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Celebrating 67 years as an *active* ham radio club—*Since 1937*
Newsletter for the Palo Alto Amateur Radio Association, Inc.



CALENDAR

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| January.....2 | PAARA Meeting , 7:30
Menlo Park Recreation Center
700 Alma Street, Menlo Park |
| January.....7 | PAARA Board Meeting , 7:30
Red Cross Bld., 400 Mitchell Ln., Palo Alto |
| February.....6 | PAARA Meeting , 7:30 |
| February....11 | PAARA Board Meeting , 7:30 |
| March..... 5 | PAARA Meeting , 7:30 |
| March.....10 | PAARA Board Meeting , 7:30 |



PROGRAM

January.....2, 2004 7:30 P.M.

Speaker:
Kit Blanke WA6PWW

“Software Defined Radio PSK 31 / the Ten-Tec Pegasus”

Join us for pre-meeting eyeball
at Su Hong Restaurant , 1039 El Camino Real, Menlo Park
Food will be served at 6:00 sharp, so guests will be on time for the PAARA
meeting. Those arriving late will be responsible for their own order and bill.

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

PAARA ELECTION Results

To serve through:

President:	Andreas Junge	N6NU	'04.
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Secretary:	Terry Finn	AF6TF.	'04
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Director:	Rolf Klubo	N6NFI	'05
Director:	Adrianus Schrauwen.	W6AJS.	'04

Appointments:

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Property.....	Gerry Tucker, N6NV
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~Terry Finn. AF6TF, Secretary

January 2nd 2004 Program:

Software Defined Radio PSK 31 / the Ten-Tec Pegasus

Kit Blanke WA6PWW, technical guru, will talk about Software Defined Radio, PSK 31, and the Ten-Tec Pegasus.

Sit back and enjoy yourselves as Kit leads us on a technical journey that is easy to understand. Kit has a wealth of knowledge to share!

~Jim, K6AK

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Miscellaneous

ELECTRONIC FLEA MARKET @ Foothill College

Sponsorship by A.S.V.A.R.O.

[Association of Silicon Valley Amateur Radio Organizations]
 Second Saturday of month, March-October, 6 AM-2PM
 Howard M. Krawetz, N6HM 650-856-9761

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

FARS Foothills Amateur Radio Society

meets 4th Friday 7:30 each month,
 contact: <http://www.fars.k6ya.org/>

NCDXC Northern California DX Club

meets 2nd Friday 7:30 each month,
 repeater for member info 147.360, Thur 8:00PM,
 contact: Mike Gavin W6WZ, (650) 851 8699.

NorCalQRP Northern California QRP Club

meets 1st Sunday each month,
 contact: Jim Cates 3241 Eastwood Rd., Sacramento, CA 95821.

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 146.445 [PL 114.8] & 444.50 (PL-100) 7:30 Monday evenings.
 contact:

SCCARA Santa Clara County Amateur Radio Association

Operates W6UU & W6UU/R, repeater 146.385+(pl 114.8)
 Nets: 2m, 7:30 Mon; 70cm, 442.425+ (pl 107.2) Thur.
 Web site: www.qsl.net/sccara
 meets 2nd Mon each month @ 7:30 PM.
 contact: Clark Murphy KE6KXO 408-262-9334
 ARRL/VEC license testing contact 408-243-8349

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
 WVARA now has a 6M repeater, linked to 440 and 1.2ghz
 meets 3rd Wed every month.

contact: Bill Ashby N6FFC, 408-267-3118 or
N6FFC@Juno.com or N6FFC@ARRL.NET

Perham Foundation (discontinued)

Disaster Services,

PALO ALTO CHAPTER, American Red Cross, www.paarc.org
 400 Mitchell Lane
 Meets 3rd Wed each month 7:30PM,
 HF, packet, BBS, ATV, OSCAR Gateway, NASA satellite.
 contact: Mac Millian 650-688-0423. MACM@paarc.org

SAN JOSE CHAPTER, American Red Cross

contact: Scott Hensley KB6UOO, (408) 967 7924, FSHENSLEY@NOVELL.COM

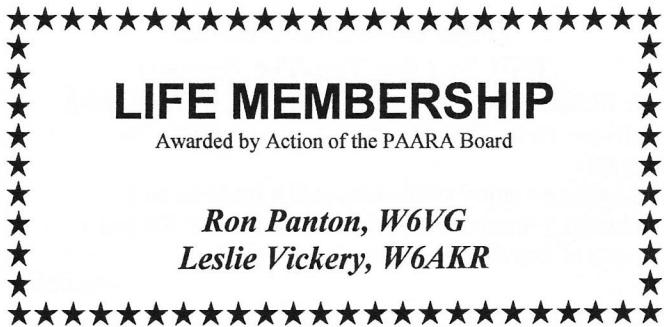
VE Exams, 3rd Saturday each month, 10:30AM, 145.23- PL=100Hz

Redwood City Main Library, Community Conference Room
 1044 Middlefield Road, Redwood City, CA
 contact: Al WB6IMX@att.net

Swap meet, LosPositas College, Livermore, 1st Sunday each month.

