

PAARAPhrases

a temporary substitute for PAARagraphs

Next Meeting

Friday, February 3rd

Our new Santa Clara Valley Section Manager, Kit BLANKE, WA6PWW, will be our featured speaker. Kit has chosen two subjects for his slide illustrated program: VHF contesting and Earth-Moon-Earth (EME) contacts.

Many thanks to our Secretary Vic BLACK, AB6SO, for arranging Kit's appearance. Vic has been busy and has lined up a number of others as potential speakers at future meetings.

Editorial:

The trend I see in Amateur Radio is the development of clubs and associations dedicated to single interests. I can't knock the QRP clubs, the DX clubs, the spread spectrum clubs, the T-hunt clubs, ... They are clearly meeting the interests and desires of many Amateurs.

However, I am relatively new to Amateur Radio, and I want to explore its many facets. I haven't the time nor the inclination to attend eight or ten special interest group meetings a month to get a 'taste' of the wealth of varieties of ham radio operation.

When I found PAARA, I was delighted to find the club was willing to accommodate members with diverse interests and would foster that diversity. I have learned about Coast Guard communications, QRP operations, T-hunting...

PAARA is a gem. It is ideal for the beginning ham and the old mossback alike. It has more than a half century of wonderful tradition behind it, and it should be preserved.

I wanted to be a part of it, so I accepted a staff position. Later I became a member of the board, intent on steering the course already set. A club with a 155 member roster would surely be stable, vital and delightful.

What has happened? Only two of the four elective offices for 1995 were filled: Treasurer and Secretary. The positions of President and Vice President remain open. Not one of the members was willing to run for either position!

This is a real crisis! Without leadership, this venerable institution will wither and die. Do you really want that to happen?

It is up to you, dear reader, to take charge in this situation. This is not the time to adopt the 'let George do it' attitude!

In a similar vein, there is a third open position. One that is just as important: Newsletter Editor.

PAARagraphs is the 'public face' of our club. I think everyone was (or should be) proud of Lily N6PGM's publication. One could hand a copy of it to a new ham, a government official or anyone else and be assured that it projected an image of a proud, competent and capable organization.

PAARAPhrases isn't. Then PAARAPhrases wasn't meant to be. It is a stopgap measure, meant to fill a gap until a new Editor can be recruited.

The reason is simple. I agreed to produce a one-page newsletter for ONE MONTH, with an option for a second. I simply can't be the Editor (or President or Vice President, either). My duties as a Red Cross disaster worker makes it impossible for me to assume such critical functions for long.

So, how about it? Volunteer for one of the three open positions. Be a hero and save our club!

de Bill KE6CHQ

CALENDAR:

- February 3, Friday
PAARA Meeting
Menlo Park Recreation Center
700 Alma Street
Menlo Park 7:30 / 9:30 PM
Talk-in: 147.450 S
- February 5, Sunday
Livermore Swap Meet
Las Positas College
Livermore 7:00 AM/12:00 PM
Talk-in: 147.045 from west
Talk-in: 145.350 from East
- February 15, Wednesday
PAARA Board Meeting
Palo Alto Red Cross
400 Mitchell Lane
(across from CalTrain Station)
Palo Alto 7:30 / 9:30 PM
Talk-in: 147.450 S
(all members are welcome)
- April 21, 22 & 23, weekend
International DX Convention
Visalia, CA. Contact:
George ALLAN
668 Chemetka Drive
San Jose, 95123
(408)225-1819
- October 20, 21 & 23, weekend
Pacificon '95
Concord, CA. Contact:
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