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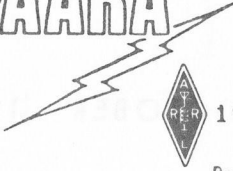


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# FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

THIS ISSUE IS DEVOTED TO TWO GREAT OCTOBER HAM EVENTS IN OUR AREA-- OUR AUCTION AT AMPEX, AND THE ARRL PACIFICON '88 IN SAN JOSE. (SEE ELSEWHERE IN THIS ISSUE FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.) A BIT OF ADVICE: TRY TO PITCH-IN & PARTICIPATE SOMEHOW IN THESE OUTSTANDING ACTIVITIES, AS THEY ARE DEDICATED TO THE HAM COMMUNITY = YOU! MEETING: OCT. 7TH... HAVE A FINE OCTOBER & SEE YOU NEXT MONTH. 73 DE YOUR EDITOR.

## SPEAKER OF THE MONTH

TO BE ANNOUNCED.....

MONITOR PAARA NET FOR LATEST  
DETAILS.....

PAARA PROGRAM QST

# PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

I WAS REGRETTABLY STILL OUT OF TOWN WHEN THE SEPTEMBER MEETING OCCURRED. MY THANKS TO ALL, PARTICULARLY ANDY VE3FZK FOR COVERING FOR ME. I HEARD THAT THE TALK BY TERRY N6MON WAS QUITE GOOD. IT'S TOO BAD WE HAVEN'T FOLLOWED UP ON THE IDEA TO VIDEO TAPE SOME OF THESE PRESENTATIONS.

THE OCTOBER 1ST AMPEX AUCTION WILL OBVIOUSLY BE BEFORE THE NEXT MEETING. PLEASE BE THERE AND SPELL THE WORKERS SO THEY CAN LOOK AROUND AND ENJOY THEMSELVES TOO. IF YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO DONATE TO THE PAARA TABLE, BRING IT OR CALL ME FOR A PICK UP. WE NEED HANDTRUCKS AND WAGONS TO LOAN TO THE SELLERS, SO HELP OUT THERE IF YOU CAN.

GOOD HEAVENS IT'S ALMOST OCTOBER. THAT MEANS THAT PAARA ELECTIONS ARE COMING UP. HOW ABOUT THINKING OF BEING A CLUB OFFICER. WE WILL ELECT 3 BOARD MEMBERS AS WELL AS THE 4 FUNCTIONAL POSITIONS. TALK IT UP AND FIND SOMEBODY TO RUN. A NOMINATING COMMITTEE WILL BE APPOINTED TO COME UP WITH A SLATE AT THE NOVEMBER MEETING, WITH ELECTIONS IN DECEMBER. THE OFFICERS WILL BE INSTALLED AT THE CHRISTMAS DINNER. AS A LAST DESPERATE MEASURE, PAT AN OFFICER ON THE BACK, TELL THEM THEY'RE DOING A GOOD JOB, AND MAYBE THEY'LL AGREE TO RUN AGAIN.

de WA6LNV

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CHRISTMAS DINNER

MONDAY DECEMBER 19TH

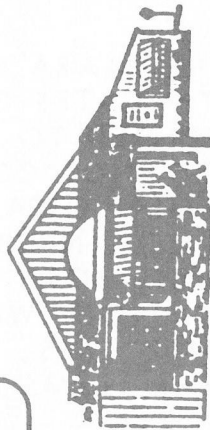
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# PAARA BRIEFS

AT THE PAARA MEETING OF AUG. 5, CERTIFICATES OF APPOINTMENT WERE PRESENTED TO THE 2 NEW ASSISTANT EMERGENCY COORDINATORS (AEC'S) FOR MENLO PARK. THE NEW AEC'S ARE TED MORAN KB6UDA & ROB WALKER KA6JLT, BOTH OF MENLO PARK. PRESENTATION WAS BY CURRENT EC, STEVE STUNTZ K6FS. STEVE HAS HAD 7 STRAIGHT 2-YEAR TERMS & HAS OPTED TO RETIRE. K6FS

SPECIAL 73'S TO OUTGOING NCDXC DXER EDITOR JIM MAXWELL W6CF-- WHO TURNS THE REINS OF AUTHORITY TO HIS SUCCESSOR DAVE ENGLE KE6ZE. JIM'S FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION (ALONG WITH NCDXC IN GENERAL) OVER THE MANY MONTHS HAVE MEANT A LOT TO YOUR EDITOR, AND JIM'S HIGH EDITORIAL STANDARDS WILL BE A GOAL TO BE ASPIRED TO ALWAYS! HOPE TO SEE YOU IN DUE COURSE, JIM! -ED.

