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R E G U L A R M E E T I N G

Friday, February 6, 1981

7:30 p.m.

Rooms 15-17, Menlo Park Recreation Center, Civic Center, Alma at Mielke Drive,
Menlo Park

NEW 5-MODE KEYBOARD including MORSE—BAUDOT—ASTI

by

Jack Curtis K6KU

Jack has presented his latest developments to PAARA with each new genation of automatic keyers. If you don't know the vocabulary, now is a good time to become acquainted. There is always a fine demonstration accompanying Jacks' talks. Don't miss it. Circle the date: February 6.

Future meetings: March 6, April 3, May 1, June 5. Field Day: June 26 and 27.

PAST CORNER: The January meeting started with a patient call from Gerry, WA6INV, our new president, for the meeting to come to order shortly after 7:30 p.m.

Visitors were introduced and made welcome.

Post 599 announced their upcoming Flea Market on the day following the meeting. They reported the ATLAS, a recent acquisition, had been sent back to the factory for reconditioning.

Net supervision for PAARA's 2-meter Monday night effort was discussed and Gerry, INV, indicated he would try to rearrange his schedule so he could take over as the prestigious master of ceremonies.

INV announced that 68 attended the Christmas party, a record number for a PAARA single or joint effort affair.

Fred, K6YT, held up a handfull of pictures from the party and indicated they would be collaged one one of the tables during the coffee break. While Fred, and a crew which included all of PAARA, up-front or not, accepted the plaque for Field Day at the party, it appeared not to be present at the meeting.

Deadline for PAARAGraphs was set as the night of the Board of Directors meeting.

Cam, W6RU, gave a report on the California Contact Contest grand winners: Fred, K6YT, Cam, and Bob, K6SEM, in a joint effort with "lotsa points", and another plaque.

Gerry, W6NIR, reported on a confusing but satisfactory 5-way phone patch—and Gerry has a push-to talk unsophisticated "Yellow Parking Meter" patch. Also reported was the PAARA phone patch had made an Anchorage (KL7) ham news letter and that requests for transformers has boomed.

Ed, W6KJI, gave a report on a lost vessel off Baja California. One that he had handled traffic for before the thing broke up on a beach. Inadvertently, he demonstrated his talking clock.

The business part of the program was followed by coffee, cookies, hot chocolate, (or anything that could be found to eat) and lots of rag-chews and raffle ticket sales. After about 20 minutes:

Warren, W6CB, described how a combination of engineering and amateur know-how solved a communication problem in the SLAC tunnels, answering the question of what "underground radio" really is. For 30 minutes he described SLAC operations and especially his single frequency daisy chain tunnel communication system for use in the new Positron-Electron Storage Ring. (If we'd printed that in the January issue we'd have had more than the 56 attendees at the meeting! ed.) The development of the system was described in SLAC-PUB-2567 which was made available to all.

The meeting ended with a raffle of prizes selected by Ed, W6AIN, who also made coffee, bought cookies, and cleaned up after everyone left.

A very fine meeting.

BOARD CORNER: The Board of Directors, Club Officers and one guest repaired to the Club trailer at 7:30 pm January 14 and took off like the new year was just beginning.

Arrangements were made to accomodate speakers to Club meetings and discussed sending a Club representative to the ARRL Pacific Division Directorate in Concord on January 31. There were no volunteers but President Gerry, WA6INV, said he would find someone to represent the Club.

Considerable time was spent discussing possible speakers for monthly meetings.

George, GI3GEN, suggested placing Club "rainy day" funds in a higher yield investment program with pro and con discussion. George was asked to look into types of investments that would fit PAARA's personality and pocket-book.

John, KA6CUG, reported the Post 599 Flea Market was a success but could give no firm accounting of its results. He was sure it netted them a great deal of good will and a modest financial gain.

The meeting broke up at 8:30 after selecting "the first Wednesday after the first Friday in February" for their next meeting. All are welcome to attend.

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PUBLIC SERVICE CORNERS: Seven come eleven in some games. In the First Response Team reported last month one line was left out in the typing process. Add Ed, W6AIN, Pres, K6WD, Alan, WA6AZP and Bill, W6DVB to those listed as the First Response Team of Bob, W6BFH, Frank, WB6QPV, Bill, WD9ADG, Dave, KB6WP, Tiff, W6GNX, Gerry, W6NIR, and Steve, K6FS.

A nice letter of appreciation was received by Steve, K6FS, thanking him and the efforts of Alan, WA6AZP, Ed, W6AIN, Bill, W6DVB, Frank, WB6QPV, Dave, KD6ID, and Bill, WB6LMI, for their communications support at the Vet-A-Run. The letter was more timely than this acknowledgement.

Steve, K6FS, attended a meeting with those responsible for Civil Preparedness at the Menlo Park Civic Center on January 19, and, among other things, received permission to put up a permanent 2-meter antenna on the previously forbidden grounds.

