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# PAARAgraphs



Celebrating 66 years as an *active* ham radio club—*Since 1937*  
Newsletter for the Palo Alto Amateur Radio Association, Inc.



## CALENDAR

- May.....2 **PAARA Meeting, 7:30**  
Menlo Park Recreation Center  
700 Alma Street, Menlo Park
- May.....7 **PAARA Board Meeting 7:30**  
Red Cross Bld., 400 Mitchell Ln., Palo Alto
- June.....6 **PAARA Meeting, 7:30**
- June.....11 **PAARA Board Meeting 7:30**
- July.....11 **PAARA Meeting, 7:30**
- July.....16 **PAARA Board Meeting, 7:30**  
The ARRL has a code practice:  
URL <http://www.pepractice.com/CW/>  
-Don KF6JMQ



## PROGRAM

May 2, 2003 7:30 P.M

**Bruce Sawyer N6NT & ZF2NT**

**"Ham it up in Paradise"**

Join us for pre-meeting eyeball  
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.

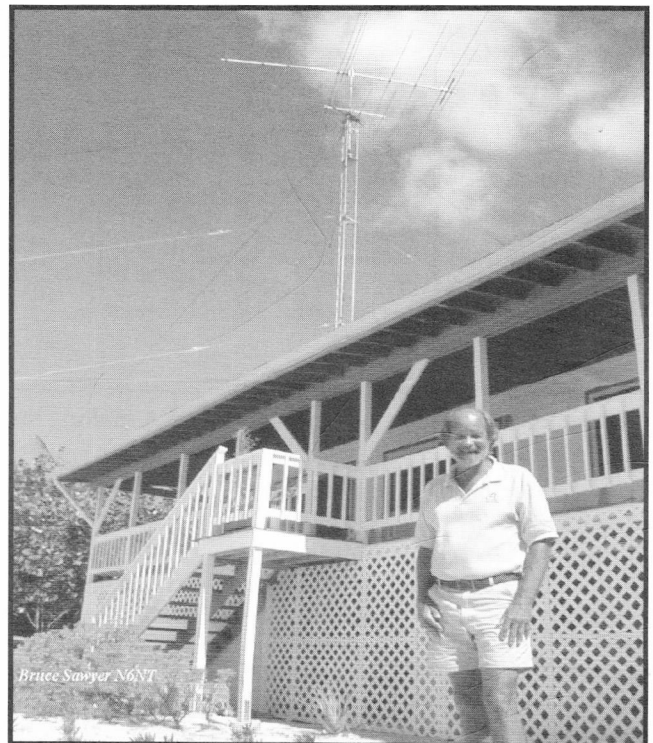
—PAARA Radio NET every Monday evening at 8:30 P.M., local time—  
on the 145.230 -600 MHz repeater, PL tone off

## Attention Members and Visitors

*May 2<sup>nd</sup> Program: "Ham it up in Paradise"*

Bruce Sawyer N6NT (Saratoga, CA.) and ZF2NT on Little Cayman Island, leads us on a travelogue journey demonstrating how he turned a scuba diving vacation into seven months out of a year, "Ham Heaven." Leave the "rat race" behind and take a plunge into "Bruce's Ham World." Using ingenuity, hard work, persistence, and fun, Bruce has turned his dream into reality. See fantastic pictures as Bruce talks about the logistic details necessary to build his house, ham shack, and "antenna farm", which uses his septic tank as one of the tower guy anchors. Bruce has been licensed since age 11, is a member of the First Class CW Operators Club, the ARRL A-1 Operator Club, and is on the DXCC Honor Roll. He is an avid contester and is frequently on the winner's list for the major DX contests.

*~Jim K6AK and Lisa KG6KQS*



Bruce Sawyer N6NT

## Miscellaneous Dates

### **ELECTRONIC FLEA MARKET @ Foothill College**

Second Saturday of month, March -October, 6 AM-2PM

**May 10.....SCCARA will sponsor**

### **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: <http://www.fars.k6ya.org>.

### **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** (discontinued)

### **SPECS** Southern Peninsula Emergency Communication System

meets each Monday 8:00PM on Net 145.27, 440.80 MHz.

