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NEXT PLANNED FUNCTION

Date: Friday 7 April 1972, 7:30PM;

Place: Menlo Park Recreation Bldg, Civic Center.

Program: (Note: The Amateur TV is delayed to later)

PROJECT MOONRAY I - Which is scheduled.

for Apollo 17. Nick Marshall, W60LO will describe the present status and give us an insight into some of the technical

iee Pg.4) problems involved in this AMATEUR proj.

No. 4 April '72

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FUTURE PROGRAMS

Wednesday 12 April-PAARA BofDir. Mtg. Trailer SRI 7:30PM

Friday 5 May: San Carlos Radio Club will host the meeting at the Veterans Memorial Bldg, Redwood City, 7:30PM

Tentative program is a travelogue with slides of a trip thru Africa by Larry Reed, W6CTH.

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME ABOARD FELLOW PAARA PARTICIPATORS

Bob Mager, WA6DVI from Los Altos Hills brings to the Club Really Mits it on 2 & 6. Now a wealth of experience as an ex. W5, W8 and WØ. Hope we can utilize your phone experience on Field Day Bob!

Barry Lar Rieu, WA6UIM, of Menlo Park relaxes from his hectic occupation with the stock market by searching out DX contacts. Nice going Lar.

Preston Hotz, WEGWAY lives in Menlo Park and surveys the geological features of our terrain. This may explain his now demonstrate what a real expertise in getting QSO's. Has WAC and DXCC. Lets use tha on Field Day Eh? Pres.

David Harper, WB6JFH from Redwood City is right in therecouple of calls regarding pitching for those DX contacts classes for novices and the His big project is to get his required exams. Dad qualified for the Novice license. Twist his arm Dave and we will get him in as a PARTICIPATOR!

Virg Barta, K6QNH checks in from Los Altos where he has a ham layout that really gets but to the ends of the earth. Virg has WAS, WAC, RCC & OT. A <u>real</u> PARTICIPATOR eh Virg?

NEW MEMBERS (Contd)

Elmer Shapiro WA6MPC calls Menlo Park home. He is a homebrewer on the bands above 10. if we can get Elmer together with Andy we may get that 2 meter project off the ground! Give Andy a goose Elmer and lets see what happens Eh?

Hey! Did you notice that I had to change Pres Hotz' call to K6WD? Well it just goes to show what joining PAARA will do! Pres no sooner joined than his new call came through! ! With his EXTRA license and his new 2 letter call Pres will PARTICIPATOR can do! !! * * * * * * * * *

Speaking of new members I am reminded that I have had a

The SAN CARLOS RADIO CLUB runs an excellent class for those going up to higher type licenses including Novices. Jack McEnnerney, W6LII is the principal instructor helped by Jack PierceWA6CCH.

Call Jack McEnnerney in San Carlos on 591 8526 for more info on class schedules and type of instruction.

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Nick Marshall, W60LO and K2SS will give us a complete rundown on PROJECT MOONRAY.

To help you follow Nick's outline with complete details here is a brief summary of MOONRAY: It will be a Thermonuclear-powered (5-Watt DC output) Plutonium 235-fueled unit with a half-life of 87 years. It will power a 5 Lb. electronics repeater package having a 432 MHz. receiver (uplink) and a 1296 MHz 3 W output transmitter (downlink).crystal set in 1924 (age 10) The repeater will accept all put and will linearly translate these to the downlink transmitter. In addition to it's function as a free-accessham bands, now mostly on 432 repeater, MOONRAY I will con- and 1296 MHz. tain several interesting amaeiver, a slow-scan color TV system that will give gross cloud-cover pictures of the earth several times daily and a 32-channel telemetering link that will transmit a wide variety of experimental and housekeeping data. The call sign SS in morse code will be used as the identifier and has already been allocated and approved by the FCC. NASTAR's Ground-station K2SS is to be a secondary control link to turn the repeater on

NEXT MEETING - don't miss it! or off as necessary. Primary control will be the Arecibo station with it's 1000-foot dish and multi-megawatt output capability. It will only be used in case of emergency or during any unexpected malfunctions of the repeater.

Nick will also bring us upto-date on OSCAR VI, the satelite for amateur communications world-wide on 2 meters.

Nick is exceptionally well qualified in this type of experimental project. Built his 1st and has been an avid experimenter modes of modulation at the in-ever since. Got both his amateur and first class commercial tickets both the same day in 1936. He has experimented on all the

His professional career has teur experiments; a laser rec-seen him with Lockheed, Aerospace and others doing projects from flight recorders, oil exploration, sun position indicators to Missle-borne TV.

