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YOU WILL BE SORRY IF YOU MISS THE APRIL CLUB MEETING

It will be held on Friday, April Fool's Day (the 1st) at 7:30 PM at the Menlo Recreation Center. Our featured speaker is no joke, however. Tom Mills from National Semiconductor will be there to tell us about video games and the application of microcomputers to amateur radio. Tom is K6LAG, and he is certain to have an interesting presentation.

In addition, there will be a great group of amazingly congenial OM's and perhaps a comely YL or two that you may engage in gay repartee or merely have an eyeball QSO with if one is not so adroit. Further, you will chance upon some epicurean junk food in an ephemeral display. And forget not the profitable PAARA raffle. COME PLEASE!

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IF BY CHANCE YOU ARE IN THE POSSESSION OF SOME FREE TIME
on the following Wednesday, April the Sixth, you may find it of great entertainment to come to the PAARA Board of Directors bash at the pre-Elizabethan W6OTX trailer, resplendent with a finial of the finest oxides of iron. Some astonishing decisions are certain to be forthcoming, perhaps concerning Field Day. The time is 7:30.

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PAARA COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS ABOUND IN THE ETHER

Monday night brings you direct from the fabulous Hotel Clyde in the Zipragen Room, after three straight eternities, a curiosuty of alarming proportions...namely AM at 2015 PST on 145.24. This motley fellowship is then shortly replaced by the communications mode of the present, FM, which holds forth starting at about 2030 PST on 147.45 MHz. Soon, an orderly net callup procedure will be instituted and possible incentives will be introduced. Be there each week for every exciting new episode!

Saturdays bring forth a hardy crew of QRM fighting operators to do battle on 21.393 if fortuitous propagation is in the offing or on 14.245 MHz if it is not. W1AF will be there to hand out the bad news on poor signals from overpowered transmitters running into carefully tuned attenuating devices. Some success has been had of late, with even W6BFH making himself heard beyond Contra Costa County. Catch all of the fun at 9 AM PST. Find out if there is really life on the East Coast.

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The PAARA MEMBERSHIP ROSTER will be updated on a semianual basis, starting now. We have tried to make the information as accurate as possible, but tell us about the inevitable errors and omissions.

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MP - Menlo Park	LA - Los Altos
PA - Palo Alto	PV - Portola Valley
A - Atherton	RC - Redwood City
W - Woodside	MV - Mountain View
SC - San Carlos	Sv - Sunnyvale
FC - Foster City	Sa - Saratoga
B - Belmont	LAH - Los Altos Hills

(You didn't really think we would put these in alphabetical order, did you?)

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The above list allows you to find an address when you only can remember the call. Most hams do not have last names... some of them have even forgotten the first name that their mother gave them. They can use this list in case they have this problem.

Apologies to those of you whose nickname I don't know or to anyone who is referred to be a name that they are tired of being referred to by. Let us know and it will be fixed in the next list in six months.

Hopefully this list will be longer next time, if not because there will be more members, then because more of you have become licensed in the meantime.

Corrections to WB6GRZ or W6BFH...

COMPUTERS WILL SOON BE A PART OF YOUR RADIO OPERATION

whether you desire them to be or not. Look for the omnipresent microprocessor to soon appear in your SSB transmitter and receiver. RTTY operators are already making great use of them in text editing and code conversion applications. They also do a very nice job of deciphering the good ol' Morse code.

But as new as they may appear to us, the miniature computers of today have been fortold by the great minds of the past, even if they had failed to actually implement the silicon hardware that is now in use. In evidence of this fact, please peruse the text below.

Thy gift, thy tables, are within my brain
Full characterized with lasting memory,
Which shall above that idle rank remain
Beyond all date, even to eternity;
Or, at least, so long as brain and heart
Have the faculty by nature to subsist,
Till each to rased oblivion yield his part
Of thee, thy record can never be missed.
That poor retention could not so much hold,
Nor need I tallies thy dear love to score;
Therefore to give them from me was I bold,
To trust those tables that receive thee more.

...William Shakespeare c. 1600
Sonnet 122

Thanks to Bill, WB6SDE for bringing this to my attention and for sending it to me via the facilities of WR6ACR in glorious Baudot.

