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Newsletter for the Palo Alto Amateur Radio Association, Inc.



CALENDAR



- August.....2 **PAARA Meeting, 7:30**
Menlo Park Recreation Center
700 Alma Street, Menlo Park
- August.....7 **PAARA Board Meeting, 7:30**
Red Cross Bld., 400 Mitchell Ln., Palo Alto
- September...6, **PAARA Meeting, 7:30**
- September..11, **PAARA Board Meeting, 7:30**
- October.....4, **PAARA Meeting, 7:30**
- October.....9, **PAARA Board Meeting, 7:30**

The ARRL has a code practice:
URL <http://www.pcpractice.com/CW/>
-Don KF6JMQ

PROGRAM

August 2, 2002 7:30 P.M



Speaker:

Katherine Hevener (Kitty), WB8TDA.

"How to find your way with a seeing eye dog ..."

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at Su Hong Restaurant, 1039 El Camino Real, Menlo Park

Food will be served at 6:00 sharp, so guests will be on time for the PAARA meeting. Those arriving late will be responsible for their own order and bill.

—PAARA Radio NET every Monday evening at 8:30 P.M., local time—
on the 145.230 -600 MHz repeater, PL tone off

ARRL Headquarters

The ARRL Letter
Vol. 21, No. 28
July 19, 2002

HOMELAND SECURITY TRAINING GRANT

The ARRL will receive a \$181,900 homeland security grant from the US government to train Amateur Radio operators in emergency communication. The League was among several dozen nonprofit organizations designated to receive some \$10.3 million in federal money to boost homeland defense volunteer programs. The grant, from the Corporation for National and Community Service special volunteer program, will provide free ARRL Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Course training to 5200 volunteers nationwide, starting in 2003.

"ARRL is the national association for Amateur Radio and is the national leader in emergency communications by volunteers who operate their own equipment on their time at no cost to any government, organization, or corporation," said the July 19 announcement from Homeland Security Director Tom Ridge. The ARRL plans to revise and update the emergency communications curriculum to incorporate additional elements of emergency preparedness and homeland security.

ARRL President Jim Haynie, W5JBP, said he was extremely pleased by the news. "This adds legitimacy to the public service work Amateur Radio has been doing for years," he said.

ARRL Chief Development Officer Mary Hobart, K1MMH, applied for the funding in May, inviting the Corporation for National and Community Service to become "a partner with the nation's oldest volunteer radio communications organization."

"I think this is an extraordinarily exciting day for Amateur Radio that the role of Amateur Radio in homeland security is recognized at the highest levels of government," Hobart said upon learning of the grant. The League's grant application characterized Amateur Radio as "the bedrock of communications when other outlets fail."

Citing Amateur Radio's response in the aftermath of the

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Miscellaneous Dates

ELECTRONIC FLEA MARKET @ Foothill College

Perham Foundation Sponsorship 408/734-4453, 408/736-2685 fax
 Second Saturday of month, March-October, 6 AM-2PM
 Aug 10 WVARA
 Sept 14 PA Chapter, American Red Cross
 Oct 12 PAARA

PAARA Palo Alto Amateur Radio Association

meets 1st Friday 7:30 each month, Net 145.230 each Monday 8:30,
 contact: Andreas Junge N6NU.....(650) 233 0843

FARS Foothills Amateur Radio Society

meets 4th Friday 7:30 each month,
 contact: Sheldon Edelman N6RD, 650 493 7212, n6rd@earthlink.net

NCDXC Northern California DX Club

meets 2nd Friday 7:30 each month, repeater for member info 147.360, Thur 8:00PM,
 contact: Bob Mammarella KB6FEC 408 729 1544.

NorCalQRP Northern California QRP Club

meets 1st Sunday each month,
 contact: Jim Cates 3241 Eastwood Rd., Sacramento, CA 95821.

Perham Foundation,

contact: (408) 734 4453,

SPECS Southern Peninsula Emergency Communication System

meets each Monday 8:00PM on Net 145.27, 440.80 MHz, www.specsnet.org
 contact: Tom Cascone, KF6LWZ, 650-688-0441 specs@svpal.org

SCARES South County Amateur Radio Emergency Service

meets 3rd Thursday 7:30 each month, San Carlos City Hall.
 Net is on 146.445 [PL 114.8] & 444.50 (PL-100) 7:30 Monday evenings.
 contact:

SCCARA Santa Clara County Amateur Radio Association

Operates W6UU repeater 146.385+ Nets: 2m, W6UU, 7:30 Mon; 10m,
 28.385, 8:00 Thur. meets 2nd Mon each month.
 contact: Jack Ruckman AC6FU

SVECS Silicon Valley Emergency Communications

Operates WB6ADZ repeater (146.115 MHz+)
 contact: Lou Stierer WA6QYS 408 241 7999

WVARA West Valley Amateur Radio Association

operates W6PIY repeater 147.39+, 223.96, 441.875, 1286.2
 meets 3rd Wed every month.
 contact: Glen Lokke Jr. KE6NBO at 408 971 8626, or glokke@pacbell.net

