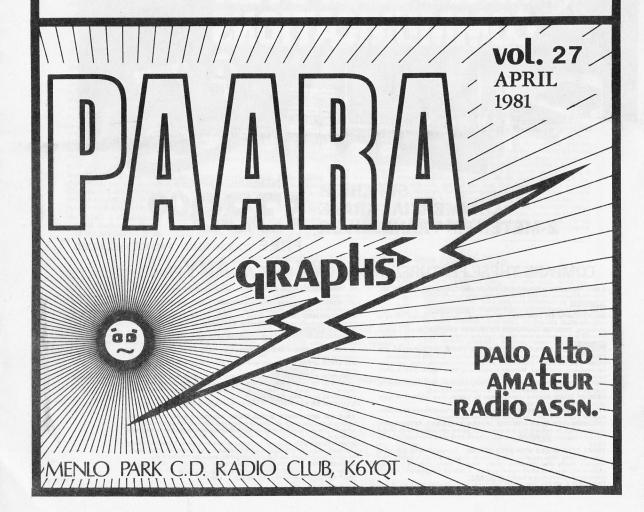
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REGULAR MEETING

Friday, April 3, 1981

7:30 p.m.

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

SLOW SCAN TELEVISION

by

Gordon Meyer, W6PCP

Gordon will tell us the least expensive way to get into or in SSTV. There will be visual demonstrations of equipment featuring live pics.

Circle the Date

April 3

FUTURE MEETINGS: May 1, June 5, July 10?, August 7, September 4. Field Day: June 27. 28.

PAST CORNER: Gerry, WA6LNV, rapped the meeting toorder at 7:40, breaking up many conversations going on around the meeting room. Guests were introduced including Art Adams, NC, from Palo Alto, Walter Murray, NC, Mountain View, and Kieth Huie, KA6NBK, from Menlo Park.

George, GI3OEN, gave the treasurer's report and indicated dues were still being accepted for 1981. George and Fred, K6YT, distributed membership cards to those who hadn't received them.

Chris, WB6WBK, made a report on Post 599's activity. Steve, K6FS, announced that the Menlo Park Civil Prepardness (ex CD) station license had been renewed for the period of Steve's license term and that it would not be allowed to lapse again while he was the station custodian. He indicated a desire to have at least a walk-through of the Menlo Park Disaster Center's area to acquaint all with where it is and what is in it.

Gerry, LNV, announced the contest for Club members already four hours underway nationwide, and urged all to get active and submit their results for prizes. Mac, N6YV, and others, described the contest, its rules, and how to report.

Gerry, W6NIR, reported on Flea Market activity. The only local listed is now a memory—SPECS, March 21.

Help was solicitated for antenna parties. Three. Dave, KB6WP, Ed, W6KJI, and Bill, N6CHI. No schedule on the last two yet and hopefully by mailing time Dave will be in good shape.

The meeting broke for goodies and more conversation—even strangers were seen talking to the regulars. Are they getting more agressive or are members looking for strangers?

Ray, W6PUX, entertained and informed during his talk on interference, showing slides and explaining the characteristics of different noise sources. Using equipment "anyone can get downtown" makes the job easier, he conceded, but some things can be accomplished using gear many of us have around the shack.

The meeting ended with a raffle of prizes and in all but one or two cases different people were lucky for a change.

BOARD CORNER: March.. March.. March 11, that was the fate the Board met at the Club trailer, 7:30 p.m. just inside the gate at SRI.

Rob, KA6NAN, the new Advisor to Post 599, was inttoduced to Club Officers and Board Members Ed, W6AIN, John, KA6CUG, Kevin, WA6FHC, Bob, K6SEM, Mac, N6YV, Gerry, WA6LNV, George, GI3OEN, Gerry, W6NIR, and Bill, KA6LZI.

Gerry, LNV, discussed the Club's insurance program, had questions to ask, and Mac, YV, said he'd try to get answeres for next month's meeting.

George, OIN, continued discussions about PAARA financing, had questions about IRS forms which were answered by Gerry, NIR, and wondered who had the Corporate Seal. Bob, SEM, applied the "Corporate Seal" to the papers in question.