He has authored over 200 papers and has numerous patent applications to his credit. He is now working in Oceanographic (deep-water) instrumentation. He was Technical Director and one of the founders of Project OSCAR. He helped design.devel-Qp, test and check out OSCARS I. II. & III.

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OUR TRAVELLING TROUBADOURS Beautiful Wife are right now exploring the intracies of the inland passageway from Florida north on the east coast. They both love to travel by small boat and find the freindly atmosphere aboard thes working boats very stimulating. We do hope they get their share of the fine fishing down that way and enjoy the wonderful vistas along the many waterways.

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Gerry Laxson WA60PA and his lovely XYL have just returned from a trip through Mexico. They went through Mexico City and south to many of the exotic cities of Old Mexico. They explored the Aztek ruins - Doc even found a small artifact which appears to be many hundred years old. Our hex on the old "Montezuma Curse" didn't work too well. However I'm sure things would have been worse without it! ! Doc has fully recovered and enjoys the memories of the very fine trip. * * * * * * * * * *

JOIN THE CLUB AND SEE THE WORLD (At least talk with the world) some pictures. PARTICIPATE

Friday a week ago my phone Ed Fairbanks W6AIN, and hisrang. It was Sam Graf WA60BC in Atherton with a phone patch to Andy Korsak VE3FZK/6. Andy was mobile going over the Pacheco pass east of Gilroy. It was a fine 250 but Andy had to QRT when the autos behind him started to blow thier horns - Andy was navigating cautiously with the QSC going. After a fine QSO Andy proceeded south to Disneyland, back thru Mt. Pines where they enjoyed some snow sliding, thence home to spend some time in the garden. He and his Wonderful Wife, Rosa, seem to really enjoy their very nice family. Casey and Kathy. They all load into the Camper and take off at a moments notice. Andy QSO's and Rosa cooks and sews - a fine family activity!!! * * * * * * * * *

> As reported last month Hal Moore and his BW are taking off for Japan to visit their daughter, Suzi, who is teaching there. They left last friday the 24th and will be back monday 3 April. Suzi tells them its cold in Japan so they are going pre-pared for winds and snow! ! We will look forward to a review of the trip from Hal when we next see him. Hope he has

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MORE FOR SALE azine had a fine article on C-D There are a few unsold itemstitled "Learning From Emergencies from the estate of W6CAA:

There are two 45 or 50 ft triangular steel towers, one on the ground and the other tri-band beam rotated by a CD AR-22 rotator and including all the coax lines and

The Collins 75A4 with 3 filters in good condition,

serialnumber 1549;

A clean KWS-1, a Heath replus frequency meters. BC-Large file of QST's etc.

* * * * * * * * * * CIVIL DEFENSE

Collins of the Redwood City Civil Defense organization called a meeting to discuss preparations for a potential about Identification Cards for RACES members to assure availability of manpower to case of disaster. He also. together with Fire Chief Keller, discussed the passibi- While we all hope and pray that lities of an unannounced Drillno disaster occurs, we must each

to test preparations.

prepare. See Bob Allen who is The March issue of 73 mag-our RACES Radio Officer.

outlining many of the lessons to be learned from an actual emergency. For instance we assume we can pick up the phone and call up supporting a fairly recentanyome at any time. This is fine except that the phone is one of the first things to go out in a real emergency - and what service fittings, control cables etc. is available immediately becomes swamped with emergency traffic. Also we must recognize that each individual will care for his own family first - when that is done flected power meter, two sur-he may be available to assist in manning a communication circuit. 221AJ and TS 174U, both com- We amateur provide a true PUBLIC plete with calibration charts SERVICE on a volunteer basis. All basic planning is done by the Phone Irv Wolfe, W6HHN for local community officials - it is details, prices etc. 327 5363 THEIR RESPONSIBILITY. It is not the responsibility of the amateur to do this planning and we cannot Hal Moore reports that Dick make decisions regarding the welfare of the community. We must be ready and willing to provide a PUBLIC SERVICE on a volunteer basis. In doing this we must be emergench. Dick was concerned very much aware that we will be judged and our services utilized on the basis of our prior preparation to meet such emergencies. If operate emergency circuits in we cannot do the job we become no more than another problem for the local officials.

AN OLDTIMER HEARD FROM Hal Moore was trying out his area. Since distribution of new transceiver on the County repeater during the C-D drill a couple weeks ago and Santa Rosa checked in. At the mike was our old friend, neighbor and PAARA member Paul Mezzapelli WA6NLJ ! ! Haven't hearthirty or more names dropped. from Paul in a long time - its nice to know he alive and kic-receive PAARAGRAPHS either: king. Hope we hear more of him in the future - we mis his participation in all our activities. 73 Paul!!!

ut 125 messages in N. Cal & S. Cal NTS regarding the QSL Bureau. All of us should get our envelope to the Bureaument and education. If you to assist that gang of dedicated volunteers.

