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Celebrating 70 years as an *active* ham radio club—*Since 1937*
The Palo Alto Amateur Radio Association, Inc.



CALENDAR

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| Feb | 2 | PAARA Meeting
7:00–9:30
Menlo Park Rec Center
700 Alma Street
Menlo Park, CA 94025 |
| Feb | 7 | Board Meeting 7:00pm
Red Cross Bld., 400 Mitchell Lane Palo Alto
<i>(due to Parking Lot problems location may change, check net before Bd. meeting)</i> |
| Mar | 2 | PAARA Meeting, 7:00pm |
| Mar | 7 | PAARA Board Meeting, 7:00pm |



President's corner



Feb 07

As I write this it is just before the Winter Banquet and I have to say that I'm really looking forward to seeing all of my ham friends there. If there is one thing I've learned about amateur radio in the last few years, it is that this is a social hobby as well as a technical one.

When I originally was licensed while an engineering student in college I was mainly interested in the technical aspects of the hobby. The notion of being able to build my own transmitters and receivers, design antennas, and generally tinker with some interesting stuff drew me to radio. Talking to people I didn't know seemed to me to be superfluous and, if anything, a bit scary.

Upon returning to ham radio a few years ago, I found myself changed. I still very much enjoy the technical aspects of our hobby and take every opportunity to design and build things instead of buy them. What's changed, however, is finding that to me the people are even more important than the tinkering. Talking with all of you, hearing about your lives, sharing fascinating topics, and working with you to promote amateur radio is what has made everything different this time around. And this is why I'm really looking forward to the Winter Banquet. What more could I ask for than a chance to visit with all of you and enjoy a nice meal and a nice talk.

I had the pleasure introducing our 2007 PAARA leadership team at the January meeting. Each one of us is working to make PAARA the exceptional amateur radio club that it is. Please give the club your full support as we plan and execute another fun year. A special thanks goes out to our fascinating January speaker, **Jignesh Desai, AD6TF**, for his program last month about the YV0 Aves Island DXpedition. I really enjoyed it (including the obligatory crab picture!) and I hope you did too. Talk to you all next month.

K6WX Kristen, President PAARA



NEXT MEETING

February 2, 2007

SPEAKER and PROGRAM:

*Program not confirmed
at press time*

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Miscellaneous Info

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: <http://amateur-radio.org/> or Al, WB6IMX@att.net

ELECTRONICS FLEA MARKET

Sponsorship by A.S.V.A.R.O.
 (Association of Silicon Valley Amateur Radio Organizations)
 Second Saturday of month, March-October, 6am–2pm
 Howard M. Krawetz, N6HM 650-856-9761
 Contact: <http://www.electronicfleamarket.com/>

LIVERMORE SWAP MEET . Now in Robertson Park, Livermore, every first

Sunday of the month. 7 am to 11:30 am. Free admission for buyers. For further info, see:
www.larkswap.com or contact Ian Parker, W6TCP at swapmeet@livermoreark.org

PAARA Palo Alto Amateur Radio Association

meets 1st Friday 7:30pm each month, Net 145.230 each Monday 8:30,
 contact: <http://PAARA.org/> or Terry Finn, AA6T, 650-366-9111

FARS Foothills Amateur Radio Society

meets 4th Friday 7:30pm each month
 contact: <http://www.fars.k6va.org/>

NCDXC Northern California DX Club

meets 3rd Thursday 7:30pm each month,
 repeater for member info 147.360, Thur 8:00PM
 contact: <http://ncdxc.org/> or Mike Gavin W6WZ, (650) 851 8699

NorCalQRP Northern California QRP Club

meets 1st Sunday each month
 contact: <http://www.norcalqrp.org/>

SPECS Southern Peninsula Emergency Communication System

meets each Monday 8:00pm on Net 145.27, 440.80 MHz
 contact: <http://specsnet.org/> or Tom Cascone, KF6LWZ, 650-688-0441

SCARES South County Amateur Radio Emergency Service

meets 3rd Thursday 7:30pm each month, San Carlos City Hall.
 Net is on 146.445 [PL 114.8] & 444.50 (PL-100) 7:30 Monday evenings.
 contact: President Gary D. Aden, K6GDA 650-743-1265(D), 650- 595-5590 (N)
 Web: <http://k6mpn.org> E-mail: pres@k6mpn.org

