


# PAARAgraphs



Celebrating 69 years as an active ham radio club—Since 1937  
The Palo Alto Amateur Radio Association, Inc.



## CALENDAR

Oct	6	<b>PAARA Meeting</b> 7:00–9:30 Menlo Park Rec Center 700 Alma Street Menlo Park, CA 94025	
Oct	8	<b>PAARAFest</b> see page 111	
Oct	11	<b>Board Meeting</b> 7:00pm Red Cross Bld., 400 Mitchell Lane Palo Alto (due to Parking Lot problems location may change, check net before Bd. meeting)	
Nov	3	<b>PAARA Meeting,</b> 7:00pm	
Nov	8	<b>PAARA Board Meeting,</b> 7:00pm	
Dec	1	<b>PAARA Meeting,</b> 7:00pm	
Dec	6	<b>PAARA Board Meeting,</b> 7:00pm	
Jan.....	19	Winter Banquet	

## NEXT MEETING

October 6, 2006

**SPEAKER  
and PROGRAM:**



### Field Day 2006 Video and APRS For Everyone

October's meeting will be a double-header. First up will be the presentation of the 2006 PAARA Field Day DVD. Produced by Dick Kors, KM6EP and Gordon Peterson, this professionally-produced documentary will show what you missed by not attending, or what you missed while you were on the other side of the site

After the video has finished, Peter Sheerin, K6WEB, will present APRS for Everyone. He will demonstrate why APRS is useful for all Ham radio operators, not just those that are interested in discovering where all their ham buddies are. Come learn how you can use it for DXing, search and rescue, DFing, and many other things

~Peter Sheerin, K6WEB

## President's corner



What an exciting and active summer we have experienced this year. The Field Day and flea market in June, the relatives and visitors in July and August, the back to school and regular routines in September. DX has not been that easy or plentiful however there are still lots of activities on the open bands. We look forward to hearing about QSL's and some of the unique received QSL cards. Please do not hesitate to advise everyone at the regular meeting if you have such an experience to share with other PAARA members. In fact, we have been criticized about how the regular meetings have been handled, so there will be several changes made to compensate and allow more time for the speakers and their presentations. Please bring your comments to the PAARA President or any active Board member.

This month we will be looking forward to another Octoberfest extravaganza and mini ham radio flea market to be held at Joel Wilhite's estate in Menlo Park. The details are elsewhere in this fine publication and on the PAARA site at [www.paara.org](http://www.paara.org). The nomination committee has been established to recommend new, fresh faces and new blood for election to the PAARA Board of Directors. See any committee member to offer up yourself for duty on the PAARA Board. We need a lot of volunteerism as almost every Board position will be open this year. Also, Pacificon will be held this month across the bay in San Ramon, so the VE radio testing will not be available in Redwood City on the third Saturday of October.

Our December meeting will be on Friday, December first this year, so the actual election will take place that night during the regular meeting. The annual Winter Banquet in January will be held again in conjunction with FARS. We expect Jim Rice, K6AK will have another outstanding group of prizes for the raffle held during that huge ham radio social event.

The membership voted and approved the idea of PAARA becoming active in communications with the Palo Alto office of the American Red Cross. We are moving ahead with that plan and will soon be able to announce how we will be actually working with the Red Cross. We may be responsible for taking some type of new, required Red Cross administrative training; then receiving a new type of identification card before they will be

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# Miscellaneous Info

## 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: <http://amateur-radio.org/> or Al.WB6IMX@att.net

## ELECTRONICS FLEA MARKET

Sponsorship by **A.S.V.A.R.O.**  
(Association of Silicon Valley Amateur Radio Organizations)  
Second Saturday of month, March-October, 6am-2pm  
Howard M. Krawetz, N6HM 650-856-9761  
Contact: <http://www.electronicfleamarket.com/>

**LIVERMORE SWAP MEET** . Now in Robertson Park, Livermore, every first Sunday of the month. 7 am to 11:30 am. Free admission for buyers. For further info, see: [www.larkswap.com](http://www.larkswap.com) or contact Ian Parker, W6TCP at [swapmeet@livermoreark.org](mailto:swapmeet@livermoreark.org)