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PAARA HONORS

MIKE GAVIN, W6WZ
by Terry Finn AF6TF

THE WOODSIDE ZOMBIE !!

I really couldn't decide if we should entitle this interview, 'Mr. Telephone', or, 'The Woodside Zombie', as the person we are writing about qualifies for both titles. Of course, I am referring to our very own PAARA member **MIKE GAVIN, W6WZ**. It should be noted that his XYL is also an active amateur radio operator and has been a huge influence and benefit in his life. **CAROLYN GAVIN, WB6ABC**, is well known to most of us who attend the PAARA meetings as she provides the cookies and is responsible for all the hot coffee and other treats that we enjoy once a month. These two are inseparable and are one of the many reasons we have such a good time at the PAARA meetings learning and socializing.

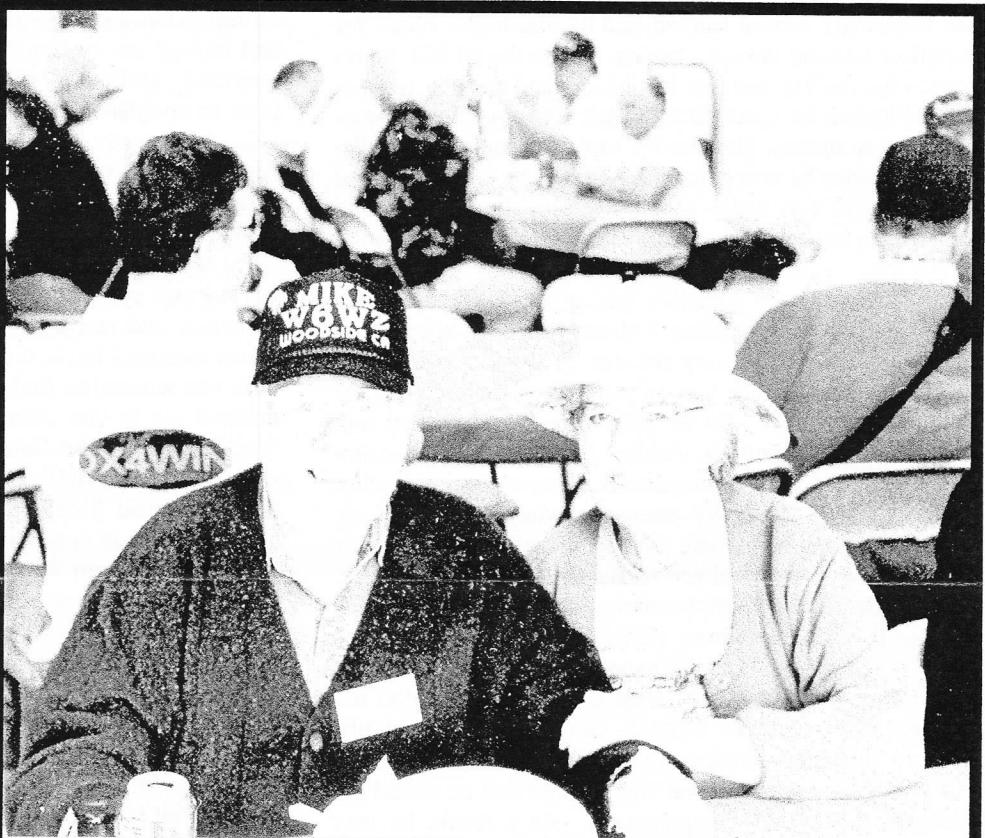
Michael Donald Gavin was born in June 1934 in Chicago, Illinois. He believes that it makes him about 69 and one half years old today. His father immigrated from Ireland in 1920 while his mother was born in Chicago. He has a younger brother who is a retired school teacher still living in Chicago. Mike's dad fits the profile of the classic 'milk man story', as he worked for years as a milk de-

livery man going door to door and personally meeting all of his customers. He actually used a horse drawn cart to transport the milk and was only 17 years old when he met his wife, who was only 14 years old. Mike can remember that just prior to World War II, the horses were replaced by Devco milk delivery trucks. However, due to the fuel rationing, the trucks had to be placed in storage and all the old delivery carts and horses had to be brought back into service for several years. Mike actually helped his father deliver milk on holidays and weekends.

Mike's mom went to work after her boys became young

teenagers. She was a deputy with the State of Illinois, Unemployment Compensation Division and ultimately became the district manager responsible for all of the northwestern part of the State. She only had a grammar school education and was always amazed at being able to be in charge of all the college educated workers in her jurisdiction. Mike's mom is now 88 years old and lives in Redwood City.

