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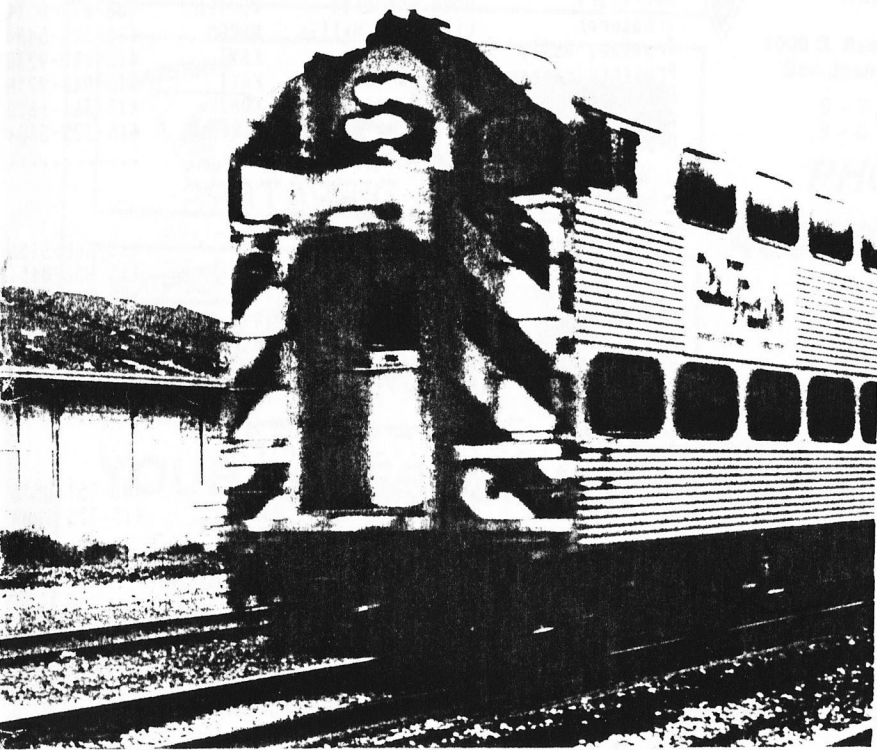
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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

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DE YOUR EDITOR

SPEAKER OF THE MONTH

SPECIAL TECHNICAL

EQUIPMENT CHECK-OUT NITE.....

FEATURING: LARS AA6IW AND HIS HP SIGNAL GENERATOR

CHRIS N6VZD AND HIS DEVIATION METER

AND ANDY VE3FZK AND HIS FREQUENCY COUNTER...

CAN YOUR RIG PASS THE TEST?????????

BE THERE TO FIND OUT ON FRIDAY JANUARY 3RD!

-----ALSO: JOE KB6HDC ON PL-ING OF THE VENERABLE  
IC2AT-----

.....DE ANDY VE3FZK, PAARA PROGRAM CHAIRMAN.....

MEETING !

# PRESIDENT'S CORNER DE GERRY WA6LNV

WELCOME TO 1992!

I BELIEVE THE IDEA OF CALLING THIS MONTHLY EPISTLE "PRESIDENT'S CORNER" ORIGINATED WITH OUR PAST PRESIDENT BOB BAUM W6BFH, NOW A SILENT KEY. MY JANUARY 1979 PAARAGRAPHS NOTES THAT BFH PASSED THE PRESIDENT'S TORCH TO ANOTHER BOB K6SEM WHO STILL RESIDES IN THE NORTH BAY AREA. A SPECIAL NOTE IN THAT ISSUE WAS A TECHNIQUE TO TURN OFF THE RIT OF YOUR HF RIG USING A COMBINATION OF MICRO SWITCHES, A MOUSETRAP AND A FLYSWATTER. THOSE WERE HEAVY DAYS BACK THEN! DON'T BE SHY ABOUT CONTRIBUTING YOUR OWN HAM LITERARY TIDBITS TO THE EDITOR, OR A SWAP NOTICE AS THE CASE MAY BE. IF PAARAGRAPHS CAN IN ITS TERSE LITTLE WAY HELP WITH SUCH INFORMATION AND EQUIPMENT THEN SO MUCH THE BETTER! SO MANY OF YOU SELL STUFF AT THE FLEA MARKET WHY NOT GIVE PAARA MEMBERS A FIRST CRACK AT IT.