## PAARA Palo Alto Amateur Radio Association

meets 1<sup>st</sup> Friday 7:30pm each month, Net 145.230 each Monday 8:30,  
contact: <http://PAARA.org/> or Terry Finn, AA6T, 650-366-9111

## FARS Foothills Amateur Radio Society

meets 4<sup>th</sup> Friday 7:30pm each month  
contact: <http://www.fars.k6va.org/>

## NCDXC Northern California DX Club

meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday 7:30pm each month,  
repeater for member info 147.360, Thur 8:00PM  
contact: <http://ncdxc.org/> or Mike Gavin W6WZ, (650) 851 8699

## NorCalQRP Northern California QRP Club

meets 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday each month  
contact: <http://www.norcalqrp.org/>

## SPECS Southern Peninsula Emergency Communication System

meets each Monday 8:00pm on Net 145.27, 440.80 MHz  
contact: <http://specsnet.org/> or Tom Cascone, KF6LWZ, 650-688-0441

## SCARES South County Amateur Radio Emergency Service

meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday 7:30pm each month, San Carlos City Hall.  
Net is on 146.445 [PL 114.8] & 444.50 (PL-100) 7:30 Monday evenings.  
contact: President Gary D. Aden, K6GDA 650-743-1265(D), 650- 595-5590 (N)  
**Web:** <http://k6mpn.org> **E-mail:** [pres@k6mpn.org](mailto:pres@k6mpn.org)

## SCCARA Santa Clara County Amateur Radio Association

Operates W6UU & W6UUR, repeater 146.985-pl  
Nets: 2m, 7:30pm Mon; 70cm, 442.425+ (pl 107.2) Thur.  
meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Mon each month @ 7:30 PM.  
contact: <http://www.qsl.net/sccara/> or Clark Murphy KE6KXO 408-262-9334  
ARRL/VEC license testing contact 408-507-4698

## SVECS Silicon Valley Emergency Communications

Operates AA6BT repeater (146.115 MHz+)  
contact: <http://www.svecs.net/> or Lou Stierer WA6QYS 408 241 7999

## WVARA West Valley Amateur Radio Association

W6PIY six-meter repeater on 52.58MHz. Normally, six-meters is linked with 147 and 223, while 441 and 1286 repeaters are linked.  
VHF: 52.58 (-500) 151.4 ctss UHF: 441.35 (+5.0 88.5) ctss  
147.39 (+600) 151.4 ctss 1286.20 (-12m) 100.0 ctss  
223.96 (+1.6) 156.7 ctss  
meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed every month.  
contact: <http://wvara.org/>, Bill Ashby N6FFC, 408-267-3118, N6FFC@Juno.com, or N6FFC@ARRL.NET

## DISASTER SERVICES

### American Red Cross, PALO ALTO AREA CHAPTER

400 Mitchell Lane  
Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed. each month 7:30PM  
HF, packet, BBS, ATV, OSCAR Gateway, NASA satellite.  
contact: <http://paarc.org/> or Mac Millian 650-688-0423. **MACM@paarc.org**

### American Red Cross, SANTA CLARA VALLEY CHAPTER

contact: <http://santacalaravalle.redcross.org/> or Scott Hensley KB6UOO, (408) 967 7924  
[shensley@Novell.com](mailto:shensley@Novell.com)

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## LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Awarded by Action of the PAARA Board

**Ron Panton, W6VG July 2003**

**Joe Gomes, KB6HDC May 2004**

# PAARAFEST 2006

## Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup> 10a.m.

Mark your calendars for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual PAARAFEST. This year we have decided to make PAARAFEST a day of eating and swapping while raising money for PAARA! If you miss the last De Anza swap meet, this will give you a second chance. And why not celebrate the beginning of Fall while getting that last swap meet bargain, after all, who else in the world will appreciate that precious boat anchor (other than yourself of course). Bring your favorite pot luck dish or dip. I hope Andy brings the apple pie again this year, last year his wife brought two warm from the oven!