ANDY VE3FZK CONFIRMS THAT THEODORE MORAN KB6UDA HAS UPGRADED TO THE RANK OF GENERAL IN HIS STEADY RISE IN THE GRADES OF AMATEUR RADIO! HEARTIEST CONGRATULATIONS & 73'S TO THEODORE IN HIS NEW STATUS! -ED.

WELCOME THEODORE KB6UDA ALSO TO THE PAARA BOARD, AS '88 INTERIM APPOINTEE TO THE SEAT VACATED BY CRAIG SMITH N6ITW. CRAIG HAS FORMALLY RESIGNED, DUE TO CONFLICTS OF SCHEDULES. -ED.

# QST DE STEVE K6FS

DX NOTE: CHARLIE CARPENTER KA2CC WILL BE ON MINAMI TORI SHIMA SEVERAL TIMES FOR A WEEK AT A TIME DURING 1989 & WHAT'S LEFT OF 1988. THE KA2 PREFIX IS NOT A STATESIDE EXCLUSIVE: KA IS ISSUED TO US MILITARY & MILITARY-CIVILIAN PERSONNEL STATIONED IN JAPAN. CHARLIE LIVES AT CAMP ZAMA, ABOUT 35 KM SOUTHWEST FROM TOKYO, AND SERVICES US MILITARY ELECTRONICS IN JAPAN. SINCE THE PLANE FROM YOKOSUKA AB TO MINAMI FLIES ONLY ONCE A WEEK, CHARLIE SPENDS A LOT OF SPARE TIME HAMMING AFTER WORKING ON US COMM GEAR. HE ALSO OPERATES FROM OGASAWARA. MOST OF HIS SSB DXING IS ON 14MHZ. LOOK FO HIM - AND DON'T BE PUT OFF BY THE KA PREFIX; WHILE THIS IS ISSUED TO STATESIDERS ALSO, IT'S STILL LEGIT FOR US MILITARY IN JA LAND, THANKS TO FCC'S UNFATHOMABLE WISDOM.

VA BLIND CENTER UPDATE: TS-830S PLUS OUTBOARD VFO & OTHER GOODIES BEQUEATHED BY LATE N6AX SHOULD BE ON THE AIR BEFORE END OF SEPT. QTH WILL BE 2ND FLOOR OF THE CENTER; STATION WILL BE AVAILABLE TO ANY LICENSED HAM, OPERATING UNDER HIS/HER OWN CALL /6. ANTENNA (VERTICAL PLUS RADIALS) IS BEING DONATED BY AMERICAN LEGION HAM POST 380 (SUNNYVALE), AND WILL BE INSTALLED BY VA ENGINEERING DEPT. STILL NEEDED: MORE PAARA VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WITH TWICE-A-MONTH HAM RADIO TALKS, DEMOS, & INTRODUCTIONS TO LICENSE EXAM PREPARATION. NO FORMAL CLASSES DUE TO TIME LIMITS & STUDENTS' SCHEDULES. HOW ABOUT A COUPLE MORE WILLING RAGCHEWERS? SEE K6FS, WA6LIJ, K6URO OR WA6LNV. de K6FS

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## PRE-REGISTRATION

## EXHIBITS

PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 11, 1988. Register by August 15 to receive THREE opportunities on the Pre-Registration Awards\*\*; by September 15 TWO; and by October 11 ONE. This year instead of one large award, we will make a minimum of three substantial minor awards. Total cost will be approximately equal to the single award made in the past. If pre-registration gets high enough we may add a fourth award. Pre-registration permits us to make plans for convention activities. We can make deals for discounts on awards, etc. Therefore, we make it to your advantage to register early.

Pre-registration prices are: Registration \$12.00; Banquet \$22.00; Wouff Hong free; Youths (eighteen years old and younger) free. NO REFUNDS after October 12. However, No-Shows participate in the grand and banquet awards; we process no-shows for these awards. Each year we have shipped an award to a no-show.

October 12 and later prices are: Registration \$15.00; Banquet \$25.00; Wouff Hong seventy-five cents (to cover cost of mailing the certificate); Youths free.