NOT TO BE OUTDONE, ANDY VE3FZK, has informed your executive editor that some frontier research is being done on the 70 cm ATV band of late. Some clever souls have arranged their equipment to allow them to be able to play "PONG" over the air, using the 2 m band for sending the control signal for the second player's "paddle"! No wonder the FCC is trying to get ATV onto the 25 cm band and off of 70 cm. (It probably won't be long until "STARTREK" wars are being fought by microcomputers on the TTY repeater.)

THE MARCH PAARA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING on the ninth was attended by K6FS, WA6LNU, W6BFH, W6NIR, W6AIN, and W6YPM.

Business conducted:

- Ed F. suggested that we get ourselves listed as an affiliated club in future MP Rec. Dept. programs. Gerry will follow up.
 - Gerry W. suggested purchasing domestic and foreign callbooks that could in some manner be passed around the membership. Steve will bring this up at the next general meeting to check interest.
 - Erv indicated he might come up with an article for PAARA regarding local amateur historical highlights. Contributions in general will be encouraged at the general meeting.
 - Steve agreed to dispose of the vertical and the miscellaneous wood that is stored beside the trailer. He will establish an appropriate dollar value.
 - New members were voted in.

de Gerry WA6LNV

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NEWS OF FAIRFAIRS AND CONVENTIONS AND AUCTIONS AND THE LIKE.

The 35th Annual Fresno Hamfest will be held at the Holiday Inn Airport on May 6th through the 8th. It features the usual tech talks (feature subject will be the Viking lander and N6V), swap tables, exhibits, and ARRL/FCC Forum. Ladies programs are also planned and even a wine tasting party will be presented. For all the dope, write Fresno Amateur Radio Club, P.O. Box 783, Fresno CA 93712. Full advance registration will be 13.50 American dollars.

The Marin Amateur Radio Club April meeting will feature an Auction. Items to be sold included some of the equipment from the W6SG club station which has now been replaced by all solid state equipment which is capable of operation on 12 volt batteries for emergency use. They didn't mention the date (but you can certainly find out on WR6ACS or WR6ADC) but the event is at 8 PM at the meeting room of the Cooperative Shopping Center at 71 Tamal Vista Blvd., in Corte Madera.

FCC NEWS AND MISCELLANEOUS GOSSIP

Action on Docket 20777 (Bandwidth Docket). Effective 4/15, standards for purity of emissions are in the rules, replacing Section 97.73. These standards are those of the International Telecommunications Convention of 1959. Specifically, it requires that all spurious emissions be attenuated by 40 dB when transmitting on frequencies below 30 MHz. Further, when utilizing frequencies between 30 and 235 MHz, transmitters with power output below 25 watts are required to attenuate their spurious by 40 dB and transmitters with power output of 25 watts or more are required to attenuate their spurious emission by 60 dB. They mentioned that these standards may be reviewed in future proceedings and that the bandwidth aspects of 20777 are still under study and will be the subject of later actions.

(Most HF SSB radios have second harmonic levels of about 35 dB below the carrier power. You will have to add a filter to your transmitter to meet the above restrictions!)

The FCC has deleted the requirement that formal application for a change of address be made within four month of moving. You are still required to do so before commencing operation at your new QTH, however. This is effective on 3/23/77

Also of interest is the FCC proposal to permit the use of automatic identification devices in the land mobile service, which includes the CB realm. Guess what the identification means are... right! Good ol' Morse code, at about 40% modulation with a 750 Hz tone. Comments are due May 17 on this docket (21137).

Don't forget that the ARRL is raising it's dues from \$9 to \$12 for US hams. Life memberships go from \$180 to \$240. This is in effect as of April 1st. So act now and join for a few more years or life while bargain rates are still in effect.

Something else to avoid forgetting... Field Day is the last weekend in June, that's the 25th and 26th. Make sure you keep this pair of days free to come help PAARA keep the CCRC field day plaque for another year. At least one of our forty meter beams will be in operation for the event, so we should improve our totals on that band at least. Hopefully the propagation conditions this years will be a little bit better than last year. Fred Canham, K6YT, is our Field Day Chairman, and he is looking for team captains...volunteers?

WELCOME TO SEVERAL NEW PAARA MEMBERS

Virgil Barta, K6QNH/W7HTF; Frank Chandler, WB6OPV; Howard Krawetz, WA6WUI; Ed Mersich, WA6RZW; Bob Morton, WA6SOL; and Al Stainback, WA6GVP. All their addresses appear in the new membership roster. Say hello to these fine people. Several of them have already made themselves known on our two meter nets.

