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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

THIS ISSUE SALUTES OUR PAARA FIELD DAY TROOPS AND THEIR 1988 HEROICS BY THE BAY. IT WAS A HOT BATTLE, AND THOSE WHO SERVED THE CLUB DID A FINE JOB. '89 PROMISES TO BE EVEN BETTER! DON'T FORGET THE EVENTS THAT ARE AHEAD: PAARA AUCTION AT AMPEX ON OCTOBER FIRST; ARRL PACIFICON '88 ON OCT. 14-15-16. TNX TO THOSE WHO PROVIDED ITEMS FOR THIS EDITION. HAVE A GOOD AUGUST & SEE YOU NEXT MONTH.

-73 DE YOUR EDITOR.

SPEAKER OF THE MONTH JAMES N. LORING KA6VVE

MICROWAVE PROFESSIONAL

WILL GIVE HIS PRESENTATION ENTITLED: "A SURVEY OF MICROWAVE TECHNOLOGY" WHAT A MICROWAVE DEVICE LOOKS LIKE, WHAT IT DOES, & HOW IT DOES IT, WITH A VIEW TO AMATEUR APPLICATIONS. JIM WILL BRING AN ASSORTMENT OF UNIQUE MICROWAVE COMPONENTS FOR THE CLUB TO EXAMINE & PLAY WITH... FROM THE MOST BASIC TO THE MOST "HIGH-TECH" TYPES. DO NOT MISS THIS SPECIAL ON AUGUST 5TH!

DINNER WITH SPEAKER: SU HONGS, ON EL CAMINO, OFF RAVENSWOOD, MENLO PARK. 5:45 PM MEETING FRIDAY AUG. 5!

-PAARA PROGRAM QST

PRESENTS CONTEST

AS USUAL, ONCE THE FRANTIC PHASE WAS OVER WITH, FIELD DAY WAS LOTS OF FUN. MEMORIES HAVE ALREADY TURNED PLEASANT, AND THOSE OF YOU WHO DIDN'T MAKE IT MISSED A GOOD TIME. WE SPLIT INTO 2 GROUPS FOR MUCH OF THE ANTENNA WORK, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE BIG TOWER. THIS WORKED QUITE WELL, WITH THE CW TEAM CONCENTRATING ON THEIR STUFF, AND LIKewise FOR THE PHONE GUYS. WE COULD HAVE HAD A FEW MORE OPERATORS SHARE THE DUTIES, AS THERE WERE FEW BLANK PERIODS FOR BREAKS. THE RESULTS WERE ABOUT THE SAME AS LAST YEAR FOR QSOs, BUT WE DIDN'T LET AS MANY BONUS POINTS SLIP THROUGH THE CRACKS. UNFORTUNATELY, THE NOVICE STATION DIDN'T MATERIALIZE, AND WE WEREN'T SUFFICIENTLY PREPARED FOR SATELLITE CONTACT. NEVERTHELESS, WE GOT 3,494 QSO POINTS AND A TOTAL OF 4,514 OVERALL. FINAL RESULTS HAVE BEEN MAILED TO ARRL. LOOK FOR W6OTX IN THE NOVEMBER 3A LISTING. A LIST OF PARTICIPANTS MAY APPEAR ELSEWHERE IN PAARAGRAPHS, BUT A FEW PEOPLE DESERVE SPECIAL THANKS. JOHN WB7TEM HONCHOED THE OTHER PHONE STATION, WHILE BILL WB6IYS DID A GREAT JOB ROUNDING UP CW OPERATORS AND KEEPING THEM BUSY. FRED K6YT AS ALWAYS WAS RIGHT IN

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

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THE THICK OF THINGS, DELIVERING TRAILERS, GENERATORS; PUTTING UP THE CW ANTENNA, AND ESSENTIALLY CO-OPERATING THE CW STATION MUCH OF THE TIME. HOPEFULLY, THE PHONE TEAM TOOK A LITTLE LOAD OFF HIS SHOULDERS AS FAR AS ANTENNAS ARE CONCERNED. ROB KA6JLT SINGLE-HANDEDLY TOOK CARE OF THE PACKET AND MESSAGE BONUS POINTS OPERATIONS. WE PUT A TOTAL OF 3 TOWERS UP, WITH 15 - METER PHONE LOCATED AWAY FROM THE OTHERS, WHICH HELPED THE RECEIVER DESENSING EXPERIENCED LAST YEAR. LAST BUT NOT LEAST, THANKS TO MY XYL JACKIE, WHO PUT TOGETHER THE RAW MATERIALS FOR A PANCAKE & EGG BREAKFAST.