Mike attended the Lane Tech High School which had



Picture is **Mike and Carolyn** at the International DX Club Convention in Visalia, California in May 2003. Both of us are ham radio operators, Mike for 45 yrs., Carolyn for 1½ years. A DX club is for people who like to talk to other people from a great distance away. Mike has spoken to 315 countries around the world. That is considered exceptional. Carolyn has now spoken to about 40 countries over the past year. It's lots of fun. 73's & 88's to you and yours. (That's ham radio for best regards and love!!!)

over five thousand young men students and was considered a technical school. Although he was learning electronics and wiring, he went to work as a meat cutter in a butcher shop when he was completed with school. He had the opportunity to work on weekends in various butcher shops from the time he was twelve until he was about sixteen years of age. He was actually a card carrying meat cutters union member, which was part of the Teamster's.

In 1950, the Korean conflict broke out and many young men were being drafted and sent overseas. Some of them

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did not come home, so Mike decided that he would join the U.S. Navy Reserves at 17 years of age. After boot camp, Mike was stationed at the Glenview Naval Air Station in Glenview, Illinois, which was about 25 miles north west of Chicago. He was trained as a 'hospitalman' and actually became a medical X-ray technician. He served on active duty at that NAS for two years until he was released at age 19 and one half. He remained in the reserves for a total of eight years.

Mike was able to take educational testing at North Western University and he learned that he was better suited for technical training than academics. So, on the GI bill, he attended the De Vry Institute in Chicago and became an electronics technician specializing in television repair. He actually tried to operate his own TV repair business for awhile, however since he was being badly bitten by the love bug at that time, he eventually went back into the meat cutting arena since he was paid at least one hundred dollars a week at that job.

A smart and very attractive young lady with a Finnish name of Carolyn Emmeline Kolinen had been spending a lot of time with Mike since she was 14 years of age. Mike had known her since he was 16 years of age and helping his father deliver milk. So in 1954 they were married and Mike started working at another part time job for extra money. He and a friend organized a non-union installation business where they were putting in window mounted air conditioners and being paid for each installation. This was rather physical work and was taking its toll on Mike and his new family. That is right, because a daughter, Dyanne, was born to them in November 1955. (Dyanne is now an elementary school teacher in Redwood City).

One day, while Mike was sitting on the curb behind the butcher shop where he worked, eating his lunch, he observed a telephone repairman climbing a pole. He engaged this person in a conversation and decided that he would investigate that type of employment. As a result, he was hired by the Illinois Bell Telephone company as a central office frame man in 1956. Mike enjoyed this type of work and took as many courses that the phone company could provide. He soon was moving through various specialty trades such as resident and commercial installer / repairman and PBX wiring expert. Mike became rather interested in the land mobile telephone service (radio telephone service) and found that the technicians in that department were all amateur radio operators. One man in particular, **Joe Tenschert (SK)** call sign unknown was instrumental in getting Mike studying for his novice license which he passed in 1958 and was issued call sign **KN9TPQ**.

Meanwhile, Carolyn was graduating from teachers college as an elementary school teacher. In addition to many years of teaching, she is co-author of: "Hooked On Phonics", a primary grade reading program, well known in Bay Area schools. She had been attending the National College of Education in Evanston, Illinois. Mike began operating a

crystal controlled 75 watt Viking II transmitter and using a Hammarlund HQ150 receiver with a 40 meter dipole on the apartment building roof. One of his first on the air contacts was with KC4USA at the South Pole. Nine months later, Mike attended the FCC offices in Chicago and up-graded to Technician class and was issued call sign **K9TPQ**

In July 1960, Mike and Carolyn were blessed with a baby boy named Gregory who is a teacher and artist who now lives in San Francisco. Carolyn began teaching elementary school and they bought their first home in a suburb about 25 miles outside of Chicago. They had some friends who had moved out to San Mateo County in about 1959 and constantly told them of the great weather and living conditions as compared to all the snow and cold weather in Illinois. As a result of one of these phone calls, where in the friends told them of how they were enjoying breakfast on their deck in the sun near San Francisco, while the Gavin's were trying to stay warm and shoveling snow, Mike decided to make a trip to California. So in June 1963 Mike arrived and spent a week with his friends in South San Francisco and researched the possibility of finding a telephone company job in the Bay Area.

He was amazed to find that his services and skills were in demand and he was offered jobs on the spot because of his qualifications. Mike flew home and applied for a transfer within the 'Ma Bell' system which included the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company. Mike waited eight long months and continually requested the transfer without any response from the Illinois Bell Telephone Company. Finally, it was Carolyn who called the Vice President of Illinois Bell and had a rather nice but lengthy conversation with him regarding the hardship that they were creating for her family in not allowing the transfer. In less than one half of an hour Carolyn heard back from the Vice President who calmly advised her that Mike could report for duty at his new job in Mountain View, California in ten days !!