Swede, N6CHL, has been working with the Atherton equivalents and has almost all-band capability at the police station with an elaborate plan prepared by Tiff, W6GNX, Hal, WB6000, and Robert, WAGMSA. The plan has been submitted to the City Council.

And rumor has it that Portola Valley has all-band capability and is working hard to putting it all together.

Civil Preparedness is part of the name of the game. Get ready. It's more fun (if that's the word for it) to be among the first to be of service than to drag in a few days after everything has simmered down.

CUT AND PASTE CORNER: Please add the following to your December Roster and get to know them at the February meeting:

Clif Keeley	KA6JWA	766 Canyon Road
William Murphy	W1YC	2005 Colony St., Apt 11
Robert W. McClearn	WA6CPV	6291 Rubicon Avenue
L. W. (Les) Olson	W6CBI	2125 Jardin Drive

Redwood City, CA	94062	364 4968
Mountain View, CA	94043	969 5910
Newark, CA	94560	794 0985
Mountain View, CA	94040	948 3621

NEW MEMBER CORNER:

L. W. Olson, Les, W6CBI, is another of our growing family of ex-UAL employees. Retired last September, he was Director of Engineering. He holds an Advanced Class license and a First Class Commercial ticket. He has been around. Previous calls include W9UNN, W2PDZ and W7KTX. First licensed in 1932, he can be found on 20 meters using his Kenwood 180S.

Robert W. McClearn, Bob, WA6CPV, works for the USGS, and so has an interest in emergency communications. He holds an Extra Class license and can be found on 2, 10, 15 and 40 meters, with enough battery power to keep himself going. Bob was first licensed in 1967 and is interested in moving traffic during long lulls between emergencies. He manages a widespread interest in amateur radio through EMARC, SPARKS and SPECS. We're glad he has included us.

Clif Keely, KA6JWA, first licensed last May is still trying to get a Wednesday off from GTE Lenkurt to go to the City to upgrade. His main interest (for now) is CW and Field Day. His TS 120 does him a good job.

William Murphy, Bill, W1YC, joins us from GTE Fiber Optics Division and has been licensed since 1949. You might have worked him under the calls of W3PWN, WA1JFF, WA2HHP or WA2HRQ. His Drake equipment keeps him busy on 80, 40 and 20 meter CW working DX, contests and Field Day. Bill is a lifetime member of ARRL.

Welcome this crew of contesters to the February meeting. They can't be expected to get to know all the rest of us as quickly as we should get to know them.

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VISITORS' CORNER: Visitors at the January 9 meeting included: Bob Vaughan (NC), Palo Alto; Michael J. Doherty, KA6ICU, Sunnyvale; Robert McClearn, WA6CPV, Newark (see above), and Bill Murphy, W1YC, Mountain View (see above). We are glad to have visitors, and even more glad when half of them become members.

Welcome to the group.

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MEMBERSHIP CORNER: Members are reminded that dues are payable any time. BUT...they are due in January! Starting next month those who have paid their dues will receive plain labels on PAARAGraphs. Others will have a red dot displayed as a reminder. Printing and postage don't cost any less this year than last and PAARAGraphs pays its way partly through dues. A roster in April or May will carry all members in good standing.

Join or renew your ARRL membership through the Club. It nets a little something, helps maintain at least 50% Club membership in ARRL, and helps keep you well informed on happenings in amateur radio.

/6 CORNER:

Dear PAARA and PAARAGraphs:

Enclosed is \$6 for another year's membership in PAARA and for 12 more issues of PAARAGraphs, by far the nicest bit of ham literature I receive.

Responding rather tardily to your request some months ago to have far-flung members of PAARA drop you a note, I'd like to congratulate the group for another stunning success at Field Day — you even made it into QST, albeit with that blasted wind generator which almost succeeded in making Bob a silent key. I was very fortunate to have been part of the operations last June, even though Gerry, W6NIR, somehow signed me up for the midnight to 4 am shift! Much better than fighting the mosquitos and humidity out here at the Newton Club FD effort.

I also noted another success for the Club with the Auction/Flea Market (seems that the flea market tables always do better every year — must be the higher quality of junk brought in by members). And your membership roster and meeting attendance are booming....the quality of the programs must be responsible, I'm sure (as well as the PR work of PAARAGraphs).

I had a bit of an academic switch over the past few months, with my acceptance into the Electrical Engineering and Computer Science Department at MIT....for a few years of study in the more esoteric (and basic!) aspects of engineering. Before this I was working more or less full time at an NMR lab there (remember my talk to PAARA a year ago?). Perhaps we can get the club station at MIT (W1MX) to fix their beam for 15 meters and we can set up a sked via W6NIR or whatever in the near future. I'll probably be spending most of my time there staring at equations or a computer CRT in the meantime.

Lucy (NC)(XYL) is enjoying her new position as medical manuscript editor for a publishing company in Boston. We often commute into the city together on the "rapid" transit system, which seems to get less and less swift and more expensive.