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ensed hams in the Peninsula PAARAGRAPHS is necessarily limited due to costs, it is necessary to drop a number of names each month from the 3rd category.

Next month there will be If you want to continue to 1. JOIN THE CLUB; or

2. Subscribe.

Drop a line to PAARA, P.O. Box 911, Menlo ark, Ca.94025 Hal tells us he has put abo: and 'let me know what your desires are.

> And be sure to remember that this paper is for your enjoyhave any items of interest to other hams send it in - I wil be most happy to publish.

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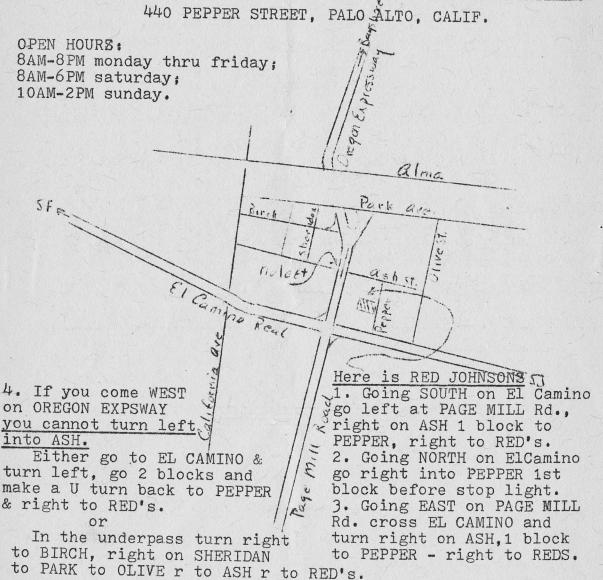
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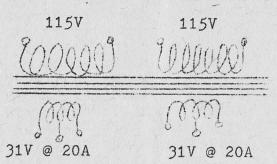
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MEETING 3 March 1072 Fred Canham, W6QWF, called the meeting to order at 7:40. New members were announced

cle report on SET was read. All were asked to patronize our subscribers. It was annood for an operation. Gene Sussli WA6NVU, volunteered to coordinate a boood bank for Radio Club members.

Fred reported on CCRC activities. WB6AUH is publishing enna. a new Radio magazine; non-technical - excellent job. The

announced.

mselves.

Andy Korsak called for volunteers to assist in setting up the ATV station in the trailer. Bill Jackson volunteers connections for the coax cable.

Fred Dietrich W6MOH, the speaker for the evening was introduced. He started by defining some of the terms he would use:

ect radio into a transmission have need for criteria in the line. (Receiving).

Array - An assembly of antennas.

Balanced Antenna - One which can be divided in half with a ground plane symetry.

Balun - A contraption to and introduced. The CCRC Cir- transform an unbalanced to a

balanced situation.

Radiation Resistance - A terminal resistor for absorpounced that member Steve Kai- ing energy. The normal antenna der, K6TV, was in need of bl-does not have a matching resistance. The shorter the antenna with respect to frequency the lower the matching resistance.

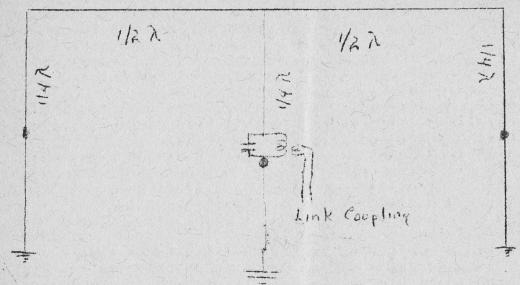
Parasitic Antenna - One which gets energy from another ant-

Fred pointed out that you must know the current in the elements Field Day Plaque will be pre- Voltage can be insulated. All sented to the local winner as calculations are based on currdetermined by handicaps to be ent flow. Current is zero at the antenna ends. It is essen-All present introduced the- tial to get the greatest current into the antenna.

Adding elements to an array does not increase power in direct proportion. The basic principle is that the larger the antenna the more gain you can get. Log periodics will not have as much gain as a Yagi of the same physical size.