In March 1964, Mike and Carolyn and family drove across country with the kids and had their effects transported by train. They stayed with their friends in SSF temporarily while Mike commuted to Mountain View. Mike drove his car up onto San Bruno mountain to work a Chicago ham via HF one day and had occasion to meet a local ham on the air. This man, **Stanley Harris, K6RWA (SK)** invited Mike and Carolyn to his 37 acre estate in Woodside. Carolyn really did not want to go as she was fed up with these stogy old men hams, however Mike convinced her to at least go for lunch that one time. That was a turning point in their lives as Mr. Harris, who was an eccentric older millionaire offered them a place to live on his property for \$150. a month in a large, well maintained home known as 'the light house'. All he wanted in return was for Mike to operate his amateur radio station at certain times for a radio schedule. Mr. Harris had dual Collins stations at dual operating positions with two 90 foot towers equipped with state of the art beams and sterba curtains antennas. (It was re-

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vealed that during the second World War, this facility was used by the Government as a secret information gathering and surveillance radio station). Mr. Harris also had a butler, chauffeur, cook, caretaker and gardner on the premises to look after things whether or not he was living on the property.

Mike and Carolyn eventually purchased their own property in the Woodside area where they live today. The house has been completely refinished and built out over the years and is considered one of the really nice, expensive homes in the area. It is equipped with a 40 foot tower supporting a Hy-Gain 3 element tri-bander and a 40 meter full size dipole and directional Yagi. Mike is extremely handy and has completed much of the work around the home by himself with a little help from Stan Towle, WA6ZGI, another PAARA member who was profiled in this publication several months ago.

In June 1964 Mike up-graded his license to General class and was issued call sign WB6KJE. Although this license class had full privileges at the time it was issued, the FCC started the incentive licensing program which took away some of the General class operating ability because the Advanced and Extra class licensees did not want the General class to have such broad privileges. Mike has since earned his Extra class license and was issued call sign W6WZ in October of 2002.

Mike retired from the telephone company in 1985. However, in 1987 he returned to work for the County of San Mateo as their in house telephone engineer where he stayed for another nine years. He was responsible for all of the County's telephone systems including the telephone taps and other forms of surreptitious electronic eavesdropping devices that may or may not have been used by the various law enforcement agencies. As you know, he is sworn to secrecy regarding that particular issue.

Carolyn has been coming to PAARA meetings for a long time and was never really that interested in radio until she heard the presentation of Mr. Lee who was in New York during the 9-11 tragedy. When she discovered that all of the regular communications methods were totally useless she decided to earn her amateur radio license, which she did in May 2002 where she earned her Technician class and was issued call sign WB6ABC. She up-graded to General class in January 2003 and is currently working toward her extra class license. Congratulations to Carolyn. What a great team these two make.

When you see either Mike or Carolyn at the PAARA meetings or Mike at the license testing sessions where he is an accredited VE, please do not hesitate to say hello. They are the kind of people who make the amateur radio service and our club what they are today. We, the members of PAARA are very proud and happy that both of you are members and friends.

~Terry Finn. AF6TF.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING.

The PAARA Board of Directors met on Wednesday, December 10/03 at 1930 hours at the Red Cross offices in Palo Alto. In attendance was President Andreas Junge, N6NU; Vice President Jim Rice, K6AK; Secretary Terry Finn, AF6TF; Newsletter editor Wally Porter, K6URO; Board member Gerry Tucker, N6NV; and membership committee co-chairman Vic Black, AB6SO. Missing from the meeting due to their committee duties were outgoing treasurer Bob Korte, KD6KYT (who is now a Board member through 2005) and the incoming treasurer Ron Chester, W6AZ. PAARA members Steve Brune, KG6QUB; Dave Rogers, K5DKR; and Howard Takaoka, KG6GRO also attended the meeting.

The results of the election at the PAARA general membership meeting were released and the officers who were running un-opposed retained their seats while some changes occurred on the Board of Directors. Rolf Klivo, N6NFI; Gerry Tucker, N6NV; Bob Korte, KD6KYT; will serve through 2005, while Adrianus Schrauwen, W6AJS will serve through 04.

The membership committee will continue to be jointly co-chaired by Lisa Rice, KG6KQS and Vic Black, AB6SO. (these two members have been doing an absolute bang up job of recruiting and retaining PAARA members and should be commended by the membership).

Gerry Tucker, N6NV was re-appointed as the Field Day Coordinator and has asked that Steve Brune, KG6QUB, act as his assistant for logistics, coordination & operations.

Dave Rogers, K5DKR was appointed as the new name badge coordinator and will assume those duties that have been handled for so long by Don Trask, KF6JMQ. Thanks Don.

Advertising duties will be assumed by the PAARA Secretary, Terry Finn, AF6TF.

Howard Takaoka, KG6GRO, was appointed as the official PAARA representative on the Board of the Association of Silicon Valley Amateur Radio Organizations. (ASVARO).

A nice thank you letter was received from 'Handi-Hams Courage Center', regarding the PAARA donation of \$500.. A copy of the letter is elsewhere in this publication.

The Association of Silicon Valley Amateur Radio Organizations requested a financial contribution for the continuation of the 2004 flea markets at Foothills College. Howard Takaoka, KG6GRO made an excellent presentation of how ASVARO works and the PAARA Board agreed to continue with our working arrangement and contributions.

The joint PAARA/FARS winter banquet is set for Jan 23/04 between 6pm and 10 pm. Further information will be published in PAARAGraphs and Jim Rice, K6AK may be mailing the invitations to paid members of PAARA if PAARAGraphs can not be published and distributed in time.