WE MANAGED TO HAVE ALL OF OUR EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE SLOTS FILLED FOR ANOTHER YEAR. WE ARE DETERMINED TO CARRY THE CLUB FORWARD AND INTRODUCE NEW AND YOUNGER MEMBERS INTO POSITIONS OF RESPONSIBILITY. THE CLUB LEADERSHIP (OFFICERS AND BOARD) IS ALWAYS THERE TO HEAR AND TO HELP. AS WE ARE ALL MEMBERS OF THE SAME GROUP WE ARE DEDICATED TO THE INTERESTS OF ALL AND THAT PROMISES BOTH VITALITY AND CONTINUITY.

I HOPE THE NEW YEAR GRANTS EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU A REASONABLE DEGREE OF COMFORT AND BY THE WAY, AS WE STAGGER FORWARD WHERE NO MAN HAS GONE BEFORE, IS BOX 88 STILL FUNCTIONING?

DE WA6LNV

# PAARA V.E. TEAM QST DE J.T. WA6BXT



Happy new year from the PAARA VE team.

The team had yet another successful test session in December. A total of 51 elements were administered to 27 people.

The team consisted of Bill, WB6UVO; Joe, KB6OWG; Dusty, K6MPN; Ron, W6VG; Joan, WA6BXT; Dave, KB6HLR; all under the guidance of team leader, Dudley; WB6WAU.

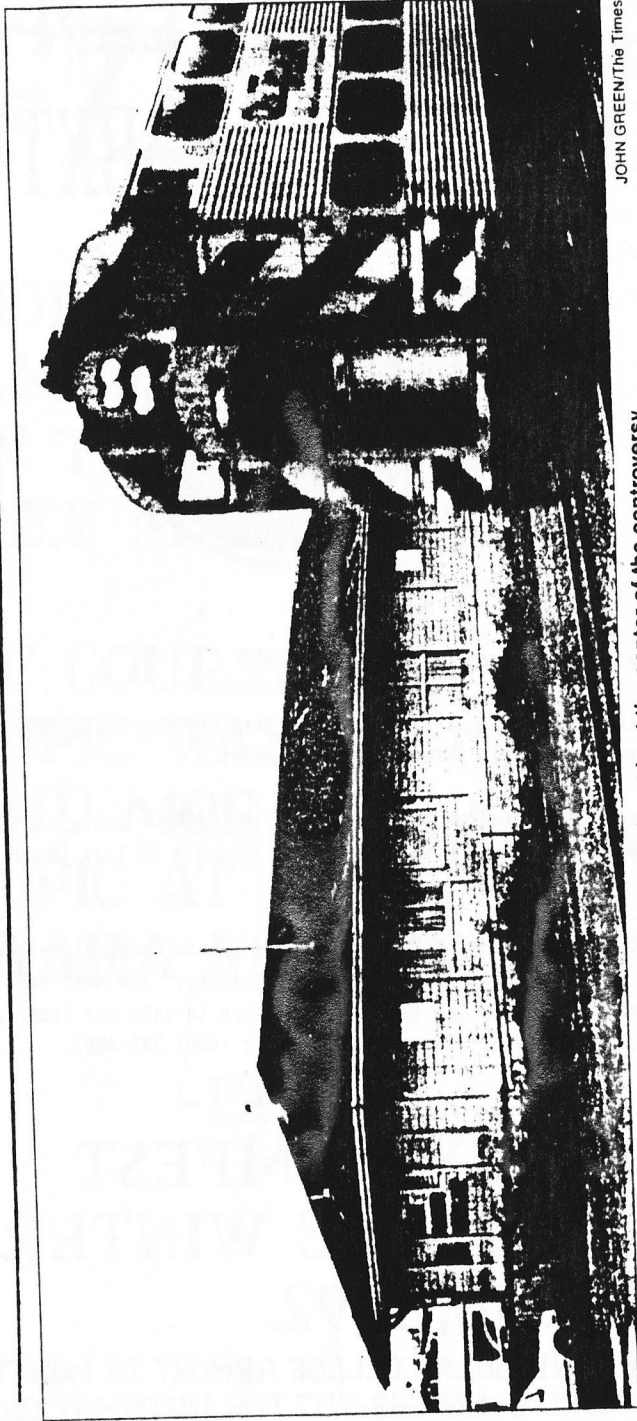
The VE test sessions take place on the 3rd Saturday of each month at 11 am, in Redwood City, at the cafeteria at Ampex. The next session will be on Saturday, January 18, 1992. If you care to join our team, please contact Dudley, WB6WAU. His phone number is (408) 245-4801.

