 700 Alma Street, Menlo Park, CA. • Radio NET every Monday evening, at 8:30pm, on the 145.230-600 MHz repeater, PL tone off. • Membership in PAARA is \$12.00 per calendar year which includes a subscription to PAARAGraphs. • Make payment to the Palo Alto Amateur Radio Association.



# ARRL Online

From ARRL Headquarters:

## *ARLS033 Sputnik model launch update*

New information indicates that the launch of a working model Sputnik 1 from the Russian Mir space station won't take place until early November. According to information received today from Sergei Sambourov, chief of the cosmonaut Amateur Radio department for Russia's Energia space agency, the Sputnik 1 model will be launched November 3 during a spacewalk, although he cautioned that schedule could change. The model Sputnik, assembled by students in Russia and equipped with a 2-meter transmitter by students in France, now is aboard Mir. It was carried to the space station last week by a Progress supply rocket. The program sponsors initially intended to have the working Sputnik model launched from Mir on October 4, the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the original Sputnik 1 satellite.

The Sputnik-40, as it's called, reportedly will be hand-released by the Mir crew during the space walk. Latest information indicates the mini-satellite will transmit a "beep-beep" signal on 145.82 MHz (FM) from its 200-mW onboard transmitter. The batteries are expected to last a month or two. A QSL card will be available for those who receive the signal.

For additional details and photos see:

<http://www.oceanes.fr/~fr5fc/spoutnik.html>

### ARLB058 electronic renewal Form 900

Hams now can renew their licenses on line. The FCC's Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (WTB) has consolidated eight renewal forms into one form. Form 900, Application for Electronic Renewal of Wireless Radio Services Authorizations, is an interim measure to permit all WTB licensees, including hams, to renew their licenses electronically.



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to  
meetings, picnics, field days, winter parties, ham fests,  
flea markets, Pacificons...

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**Celebrating 60 years as a real ham radio club—Since 1937**

| <b>TREASURER'S REPORT</b>  |          | September 30, 1997 |         |         |         |         |
|--|----------|--------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| INCOME:  | 1996     | Jun. 97            | Jul. 97 | Aug. 97 | Sep. 97 | 97 YTD  |
| Dues   | \$600    | \$24               | \$12    | \$12    | \$24    | \$972   |
| Flea Market  | 6,116    | 37                 | 242     |         | 30      | \$6,775 |
| Auction  | 3,336    |                    |         |         |         | \$0     |
| Advertisements   | 600      |                    | 20      |         |         | \$25    |
| Holiday Dinner   | 449      |                    |         |         |         | \$0     |
| Interest & Other   | 529      | 42                 | 42      |         |         | \$290   |
| Total Income .....   | \$11,630 | \$103              | \$316   | \$12    | \$54    | \$8,062 |
| <b>EXPENSES:</b>   |          |                    |         |         |         |         |
| Postage  | \$64     |                    |         |         |         | \$72    |
| DMV  | 43       |                    |         |         |         | \$43    |
| State of CA  | 10       |                    |         |         |         | \$10    |
| Rent   | 300      |                    | \$150   |         |         | \$325   |
| Speakers Dinner  | 132      | \$33               |         |         |         | \$99    |
| Flea Market  | 1,737    | 58                 |         |         |         | \$2,768 |
| Auction  | 2,241    |                    |         | 100     |         | \$100   |
| Refreshments   | 92       | 12                 |         | 20      | 7       | \$95    |
| Newsletter   | 2,446    | 238                | 184     | 252     | 199     | \$1,838 |
| Picnic   | 87       | 443                |         |         | 10      | \$453   |
| Field Day  | 377      | 66                 | 100     | 50      |         | \$216   |
| Holiday Dinner   | 669      |                    |         |         |         | \$0     |
| Radio Class  | 155      |                    |         |         |         | \$0     |
| Misc.  | 782      | 15                 |         |         |         | \$348   |
| Total Expense .....  | \$9,135  | \$865              | \$434   | \$432   | \$206   | \$6,368 |
| <b>SUMMARY:</b>  |          |                    |         |         |         |         |
| Income   | \$11,630 | \$103              | \$316   | \$12    | \$54    | \$8,062 |
| Expenses   | \$9,135  | \$865              | \$434   | \$432   | \$206   | \$6,368 |
| Net Return .....   | \$2,495  | (\$762)            | (\$118) | (\$420) | (\$152) | \$1,694 |
| Balance in Check   | \$3,855  | \$5,673            | \$5,098 | \$5,103 | \$4,693 | \$4,693 |
| <b>COMMENTS:</b> Income and expenses are on-track with last year. November Auction will boost 1997 income. |          |                    |         |         |         |         |
| Doug Schliebus, K1DIT, ex-W6HXL  |          |                    |         |         |         |         |