My station here in Newton is at a standstill: the poor FT-101B is hooked to the radiator for a listening antenna, and not much else gets to transmit around here except for some 2-meter equipment, notable an IC2AT which is a nice little rig.

Was happy to see N6RY's article in 73 Magazine a couple months ago — the antenna he describes sounds quite intriguing. Wonder if he's put up another at his new QTH since you printed his letter in the last issue of PAARAGraphs?

de Rick, WA6NCX/1

REPEATER CORNER: Welcome to the Southern Peninsula Amateur Radio open repeater. The repeater operates on 145.27/144.67 mHz. The SPECS net meets on the air Monday evenings at 8:00 P.M. The purpose of SPECS is to serve local agencies in time of emergency. We furnish free back-up communications to police, fire departments, Red Cross, Civil Defense, hospitals, Forest Service or any other agency which requests our services. Frequent simulated disaster drills prepare us for real emergencies. We provide communication for community affairs such as parades, foot and bicycle races, tennis matches, March of Dimes and car rallies. In addition we provide communications related to highway accidents, travelers in distress, road hazards, etc.

In short, we are dedicated to handling emergencies and serving our communities in time of need, but the remainder of the time we are incurable rag-chewers. SPECS has been serving the communities of the Southern Peninsula since 1957.

Our operating suggestions emphasize courtesy and friendliness, PLEASE;

1. Be Courteous. The repeater is not the place for harsh words.
2. Share the system! Allow breaking stations to take a transmission as soon as they are heard. Make visitors and newcomers welcome.
3. Except when breaking, leave a pause of three or four seconds after the courtesy beep. This allows breaking station to enter.
4. Enter emergency communications only if asked. All stations not involved in traffic handling should stand by while emergency traffic is in progress.
5. FCC regulations regarding nature of communications should be strictly obeyed. Proper identification is required.
6. Do not discuss operating technical details on the repeater or play with any touch tone pad on the system controls.
7. Ignore unauthorized users or jammers. Do not attempt to hassle or discuss their operation with them. SPECS members who carry on any type of conversation with a jammer can expect a phone call or personal visit by a control operator.

ENJOY THE SYSTEM!!! WE HOPE IT'S THE BEST IN THE BAY AREA

The repeater is located on El Camino Hospital, 2500 Grant Road, Mountain View.

Output power to the antenna is approximately 25 watts. We share this frequency allocation with a station in Auburn, CA. The repeater was conceived and made operational through donations of equipment, time and money from the City of Mountain View, El Camino Hospital, electronics firms and numerous amateurs. There are no dues for either SPECS members or users of the repeater. Original contributions paid for the duplexer and primitive control system.

We are now in phase II of the development program which will provide members with many important bene-

fits. Through loans of money from the originating board members we have purchased a microprocessor control which will be one of the most advanced in the Bay Area. Some of the more important features are: Autopatch/reverse patch; flexible timeout limits; diagnostic pad tests; courtesy tone; kerchunker suppression; emergency power recognition; resettable timer; access code muting; 3 digit access codes; autodial; digital tone decoding; 14 morse messages.

Since our repeater is dedicated to proving emergency communications within the South Peninsula the most obvious feature of our new control system will be the use of the AUTODIAL function. If you are a member, you will be given a list of emergency phone numbers which can be dialed through the repeater by unique 3 digit touch tone codes. Also with your membership application we will send you a format for testing your touch tone pad on either your home rig or HT.

Since we are about \$800.00 in the hole because of the purchase of the microprocessor controller we would appreciate a donation. Please make your check payable to SPECS and enclose it with your application. Original donators which number about 25 are also encouraged to help out. We will have some ongoing costs such as telephone line rental and installation costs so dig deep and help us get started.

The Emergency Coordinator and Trustee of the SPECS repeater is Walt Read, W6ASH, Chairman of the SPECS Association is Ted Harris, W8RPA, the Secretary is Bill Robinson, WB6OML and the Treasurer is Fred Barry, K6RTU.

Hams have always played a major role in disaster communications. We need your participation in emergency preparedness. We are proud of our reputation and look forward to serving our communities. If there is a major emergency on the Southern Peninsula LOOK FOR US - SPECS WILL BE THERE.

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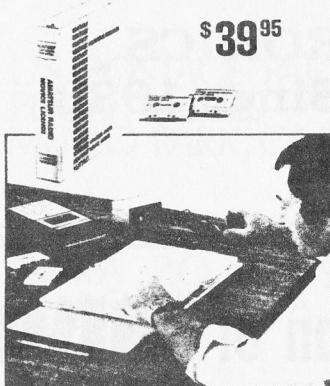
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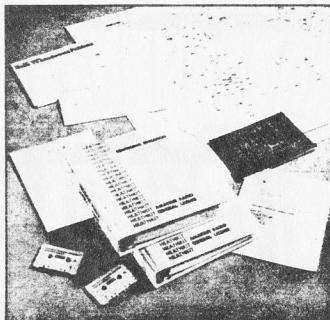
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