SCCARA Santa Clara County Amateur Radio Association

Operates W6UU & W6UU/R, repeater 146.985-pl
 Nets: 2m, 7:30pm Mon; 70cm, 442.425+ (pl 107.2) Thur.
 meets 2nd Mon each month @ 7:30 PM.
 contact: <http://www.qsl.net/sccara/> or Clark Murphy KE6KXO 408-262-9334
 ARRL/VEC license testing contact 408-507-4698

SVECS Silicon Valley Emergency Communications

Operates AA6BT repeater (146.115 MHz+)
 contact: <http://www.svecs.net/> or Lou Stierer WA6QYS 408 241 7999

WVARA West Valley Amateur Radio Association

W6PIY six-meter repeater on 52.58MHz. Normally, six-meters is linked with 147 and 223, while 441 and 1286 repeaters are linked.

VHF: 52.58 (-500) 151.4 ctcss UHF: 441.35 (+5.0 88.5) ctcss
 147.39 (+600) 151.4 ctcss 1286.20 (-12m) 100.0 ctcss
 223.96 (+1.6) 156.7 ctcss

meets 3rd Wed every month.
 contact: <http://wvara.org/>, Bill Ashby N6FFC, 408-267-3118, N6FFC@Juno.com, or
 N6FFC@ARRL.NET

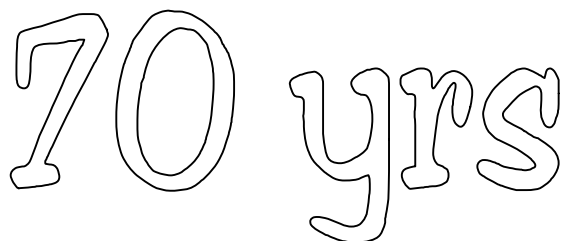
DISASTER SERVICES

American Red Cross, PALO ALTO AREA CHAPTER

400 Mitchell Lane
 Meets 3rd Wed. each month 7:30PM
 HF, packet, BBS, ATV, OSCAR Gateway, NASA satellite.
 contact: <http://paarc.org/> or Mac Millian 650-688-0423. MACM@paarc.org

American Red Cross, SANTA CLARA VALLEY CHAPTER
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LIFE MEMBERSHIP
 Awarded by Action of the PAARA Board
Ron Panton, W6VG July 2003
Joe Gomes, KB6HDC May 2004

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING.



Minutes for PAARA board meeting 1-18-07

In attendance were: Kristen McIntyre K6WX (Prexy), Joel Wilhite KD6W (VP), Wally Porter K6URO (ed. PAARAGraphs), Ron Chester W6AZ (Treasurer), Vick Black AB6SO (Membership Coordinator), Doug Teeter KG6LWE (Director), Gerry Tucker N6NV (Director), David Ungar W6DH (Secretary) and Rick Melrose K6RDM (Database Manager). We determined that we had a quorum.

Doug Teeter generously let us meet at his home QTH.

K6WX called the meeting to order at approximately 19:40, and thanked Doug for the use of his home QTH.

Secretary read last meeting's minutes and they were accepted as read.

Membership cards were discussed and Doug agreed to generate them from the membership database.

PAARA sponsored tours were discussed as well as a need for an appointed coordinator for these tours.

70th anniversary activities were explored including an operating event, stories from longtime members, and contributions to PAARAGraphs of club history.

The treasurer's report indicated that PAARA is financially doing much better than last year. The procedure and responsibility for collecting dues was discussed.

Preservation of club history was brought up by Kristen. She wants to create a club historian position. That person would be responsible for historical artifacts and for overseeing scanning of old photographs and copies of PAARAGraphs. We will advertise for a volunteer.

The memorial fund for K5DKR (SK) Dave has not been awarded and Kristen indicated that she wants this money awarded ASAP.

The PAARA bylaws revision committee has been reformed for 2007 and will be chaired by David W6DH. Other members are Ron W6AZ, Gerry N6NV, and Joel KD6W.

The meeting adjourned at about 20:20.

--Kristen (K6WX)

A PAARA EDITORIAL

~Terry Finn. AA6T.



The demise of code (CW) has actually come to pass as noted elsewhere in this fine publication and in many other areas of the ham radio community. Many of us older, wiser radio operators who worked so hard for such a long time to learn and use the code are dismayed, in fact, we are shocked that the FCC would do away with this learning requirement.