[www.specsnet.org](http://www.specsnet.org)

contact: Tom Cascone, KF6LWZ, 650-688-0441. [specs@svpal.org](mailto: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: Barbara Britten, KD6QEI at 293-3847

### **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](mailto:glokke@pacbell.net)

### **Disaster Services.**

#### **PALO ALTO CHAPTER, American Red Cross, [www.paarc.org](http://www.paarc.org)**

Meets 3rd Wed. each month 7:30PM, 400 Mitchell Lane

HF, packet, BBS, ATV, OSCAR Gateway, NASA satellite.

contact: Mac Millian 650-688-0423. [MACM@paarc.org](mailto:MACM@paarc.org)

#### **SAN JOSE CHAPTER, American Red Cross**

contact: Scott Hensley KB6UOO, (408) 967 7924, [FSHENSLEY@NOVELL.COM](mailto:FSHENSLEY@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](mailto:k6uro@arrl.net))

### Instructions on how to subscribe to PAARA mailing list

#### Here are the steps in the long form:

- 1) go to <http://mailman.qth.net/>
- 2) click on: "To Subscribe to Lists Click Here!"
- 3) Find PAARA on list and click on it
- 4) enter your email address and pick a password
- 5) hit the "Subscribe" button

#### The short form of the instructions are:

- 1) go to <http://mailman.qth.net/> and follow the instructions.

Andreas, N6NU

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Submit material for PAARAgaphs by the 15th

Use WORD, rich text, ascii, .pub, or .jpg.

**PAARA Website: [www.paara.org](http://www.paara.org)**

## PAARA WEB

Thanks to **Andreas Junge, N6NU**

and

**Curt Kolovson, AE6EJ, Webmaster**

PAARA has a new web site. Check it out.

# [www.paara.org](http://www.paara.org)



## PAARA HONORS Stan Towle WA6ZGI

by Terry Finn AF6TF

### 'The Stan Towle Story'

Stanley Towle's name is pronounced toll, like a toll road, not towel, like the bathroom towel. He is one of our oldest working members and has been a PAARA member since 1964. Most of us know him by his call: **WA6ZGI**, Stan. Stan will be celebrating his 78<sup>th</sup> birthday this year on November 8 and he will probably still be working on a daily basis. He is one of the friendliest, yet quiet and humble hams that I have had the pleasure of knowing. You have probably seen him over the years at the flea markets providing his skill as the hot dog chef. (See the April 03 issue of PAARAgaphs)

Stan was raised at 'The Albertinum', a Catholic orphanage in Ukiah, California. He did not know his parents. He later moved to the 'St. Vincent's School for Boys', in San Rafael. This was to be his home and family until he graduated from High School there in 1942 at seventeen years of age. He still keeps in touch with one of the surviving nuns who in reality became his mother image during those formative years. This particular nun is probably in her nineties now and lives in the 'Dominican Sisters Mother House', at Mission San Jose. The Dominican nuns maintained rather strict discipline in school during those years. They were known for striking the misbehaving students with just about any type of object. It wasn't until 1936, when California amended the school discipline rules, that there was much change in procedures. Stan can remember that the Hamilton Army Air Base; San Quentin Prison; the San Francisco Bay and the Pacific Ocean surrounded the High School campus and dormitory. That meant that the boys felt they could not escape, even if they tried. St. Vincent's graduated a number of Olympic swimmers and other valuable athletes as they maintained an active sports program. Stan remembers studying Latin for two years in High



School, although he cannot recall any of it today, and still wonders why they were required to study it then.

Upon High School graduation in 1942, Stan moved to Modesto to attend a trade school and learned about commercial painting in the trades. He actually worked as a painter for a short period of time prior to enlisting in the U.S. Navy at the Stockton recruiting office. He was only seventeen and required a parent's signature and approval to join the Navy. Stan found a jobless person in a local park, paid him five dollars, and this person pretended to be Stan's father at the recruiting office. He even signed all the forms for Stan!! He never did identify himself, nor did Stan see him again. The Navy hustled Stan down to San Diego where he completed boot camp and became a qualified gunnery seaman. He was assigned to the Navy Landing Craft

Infantry and was placed on board LCI 1088 and immediately sent to the Marshall Islands. He saw action in Enewetak, and later on the Ulithi Atoll in the Caroline Islands as his landing craft was equipped with rockets & mortars. After this mission, Stan was transferred to the Bikini Island area where the atom bomb tests were being conducted. He, and many other Navy seamen, were issued plastic sunglasses and told to stand on deck and watch the atom bomb tests.