Disaster Services,

PALO ALTO CHAPTER, American Red Cross, www.paarc.org
 400 Mitchell Lane
 Meets 3rd Wed each month 7:30PM.
 HF, packet, BBS, ATV, OSCAR Gateway, NASA satellite.
 contact: Mac Millian 650-688-0423. MACM@paarc.org

SAN JOSE CHAPTER, American Red Cross

contact: Scott Hensley KB6UOO, (408) 967 7924, FSHEMSLEY@NOVELL.COM

VE Exams, 3rd Saturday each month, 10:30AM, 145.23- PL=100Hz

Redwood City Main Library, Community Conference Room
 1044 Middlefield Road, Redwood City, CA
 contact: Al WB6IMX@att.net

Swap meet, LosPositas College, Livermore, 1st Sunday each month

Contact: Cliff Kibbe (209) 835 6715 or Eliot Ross (925) 606 7710

(please send changes to PAARAgaphs editor: k6uro@arrl.net)

Hi Wally,

I'm on the subscriber's list for PAARAgaphs--in fact, as incredible as it may seem, I have been receiving a complimentary copy since I edited the Contest JUG for the Northern California Contest Club back in 1978!

I've really enjoyed reading PAARAgaphs over the years. As an avid contester, I operated a bunch of times for PAARA in Field Day back in the early '80s when the Club was using the call of Fred Canham, K6YT. We used to go to "war" against K6YA for FD supremacy. I also made more than a few presentations to PAARA about radio con-

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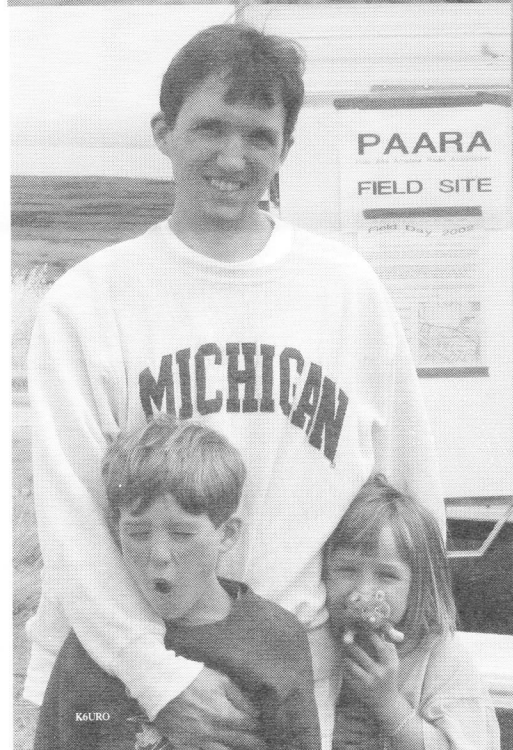
testing expeditions that I had gone on. I recall that PAARA was a very vibrant and dynamic club, and I enjoyed getting together with the members. The get-togethers after the meetings at the pizza parlor on the El Camino were always a lot of fun as well.

In 1990 I left the Bay Area and moved to British Columbia. Nonetheless, the PAARAgaphs issues have continued to be sent to my mailing address in California at my parents' house in Hayward. Every three to six months when I come down to visit, the newsletters are there waiting for me to read! And I DO read them.

Many of the folks I remember have left the Club or have become Silent Keys, and the postage and printing costs certainly have not declined over the years. Say hello to Gerry WA6L . . . er, N6NV for me.