Many Extra class radio operators felt that the Government would at least keep the code requirement for the Extra class license as it was just another way of making the license more difficult and much more worthwhile to earn and use. However, our Government leaders and those at the FCC, who must know more than we do, have elected to cancel the code requirement. This of course is a windfall for those licensed hams and many yet to be licensed radio operators, who will now take the necessary FCC tests through the Volunteer Examiner system to either up grade or earn their amateur radio operator licenses. Do I dare suggest that this is part of the 'dumbing down of America'? We shall see what happens as time goes along. For example, we have learned that many VE's have already submitted their resignations to the various VEC's that provide the testing service because they believe there is really no use in testing candidates any more as it has become ridiculously easy to pass the tests. We have also learned that some of the other VEC's have stepped up their testing services with new questions from the pool. I believe the thing to remember is that real hams use code and it should be a mode that does not disappear forever.

What do you think ?

Want and For Sale ads in PAARAGraphs are **FREE** to members

Submitted by Dick KM6EP



"Jenkins, if I want another yes-man I'll build one."

PAARAGraphs E-mail address: k6uro@arrl.net
Submit material for PAARAGraphs by the 15th
Text: WORD, RTF, or ASCII
Photos: JPEG or TIFF raster images
Missing PAARAGraphs, too many copies, wrong name or Call on label? Contact Database Manager:
Rick Melrose K6RDM, 408-732-2247, k6rdm@arrl.net

Join us for pre-meeting eyeball QSO at Su Hong Restaurant, 1039 El Camino Real, Menlo Park
Food will be served at 6:00 sharp, so that 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

Apartment DX-ing DE K6WX

I always look forward to the spring and fall contest seasons. It's not that I'm much of a contester, but I really love the chance to troll for DX and a contest means that there will almost certainly be some serious stations on the air. Being in an apartment, my antenna isn't the best and those contest stations with their huge towers and stacked beams offer the best chance that this little squirt gun station has to work some interesting and exotic DX.

The CW World Wide DX CW contest after Thanksgiving seemed like a great chance for me to hunt something elusive at the bottom of the sunspot cycle. The advantage in signal to noise ratio offered by CW often makes the difference between working a station and not, at least in my apartment.

About midday on Saturday of around on 20 meters. It seemed mestic stations with a few JAs know that the band was propa- a few JAs just to make sure hear any Europeans, though, contest might not bring out the 40 meters and, as I expected, heard stateside traffic, but you aged and thinking it might be on 15 meters. I was spinning weren't that many signals when fluttery signal. My instincts out so I backed up. I narrowed and listened carefully ... there that prefix? I kept missing it in a T at the beginning, but what sinking feeling; only Guate-



the contest I began tuning like the usual number of do- and VEs in there, letting me gating at some level. I worked things were working. I didn't and I began to think that this interesting DX. I switched to the band was short and I only never know. Feeling discour- too late in the day, I tuned up the dial pretty fast since there I suddenly heard a weak and said this was worth checking the filters, turned up the volume was deep fading ... what was the deep QSB. Finally I caught was that next letter? TG? A mala. But no, not TG ... TZ ...

TZ5A: Mali in west central Africa! That's a new one for me, but they're so weak. I start to call and it just seems hopeless. Stations come and go and I'm still bleating out K6WX to no avail. I make sure both the antenna and the amplifier are tuned perfectly and I keep calling for another 45 minutes. Sometimes they're S2 and sometimes S9. I can't bear to give up, but I have to start getting ready to leave the apartment and the band seems to be improving too. I tear myself away and get ready, leaving the radio on. About an hour later I'm all ready to go and I decide to pick up the headphones again. I listen and the station appears to be gone. Oh well, that's life as the casual DXer. Then I hear them again: CQ TEST TZ5A. They seem louder. I call again. I'm watching the clock trying to calculate how late I can be leaving the house. Two more calls and then I hear it: K6WX 599 35. I send my TU 599 3. I got 'em! They're in the log. I can't believe I just worked Africa at the bottom of the cycle from my apartment. Sweet.

ANOTHER EQUIPMENT DONATION TO PAARA.

PAARA member **Sister Jean, KG6UGO**, of Mission San Jose, made arrangements with an old friend by the name of **Ralph Long** to accept four old Motorola vehicle radios and what Ralph thought was an older repeater system. Sister Jean contacted her very best ham friend, **Stan Towle, WA6ZGI**, another PAARA member, to pick up the equipment from Ralph's home in Fremont.