**Date:** Sunday, October 8, 2006

**Time:** 8:00 am - 3:00 pm

\* set up: 8:00 - 10:00

\* buy, sell, swap, and dine: 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

**Place:** The Wilhite Estate (Joel's house – KD6W)  
701 Menlo Oaks Drive  
Menlo Park, Ca 94025

**Who:** PAARA club members and spouses

**What:** A combination of a bbq club fundraiser, a get together and mingle, and a time to swap out all your ham-related treasures!

**5-Buck-Lunch:** Grilled hamburgers, hotdogs, and accouterments ALL proceeds will go to PAARA.

**2-Buck Beer:** ALL proceeds will go to PAARA.

**RSVP:** no later than **10/6/06** to reserve a selling spot OR if you're stopping by to dine.

Please email to Joel at [joelwilhite1@yahoo.com](mailto:joelwilhite1@yahoo.com) to let him know you are coming to **PAARAFEST 2006!**

### LOGISTIC DETAILS:

- PAARA members only. There will be no childcare, and the yard toys will be off-limits. This is for the big folks, ok?
- Parking: there is plenty of free parking around the neighborhood. Please make sure you are not blocking any of our neighborhood driveways.

It is very important to send us your reservations if you plan to sell anything. If you do not have stuff to sell, that's cool too! We need a general head count to know how many wiener schnitzels to buy.

### SELLING GUIDELINES:

- YOU MUST TAKE BACK WHATEVER YOU BRING or BUY---The Wilhites will NOT be making dump runs!
- Leave your phosphor screens at home, no CRTs, ancient Oscilloscopes, etc.
- Please bring your own table or tarp, change, and bags.
- What kind of stuff? Ham related. (No, this won't be the swap meet for your vintage NRFB Barbie dolls.)

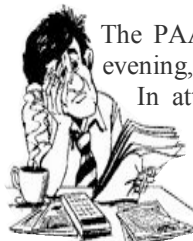
Set up time starts at 8:00. If you have big heavy stuff, it's OK to drive into the yard, unload, and go back outside to park your vehicle.

**VOLUNTEERS**---We would love some helpful hands to do the following:

- setting up from 8:00 – 10:00
  - cook 11:30- 12:00, 12:00-12:30
- load up and clean up 3:00 -4:00

**Now stop reading and email Joel at [joelwilhite1@yahoo.com](mailto:joelwilhite1@yahoo.com) to let him know you are coming to PAARAFEST 2006!**

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING July 12, 2006



The PAARA Board of Directors met on Wednesday evening, September 13, 2006

In attendance were the following PAARA members:

President **Terry Finn, AA6T**; Secretary **Adrianus Schrauwen, W6AJS**; Treasurer **Ron Chester, W6AH**; Directors **David Ungar, W6DH** and **Kristen McIntyre, K6WX**

Visiting the Board meeting were: Membership coordinator **Vic Black, AB6SO**; Database Manager **Rick Melrose, K6RDM**; Editor **Wally Porter, K6URO**; QSL Manager **Rob Riley KG6HVW** and members **Byron Beck, KG6UOB** and **Peter Sheerin, K6WEB**.

President **Terry Finn** started general discussions at 19:20 hrs. **There was no Quorum until 20:00hrs**; no Board actions were taken during the pre meeting discussions.

The President reported he had no minutes of the August 9 BOD meeting. The reading of it was tabled till next BOD meeting in October. The naming of a nomination committee was discussed they should consist of the President and 2 Directors.

The board members whose terms expire are: **Terry Finn**, President; **Adrianus Schrauwen**, Secretary; **Kristen McIntyre**, director and **David Ungar**, director.

The Treasurers report was passed around and discussed. No action was taken.

The Bylaws committee will meet in a future date to finalize the revisions.

The Redcross will make magnetic keys for qualified members to gain access and operate the RC station.

Proposed PAARA QSL Cards were passed around and **Rob Riley** was authorized to produce the cards. No votes necessary.

Other business: Various club meeting items were suggested such as Show and Tell, member equipment auction, choice of speakers, more activity for special interest groups.

**Vic Black** brought a brand new VX170 to the meeting and offered the mobile rig as a donation to the PAARA for use in the next raffle.

The meeting adjourned at 21:00 hours.