(Continued from page 90) Meeting

#### Operating News:

1. Dan (WB6STW) contacted NM50CIA, the special event station for the 50th anniversary of the Central Intelligence Agency, and received a 59 signal report. Steve (K6FS) also contacted them. Dan also received a 59 report from K7K on Curry Island on 20 and 15 meters. Eric (SM0AGD) was the operator on that island, where one can only go by permission. He also worked Bruce (VK4BS), one of the County Hunters in Australia and New Zealand; Lou (EA3JE) in Barcelona on 20 meters; and Wally (R1ANZ) in Antarctica.

2. Vic (AB6SO) heard the Russians on the Mir Space Station on NA6MF (145.585 MHz) rebroadcast from Moffett Field.

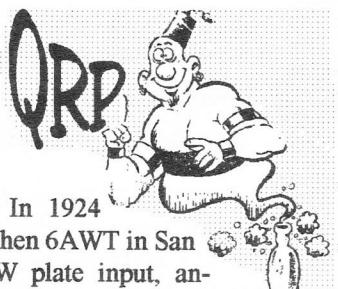
#### Show and Tell:

1. Vic (AB6SO) showed his SST20, a complete 20 meter superheterodyne transceiver. It puts out 2 watts CW and uses a variable crystal oscillator (VCO) for tuning. The covers were made on a computer and laminated with Contac. » » »

## SAM SAYS

**CQ QRP de KF6ML**

(continued from last month)



QRP is not a recent idea. In 1924 (before a lot of us were born) when 6AWT in San Francisco was running 5.4KW plate input, another ham commented, "today with cw. 5 watt" gets as many QSL cards as 250w."

On August 17, 1923, an Australian, A2DS made a 1,200 mile contact on less than 1w. 240m cw. Even today, 1,200 miles per watt on 160m will raise a few eyebrows.

On February 1924, another Australian 2CM conducted 1,500 mile tests from Sydney to New Zealand with 4 milliwatt input! In our solid state age, this sounds like a weak transistor.

USA came into the picture later in 1924 with the first official sanctioned QRP activity- "Miles per watt/ efficiency contest," as reported in QST:

May 1924 9AHH (MN) 400mi. .51w = 782 miles per watt

Dec 1924 3AIH (NJ) 208mi. .08w = 2,600mpw

June 1925 5AQW(OK) 300mi. .05w = 6,000mpw

1926 8GZ 10,000mi. .567w = 17,820mpw

note: 8GZ is none other than Larry Windom of Windom antenna fame

We jump to 1955-1961 and the transistor age.

W7UZ 200mi. 2.5mw = 80,000mpw

ZL1AAC 160mi. 1mw = 160,000mpw

W7MPQ 4,500mi 24mw = 187,500mpw

Bibliography: "History of QRP" by Adrian Weiss W0RSP (note: A few years ago, Adrian was honored at Dayton Hamvention and became a QRP Hall of Fame member)

From these humble beginnings, with the advent of inexpensive IC's, low cost and suitable performance projects are being developed - many into articles in various publications and some emerging into kits. Whether you find a favorite circuit and hunt around for parts or buy a kit - if you built it with your own hands, it is home brew and you can be proud of yourself - once for building it and then operating it as a QRP contact.