The official PAARA photographer, Dick Kors, KM6EP,

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was commended on the really good digital photos he has been submitting to PAARAGraphs and has been asked to continue in that capacity.

The webmaster will be instructed to continue with the up-dates to the PAARA web site which will include more and better photographs of meetings and faster & clearer copies of the PAARAGraphs newsletter as they have not been posted since July 2003.

The repeater committee will continue its work and asks for membership support and input via the PAARA website forum.

The raffle prize committee will continue to be chaired by **Jim Rice, K6AK**, who will be assisted by ticketholder **Kyle Rice, KG6MSK** and his very able assistant ticket master, **Ian Brune, K6IAN**.

The official meeting was adjourned at 2115 hours. The un-official meeting re-convened at the pizza place on El Camino Real where the members stayed until closing.

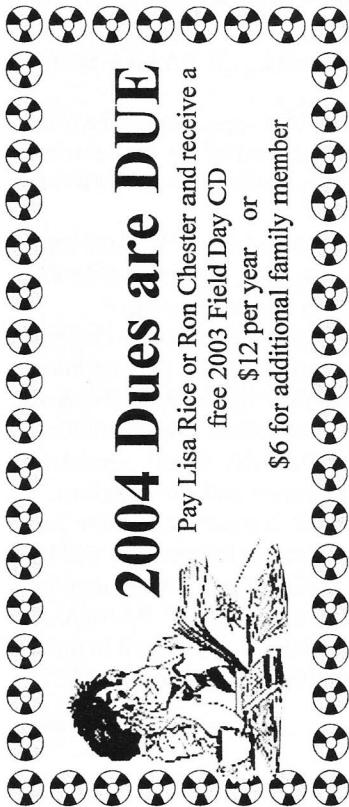
~Secretary:

Terry Finn, AF6TF.

AN EXPLANATION OF FIELD DAY RESULTS AS PUBLISHED IN DECEMBER QST

Some of you hardy field day enthusiasts will note that W6OTX is missing in the listing of 2003 field day results for class 2A, see QST, December 2003, page 89. We are, however, listed in the web site results with a score of 8,740, placing us with the eleventh best score in 2A, first in the Pacific Division, and approximately twice the score of the next highest competitor for the local field day plaque, namely FARS, K6YA, with a score of 4,024. Not far behind was San Mateo Radio Club with 3,792. **WHAT HAPPENED??** Well first of all thanks to **Ron Chester, W6AZ**, for checking the website results back in October and alerting us that something had gone wrong. An E-mail by **Andreas, N6NU**, confirmed that ARRL had no record of our submittal. However, I had a post office receipt, for express mail, dated 29 July, (the final day for submittal under the rules), as well as a return receipt requested card dated 30 July and by JW at ARRL! On the October 7, the W6OTX cover sheet and post office receipt were FAX'ed to ARRL and our score subsequently was added to the web site results. ARRL's explanation was that the submittal must have gotten lost in the mailroom. Unfortunately, this is not the first time this sort of thing has happened. PAARA did not get credit for submitting electronically in 2001, a situation that led me to never trust that form of submittal alone and always submit our entry by registered mail with return receipt requested. Submitting the entry a few days before the deadline might reduce the anxiety at this end, but I don't think it would keep the mail from getting lost at the other end. In any case, before too long someone else will be submitting the FD score and I hope a word to the wise is sufficient. I have provided elsewhere for PAARAGraphs, a spreadsheet for 2A, slightly edited so the 3 highest SCV participants are shown. It was without a doubt, our best FD score ever, although my records only go back to 1987. I hope the trend continues next year.

~de, Gerry, N6NV



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November 18, 2003

Terry Finn, AF6TF
 Secretary
 Palo Alto Amateur Radio Association
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Dear Terry,

On behalf of the people who use Handham services, other donors, volunteers and staff, please accept my gratitude for your \$500.00 gift in honor of Kitty Hevener. Please know it is very much appreciated.

I thought you might like to know what our office has been up to this year. Hope I don't write too much!

We made significant strides in providing emergency services training available to the Handham System.

- Phil Temples, K9HI, the ARRL EMA Section Manager and a Handham donor and volunteer, sought and received permission to modify and use the ARRL Emergency Services introductory course at California Radio Camp. It was taught for the first time at the March, 2003 session at Camp Jean Mier in Malibu. Camper response was excellent - they want more!

- With the greater emphasis on public service communications following 9-11, we have seen the need for more public service communications training. We have successfully implemented on-the-air training simulations at both Minnesota and California radio camps. The Boston Amateur Radio Club allowed us to modify the scripted training used for the Boston Marathon communications, so we adapted it to our needs and engaged people with disabilities as effective communicators.