There were two of them, one under the water and one above, which created a lot of radiation fall out throughout the whole area. Stan can remember a lot of ships anchored at various distances from the blasts so the authorities could determine the damage sustained by the blasts. Stan claims that he has not experienced any health problems from this activity, so far. The Navy did not provide any other type of personal protection during

those tests. The Veterans Affairs Hospital's are still treating survivors of those tests.

On April 3, 1945, Stan arrived in Japan during the assault on Okinawa, located on an island at the southern tip of that Country. His landing craft was again equipped with rockets & mortars to assist in delivering the 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Division onto the shores of the island. He stayed on that island for the next four months and had the opportunity of traveling around regularly, usually by hitch hiking with other U.S. military vehicles. He remembers going to a high cliff area where many Japanese soldiers were said to have jumped into the ocean to commit suicide. There were supposed to be thousands of bodies located along the rocky beaches.

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however the Marines had closed off the area and wouldn't let him in to view the site. Apparently, little has been written or recorded about this event in history.

The Navy honorably discharged Stan in San Diego during September of 1946. He initially returned to the Modesto area to take a job as a commercial painter. However, when he learned of the construction boom in San Francisco, spe-



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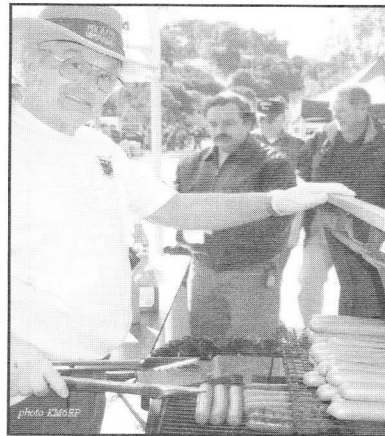
cifically the West Lake area. Stan moved to The City. During this time, Stan became rather interested in sheetrock or drywall application. This was part of the painting trade and few experienced construction people really knew much about how it should really be done. That was 1948 and today is 2003 and Stan is still working with sheetrock and drywall applications. Actually the word sheetrock was a trade name of a manufacturer, so the real terminology is drywall application. Stan is considered in some circles to be an expert in this area of construction. Although he supervised thirteen commercial applicators of drywall at one time during his construction career, he only takes the occasional special job or unique repair today. That is 55 years of work experience and he does not appear to be any worse physically than a man forty years his junior. In fact, this may be the secret to longevity, hard physical work. Ask Stan sometime about the differences in the manufacturing formulas for sheetrock or drywall. You will be amazed at his intimate knowledge of this form of construction. For example, do you know what a wet wall application is or better yet, can you describe the types of cheesecloth; paper; or spark gap paper used in the manufacture of dry wall ma-

terial?

Ask Stan about his experiences at Stanford University; DeAnza College; Foothill College or Canada College. He has attended them all!! Not as a student, but as a construction foreman providing his special talents as a dry wall applicator. He may even provide you with the secret information about how weather has a dramatic effect on drywall applications depending on the geographic location of the construction site.

On May 3, 1949, Stan married Virginia and it wasn't long before Stan was the proud father of two daughters and two sons who all grew up in Menlo Park where Stan had purchased his first home in 1951 for \$13,000.

In 1961 Stan convinced his wife and one son to take the ham radio classes from **Don Johnson, W6QIE** who provided this training from his home in South San Francisco. Don had previously used **K6USN** when he had been working with the Navy during the war years. Don was very well known as a teacher and active ham during the sixties throughout the Bay Area. In 1961 Stan earned his technician license and was issued **WA6ZGI**, his son was issued: **WA6ZSW** and Virginia was issued: **WA6ZLW**. It should be noted that his son was only six years old when he passed those tests at the FCC office in San Francisco. He won an award for being the youngest ham at a ham fest in Oakland, later the same year. Stan also had another surprising **ELMER** in **Father Ferdinand Spieler, W6QLN** of San Jose. Father Spieler was a physics professor and Priest at Santa Clara University.