OUR AMPEX AUCTION WILL BE 1 OCTOBER THIS YEAR, DUE TO A SCHEDULING CONFLICT... SO KEEP IT OPEN. LASTWEEK, K6FS, W6NIR, K6YT AND MYSELF WENT OVER TO ED W6AIN'S QTH AND PRESENTED HIM WITH A FRAMED PAARA LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARD IN APPRECIATION FOR ALL THE YEARS OF GENEROUS SUPPORT OF PAARA. HIS WIFE, VIRGINIA, SERVED US CAKE AND TEA, WHILE WE SPUN YARNS ABOUT THE OLD DAYS.

de WA6LNV

PAARA BRIEFS

TED N6IIU ATV DEAL STILL ON (\$73 FOR RCVR UNITS). CONTACT TED ON 145.27 (MINUS) IF INTERESTED. ANDY VE3FZK HAS OLD TUBES & OTHER STUFF AVAILABLE FOR INTERESTED PAARA FOLKS. SEE HIM FOR INFO. -de VE3FZK

PAARA 1988 AMPEX AUCTION & FLEA MARKET!!! SATURDAY OCTOBER 1. AMPEX CAFETERIA, REDWOOD CITY. SAVE THE DAY FOR THIS IMPORTANT ANNUAL EVENT. MORE INFO NEXT MONTH.

PACIFICON '88 / ARRL PACIFIC DIVISION CONVENTION... OCTOBER 14-15-16... LE BARON HOTEL, SAN JOSE! CALL: (408) 243-8349 FOR INFO... REGISTRATION SHEETS AVAILABLE AT QUEMENT, 1000 S. BASCOM, SAN JOSE; & AT HRO LOCATIONS!

SPECIAL 73'S TO THE RECENTLY RELOCATED CRAIG SMITH N6ITW...WHOSE ALREADY CROWDED ITINERARY WAS AND HAS BEEN FURTHER CROWDED BY THE MYRIAD DETAILS OF SETTING UP A NEW HOME (AND SHACK) IN HIS NEW QTH. THOSE WHO DEVISE A SIMILAR REGIME ARE CHALLENGED TO KEEP AS EVEN A KEEL AS CRAIG & HIS XYL OVER THE LAST SEVERAL MONTHS! HOPE TO SEE YOU SOON. -ED.

KEN KB6BPM WAS GUEST AT JULY'S PAARA MEETING, UP FROM SO. CAL. THANKS FOR CHECKING IN, KEN! -ED

PAARA/VA BLIND CENTER UPDATE

WESTERN BLIND REHAB CENTER VISITS
PAARA FIELD DAY:
SUNDAY MORNING, JUNE 26, AS
FIELD DAY WAS STARTING TO WIND
DOWN, THE PAARA FIELD DAY SITE
WAS VISITED BY RECREATIONAL
THERAPIST KAY KNOTT OF THE PALO
ALTO VETERANS ADMINISTRATION
WESTERN BLIND REHABILITATION
CENTER AND ONE OF HER RESIDENT
STUDENTS, HERB LAWSON, RECENTLY
ARRIVED FROM A SMALL TOWN NEAR
LUBBOCK, TEXAS. THEY WERE INTRO-
DUCED TO THE CONTESTING ASPECT
OF AMATEUR RADIO AS THEY TOURED
THE 20- AND 15- METER SSB STATIONS
IN THE TRAILER, AND THE CW STATION
IN THE TENT. FOR MS. KNOTT IT WAS
THE FIRST EXPOSURE TO HAM RADIO AT
WORK; FOR HERB, AN OLD TIME CB-ER,
IT RECONFIRMED HIS ENTHUSIASM FOR
RADIO COMMUNICATION AND WHETTED
HIS INTEREST IN GETTING LICENSED
AND ON THE AIR WHEN HE GETS BACK
HOME, IN A COUPLE OF MONTHS.
INCIDENTALLY, PAARA WILL BE GIVING
TALKS AND DEMONSTRATIONS OF
VARIOUS MODES OF AMATEUR RADIO
COMMUNICATION AT THE BLIND CENTER
ON THE SECOND AND FOURTH WEDNES-
DAY NIGHTS OF EACH MONTH, AT 7:30
PM. THUS FAR, WALLY PORTER K6URO,
JERRY STARKEY WA6LIJ, AND STEVE
STUNTZ K6FS HAVE CARRIED THE BURDEN
OF THIS COMMITMENT. ADDITIONAL
VOLUNTEERS WILL BE WELCOME. IF
INTERESTED, CONTACT ANY OF THE
THREE GUYS NAMED ABOVE. -de K6FS