So, on a recent Saturday afternoon, **Stan, WA6ZGI** and **Terry, AA6T**, traveled to Ralph Long's home to interview him and collect the equipment that was being donated to PAARA with no strings attached. We learned that Ralph was a non ham and had come into possession of the radios through an old business friend of his who had passed away years earlier. Ralph could not even remember what kind of business his friend had operated. Ralph Long is 76 years young and was rather proud of his 20 years experience in the U.S. Navy as an A3 aircrew maintenance member. He then worked for 23 years at the Oakland Airport for National Airmotive and has since been working part time as a funeral director and facilitator.

The radio equipment was transported across to the good side of the Bay and deposited at **Joel Wilhite's** QTH as he is the technical representative for PAARA. In fact, since this article was prepared, Joel has become the new vice president for PAARA. He concluded that the repeater was not a repeater, simply a two frequency radio system, with four radios designed for vehicles. The PAARA Donation committee will determine how these things will be disposed of in the future. Usually they are taken to the flea market for sale and any money collected goes into the PAARA general operating fund.

Thank you to all those PAARA members involved. Please remember to think of your radio club when you learn of a ham or any radio person who may have passed away. PAARA will help the surviving family members dispose of the radio equipment through a simple donation to PAARA, with no strings attached.

~Terry Finn. AA6T.

3900 Saturday Mornings.

The older that I get, the more I tend to enjoy Saturday mornings. Perhaps it's the quiet solitude that comes with being the first to rise, or maybe it's the unbounded joy of not having to be at work in the office. Either way, the first few hours of a Saturday morning are most enjoyable.

A few weeks ago, I was shuffling toward the radio shack with a steaming cup of coffee in one hand and my wireless telephone in the other. What began as a typical Saturday morning turned into one of those lessons that life seems to hand you from time to time. Let me tell you about it:

I turned up the dial into the phone portion of the band on my Icom 706 in order to listen to a Saturday morning swap net. Along the way, I came across an older sounding fellow, with a tremendous signal and a golden voice. You know the kind; he sounded like he should be in the broadcasting business or may have been a grizzled, old airline captain with the deep, gravelly voice. He was telling whom ever he was talking with something about "a thousand marbles." I was intrigued and stopped to listen to what he had to say.

"Well, Terry, it sure sounds like you're busy with your job. I'm sure that they pay you well but it's a shame you have to be away from home and your family so much. Hard to believe a young fellow should have to work sixty or seventy hours a week to make ends meet. It's too bad you missed your daughter's "dance recital", he continued. Let me tell you something that has helped me keep my own priorities." And that's when he began to explain his theory of a "thousand marbles."

"You see, I sat down one day and did a little arithmetic. The average person lives about seventy-five years. I know, some live more and some live less, but on the average, folks live about seventy-five years in this day and age."

"Now then, I multiplied 75 times 52 and I came up with 3900, which is the number of Saturdays that the average person has in their entire lifetime. Now, stick with me Terry, I'm getting to the important part. It took me until I was fifty-five years old to think about all this in any detail," he went on, "and by that time I had lived through over twenty-eight hundred Saturdays. I got to thinking that if I lived to be seventy-five, I only had about one thousand of them left to enjoy. So I went to a toy store and bought every single marble they had in stock. I ended up having to visit three toy stores to round up 1000 marbles. I took them home and put them inside a large, clear plastic container right here in the shack next to my radio station."

"Every Saturday since then, I have taken one marble out and thrown it into a box which is given to the local boys club every few months. I found that by watching the marbles diminish, I focused more on the really important things in life. There is nothing like watching your time here on this earth run out to get your priorities straight. Now, let me tell you one last thing before I sign off with you and take my lovely wife out for breakfast."

"I took the very last marble out of the container today. I figure that if I make it until next Saturday then I have been given a little extra time. And the one thing we can all use is a little more time". "It was nice to meet you Terry, I hope you spend more time with your family, and I hope to meet you again here on the band. This is a 75 year old man, K9NZQ, clear and going QRT, good morning !"

You could have heard a pin drop on the band when this fellow signed off. I guess he gave us all a lot to think about. I had planned to work on the antenna that morning, and then I was going to meet with a few other hams to work on another radio club project. Instead, I went inside and woke my wife up with a kiss. "Come on honey, I'm taking you and the kids to breakfast." "Wow, what brought this on ?" she asked with a smile. "Oh, nothing special, it's just been a long time since we spent a Saturday morning together with the kids. And, can we stop by at a toy store while we're out ? I need to buy some marbles."

As told to AA6T by Gerry Linton, VE6PL. ~Terry Finn. AA6T.

