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Friday, September 2, 1983

7:30pm

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

A YAESU PROMOTIONAL FILM

Our Vice-President, Clif Keely, KA6JWA, arranged the loan of this film, which will show the Yaesu factory, and the Yaesu line of gear.

Meeting to be held at the Menlo Park Recreation Centre, Alma at Mielke, Menlo Park. Future meetings: October 7; November 4.

Mark your calendar for: (1) the PAARA Auction at the Ampex Cafeteria on 10/8/83; and (2) the PAARA Christmas Dinner on 12/12/83 at Rick's Swiss Chalet.

Circle The Date

September 2, 1983

PRESIDENT'S CORNER:

The PAARA Flea Market at Foothill College appears to have been a great success.

Things started at about 6:30am. As I drove into Lot C, George Nixon, GI30EN, was already set up with traffic control barriers and with fancy pre-printed receipts to give to sellers in exchange for \$5.00. It was constant activity until about 10 o'clock when things started to slow down a bit.

Somewhere around 2:30, I picked up the last can and, with the generator in tow, headed home.

It's hard to believe we have been putting on our auction at Ampex for 31 years! Two thousand fliers have been printed and will be distributed immediately. K6SEM, Bob Wheeler, has agreed to prod, cajole, pry, or otherwise encourage spirited bidding on October 8 at 9:30am. We will need signups for the usual duties at the next meeting, so be sure to show up.

I have a bunch of FCC Form 610's dated August 1980, which, a phone call has assured me, is the correct licence renewal form. I will try to have these on a continuing basis at the meetings, so if you need one - ask.

I got no response to the idea of a PAARA lending library, so I assume there is no interest.

Mainstays of the Flea Market Operation were:

Vern.....	WA6OHQ	Dusty.....	K6MPN
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de Gerry Tucker, WA6LNV.

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TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Club deposited \$1,088.60, after paying Dusty for the doughnuts. Of this, \$575.00 was admission charges, and the rest, sale of food. Cost of food was about \$200.00 after allowance for soft drinks, etc. left over. Rental of Lot C was \$50.00. Fliers were \$50.00 and gas, etc. was another \$50.00

Deposit	\$1,088.60
Food	- 200.00
Rental	- 50.00
Fliers	- 50.00
Gas, etc.	- 50.00
Net profit	<u>\$ 738.60</u>

Your Treasurer would like also to thank Bill McElhinney, KA6LZI, for ably directing traffic throughout the Flea Market; Alan Larsen, WA6AZP, and John Buonocore, KD6ZL, for helping the sellers find spaces; and, of course, the omnipresent Gerry Tucker, WA6LNV.

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WEDDING BELLS & NEW QTH:

Your Editor was probably the last to find out, but Congratulations to Bob Wheeler, K6SEM, and Mary Beth Wheeler, who have tied the knot.

The Wheelers' new address is 64 Dominican Drive, San

Rafael, CA 94901.

Best wishes for the future from all at PAARA!

HEATHKIT ANTENNA IMPEDANCE METER AM-1 HANDBOOK:

If you are missing your handbook, it has been handed over to your Treasurer.

WWII PRISONER-OF-WAR LETTERS:

In a ZL (New Zealand) Newsletter, recently, ZL2AKB, Charles Keik, wrote of his experiences in a WWII prisoner-of-war camp in Germany. Conditions in general, and food in particular were poor, and letters were received infrequently. Life was not all gloom and despondency, however; below are a few extracts from letters received. These were displayed on a notice board in the camp; the recipient obviously didn't mind sharing the humour with his fellow inmates.

- (1) This one was from his girl friend who had been visiting his widower father!

"Dearest, I married your father, love, Mother!"

- (2) "Darling, can I send you any money?"

- (3) "I received your letter asking for slippers. What colour would you like?" (The nail was so irregular that the POW would preferred the slippers rather than another letter, but see later.)

- (4) "Are the German girls good dancers?" (The POW's didn't have much chance to find out.)

- (5) "Dear Jim, you were missing for a month so I got

married!" (Frailty, thy name is .....