FIELD DAY QST DE JOHN WB7TEM

FIELD DAY 1988 - 15 METER PHONE DAY WAS COOKING! . . . 40 WAS DISAPPOINTING.

THANKS TO A GENEROUS HELPING OF MUSCLE, INGENUITY, AND MATERIALS, THE 10, 15, AND 20 METER PHONE BEAMS WENT UP FRIDAY WITH NARY A WHIMPER, THANKS TO GERRY, WA6LNV, AND HIS HOMEBREW, TRUCK-MOUNTED TOWER RAISING RIG. GETTING ON 40 METER PHONE WAS ANOTHER STORY. NO ANTENNA! HOWEVER, GERRY HAD THE FORESIGHT TO BRING PLENTY OF COPPER WOUND AND A FIST FULL OF 4:1 BALUNS.

NOW, EVERY NOVICE'S "FIRST" ANTENNA IS A HOMEBREW DIPOLE (AT LEAST MINE WAS). AND WITH A FEW BASIC TOOLS, A POCKET CALCULATOR, THE CORRECT FORMULA FOR A HALF-WAVE DIPOLE IN FREE SPACE, AND A HALF HOUR OR SO OF FREE TIME, A SUITABLE FIELD DAY ANTENNA CAN BE CONSTRUCTED. NO PROBLEM. THE SITE WAS SET UP BY THREE THAT AFTERNOON AND I SHOULD HAVE PLENTY OF TIME TO WHIP OUT ONE 40 METER DIPOLE IN THE COMFORT OF MY HOME. GUESS AGAIN, MURPHY.

TO MAKE A LONG, DULL STORY SHORT, MY HOME WAS BEING LISTED FOR SALE THE FOLLOWING TUESDAY, LEAVING PLENTY OF TIME FOR FINAL MINOR ADJUSTMENTS BEFORE THE LOOKY-LOOS CAME TRAMPING ACROSS THE FRESHLY CLEANED CARFETS. AS I WALKED IN THE DOOR, MY PANICED WIFE INFORMED ME THAT PROSPECTIVE BUYERS WOULD BE ESCORTED IN THE FOLLOWING MORNING AND THERE WAS SOOOOO MUCH TO BE DONE BEFORE THEN! THE DIPOLE HAD TO WAIT UNTIL ELEVEN THAT EVENING. AND SO IT WENT (SIGH).

THE NEXT MORNING JOHN, K6JJU, AND I HOISTED THE RADIATOR UP JUST BELOW THE 20 METER BEAM SO THAT IT WOULD RADIATE EAST-WEST. WITH THE KENWOOD TS-430 INSTALLED AND READY TO GO, A FINAL SWR CHECK WAS MADE. GERRY SOUNDED THE STARTING BELL AT 11:45 AM AND THE RACE WAS ON.