Fred went on to describe many experiments he had conducted. The presentation was very ins-Antenna - A device to dir- tructive and helpful to we who setup of our "skyhooks"

Thanks very much Fred. We all gained something, 73



Above is the design of a vertically polarized antenna of very simple dimensions which will give a gain of about 7db. Fred Dietrich W6MOH, explained it's functions at our last meeting. The upper sections of $\frac{1}{2}$ wavelength each act as feeder lines to the two $\frac{1}{4}$ wave end sections. The center $\frac{1}{4}$ wave section carries twice the current of the other two $\frac{1}{4}$ wave sections thus increases the power radiated. The link coupling provides a high voltage- low current coupling to the center $\frac{1}{4}$ wave section.

Fred pointed out that the overriding factor in the setup of a ham antenna is location. The best antenna in a poor location cannot be expected to give optimum results. With room for a full wave antenna the above design will provide an excellent solution to the problem.

If any of you fellers out there have the opportunity to try out this antenna (or have a favorite you have had good luck with) please write it up and let the rest of us know about it.

effective power output from the great majority of our ham stations. We all need more effective solutions.

FIELD DAY

Now is the time to start our preparations for FIELD DAY. We have tentative approval of use of the same site we used last year the old mansion site in Sharon Heights, Menlo Park.

Anyone with an alternate site in mind should get in touch with Fred Canham.

Fred is getting together the list of potential operators. If you are going to participate get your name to him with your desires as to mode and times. He particularlly needs TEAM CAPTAINS - give him a hand. Call him on his home phone 948 9238 or write to 691 Casita Way, Los Altos C. 94022.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING 8 March 1972

The PAARA Board met at the trailer. Les Vickery, Secty read minutes of last meeting.

Treasurer made report of receipts, expenditures and the bank balance.

Andy Korsak reported on the progress of the ATV. There was some discussion of the financial support to be given such projects by the Club treasury. No decision.

The donation to the Club by Ken Kerwin of approximately \$1883.48 in used TV equipment

was approved by the Board.

A new signature authorization card for the bank account was signed by the new President and the Treasures and Secretary.

Hal Moore outlined arrangements being made for phonepate ches for the POWDERPUFF DERBY.

Fred suggests more activity by the membership committee. Andy reported on the OSCAR

activity in progress.

Lee Zalaznik, WB6BJB was appointed chariman of the PAARA WAS COMMITTEE.

Fred reported coordination with Carolyn Currenns, W3GCT on POWDERPUFF DERBY communications problems. Members will be canvased for PARTICIPATION.

Under New Business Les Vickery questioned the loan of code tapes and records to nonmembers. Decision - Members have priority.

Bob Allen complained that PAARAGRAPHS is delivered late to him. Suggests earlier mailing date. It will be mailed 10 days before the next meet-

ing.

Fred suggests that the new frequency assigned to the Club, 145.24 be used as a Wednesday night Net. The purpose will be to exchange Club news and activities. Any member interested see Lee Z.

TECHNICAL TOPICS de Andy VE3FZK

TV PROJECT - W6OTX/TV IS ON THE AIR

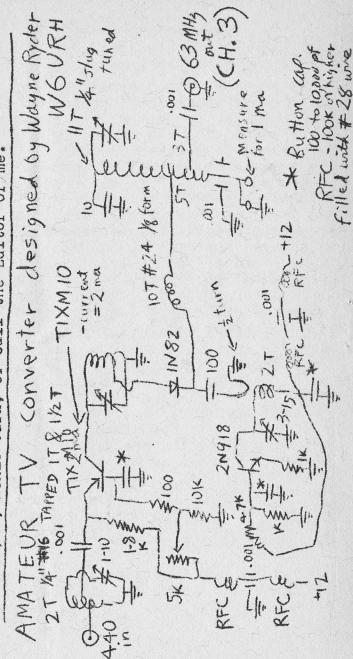
Hoorah! We finally got the W60TX/TV on the air with about 2 watts output and successful video QSO's. Last issue we reported having video modulation problems. We found the trouble to be inverting switches inside the transmitter not correctly positioned and after some tweaking of the cathode tuning of the ART-26 transmitter we managed to put out a reasonably watchable but snowy picture at the QTH of Elmer Shapiro, WA6MPC. a padded down UHF converter and an indoor antenna, and he is a bit under 1 mile from W60TX. I borrowed his converter, took it home, and hooked it up to my 7 foot dish with a preamp at the feed, and WOW; I copy an S9 / / picture on my TV. It sure makes a difference with a good antenna system. This is the antenna I use to pick up Fresno and Tulare-Visalia, and I was surprised that the dish and preamp worked down to 440 MHz.