Bob, W6BFH, announced PAARAgraphs deadline as the night of the Board Meeting to try to comply with Ed, AIN's, request for an earlier mailing date to get the paper to those outside the Menlo Park area before the meeting.

Rob, NAN, discussed Scouting Post 599 sponsorship for 1981 and it was agreed PAARA would continue its program. Gerry, LNV, as the executive officer, Ken, WB6NYB, as Chairman, and Board Members Bob, K6SEM, Fred, K6YT, Don, W6CFZ, and Alan, WA6AZP.

Bob, SEM, gave a report on the new generator that seems to be in good shape except for the D.C. comutator which needs turning down and regroving. Bob is looking for someone with machinest's know-lege and equipment to do the job.

Bob also pushed for a spring picnic tentatively set for May 3. More information at the April meeting and in the May PAARAgraphs.

The March 7-8 contest was discussed but no results were in except a "something over 5,000,000" by Cam's, K6RU, group. Bob, SEM, discussed the upcoming field day and of ttaining Club contesters. A preliminary F.D. report will be made at the April meeting with "final" details at the May meeting. Bob suggested another PAARA contest associated with the CQ WPX Contest.

enter the Board of Directors announced a new contest for Club members, to be held in conjunction with the CQ WPX Contest. An award will be made to the member making the highest score in any consecutive four-hour period during the contest. Complete information is in the March issue of QST, page 82.

For PAARA members there will be two classes:

- all comers
- those who have never entered this contest before.

The dates? Phone: March 28-29; CW, May 30-31

NEW MEMBER CORNER: Jack Cline, K6JK will be remembered by some, having paid his dues years ago as PAARA Vice President and CCRC Representative. After a period of inactivity in the Club, he's back. He normally works 40-m CW QRP and you'll find him there. First Licensed in 1936, he entered the game as W80SP.

Barry Lar Rieu, WA6UIM, dropped out of the club a year or so but didn't even have his card lifted from the file—listed as inactive, even though he had attended meetings. For those who don't know him, he was first licensed in 1961, and now operates 20 and 15-m phone and CW, with a fine selection of gear. His main interest is contesting and for that reason likes to see programs about DX trips at the meetings.

Welcome back, both; at the meetings and when you talk with them on the air.

ARRL CORNER: Join or resultcribe to QST through the Club and keep yourself in good standing and PAARA as an affiliated Club. PAARA gets a slice of the cake when George, OIN, submits your application for membership or resubscription.

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PURPOSE: To facilitate the mobilization of amateur radio operators and equipment in the shortest possible time without the need for detailed additional instructions.

SCOPE: This covers the five counties of the Section — San Mateo, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, San Benito, and Monterey. Each Emergency Coordinator (EC) shall have a more detailed emergency plan that will define local and functional mobilization procedures.

APPLICABILITY: All licensed amateurs, whether or not they belong to any ARES group should respond to this plan. Every amateur is an Acting Emergency Coordinator and should be prepared to take responsibility to activate a useful response in a real or threatened emergency.

ORGANIZATION: The man on the spot is responsible for doing whatever he shall be capable of doing, as quickly and as efficiently as possible.

The chain of command, alerting and advice shall be as follows:

- 1. The man on the spot.
- EC, Assistant EC (AEC), and designated net controls.
- Section Emergency Coordinator (SEC) and District EC's.
- 4. Section Communications Manager (SCM)
- 5. Advice to Division Director or Assistants and to ARRL Headquarters hotline and Communications Department and to Division Regional Emergency Coordinator.

INSTRUCTIONS

- All available amateurs shall respond to this and local plans without further direction.
- 2. All volunteers shall report to assembly points designated in local plans with required equipment and supplies. If such instructions are not available, amateurs should make themselves and their capabilities known to local public service or disaster response groups such as the Red Cross.
- 5. Emergency Goordinators and AEC's shall activate their local key nets and plans and advise the SEC via HF and VHF alerting nets. Mobile and base stations shall monitor local and alerting nets and respond to instructions. Listen before transmitting and do not transmit unless called or unless conditions warrant.
- 4. Alerting will be by local nets or repeaters or by telephone or by section-wide alerting nets as described in the Section Alerting Roster. Section alerting may be on 7255kHZ, WCARS (days); 3952kHZ, WPSS (nights); or 3952kHZ, Weather Net (early mornings). WHF high level repeaters may be used as well. Generally local nets may be established for the particular situation on other HF frequencies, on low level repeaters, or on simplex WHF frequencies (including repeater outputs if repeaters are down).
- 5. These procedures should be second nature to all concerned hams.