Respectfully submitted by

**Adrianus Schrauwen, W6AJS, PAARA Secretary**

Hello fellow HAMs,

My name is John LoCicero, KD5IBY, the old captain. Yesterday my good friend Paul Milward AB4PM and I were at Ponce Inlet Lighthouse talking to the curator, Ellen Henry. She is in desperate need of a WWII Era 1940s or earlier transmitter for the HAM Shack display at the lighthouse. The transmitter does not need to be in pristine or working order, just something for a visual display. If someone might have an old transmitter sitting around that they would like to donate, it would be greatly appreciated by the Ponce Inlet Lighthouse Society.

Please contact me- [tigergirl1@usa.net](mailto:tigergirl1@usa.net) or Ms. Henry at the lighthouse- [ellen@ponceinlet.org](mailto:ellen@ponceinlet.org) with any donations.

**The Old Captain KD5IBY**

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providing us with specific electronic keys for entry into the Red Cross facilities in Palo Alto. All of these details are being debated by the various groups with input from PAARA. We will keep the PAARA membership advised as this program develops. I look forward to seeing you all at the next meeting.

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## NOMINATION COMMITTEE IS ESTABLISHED.

The PAARA President has established the nomination committee for the December 2006 PAARA elections. The committee members appointed are Andreas Junge, N6NU; Adrianus Schrauwen, W6AJS; Doug Teter, KG6LWE and David Ungar, W6DH.

These committee members will report to the President and the Board of Directors at the November meeting of the Board of Directors. Please note that all positions are available except the two year Board-member spots that are currently held by Gerry Tucker, N6NV and Andreas Junge, N6NU. These positions run through to December of 2007.

The Treasurer's position will probably be maintained by Ron Chester, W6AZ. Therefore, we have the two Board of Directors positions and the President, Vice President and Secretary positions to fill with active, current PAARA members.

We need new blood to keep this viable and exciting radio club running. So please contact any member of the nomination committee and advise them of what position YOU would like to run for during the election. Please note that all nominations must be submitted to the nomination committee before the November PAARAgaphs publication deadline so these names can be printed in the November edition of PAARAgaphs.

**Submitted by AA6T. Terry Finn.**

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2495 S. DELAWARE ST., SAN MATEO

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(650) 363-4790  
or the Office of Supervisor Adrienne J. Tissier (650) 363-4572  
Grant Funding Provided by the Office of Homeland Security  
and the US  
Department of Homeland Security

P.S. I know the local ham radio (ARES/RACES) folks will be  
at the Expo. If you haven't signed up for the latest class, see  
below. tnx es 73,- Ken

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**Amateur Radio License Testing  
Study Session, Followed by Exam**

Offering a one day study session for Technician or General  
theory, followed by testing.  
Test session for all elements available. Morse Code tests will  
not be given.

WHEN: Sunday, October 22, 2006, 8:00am - 5pm  
WHERE: Washington Hospital West, Fremont  
FEE: \$30.00  
REGISTER: [www.baears.com/](http://www.baears.com/)  
QUESTIONS: Ross Peterson  
VOICE: 650-349-5349  
E-MAIL: [wb6zbu@arrl.net](mailto:wb6zbu@arrl.net)

Class size is limited; reservations are required.

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are **FREE** to members

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**ALL CHANGES OR CORRECTIONS**  
should only go to:  
PAARA Secretary, Adrianus Schrauwen W6AJS  
[hagenees@att.net](mailto:hagenees@att.net), 650 494 6256, or at General meetings  
(this includes changes in Membership or Family Membership)

**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

**Community Emergency Response Team Class**

The next CERT Class is set for Wednesday, October 25,  
2006, at Hillview Community Center. Once again it will be on  
four consecutive Wednesdays and one Saturday, November  
11<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am till 4:00 pm. If each CERT family could get  
just one person to sign up, we would have a full class and it  
helps you to add members to your response zones. Our success  
depends on you.