**72's Sam KF6ML**

(continued next month)

## Bring a Show & Tell

to the next

PAARA meeting

2. Herb (KF6BKL) showed his J-pole antenna.

3. Andy (VE3FZK) told about the transmitter hunt he and Andreas (KF6NEB) went on this week to track down some jamming on a local repeater. It turned out that the culprit was just a repeater gone haywire.

Since there was no speaker this evening, the meeting was adjourned by Vic (AB6 SO).

Submitted by Dave Bailey (WS6W)

## Steve Stuntz K6FS

Extract from: K6FS log, 7/1 to 12/31/97

NOTE: all contacts G1RP on 20m SSB;  
radio: MFJ 9420 xcvr & 971 tuner.

| NR  | DATE | TIME | CALL      | QTH/NOTES             |
|-----|------|------|-----------|-----------------------|
| 1.  | 8/22 | 0300 | WQ7A      | nr Seattle            |
| 2.  | "    | 0310 | W0SY      | nr St. Paul           |
| 3.  | "    | 2031 | KL7FNA    | Alaska                |
| 4.  | "    | 2310 | W2AWD     | nr Albuquerque        |
| 5.  | 8/23 | 0045 | W8GIO     | WVa                   |
| 6.  | "    | 0140 | K18DV     | Columbus OH           |
| 7.  | "    | 0154 | W3CQH/m   | nr Wash. DC           |
| 8.  | "    | 0636 | V63KU     | Truk                  |
| 9.  | 8/24 | 0027 | W6NL      | Redwood City          |
| 10. | "    | 0128 | KL1SLE    | Anchorage AK          |
| 11. | "    | 0329 | ZL3RG     | Christchurch NZ       |
| 12. | "    | 0705 | VK3DBL    | (Australia)           |
| 13. | "    | 0812 | VK6ACY    | Perth, W. Aus.        |
| 14. | 8/25 | 0216 | W0NFD     | Littleton CO          |
| 15. | "    | 0245 | KM5FA     | Llano, TX             |
| 16. | "    | 0256 | KB2MQE    | nr Buffalo NY         |
| 17. | "    | 0346 | VE3WNQ    | Dryden ONT            |
| 18. | "    | 0412 | K5XS/KH6  | Hickam AFB HI         |
| 19. | "    | 0414 | K5XH      | Fayettville AR        |
| 20. | "    | 0428 | ZL4KF     | NZ                    |
| 21. | 8/26 | 0844 | VE7MDM    | Vancouver BC          |
| 22. | "    | 1956 | WX7F      | Beaverton WA          |
| 23. | "    | 2005 | NL7FP     | Anchorage AK          |
| 24. | "    | 2032 | W7KGY     | Tucson AZ             |
| 25. | "    | 2047 | WA5BDR    | Roswell NM            |
| 26. | "    | 2106 | WH6L7     | Wells NY              |
| 27. | 8/27 | 0613 | YO4KCA    | Constanta, Romania    |
| 28. | "    | 0621 | VE7MR     | Nanaimo BC            |
| 29. | "    | 0644 | N7BS      | Coeur d'Alene ID      |
| 30. | "    | 0752 | WL7YW     | Wasilla AK            |
| 31. | "    | 1411 | VE6ND     | Calgary AB            |
| 32. | 8/28 | 0649 | KH0I      | Sanpan                |
| 33. | "    | 0700 | V63KU     | Truk                  |
| 34. | 8/31 | 0316 | W5NA      | Hattiesburg MS        |
| 35. | 9/1  | 0237 | N5VPK     | San Antonio TX        |
| 36. | "    | 1610 | KL7FNH    | Sitka AK              |
| 37. | "    | 1628 | K7MX      | Redmond WA            |