Stan worked in the evenings to make ends meet for over fifteen years during the 70's and 80's as a movie projectionist at almost all of the movie theaters in San Mateo County. Although he was not a movie buff, he was able to view every new movie that was ever released and really enjoyed the educational types of films.

Stan believes that another ham, **W6LYD**, was helpful in getting and keeping that job.

Stan divorced in 1981 and moved onto his boat in the marina at Pete's Harbor in Redwood City where he lived for eighteen years. He made another sacrifice in 1982 when he was able to quit smoking and drinking, cold turkey.

Although he had been active in the Northern Peninsula Electronics Club during the sixties and had joined PAARA in 1964, Stan really didn't become ham active until 1982. He had chummed around with some friends over the years. For example, **Dusty K6MPN** had been cooking the hotdogs

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at the flea markets for years and introduced Stan to that activity, which he continues today. (K6MPN is now a silent key and is remembered by SCARES, the South County Amateur Radio Emergency Service, who use his call sign for their repeater).

During the early 80's, Stan was located and approached by a woman in Spokane, Washington, who as it was discovered, was his long lost sister. Through much communication and visiting Stan was able to compile a rather thorough genealogy of his families past and other relatives. He also has another sister (Betty) living in San Luis Obispo who he has yet to meet. They correspond by writing every month or so. It was unbelievable for him to finally come to an understanding of his life. One of the new relatives happened to be a San Jose Attorney by the name of Elaine Houser Thurman who over many years, was able to assist Stan in proving his date of birth and location of birth. Armed with this new documentation, Stan ultimately was able to convince the Social Security Administration that he really did exist and was finally able to obtain a U.S. passport. This may not sound like such a big deal for those of us who have never experienced this type of identity crisis, however, I can assure you that this would have been a significant event for Stan.

In 1995 Stan, armed with his new U.S. passport, joined an old friend of his from the orphanage, Father Lacey, and began a series of overseas adventures for his vacations. He spent 3 weeks in Ireland and 4 weeks in Scotland on different holiday trips. The most exciting trip for Stan to date was the trip to Rome, Italy, where on August 15, 1999, he actually met the Pope, kissed his ring and had his photograph taken with him.

As a result of keeping his friendship with another classmate from his original school and home, Stan is currently working full time for, Liberty Fuels, Inc., where he is in charge of designing, producing and manufacturing the training films and videos as well as being the point man for the Company President. This company sells natural gas to the commercial consumer. You probably do not even know the difference between CNG, which is compressed natural gas still used for cooking, heating, etc., and LNG, which is liquid natural gas. Ask Stan. He may explain to you how LNG is 99% pure gas and is generally used in powering vehicles, much like the natural gas powered Ford ranger truck that he drives!!

Stan currently uses three different dipoles for 10-15-20 meters and an all band vertical antenna. He operates a Collins KWM2 and a Kenwood 570D, as well as a handheld or two mobile. He is an active member of the Quarter Century Wireless Club and has been on their on board ship cruise.

Stan Towle is a man of many talents and an active ham. We are rather proud that he is a member of PAARA.

~Terry Finn. AF6TF.

## PAARA Board of Directors News



Our President, **Andreas Junge, N6NU**, has announced the appointment of:

**Carol Randall, W6GEM**,

to the position of **Treasurer**.

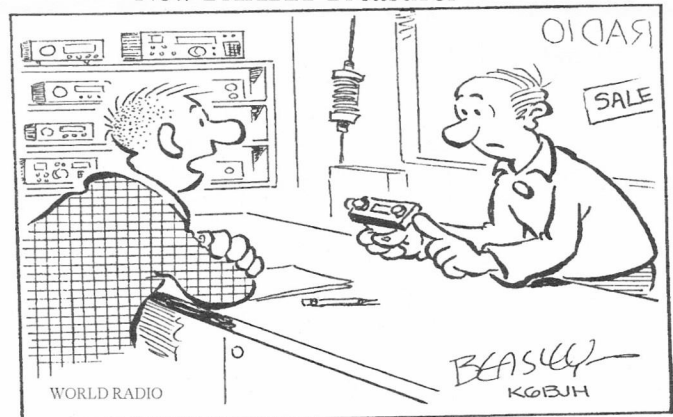
Her actual effective date to take over the reins of this position will not occur until after the annual and regular audit of the Association financial books, later next month.