SECTION VHF NET: 146.925, W1PW, 1900 LT, Wednesdays.

SECTION HF NET: Frequency and time to be announced.

de Ed. WB6IZF

60T AND PASTE CORNER: PLEASE add the following new members to your December Roster

Jack Cline K6JK 3527 Arbutus Palo Alto. CA 94303 (415) 493 5620 Barry J. Lar Rieu WA6UIM P. O. Box 752 Menlo Park. CA 94025 (415) 326 2020 Please add a phone number to Bob Hill, W1ARR/6 listed last month (415) 969 2122 Bob's office phone is still - -(415) 361 4177

SILENT KEY

John F. Roberts, Jr. W6QPX

January 31, 1981

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THE KA6M/R PACKET REPEATER INFORMATION SHEET

The KA6M repeater is San Francisco's first, and possibly the nation's first, all digital simplex packet radio repeater for use in amateur radio. The repeater went into operation on December 10th, 1980 and since then has been running both as a packet repeater and a beacon. Here are some facts about the repeater and its operation:

- A packet radio repeater or digital repeater or "digipeater", as the Canadians call it, is a machine which receives a message or block of data, and after verification, retransmits that message on the same frequency channel where it was received. Thus, only a simplex channel is used, and the message transmitted is the same as the message received, except for the possible modification of some address or control bytes. The primary function of a packet repeater, as with a more conventional repeater, is to extend the geographic range and coverage of fixed or mobile stations.
- The KA6M/R repeater is currently operating on a simplex channel assigned for non-woice use, 146.58mHZ, acquisition and/or disposition of nearly anything and transmits data at a speed of 1200 Baud. The mach- electronic. ine consists of a Z80 microprocessor, a Bell 202 compatable modem, and a solid-state transciever. The initial site is in Menlo Park, CA.
- The basic format of a packet or message block is an HDLC frame. The word HDLC stands for High-level Data Link Control which is a new and internationally recognized standard in the communications industry. A frame consists of an opening flag byte, an address byte, an information field, two bytes of CRC checking, and a closing flag. The repeater uses NRZI (Non Return to Zero Inverting) encoding of the frame, which allows both clock and data to be revovered from one signal. The use of HDLC framing and control procedures guarantees highly reliable, nearly error free communications. The first use of HDLC framing by amateurs was done by members of the Vancouver Digital Communications Group, and we are following their lead.
- As a beacon the machine transmits three packets every 5 minutes, immediately following its CW ID. Each packet contains approximately seventy ASCII characters. In functioning as a repeater, the machine will repeat any packet it receives which has the cormec rect address and CRC checksum. The information field

is currently limited to 256 bytes maximum.

- The control software for the repeater is written in PASCAL/Z, a PASCAL which generates native Z-80 code instructions. Assembly language interface routines have been written to control a Western Digital 1933 HDLC chip.

This repeater is just a first step in what will someday be a nationwide network of interconnected computer systems. Packet radio is a new frontier for amateir radio, a new medium unlike anything we are accustomed to today.

If you are interested in more information about the repeater or wish to communicate with it, call Hank, KA6M at 854 1927, or write him at: 311 Stanford Avenue, Menlo Park, CA, 94025. de Hank, KA6M,

CONVENTION CORNER: The 39th Annual Fresno Hamfest will be held May 15, 16 and 17, 1981 at the Hacienda Inn, Clinton Ave. and Hiway 99 in Fresno.

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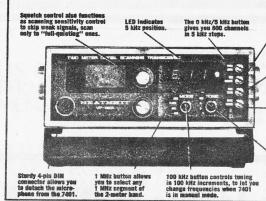
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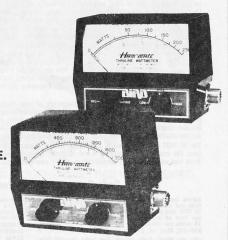
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