## MONTEREY HAMFEST A/K/A NPSARC WINTERFEST.. Sat. Jan 18, 1992.

MONTEREY PENINSULA COLLEGE ARMORY IN MONTEREY....  
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<DE W6DPD, ARRL PACIFIC DIVISION DIRECTOR>

# Peninsula The Times

SAN MATEO TIMES AND DAILY NEWS LEADER  
Saturday, December 21, 1991 A3



JOHN GREEN/The Times

This old freight depot is at the center of the controversy.

## The little depot that could (be razed)

By CARLOS ALCALA  
Times Staff Writer

tracks, sits a plain redwood building that amateur railroad historian Ronald Vane says once

Until August, as signs there still indicate, the depot building housed the Ham Radio Outlet, a

Gate Railroad Museum, are trying to garner support for preserving the building.



It turns out to be the rest of its type on the Peninsula," said Vane.

"These depots were built back in the era when generally all freight moved by rail," he said.

Articles from the now defunct Burlingame Advance show that this particular building was built in 1914, after much agitation by commercial leaders who complained that the 12-by-14 shed then in use was inadequate for all the freight coming into the city.

Whatever was ordered came by the rails. "And it won't deliver to your door. You had to go down with your wagon or maybe small truck and pick it up yourself," said Vane. "This building was at one time the center of commercial activity in Burlingame."

If the building turns out to be his, Ferrero said, he would be happy to donate it to the railroad preservationists, who have some ideas for using it.

"My friends would like to see it stay where it is," said Vane.

But if it can't be left on its current site, Ferrero said he'd also be willing — depending on the cost — to pay to have the building moved elsewhere.

"It'd be a shame to tear it down and see another auto repair shop go up there," said Vane.

business that...  
\$250,000 in sales in 1971. Ham Radio Outlet, which has grown to an 11-outlet chain with \$30 million in sales each year, moved because the clientele "went south," said owner Bob Ferrero.

Last month Ferrero got a letter from Southern Pacific telling him the building was his to dispose of, now that he is no longer leasing the land.

"All I can say is we don't own the building," said Larry Phipps, a Southern Pacific real estate official.

The land it sits on, however, belongs to SP and may eventually be part of the sale of the Caltrain commute service right-of-way.

It is not part of the initial right-of-way purchase, said Phipps.

Ferrero said when he bought the ham radio business 20 years ago, he was told he was buying the building, but there was never a title search or conveyance of title. If Southern Pacific demanded it, he would have no way of proving he owned the depot, he said. So he wants the railroad company to show him how they know it is his responsibility.

In the meantime, Vane and about five friends, many of whom are involved in the Golden

was the center of Burlingame's commercial life.  
The 77-year-old building, which served as the city's railroad freight depot for about 50 years, may be facing demolition.

It is the subject of questions about who owns it and what will be the fate of the land it sits on.

**BURLINGAME** — A group of local railroad buffs are organizing to save what might be considered the ugly, little stepister of Burlingame's historic passenger train depot.