The Handham System has made a renewed commitment to blind hams. This year we moved from older, less effective means to serve blind hams to new ones that are faster and more efficient. Since blind hams depend on audio for their license study materials, ham radio news, and operating manuals for radios and other equipment, the Handham System has been building a cadre of ham radio volunteer readers who read for blind hams in digital audio formats. This has allowed us to provide audio on compact disks in MP3 format with logical file names, such as "memories.mp3" and "vo.mp3", making it possible for blind computer users to quickly find the correct part of the instruction manual! Instead of blind hams waiting for months to receive old

news via QST on tape, our blind members are now served with QST and WORLD RADIO digests in digital audio, right on the Handham website, in a members-only section designed to protect copyrights. The Handham digest audio comes out at the same time as most hams are getting QST and WORLD RADIO in their mailboxes.

Once again, please know that we deeply appreciate this gift in honor of Ms Hevener.

Sincerely,

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Attachment

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NEW MEMBER PROFILE

Dave Rogers, K5DKR, is a big man (6' 6" & 299 lbs) with a very friendly, humble and quiet personality. He stands out in a crowd so I know that you have seen him at the PAARA meetings. Dave earned his Technicians license in July 2002 and was issued call sign **KG6MPH** (what a great call). However, he really wanted his initials in his call sign so he applied for and received his vanity call sign before he knew about the: 'Keep Going Six Miles Per Hour', call sign and the rest is history. Dave admits that he has never even been to Texas or anywhere else in 5 land. However, since his birthday is 5-5-55, he really wanted that five in his new call sign.

Dave grew up in the Menlo Park area and has lived there and in Redwood City all of his life. He is truly a hometown boy as he has worked for the Sequoia Union High School District for the past 27 years. Dave is the District warehouse manager responsible for all of the consumables used in the High Schools within the area, which include: Carlmont; Woodside; Sequoia; Menlo Atherton; Redwood Continuing and the District Adult School. As the manager of this facility, he is responsible for everything that is used in the schools except books. This includes the one high level and four low level commercial radio repeaters, sixty mobile radios and the one hundred portable radio units used for security, maintenance and bus transportation services. In fact, Dave was instrumental in the design and installation of the entire radio communications system since his promotion to manager twelve years ago.

Dave claims that he was always fascinated by two way radios as a child. In fact he had the opportunity to play with CB radios and always went out of his way to view and enquire about other radio systems that he observed. However, it was not until his friend **Jeff Norris, KA6UIX** put the pressure on him, that he really started studying for his Amateur Radio qualification. Dave is now working on his CW skills and is constantly being reminded of this by his other radio friends: **Stan Towle, WA6ZGI** and **Al Montoya, WB6IMX**. In fact, all of the readers of this fine publication are encouraged to ask Dave how his code practice is coming along !!!

Dave is a single father with a 17 year old son who has not yet been bitten by the radio bug as he is much too interested in baseball. Dave has been very active in the Tall Clubs (social clubs for tall men & women). In fact, he won the prestigious award of 'Mr. Tall Silicon Valley' in 2000. So, if you know any wealthy, tall, gorgeous ladies who want to learn more about radio, please do not hesitate to introduce them to Dave.

Dave currently owns and operates a Yaesu 7100 and a Vertex 150. He is an active member of PAARA and SCARES.

Please say hello to Dave at a PAARA meeting.

~Terry Finn. AF6TF.



Join us for pre-meeting eyeball

QSO
Jan 2nd
gab & gobble

Food will be served at 6:00 sharp, so guests will be on time for the PAARA meeting. Those arriving late will be responsible for their own food order.