- (6) "Darling, I have just had a baby boy by an American officer, but please don't worry, everything is all right and he is going to send you cigars every week!" (Perhaps if the cigars had arrived, it would not have seemed so bad.)
- (7) A POW wrote home requesting the state of his bank balance. Six months later his mother replied: "Guess!" He made his guess, and about eighteen months later, a letter from Mum said: "You were wrong about that bank balance - guess again!!!"
- (8) "Darling, I was so glad you were shot down before flying became dangerous!" (June 1944)
- (9) Another POW who had been shot down over a year before, received a letter congratulating him on joining the armed forces to do his bit.
- (10) Knitting for Britain - The receiver of a "Red Cross" sweater wrote a letter of thanks to the knitter's address which was pinned inside. He received a reply as follows: "Thank you for your letter, but it was meant to go to someone on active service!"
- (11) "I do hope you are working as it will keep your mind occupied!"
- (12) "Well son, you have done something I didn't do in the last war!!!" (The writer implies that he, like Mac West, had done a lot of things.)
- (13) "I'm quite sure you are round the bend and will be home soon!" (January 1944)

(14) "I wrote to you last week but have not heard from you so here we are again." (The writer has a touching faith in the German-English mail system.)

(15) "Darling, What would you like in your first personal parcel?" (POW's were permitted two such parcels per year; many POW's did not receive any in 2, 3 or 4 years.)

(16) "Darling, are you staying true to me?"

(17) "I do hope you are behaving yourself and not drinking too much beer!"

(18) "Darling, I am in bed with Bronchitis, and that's not the name of my boyfriend! I wish it was!"

(19) "Joe is in stalag VIII. I hope you can pop round and see him!"

(20) "I have a German grandmother in Germany; have you met her yet?"

(21) "Are the German girls good dancers?" (A topic of interest, this.)

(22) "Have you been keeping up your walks regularly?"

(23) From a wife: "How are your Mum and Dad? I haven't been round to see them lately!" (Neither had the POW!)

(24) "I have not got your shoes yet; will you send me the rationing coupons?"

(25) "I couldn't get blue slippers; will red ones do?"



I trust you may find them amusing and may appeal to others with a "warped" sense of humour!!!!" (From one True Blue Tory to another.)

#### A TRIP TO DENMARK:

Travel broadens the mind, so the saying goes. Some countries have customs and standards of living so different from the United States, that the traveller always feels an outsider. Denmark is not like that; the local people are very friendly towards the North Americans and especially the British. From the Almanac, Denmark's per capita income is \$12,956 (1980); the United State's per capita income is \$8,612 (1978); so prices on average are at least at Bay Area levels. Most people speak some English.

For a reciprocal licence, send an application with the data below to: Radiotekniske Tjenste, Tilladelsessektionen, Islands Brygge 83C, DK-2300, Kobenhavn S, Denmark. Data required is: name and address of applicant; date of birth and town of birth; citizenship; callsign and class of licence; time period of stay in Denmark; address in Denmark; any remarks; date and signature. A photocopy of your licence, certified by two persons, should be attached to your application.

The fee, 20 Danish Kroner, about \$2.00, shall be paid when arriving in Denmark. A special money order sent with the licence should be used. The same procedure applies to the Faroe Islands.

The Clubhouse of the Copenhagen Division of E.D.R. (Experimenterende Danske Radioamatører), callsign OZ5EDR, is open almost every evening, and visitors are welcome.

Mytorv; Palace Hotel on Radhuspladsen; Astoria and Grand on Vesterbrogade; Hotel Kong Frederick on Vestervoldgade; Alexandra Hotel on Vestre Boulevard; and Park Hotel on Jarmers Plads. There are also many cheaper hotels, student hostels, etc.

One nice service is that the Accommodation Service, Kiosk P, at the Central Railway Station, will help you find accommodation. The bus from the airport terminates at the Central Railway Station, and the boat train from England also terminates there. In the Central Railway Station, there are: a left luggage office and left luggage lockers (something that is getting rare in Europe due to terrorist bombings), several restaurants and bars, several banks, kiosks selling foreign newspapers, a Post Office, and a supermarket. Across Bernstorffsgade is Tivoli Gardens. In Danish, the Central Railway Station is Hovedbanegard.

In Denmark, there is relatively little crime (even less in Norway and Sweden), and most criminals are in jail. The two unfortunate Swedish girls who went hitchhiking to Los Angeles did not realise that the U.S. is very different in that way. People still dress up in Copenhagen, men wear suits in the evening, and women wear hats. Open-necked sports shirts, running shorts and running shoes, old jeans, etc., identify the tourist immediately.

In Churchillpark is the Frihedsmuseet, the Freedom Museum. This museum has the same atmosphere as the Electronics Museum at Foothill College, and reminds everyone of the Danish WWII Resistance movement. As many people know, the Danish Resistance succeeded in smuggling almost all Danish Jews from Occupied Denmark to Sweden.

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