On Howard Avenue, a couple of blocks south of the passenger station along the same set of

Let's hope for an  
historically successful  
resolution of this  
intriguing controversy!

-Ed.

# FZK IN *QEX* !

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ANDY FZK'S MUG  
IN THE CURRENT  
*QEX* MAGAZINE !

OF COURSE, THE  
TOPIC WAS D-F'ING  
AND MORE ON THAT  
TOPIC AT A FUTURE  
PAARA MEETING !

-ED.



# QST VIA ANDY K6EHS

## MUSEUM UPDATE



**Museum of American Heritage**

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## Special Events

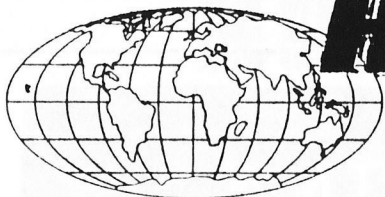
### ANOTHER CRYSTAL RADIO WORKSHOP

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The next session of the popular crystal radio workshop will begin Saturday, January 4th, and will continue for the next three Saturdays. All sessions will meet from 1:30 - 3:30pm. Youngsters aged 10 through 13 will build working crystal radio sets, which are theirs to keep. Dahl Plumbing underwrites most of the workshop costs, enabling us to charge only \$5 per participant. To register or obtain more information, stop by the Museum during regular hours or call us at (415) 321-1004.

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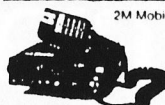
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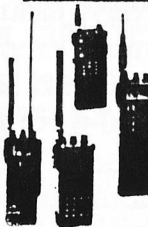
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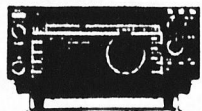
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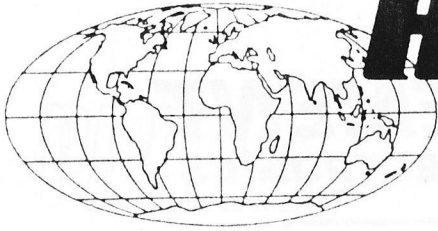
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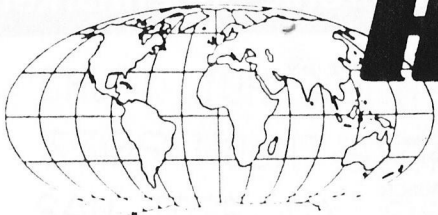
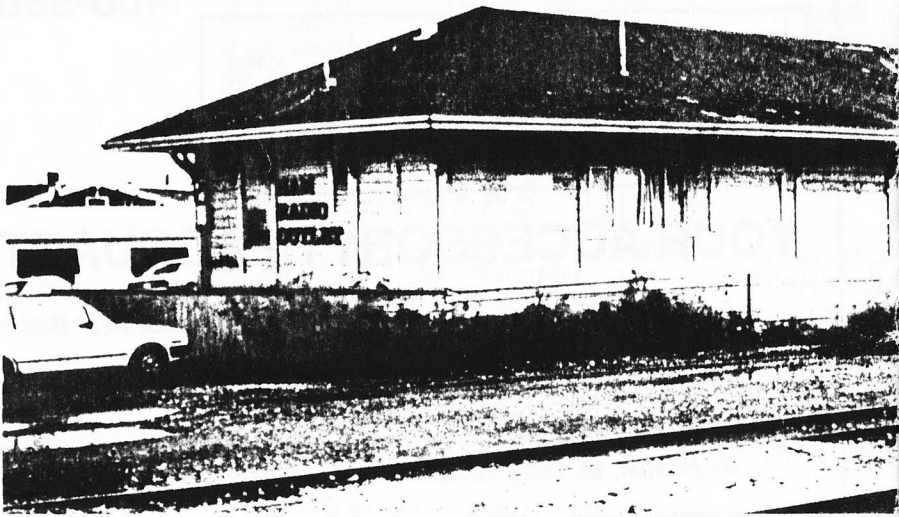
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