We tried to send pictures to several ATV types in the Bay Area but nobody could copy us. One guy in Cupertino was just barely able to pick up sync bars, so we'll have to do something about that low output of two watts. The ART-26 should put out about 15 watts when working properly. But even that wouldn't be enough for what we want to do. The idea of this project is to put out ARRL bulletins and transmit club messages to our members, as well as have some fun exchanging video with other ATV buffs, so we will need some more power. We are now debating whether to build a 1/2 KW amplifier or buy an ART-28 which will put out a few hundred watts (peak sync power). We have some lead to ATV equipment for sale, if any of you want to get on the air too.

About our TV demonstration, we decided to put it off till we perfect the equipment and have some more experience with it. All interested participants are welcome. See me at the meeting or call 854-2759.

apartment roof top. Lee, WB6BJB is busy most nights at the W60TX trailer trying to pile up states for his WAS. He now has 25 states installation - we spent a lot of weekends at SRI getting the system on the air. Jim Finnell W6DEU came down to help one weekend and also tried finding out why his new 2-meter mobile wouldn't work Thekan, WN6DQU has been installing new matenas on his putting up antennas at his apartment. John Cameron (NC) Paul, and Lee have been faithfully contributing to our W60TX/TV confirmed. He has to use the trailer because of problems with using some of our equipment. OTHER NEWS Paul

Anybody out there got any technical news? Send it in to PAARA Box 911, Menlo Park, or call the Editor or me.



COLOR TV CAMERA PROJECT

As noted under FUTURE PROGRAMS, page 2, the presentation of our TV project to the general membership has been delayed. When we have the bugs out we will display it

Ayed. When we have the bugs out we will display it.

No construction progress this month, as I was on vacation for a week and lots of other things like spring cleaning (in between working on the black and white TV getting on the air at W60TX) kept me pretty busy. But I am still planning to build up some PLL color demodulators for picking off color subcarriers created by gratings as described in the last issue. If any of you can help, the club would appreciate it. Actually, building the color carrier demodulators will be killing two birds with one stone, as this is the same type of circuit I built for the long neglected 2-meter project. I had some IF strips working a year ago using the SIGNETICS 560

PLL, but I could never complete a reproducible design with squelch and AGC added. I am trying to do now is to go back to a simple synchronous AM demodulator circuit for the color video demodulator, which will then serve as a 2-meterIF strip as well, and maybe I can come to a sucessful completion of the 2-meter transceiver I started a couple of years ago.

Here's how a PLL dedodulator is used for golor carrier extraction: As I described in the last two issue s of this paper color information in the SRI/RCA single-vidicon camera is inserted by modulating 3 carriers at, say, 3, 4 and 5 MHz with red, blue and green intensity waveforms. That is, the video signal resulting from light passed through a colored filter is superimposed on 3 subcarriers corresponding to the 3 primary colors. A good way to separate out the information on these subcarriers is to use synchronous detectors with phase lock loops because these are easily tunable and synchronous detection adds to the attenuation of interference from the other two subcarriers. I plan to use tuned circuits ahead of the PLL's to aid selectivity.



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The time has arrived again when we have to plan our activities for next Field Day. We spent a large part of our last meeting on how we can improve last year's score. It is amusing, last year after FD we had a critique on what we did right and what we can do to better our performance, but do you think we can still remember what it was we wanted to improve on? Heck no!! It wouldn't be any fun fun anyway if we were perfect. However, we have appointed a FD committee which is composed as follows:

W60WQ, Bill Jackson, Chairman

W6JOV. Ray Allustiarti, Vice-Chairman

W6KZJ, Larry Daily, Member W6NIZ, Hank Luthe, Member.

This committee of experienced contest operators will have a separate meeting to draw up the plans and present them to our membership at the next Club meeting.

We had the pleasure of having Larry Reed. W6CTH, as our guest at the last meeting. Larry volunteered to help us this Field Day since the old South County ARC is no longer in the running. We then reminded him that we would gladly accept his help as soon as he would deposit \$3.50 with our Treasurer for 1972 dues, a rule set up last year as a condition for FD participation - and guess who insisted on that rule! Hi Larry, thanks for your greenbacks and we are happy to have you in our fold. After the meeting Larry confided to me that this was the first time in his career that he had to PAY to participate in Field Day. By the way Larry will be the featured speaker at the Tri-City meeting on May 5 1972 and he will present his slide collection on Africa. So, everybody can bring their wives or girl friends.

Our next San Carlos Radio Club meeting, thursday April 20, promises to be a good show. We will have a live 2 way Amateur TV demo. W60WQ will set up at the City Hall and flash X rated pictures to Menlo Park. 73 Gene WA6NVU



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