15 PHONE HELD UP WELL THE WHOLE DAY. JOHN AND I MUST HAVE COVERED ALMOST ALL STATES AND MOST OF CANADA (INCLUDING VEIQT FOR A 100-POINT BONUS!) DURING THE ENSUING 24 HOURS. THANKS ALSO TO MIKE BACH, WB6FFC, WHO SPELLED US FOR A PERIOD AND RACKED UP SOME HEALTHY CONTACTS. THE BAND NETTED US ROUGHLY 350 CONTACTS. FOR ALL THE EFFORT OF GETTING ON 40 METERS WE WERE ABLE TO NET ONLY ABOUT 80 CONTACTS, MOST OF WHICH WERE SNAGGED IN THE LATE AFTERNOON AND AFTER THE ANTENNA WAS "ROTATED" FORTY-FIVE DEGREES TO PICK UP THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST. THE SOUTHWEST BOOMED IN ALL DAY (ONE ARIZONA STATION LOGGED US SIX TIMES!). TO ADD INSULT TO INJURY, THE BALUN SELF-DESTRUCTED. THE INTERNAL HARDWARE CAME APART RESULTING IN POOR RECEPTION AND A 3:1+ SWR. ONE OF GERRY'S SPARES PUT US BACK UP IN ABOUT HALF AN HOUR.

SNACKS, SODAS, BEER, AND KFC BY THE BUCKET KEPT US FUELED. A HEARTY THANKS TO THOSE WHO PROVIDED.

AS ALWAYS, FIELD DAY WAS TIRING AND A GOOD TIME. THE TEARDOWN TOOK EVERY LAST BIT OF THIS AUTHOR'S ENERGY. HALLELULAH, FIELD DAY COMES BUT ONCE A YEAR!!! BUT I WOULDN'T MISS IT.

ONE FINAL COMMENT. IF FIELD DAY IS SO MUCH FUN, WHERE ARE ALL THE CONTESTERS?

JOHN GOMPERTS, WB7TEM

FIELD DAY QST

DE BILL WB6IYS

THE CW SECTION OF FIELD DAY BEGAN AND ENDED THE SAME WAY-- WITH FRED CANHAM K6YT AT THE TOP OF THE TOWER.

IN BETWEEN THOSE TWO EVENTS THE CW CREW MANAGED TO RACK UP OVER 400 QSO'S ON 40, 20, AND 15 METERS. ANTENNAS WERE A TRIBANDER ON TOP OF THE AFOREMENTIONED TOWER, AND AN INVERTED VEE.

FRED AND BILL ZANER WB6IYS ALTERNATED OPERATING THROUGH MOST OF THE CONTEST, WITH JOHN BUONACORE KD6ZL HELPING OUT IN THE HOME STRETCH.

MANY THANKS TO THE "GROUND CREW" WHO SHOWED UP TO ASSIST IN RAISING AND LOWERING ALL THE HARDWARE. MORE OPERATORS ARE NEEDED TO MAKE THIS A REALLY SUCCESSFUL CLUB EVENT, SO GET YOUR FIST IN SHAPE FOR NEXT YEAR.

de WB6IYS

RTTY SERIES RESUMES SUBSEQUENTLY. -ED

"THE HONOR ROLL" PAARA FIELD DAY WRAP-UP



K6MPN DUSTY; K6YT FRED; WB6IYS BILL;
K6URO WALLY; K6JBR TOM; WB7TEM JOHN;
K6JJU JOHN; WA6LNV GERRY; N6FEG PAUL;
K6MTZ GEORGE; W6AQL DICK; KA6JLT ROB;
KB6OWG JOE; W6ARA JERRY; WB6FFC MIKE;
WA3TLS LARRY; KB6PWM MARK; N6CHI BILL;
KD6ZL JOHN; ES YOUR EDITOR.---

QST DE STEVE K6FS

FOLLOWING IS THE TOPICAL OUTLINE OF THE PROPOSED REWRITE OF FCC R&R PART 97; NOTE THAT THE CLOSING DATE FOR COMMENTS IS 31 AUGUST 1988; REPLY COMMENTS CLOSE 31 OCTOBER 1988. THIS PROPOSED REWRITE OF PART 97 IS IDENTIFIED AS NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE MAKING (NPRM) 88-121. FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS & DIRECT QUOTES THEREFROM.

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(MORE)

QST DE STEVE K6FS

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de K6FS

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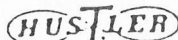
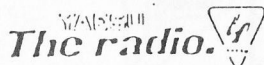
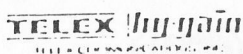
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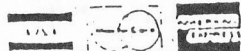
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