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As this is prepared, we have had booths purchased by: Ham Radio stores: HRO, QUEMENTS, and RADIO PLACE; other vendors: ACC, AEC, SIMMONS, WORLD RADIO, ICOM, KENWOOD, PROCOM/DIGITREX, and MULTI-BAND ANTENNAS. YAESU HAS PROMISED. Multi-Band is making a timely appearance to show the Spider Antenna and the rest of their line, and AEA has many new goodies to show. This year as a service to our exhibitors we will open the exhibit area to everyone from 1000 Sunday morning to the closing time of the exhibits. Only those with registration badges will be admitted on Saturday and earlier on Sunday.

## SESSIONS:

A partial list of our sessions is: A WORKSHOP HELD BY THE ARRL VOLUNTEER EXAMINER COORDINATOR; AN ARS FORUM; A TALK ON SUPERCONDUCTORS; A DX FORUM; A DISCUSSION OF SUNSPOTS AND CYCLE 22; A SESSION ON POWER LINE INTERFERENCE; A DISCUSSION OF REPEATER COORDINATION MATTERS; A NOVICE FORUM; A SESSION ON EQUIPMENT TROUBLE SHOOTING; A CIVIL AIR PATROL FORUM; A TALK ON VLF OPERATION; A PACKET BULLETIN BOARD FORUM; A TALK ON THE STANFORD LINEAR ACCELERATOR CENTER AND ITS RELATIONSHIP TO THE "BIG BANG THEORY"; A TALK ON MOBILE ANTENNAS; AN ARRL FORUM; A SESSION CONDUCTED BY YLRL AND BAYLARC; AND A PUBLIC SERVICE FORUM. The session committee is trying hard to have something of interest to everyone.

BANQUET

We regret the banquet price increase. Hotel prices are up.

Banquet menu will consist of choice of KING OF ROASTS (Sliced Roast Tenderloin in a Rich Bordelaise Sauce) or BROILED HALIBUT. Either will be served with: Le Baron Salad; Starch du Chef; Fresh Vegetables; Bread, Tea or Coffee; and Dessert du Chef.

KBRQ is heading a committee to produce a unique banquet program. A professional entertainer will deliver a ham radio oriented act that will be as entertaining to unlicensed spouses as to the ham.

WOUFF HONG

Wouff Hong will be held immediately after the banquet. A new tape is being prepared by the WH committee. It is oriented to our Wouff Hong ideas. Make the convention committee happy; attend the Convention on Saturday; join us at the Banquet; brave Wouff Hong; and recover from it all by spending the night at the Le Baron. ARRL membership is required for Wouff Hong, and you must be licensed. We will accept proof that you have successfully passed the requirements for any license.



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W6UW

We will have an operating ham station at the hotel. Chance for hams with no operating station to have a few QSO's. Novices and technicians welcome.

SPOUSES

Because the interests of spouses vary so widely in this day and age, we do not have a planned program for spouses. The convention bureau promises to furnish us with a list of places of interest along the new trolley line that passes the hotel: museums, a brand new shopping mall (credit cards welcome), Great America Amusement Park (discount tickets available), and others.

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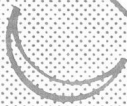
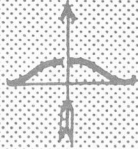
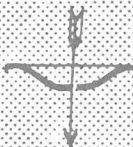
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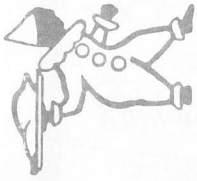
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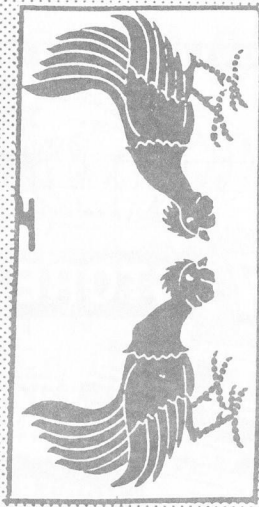
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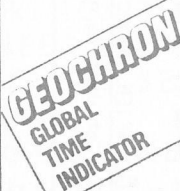


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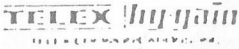
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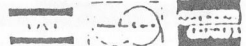


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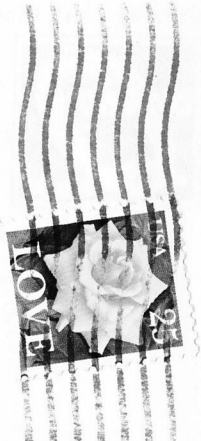
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