The current Treasurer, **Bob Korte, KD6KYT**, will be working with her and training her in the special methods used to keep our Association books legal, current and our bank account full. Bob will be resuming his seat on the Board of Directors.

Our PAARA financial status is excellent as some large contributions have been made available recently by the hard work of raffle prize ticket seller, **Kyle Rice, KG6MSK**, who has been really selling tickets like hotcakes at the meetings for the various cool prizes. Also of note, have been the generous donations of funds by, **Gerry Tucker, N6NV**, who has been responsible for selling items from the estate of a silent key and other electronic component donators who want our Association to be the recipient.

~Terry Finn. AF6TF.

## New PAARA Treasurer



THAT'S THE SNAP-OFF CONTROL PANEL—YOU GET THE REST OF THE RADIO WHEN YOU'VE MADE A FEW PAYMENTS

Join us for pre-meeting eyeball

## QSO May 2nd gab & gobble

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6 pm— at Su Hong Restaurant  
1039 El Camino Real

Menlo Park

—across from Kepler's Book Store—



Attention Members and Visitors:

## Raffle Prizes

for the  
 May 2<sup>nd</sup> PAARA Meeting:

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION IN  
 THE RAFFLES!

Each month has set a new record for ticket sales, and the extra money is added to the next month's prizes. **YOU ARE MAKING THE MEETINGS VERY EXCITING!**

**UNBELIEVABLE!**  
**RECORD RAFFLE PRIZES FOR PAARA**  
**NOT ONE BUT TWO RADIOS**  
**IT IS TRUE!**

Come try your hand at winning the  
**FIRST prize:**  
 a Yaesu FT-1500M,  
 2 meter, 50W, FM Transceiver

**SECOND prize:**  
 Icom IC-T2H, 2 meter, 6W, HT

**THIRD prize:**  
 : PS2 Portable Power Station 12V, 7.5 AMP HR

Don't forget about the  
**FOURTH place raffle prize!**

Enjoy our fabulous speakers, free refreshments, chatting with your friends, and the chance to **take home an unbelievable prize**. See you at Round Table after the meeting! Kyle and I are having a lot of fun.

THANKS TO YOU!

~Jim.K6AK

Contact **Kyle, KG6MSK** for tickets

Congratulations:



PAARA Raffle Prize Winners  
 April 4th 2003

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PAARA Raffle Prize Winners / April 4<sup>th</sup> 2003

1<sup>st</sup> Prize: Herbert Davis KF6ELY / Icom IC 2100H /  
 2m / 55w / Mobile Transceiver \*

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: Dyan KV6AF / Icom IC T2H / 6w / HT

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: Bill Rausche AA6PA / Maha Charger

4<sup>th</sup> Prize: Howard Califf KE6PWH / Clock

\* Congratulations to Herbert -- a new PAARA member and first place prize winner on the same night!



## Technical Tip

### Technical Article Index

by Vic Black AB6SO

PAARA member **Ron Chester W6AZ** sent along an e-mail from ARRL Lab Technician **Ed Hare W1RFI**. Ed said, "I made a list of all of the technical articles available for download from the ARRL Technical Information Service (TIS) web pages. The list includes QST articles, QEX articles and some reprints from older ARRL books and such. About 65% public, 35% members only.

If you print the list, make sure you have plenty of paper—the list alone is over 50 pages. Until I saw this all in one place, the magnitude of what our TIS Coordinator has done in putting the pages together hadn't hit me. Man, there's more stuff there than a fellow can read in a lifetime!"

The web page is located at:

[www.arrl.org/~chare/TISArticles.html](http://www.arrl.org/~chare/TISArticles.html)

This will help you locate articles in all of those old QST magazines you have squirreled away in your radio shack. Even if you have the magazines on CD ROM, you still find this web site useful since the CD's have indexes for only the articles in each individual CD.