| 38. | "    | 1656 | NH6SJ     | HI                    |
| 39. | "    | 1705 | VE7JIU    | BC                    |
| 40. | "    | 2124 | VE7TLK    | Vancouver BC          |
| 41. | 9/2  | 0207 | KH7T      | Oahu HI               |
| 42. | "    | 2346 | W7KEU     | Pittsburgh KS         |
| 43. | 9/3  | 0012 | VK6ACY    | Perth W AUS           |
| 44. | 9/4  | 0405 | VK9NS     | Norfolk Is.           |
| 45. | 9/5  | 0349 | ZL1BOS    | Christchurch NZ       |
| 46. | 9/6  | 0017 | WOHCO     | NDAK                  |
| 47. | 9/7  | 0037 | KL7AK/KL7 | Lincoln Is.AK         |
| 48. | "    | 0314 | K7ZO      | Baker City OR         |
| 49. | "    | 0348 | WH6CQH    | HI                    |
| 50. | "    | 0353 | JR51AQ    | Japan                 |
| 51. | 9/9  | 0114 | N7QXO/HR6 | Honduras              |
| 52. | 9/10 | 0329 | KS6DV     | Am. Samoa             |
| 53. | 9/11 | 1704 | 4U1WB     | Washn DC              |
| 54. | 9/13 | 1506 | W8MAI     | St. Joe, MI           |
| 55. | 9/14 | 1950 | VA7F      | BC - Spl. event       |
| 56. | 9/15 | 2141 | W4VL      | Virginia              |
| 57. | "    | 2154 | W1FKD     | Maine                 |
| 58. | 9/16 | 0242 | KB9GKC    | Green Bay WI          |
| 59. | 9/17 | 0100 | AC4VG     | Greenville SC         |
| 60. | "    | 0107 | K4MPI     | Tallahassee FL        |
| 61. | 9/18 | 0011 | VP2VF     | Tortola BWI           |
| 62. | 9/22 | 0106 | K1MFZ     | Foster RI             |
| 63. | 9/23 | 0052 | XE1/NOBKT | Guadalajara MX        |
| 64. | "    | 0100 | AC5IU     | Albuquerque NM        |
| 65. | "    | 2328 | NN5OCIA   | VA - CIA 50th Spl Evt |
| 66. | "    | 2355 | KA1MF4    | E Greenwich RI        |
| 67. | 9/24 | 0132 | N4LEM     | Coco Beach FL         |
| 68. | 9/25 | 2341 | KO4KM     | nr Jacksonville FL    |
| 69. | 9/26 | 2228 | EA3JE     | Barcelona, Spain      |
| 70. | 9/27 | 0707 | VK4FO     | Queensland, Australia |
| 71. | 9/30 | 0013 | K1RX      | So. New Hampshire     |
| 72. | "    | 0016 | VE7EOP    | Q. Charlotte Is., BC  |
| 73. | "    | 0031 | VE7TLL/m  | Q. Charlotte Is., BC  |
| 74. | "    | 0048 | T320      | Christmas Is.         |
| 75. | 10/3 | 0152 | AC5BI     | Nina AR               |
| 76. | "    | 0219 | XE1MX     | Mexico City           |
| 77. | 10/4 | 0205 | JA3UGZ    | Kobe, Japan           |
| 78. | "    | 2253 | VE6DBH    | Alberta               |
| 79. | "    | 2308 | N8II      | WVA                   |
| 80. | 10/5 | 0104 | W4WA      | GA                    |
| 81. | "    | 0113 | N5DO      | TX                    |
| 82. | "    | 0115 | VE1JX     | Nova Scotia           |
| 83. | "    | 0204 | JR4WKU    | Japan                 |

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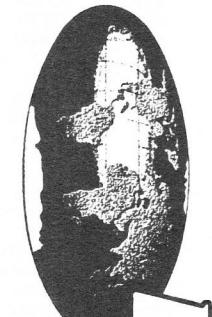
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