SEMINAR & EXAM: AMATEUR ("HAM") RADIO

WHAT: Amateur Radio ("Ham") License & Communications Course

WHEN: Tuesdays: 6:30 pm - 9 pm: January 23, 30, Feb. 6 & 13 (Feb. 13th is exam night)

Also: There will be a special Emergency Communications Training Class on Feb. 27th (ideal for new radio operators or those wishing to learn about ARES/RACES and CERT). See below.

WHERE: Menlo Park Fire Department Station 77: 1467

Chilco St. (off Ivy off Willow), Menlo Park

COST: \$35.00 [make check payable to

"Menlo Park Fire Protection District"]

Mail check to:

Carol Parker, Menlo Park Fire Protection District,
300 Middlefield Rd., Menlo Park, CA 94025

***Please write your phone # and e-mail address on the check

MATERIAL: The ARRL Ham Radio License book will be provided for this class.

INSTRUCTORS: David Fichou (Menlo ARES) & Ken Dueker (Palo Alto P.D.)

REGISTER: Ken Dueker: kdueker@powerflare.com or 650-617-3100 x1281

Advise if you also wish to attend the Feb. 27th class.

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Menlo Park Fire Protection District CERT:

www.menlofire.org/cert

This course is open to the public but is designed for Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), Red Cross, and other emergency volunteers, including first responders.

There is a maximum of 35 students for this class (priority for disaster volunteer members).

EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS

CLASS: Ham & CERT

This class is designed for CERT members, ham radio operators, and others who want to learn about neighborhood communications in a disaster. Covers all radio and communications systems, including Ham, FRS, police, fire, etc.

WHAT: Emergency Communications Course for Ham Radio & CERT

WHEN: Tuesday, February 27, 2007: 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm

WHERE: LOCATION TBA (Menlo Park area)

COST: FREE !

BRING: Your radio(s) & instruction manuals for them

INSTRUCTORS: David Fichou (Menlo ARES) & Ken Dueker (Palo Alto P.D.)

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PAARA 2007 Membership Application/Renewal

Please complete this form and give it and payment to the Data Base Coordinator—
Rick Melrose, K6RDM; —at any club meeting, or mail to:
 PAARA Membership, PO Box 911, Menlo Park, CA, 94026
For members joining mid-year, dues are pro-rated by month.

Today's Date: _____

Individual Membership: \$18.00		Includes One Mailed Newsletter		<input type="checkbox"/> New Member	<input type="checkbox"/> Renewal
Name:			Call Sign:		
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City:		State:		ZIP Code:	
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 January 1st each year**

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K6URO presented with PAARA exemplary service award.

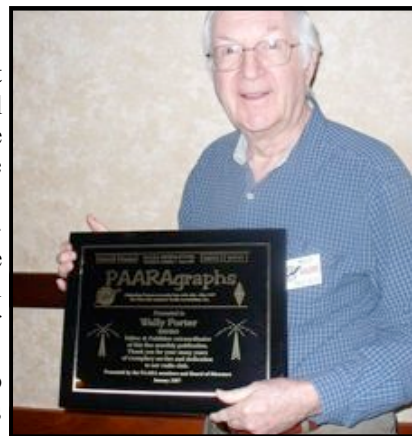
During the annual PAARA/FARS winter banquet on Friday, January 19/07, the past President of PAARA, **Terry Finn, AA6T.**, had the honor of presenting the annual PAARA exemplary service award to **Wally Porter, K6URO**. The award itself was a large black lacquered wooden plaque with a black and silver brass plate mounted on the face with the appropriate wording for the event.

Wally has been the publisher and editor of the radio club newsletter known as PAARAgraphs for almost the last twelve years. He is basically the un-sung hero of PAARA as the newsletter is what ties most activities together and is read cover to cover by most PAARA members and other active hams within the greater San Francisco Bay Area. This newsletter has been cited many times as the premier publication of its kind in northern California.

PAARA and the PAARA Board of Directors wishes all the very best of everything to Wally, K6URO, for continuing on with this tradition of providing the very best of news coverage & occasional technical expertise in the newsletter.

Thank you Wally and keep up the great work !!

~Terry Finn. AA6T.