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THE MEMBERSHIP SURVEY THAT YOUR EXECUTIVE EDITOR UNDERTOOK AT THE MARCH PAARA Meeting showed some interesting results. Twenty-six forms were received, which is about one-third of PAARA's members.

Favorite Band/Mode was a tie between 40 CW and 20 SSB with 12 points each. (Two pts. for favorite band, and one for other often used band). Second place went to 2 m. FM with 10 points, and third was a tie between 80 CW and 80 SSB with 8 points each. This makes 80 meters the most often used band by the club members surveyed.

Weekly on-the-air time averaged 4.35 hours, varying from 20 (W6YPM) down to zero for several. Nineteen of the respondents were on the air during the 24 hours previous to the meeting.

The average number of magazines subscribed to was 2.12, with QST with 21 votes, by far the most popular. Ham Radio was second with 8 and CQ (surprisingly) in third with 7. Tied for fourth place were 73 and World Radio News (bad news for ol' Wayne). Three took none.

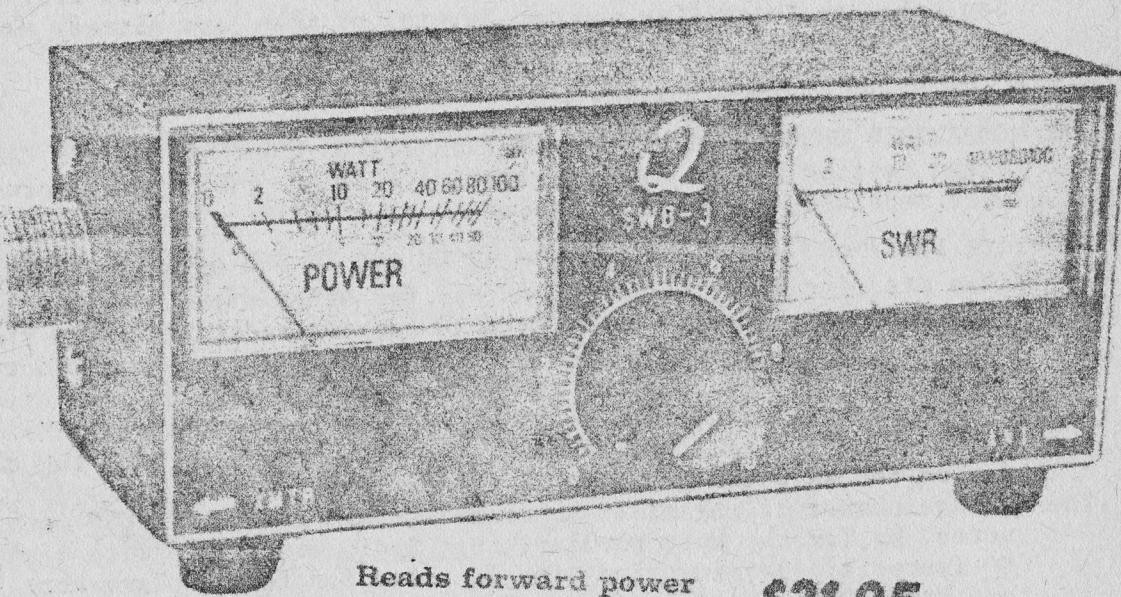
Eighteen listed Ragchewing as one of their operating interests, leading DX with only half that many votes. (Knew there was a lot of hot air in PAARA). In third place was repeaters with 6 and Nets with 5.

Seems like almost everyone (17) had a technical interest in antennas. Everything else was hardly mentioned, with a three way tie between Computers, RTTY, and Microwave with only 3 votes each.

Of those surveyed, 22 were PAARA members, and 6 were EMARC'ers as well. Other clubs represented were Foothills, San Carlos, San Mateo, and SIRARC. Two repeater groups, WR6ACS and WR6AFP were also mentioned. Several also belonged to clubs at their place of business (EIMAC, Farinon, and Lenkurt).

Looks like a fairly active group, with both a wide diversity of interests but at the same time, we have some things in common. The only thing to wonder about is the other two-thirds of the members who were not at the meeting, or who didn't get a chance to fill out the form. What can we do to attract the rest of the group to our meetings? Members come and go, but most of them don't come at all!

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