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

—across from Kepler's Book Store—

2003 Field Day

Update

~Gerry, N6NV

Rank	Call	Score	Cate- gory	QSOs	Power Mult	GOTA Call	Section	Partici- pants	Club
1	W6PT	14336	2A	3931	2	W6RDF	SDG	14	San Diego DX / Pt. Loma ARC
2	N4TP	12596	2A	4068	2	N4SEX	WCF	65	Tampa ARC
3	NG5M	12054	2A	3876	2	AB5ER	AR	20	BARC/NCAARS/SCARC
4	W5NC	11098	2A	3286	2	K5PTC	STX	84	Northwest ARS
5	W9CA	10748	2A	3044	2		IL	20	Cortek Radio Assn
6	K0GQ	10326	2A	3049	2	W0RDE	MO	15	Raytown ARC
7	W1NVT	10250	2A	3368	2	W1PU	VT	30	Radio Amateurs of Northern Vermont
8	W6VIO	9158	2A	2887	2	W6UE	LAX	28	JPL ARC/Caltech ARC
9	W1FN	9002	2A	2549	2	W1DXA	NH	20	Twin State RC
10	N4C	8960	2A	2333	2	N2PY	NC	4	The Four Hot Hams
11	W6OTX	8740	2A	2617	2	K6YQT	SCV	42	Palo Alto AR Assn
12	KJ9D	8630	2A	2429	2	WO9Z	IN	21	Hoosier DX & Contest Club
13	AA4S	8236	2A	2327	2	NC4CQ	NC	35	Shelby ARC
14	K5FD	8180	2A	2463	2	W5ATO	WTX	29	Big Bend ARC
15	W4TE	8178	2A	2424	2	W4KJ	GA	11	Buckhead Contest Club
16	K4OO	8038	2A	2012	2	K4ZMY	VA	16	Smith Chart ARS
17	K9MOT	7906	2A	2546	2	KC9X	IL	25	Motorola ARC
18	W8AL	7828	2A	2170	2	KI0DE	OH	71	Cantin ARC
19	KD1MW	7714	2A	2362	2	KB1CUB	RI	23	Sakonnet 49'ers
20	W6HA	7430	2A	1933	2	KG6NWJ	LAX	19	Hughes ARC
21	K0LIR	7260	2A	2064	2	KG0KP	MO	26	St. Louis ARC
22	N3IC	7238	2A	2245	2	K3MZ	MDC	15	Randallstown ARC
23	W8WOO	7182	2A	2098	2	N8IW	OH	14	Wayne ARC
24	N5KK	7090	2A	1956	2	KA5IIS	OK	14	Muskogee ARC
25	K6AO	6936	2A	1728	2	K6TKD	SV	11	Mother Lode DX & Contest Club
35	K6PV	6192	2A	1789	2		LAX	19	Palos Verdes ARC
43	N6WB	5820	2A	1965	2	N8WP	SDG	68	Escondido ARS
45	AF0S	5778	2A	1708	2	K0USN	CO	57	Pikes Peak ARA
52	K6IN	5402	2A	1624	2	W6WGZ	SJV	49	Madera Cty ARC
59	W6SON	5188	2A	1843	2	W6LFJ	SF	10	Sonoma Cty RA
62	K7SDX	5106	2A	1532	2	W3AS	ID	29	Spokane DX Assn
76	KR5NM	4688	2A	957	2	AB5JR	NM	10	Sierra Blanca ARC
77	W4BS	4680	2A	1166	2	AG4KM	TN	50	Delta ARC
86	WA2DFI	4274	2A	1063	2	W7BSA	AZ	10	BSA Explorer Post 599
90	K6OX	4196	2A	1147	2	K6WTJ	LAX	50	Antelope Valley ARC
98	K6YA	4024	2A	995	2		SCV	25	Foothills ARS
105	W6UQ	3792	2A	976	2	W6VJK	SCV	16	San Mateo RC

Twelve Reasons to go to the PAARA/FARS HOLIDAY PARTY

Date: Friday, January 23, 2004

Time: (6 p.m.-No host bar opens) (7 p.m.-Dinner served) (8 p.m.-Program begins)

Where: Michael's at Shoreline, 2960 No. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View, CA Phone # 650-962-1014

1. Fulbright Scholar Dr. Seppo Sisatto OH1VR/OH0VR, an internationally known Finnish DXpeditioner and contesteer is the speaker. Seppo is known as "Mr. Market Reef" for his work organizing DXpeditions to Market Reef. He did some of the statesmanship background work for opening up P5, North Korea. His talk will include highlights of exotic DX locations and travelogue (with full screen pictures). DO NOT MISS THIS PRESENTATION, because you WILL be hearing about it for a long time to come.
2. Buy your raffle tickets from one of our youngest members, Ian K6IAN. First Prize: Yaesu FT-817 HF/VHF/UHF Backpack Transceiver. Don't miss out on \$800 of prizes!
3. The food was great last year, and with a choice of: (B) Prime Rib of Beef au jus, (S) Broiled Salmon Lemon Beurre Blanc, (C) Breast of Chicken Florentine, or (V) Vegetarian Dish--what could be better!
4. You may meet someone that becomes one of your best friends, and do lots of activities with them throughout next year. This happened to our family! The 6-7 p.m. open bar chat period and 7-8 p.m. dinner will give you this opportunity.
5. Work some DX from Michael's parking lot. The salt water is not far away!
6. It is a good opportunity to show your support to PAARA and the officers, directors, and volunteers that help make our club SPECIAL.
7. Get your New Year off to a FUN start!
8. Enjoy a safe, fun, and relaxed night out with your loved one.
9. Challenge the youngest PAARA members to an arm wrestling contest.
10. No regrets for having missed the best HAM party of the year.
11. We want to see ALL of our members attend! **RSVP by January 9!**
12. PAARA and FARS members are really nice people, sharing a common interest.

PAARA+FARS+Seppo Sisatto+Food Drink+Prizes+YOU=FUN. All we need is YOU!