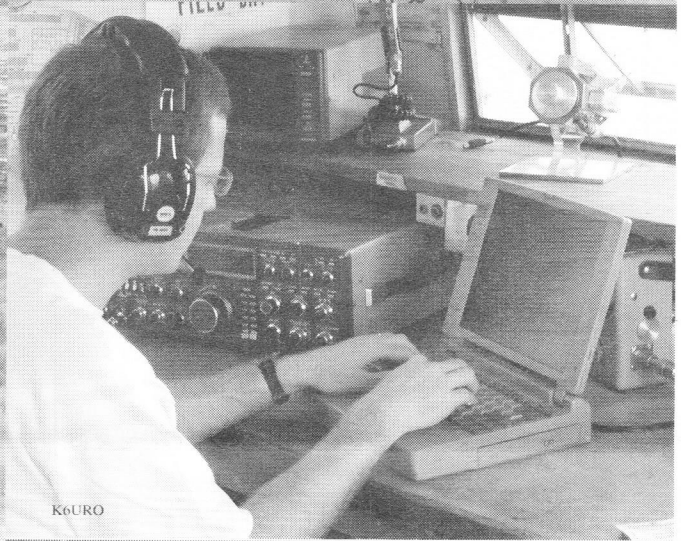
73, Gary Caldwell VA7RR/WA6VEF

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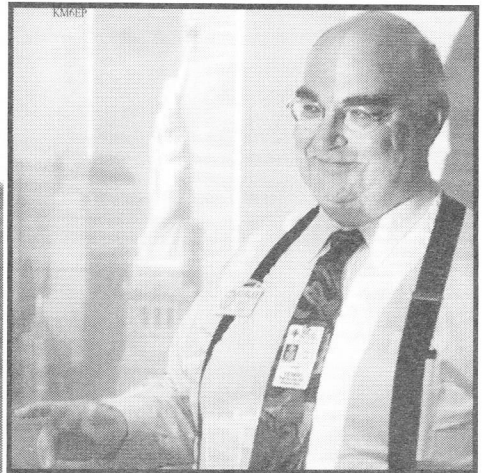
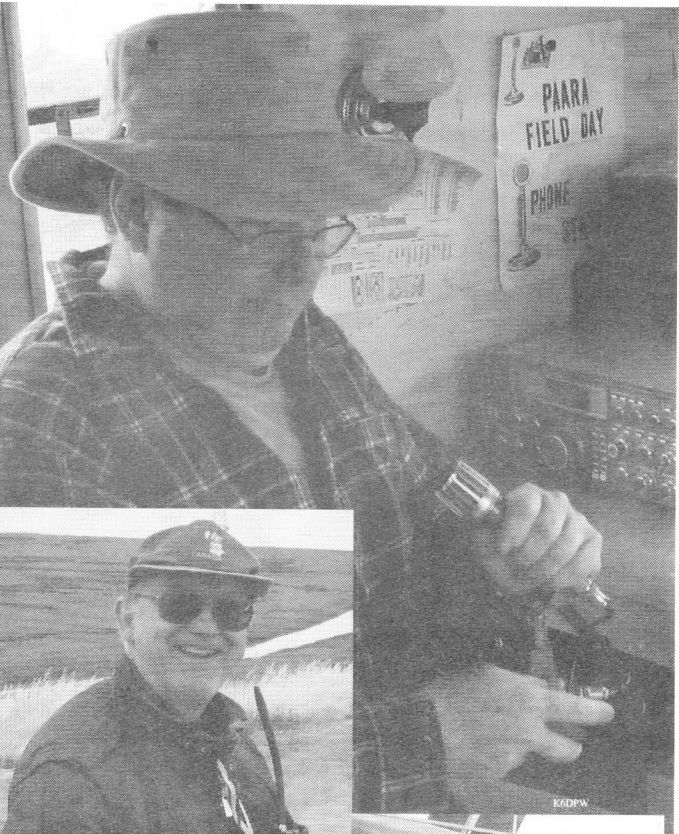
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Bart Lee, KV6LEE
Amateur Radio in Disaster Relief
PAARA July Program

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September 11 terrorist attacks, Hobart said the federal grant will help continue our work in providing public service and to protect lives, homes, businesses and our frequencies, as we have for decades."

The League had sought a three-year grant of \$541,750. The \$181,900 grant covers the first year's direct program costs. The proposed budget includes the cost of a project coordinator who would be responsible for overall fiscal management of the grant.

ARRL Chief Executive Officer David Sumner, K1ZZ, said he was pleased that the League would be able to extend its Amateur Radio Emergency Communications program to thousands of amateurs who might otherwise not be able to afford the program. "We hope all who are interested will get on board," he said.

The grant announcement said that "expanding the opportunities for Americans to participate in meaningful volunteer service" is at the heart of President George Bush's USA Freedom Corps, of which the Corporation for National and Community Service is a part.

"We are deeply grateful to Tom Ridge and to the Corporation for National and Community Service for providing Amateur Radio with a unique opportunity to serve our country," Hobart said.

In June, the ARRL and United Technologies Corporation announced a partnership to provide free ARRL Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Course training for up to 250 Connecticut amateurs.

(info via Steve, K6FS)

From:

Jim Utterback, Director Emergency Services,
American Red Cross Sierra Nevada Chapter,
Reno, NV

To:

Matt Parker, N7TOD, Northern Nevada District EC:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and your team for the excellent support to the Red Cross. Most recently the Canon Fire. As you might know, cell phone service is nonexistent in the Coleville area of CA. We could not get any satellite phones and there was only one landline available to support four different agencies. As always you answered the call and established reliable communications between the chapter HQ and the Coleville operating location. We very much appreciate the work of your amateur radio operators in disasters and look forward to many years of working together.

Again **THANK YOU** for a **JOB WELL DONE.**

Jim Utterback,

(info via Don, KF6JMQ)

Join us for pre-meeting eyeball

QSO August 2nd

gab & gobble

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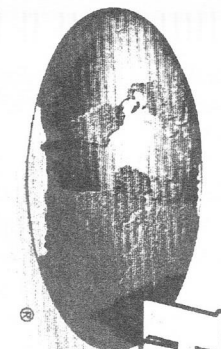
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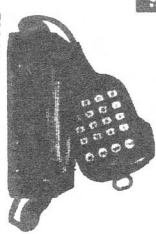
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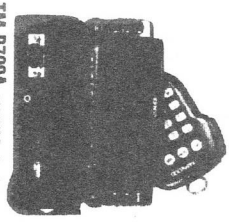
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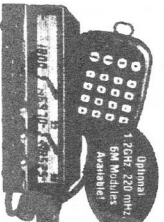
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