Jay, WA6SBO, recently resigned PAARA's BoD Secretariat in order to fill the role of Emergency Coordinator in his home town; the following is a recent memo describing the Countywide desk top drill. [editor]

### The HMB Emergency Drill of 2003 April 10

Some twenty or so Emergency Preparedness professionals from the Half Moon Bay community met at the Fire House this morning to perform a desk-top drill. We were hosted by Chief Jim Asche and facilitated by Robert Kinsman of Emergency Management Associates. The drill was relevant, realistic and provoked a good deal of brain storming on our part. Numerous action items were discovered and I will mention only those that pertain to the ARES / RACES volunteers here in Half Moon Bay.

The scenario was that of an unidentified cause of flu symptoms over the past weeks where people were being hospitalized (and dying) at an increasing and startling rate. (This was not unlike the Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome epidemic now ailing the world). All, for drill purposes, limited to San Mateo County, was compounded with a press release by the United Liberation Front's announcement that they had just "liberated" our water supply! At the end of the desk top drill we found the simulated "liberation" of our water supply to be propaganda and disinformation and that after a pathogen had been identified the major thing the public needed to know was that their drinking water needed to be boiled before use.

Four desks were deployed in the Emergency Operations Center for the functional separation of tasks: Command, Operations, Logistics and Planning / Finance. We hams fall under Logistics but in the course of an emergency any of the three others may request our services thru the Logistics Commander. Our two services explicitly are communicating at the EOC to other "outlying" centers (e.g., another Fire House, Red Cross or a school, etc.) and shadowing some Operations personal (e.g., the Water Dept. repair

crew) providing them with a link back to the EOC. Our service to the EOC was described as Strategic Support since we'll not be involved in Incident Command nor Dispatch.

The drill was mostly a discussion of resources and deployment tactics confined to What-Ifs focused by the scenario.

The following is a list I compiled of To Do Tasks for some or all of us – at least consider how these issues may impact your emergency preparedness:

- Ear phone(s) for use with transceiver for non-interference in public meeting rooms.
- Pocket calculator (computer) for Away Team desk work.
- Fire House's unbuilt radio port & uninstalled roof antennas need work and drill.
- Voice Recorder is handy for tracking items to be accounted for later.
- Practice access with your own Lap Top / WiFi 802.11b LAN at the Fire House.

Cal Am Water Company has a computerized dispatch center in Montara that may well be unmanned during an emergency since their staff will be deployed in the field; we ARES communicators need to practice / drill with Cal Am staff and equipment as we may be called upon to staff that Network Operations Center (NOC).

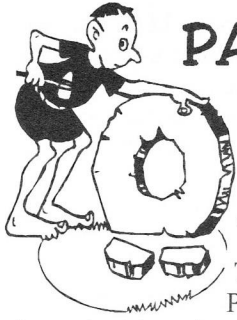
Finally I want to thank Chief Asche and Mr. Kinsman for their valued efforts. Thanks to **Dennis, KC6PUN** and **Bill, N6BCT** for attending and contributing to the discussions. Thanks also to **Peter, KD6BXY** at the Redwood City OEC for his Net Control operations throughout the drill. **WA6SBO, N6BCT, KC6PUN** and **KC6PUM** checked in at 8:00 am, and **KC6PUN** responded to 2 roll calls during the drill.

~73, - Jay Melvin, EC, HMB ARES  
[WA6SBO@ARRL.NET](mailto:WA6SBO@ARRL.NET)



photo

Gerry Tucker N6NV conducts a  
Quick AUCTION  
April 4th



## PAARA PROJECT 2003

Terry Finn. AF6TF

### The Field Day Trailer

The morning after the Friday evening PAARA general meeting on April 4/03 dawned with a clear sky and a rather comfortable weather day. Meeting at the trailer storage facility in Redwood City at 9 AM were the regulars; **Gerry Tucker, N6NV**, his really capable brother, **Rich Tucker**; and **Terry Finn, AF6TF**. To everyone's surprise, along came **Doug Teter KG6LWE**, a PAARA member who just happens to be an experienced low voltage contractor. He brought many of his tools & special equipment that were so helpful in completing the various little jobs that had been identified earlier in the project.