73 de K6AK Jim

PAARA/FARS 2004 WINTER BANQUET Members and Guests SIGNUP

Date: January 23, 2004

Meal choice selections: (B) Beef \$35.00 (S) Salmon \$32.00 (C) Chicken \$30.00 (V) Vegetarian \$25.00

Name	Call	Meal Choice	Amount
		(B, S, C, V)	

Send your check, payable to FARS (by January 9), to:

FARS, c/o Frank Weiss K6FCW
109 Stratford Court
Mountain View, CA 94040

Total \$ _____

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**Attention Members and Visitors
 Raffle Prizes for the
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Come try your hand at winning the
FIRST PRIZE, Yaesu FT-1500M, 2 meter, 50W, Mobile;
SECOND PRIZE: TWO, Motorola Talkabout FRS
 Radios *OR* Sharp Wizard Organizer;
THIRD PRIZE: Coleman Powermate 1,000,000 Candlepower Halogen Spotlight *OR* 12V Air Compressor.
 Don't forget about the TWO /
**FOURTH place raffle prizes plus a
 Bonus Prize of a 1 year subscription to WORLDADIO.**
 Enjoy our fabulous speakers, free refreshments, chatting with your friends, and the chance to take home an unbelievable prize. See you at Round Table after the meeting! Kyle and I are having a lot of fun. THANKS AGAIN FOR MAKING THE MEETINGS VERY EXCITING!
 The PAARA Raffle is FULL of SURPRISES and YOUR LUCKY DAY may be January 2nd.

Contact Kyle, KG6MSK and Ian, K6IAN for tickets at the meeting.

Jim, K6AK

WHAT IS ASVARO ?

Have you ever wondered how those flea markets at Foothills College are administered? They always seem to be rather well organized and really well attended by amateur radio operators. If you have an opportunity to speak with PAARA member Howard Takaoka, KG6GRO, he will be happy to explain the inner workings of those activities. You may also check out:

www.asvaro.org for further information.
 ~Terry Finn. AF6TF.

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 WINTER CONTEST.**

In December of each year, the Radio Amateurs of Canada (RAC) sponsor the Canada Winter Contest. They encourage participation of amateurs from all over the world and offer some rather nice plaques and certificates. The contest period runs from 0000 UTC to 2359 UTC, December 27, 2003. For details take a look at the RAC website: www.rac.ca and look under the contest 2003 rules.

~Terry Finn. AF6TF.

Congratulations

PAARA Raffle Prize Winners

PAARA Raffle Prize Winners / Dec. 5th 2003

- 1st Prize: Jean-Claude Guillon W6JVG / Icom IC 706 MK IIIG w/ remote mount kit / *WOW!* "Mr. Lucky" PAARA Member
- 2nd Prize: Gerry Tucker N6NV / Palm IIIxe P.D.A.
- 3rd Prize: Bob Strand K6RKS / Two FRS Radios
- 4th Prize: George KG6OJV / Repeater Directory
- 4th Prize: George KG6OJV / 5/8 wave Mobile Antenna
- Bonus Prize: Ron Chester W6AZ / 1 year subscription to WORLDADIO

PAARA Members and Visitors:

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT of the PAARA 2003 Dream to Reality Raffle.
 It was a record setting, exciting, and fun filled evening that will not be forgotten! PAARA has had a remarkable year in 2003, and YOU are responsible! I can't wait for 2004 and experience the fun events with PAARA, the friendliest club around.

~Jim, K6AK



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 on a successful year and Holiday Raffle."**

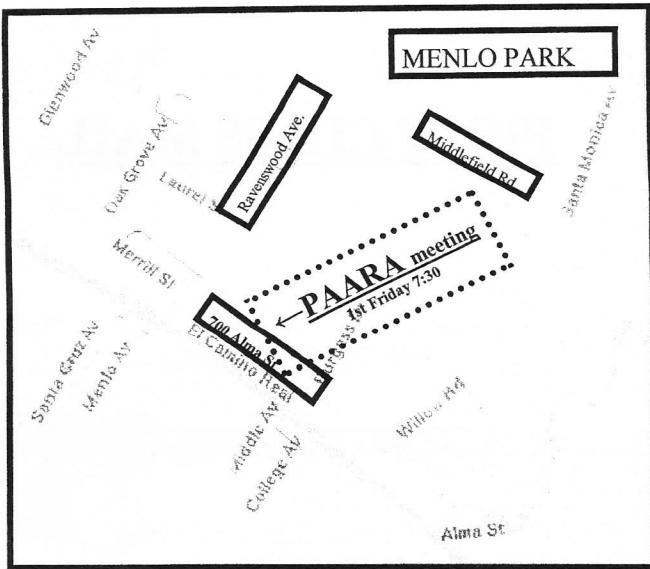
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You will receive an invitation to purchase tickets in the mail if you are a current (paid up) member of either radio club.

See you there.

~Terry Finn. AF6TF.



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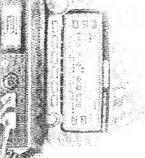
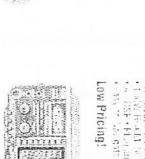
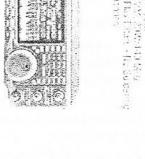
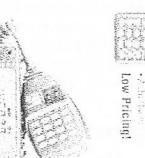
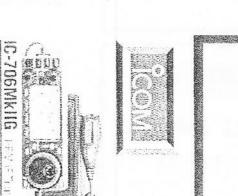
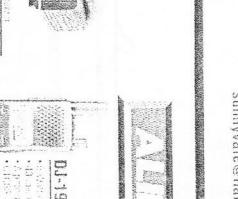
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