Congratulations: January 5th 2007 PAARA Raffle Prize Winners

- 1st Prize:** Alex Carter NS6Y / LDG Z-100 Antenna Tuner
- 2nd Prize:** Howard Takaoka KG6GRO / Arrow 146 / 437 MHz Yagi
- 3rd Prize:** Bill Hamilton KG6UWO / Weller 40 Watt Solder Station with Adjustable 5-40 Watts
- 4th Prize:** Henrique Drews KG6ZWQ / 2007 ARRL Handbook with CD
- 5th Prize:** not available / Amateur Radio 2007 Calendar
- 6th Prize:** Alex Carter NS6Y / Programmable Message Fan
- 7th Prize:** Terry Finn AA6T / Computer Speakers
- 8th Prize:** John Eisenberg K6YP / PL259 Connectors

PAARA Members and Visitors: THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT of the exciting monthly raffles! Since Feb. 03, 95 Radios, including a Yaesu FT-847, an Icom 706 MK IIG, a Yaesu FT-897D, and TWO Elecraft KX1's have gone to Fellow Hams, THANKS TO YOU!

PAARA February 2nd 2007 Meeting

PAARA “The Friendliest Club Around”

Palo Alto Amateur Radio Association, Inc. www.paara.org

Date and Time: Friday, February 2nd at 7 p.m.

Menlo Park Rec. Center, 700 Alma St., Menlo Park, CA.

Welcome Members and Visitors / Raffle Prizes:

FIRST PRIZE: Yaesu FT-1802M 2m Mobile 50 Watts / Extended Receive Range



- Extended Receiver Coverage
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- Dedicated 10-Channel NOAA Weather Broadcast Channels
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- One-Touch Access to Yaesu’s WIRES-II Internet Linking System

SECOND PRIZE: Yaesu VX-150



- 209 Memories
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THIRD PRIZE: Heil Dual Element HM-10 Microphone

FOURTH PRIZE: Samlex SPS-1204 Ultra Light 13.2 Volt Switching Power Supply

FIFTH PRIZE: DX World Map / Laminated / 36”X 24”

SIXTH PRIZE: DT830B Digital Multimeter

SEVENTH PRIZE: Icom Hat

EIGHT PRIZE: 2007 NARCC Northern CA Repeater Directory

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Special Thanks to Bob, Howard, Rick, Mark, and everyone at HRO for their continued SUPPORT!

~K6AK Jim

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A handheld radio was found in a Menlo Park restaurant Thursday night August 31. If it is yours, please contact:
 Rob Riley, kg6hvw@arrl.net,
 and identify it for its quick return.

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Join us for pre-meeting eyeball

at Su Hong Restaurant
 1039 El Camino Real, Menlo Park

Food will be served at 5:30 sharp, so guests will be on time for the PAARA meeting. Those arriving late will be responsible for their own order and bill.

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3 rd Mon.	Doug Teter, KG6LWE
4 th Mon.	Terry Ridgeway, N6ZAG
5 th Mon.	Doña Kerns KI6DAR



Directions to PAARA meeting:

<http://paara.org/meetings/>

Palo Alto Amateur Radio Association

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Club meetings are on the first Friday of each month, 7:00pm at the Menlo Park Rec Center, 700 Alma Street, Menlo Park, CA.

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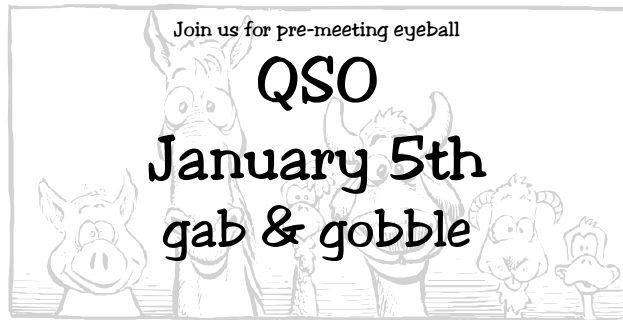
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January 5th

gab & gobble



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This Pilot Radio, Model T-1424 was donated last week by **Bob Selby**, along with some other Flea Market items. Bob also facilitated the donation last year from the estate of **John Woehrl**, **W6KV**. Thanks Bob, PAARA appreciates the donations and the effort involved. ~Gerry Tucker, N6NV

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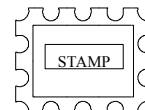
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Ted Peixotto is the president of the newly organized Palo Alto Radio Association, members announced today. Other officers are Charles Camp, vice-president; and L.M. Van Eaton, secretary-treasure. The association is composed of local amateur radio operators.”

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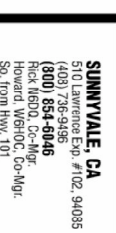
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