The group was able to obtain electrical power from AF6TF's 7500 watt generator that was stored nearby and the work party continued happily and without serious injury or incident until about 12:30 noon. KG6LWE and Rich Tucker rather carefully handled almost all of the important metal & woodcutting. N6NV was finally able to complete the wiring repairs to the rear trailer brake, tail & clearance lights, so they are now all in working order. The exterior door locking devices were initially installed by AF6TF and will be further secured & supported by some rather special material being manufactured by **Rich Tucker**.

The tire situation has been handled by N6NV who has been able to locate and purchase two new wheels & tires, which will be on the forward axel that has the electric brakes, installed. It should be noted that both **Rich** and **Gerry Tucker** spent a lot of their personal time, blood, sweat & tears on removing the wheels and ultimately removing and replacing the tires.

**KG6LWE** was able to create a really nice opening in the rear of the trailer where both portable towers could be moved into and transported or stored inside. This will ultimately become a locking storage door and allow the users better control of their time and resources. It is amazing how things can actually get done when several minds come together and the work party is under the supervision of the Master himself, **Gerry Tucker, N6NV**.

The PAARA Board of Directors has authorized the expenditure of some funds for the purchase of a small gas powered generator that will accompany this trailer in the future. Vic Black, AB6SO, is chairing that generator committee with assistance from AF6TF. The work party has not yet removed the old, large generator that is installed in the trailer. However, as mentioned before in this column, any PAARA member is authorized to come and pick it up and remove it during a work party session. It is believed that the old generator may make a good boat anchor.

We are still seeking carpenters, carpet layers, electricians, painters & graphic artists for this official Club Project. The work party will NOT meet on April 12 due to the Flea Market (although the long range forecast is calling for a wet weekend then, anyway). We do plan on Saturdays, April 19 (Easter), April 26 and May 3 between 9 AM & Noon as the next meeting dates.

This trailer will be ready for Field Day. However, there are still a number of smaller, aesthetic items that require attention and those will be detailed and assigned on the next series of Saturday work parties. Please bring your own tools and equipment. (We require a ladder). Coffee and doughnuts would be a nice touch (especially from those who have not yet come down to assist). There are no restrooms, water or electricity at the trailer site which is located in the rear RV parking area at Harbor Village, 3015 East Bayshore Road, on the east side of 101 in Redwood City.

**See you all there !!!**

~Terry Finn. AF6TF.

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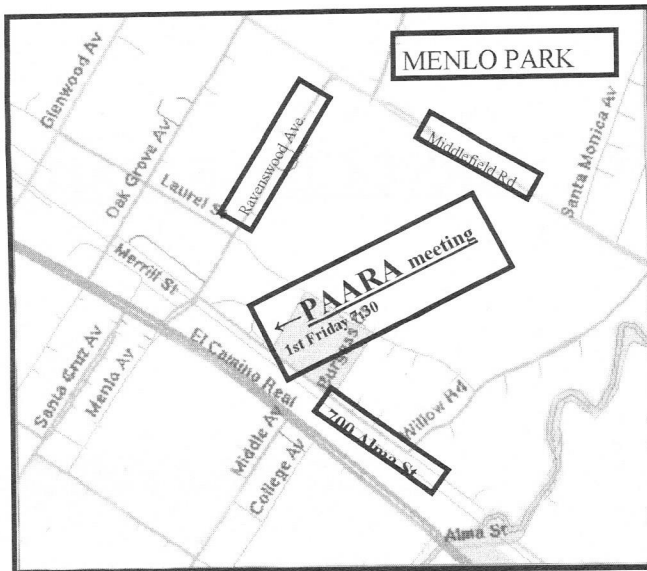
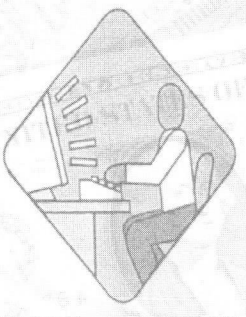
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