Call Rod Sayre at (650) 947-2777,  
or email: [rod.sayre@ci.los-altos.ca.us](mailto:rod.sayre@ci.los-altos.ca.us)  
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Campbell, CA 95008  
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**FOUND**

A handheld radio was found in a Menlo Park restaurant  
Thursday night August 31. If it is yours, please contact:  
Rob Riley, [kg6hvw@arrl.net](mailto:kg6hvw@arrl.net),  
and identify it for its quick return.

## Apartment DX-ing DE K6WX

I woke up at 6:30 this morning, as I do most mornings. I usually take my prescription sleep drugs at that point and then scan the HF bands before reading a book until the drugs take effect. For a couple of months I've been hearing this guy on at about 6:30am on the CW part of the 40 meter band. I've noticed that fall and winter mornings are good times for 40m DX. This station was in Indonesia near Jakarta and this would be a new country for me, so I really wanted to work him. His signal was loud enough so I thought that I could reach him with my amplifier from the apartment. The problem was that he was typically only on for 5 or 10 minutes at a clip and he tended to chat with people for much of the time only working 5 or 6 stations, so he was hard to catch. Also, Indonesia is kind of a rare country when the band CONDX are so poor so he would always attract a bit of a pileup, making it harder for me to compete with my little antenna, a 20' long helically wound vertical dipole that is not up very high and surrounded by trees and buildings. I had tried to call him quite a few times over the last couple of months without success. Well, this morning I heard him kind of loud and without many people calling him. I was pretty groggy and I almost just went back to bed, but in a burst of motivation, I flipped on the amplifier, watched the tubes glow a warm, bright orange, checked the plate voltage, and tuned the signal's frequency just right. I checked the antenna and amp tuning and put my callsign out there. I called K6WX, K6WX. Silence ... again K6WX, K6WX. I heard QRZ?, maybe he heard me, but I wasn't sure. Again I put my callsign out there. I hear K6, K6 QRZ?. Maybe, just maybe ... I call him again and then the most beautiful sound, K6WX DE YB1A - GM UR 559 559 - NAME HALIM HALIM K6WX DE YB1A. My heart starts pounding and I can barely contain my excitement. I reply, R R TNX UR 599 599 BK, giving him a signal report and turning it back to him. He says TNX FUR 599 73 K6WX DE YB1A. I say TNX 73 73 DE K6WX. Well, I almost couldn't sleep after that. I let out a loud whoop in my empty apartment thinking that persistence once again pays off when hunting the DX. To me this experience epitomizes the magic of ham radio. I touched the life of a guy in Jakarta this morning with no infrastructure and using my brain to decode digital signals. And from my apartment too! Totally cool.

~Kristen A. McIntyre K6WX



## Congratulations: September 8<sup>th</sup> PAARA Raffle Prize Winners

- 1<sup>st</sup> Prize: Bill Dale, N2RHV / Heil Quiet Phone
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: Steve S. / Alpha Delta-4 Position Coax Switch
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: David Ungar W6DH / FR-250 AM / FM / SW Emergency Radio
- 4<sup>th</sup> Prize: Kristen McIntyre K6WX / Two 20m Ham Sticks with Dipole Adapter
- 5<sup>th</sup> Prize: Vic Black AB6SO / Ultimate DX World Map / Laminated / 36 "
- 6<sup>th</sup> Prize: John Eisenberg K6YP / ARRL 06 / 07 Repeater Directory
- 7<sup>th</sup> Prize: Curt Kolovson W6RQ / Northern California Repeater Directory / NARCC
- 8<sup>th</sup> Prize: Rob Riley KG6HVW / Dynamic Mic

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PAARA is having a remarkable year in 2006! If you aren't a member, please join PAARA now, and experience fun 2006 events with the "friendliest club around."

~K6AK Jim

## PAARA October 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting



**PAARA The Friendliest Club Around ”**

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**Date and Time: Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.**

**Menlo Park Rec. Center, 700 Alma St., Menlo Park, CA.**

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**FOURTH PRIZE: Two Uniden FRS/GMRS Radios with NiMH Batteries and Charger**

**FIFTH PRIZE: 2 Hour Battery Charger with 4 AA 2000mAh NiMH Batteries**

**SIXTH PRIZE: Xcelite Shearcutters / Flush Cuts Up To 20 AWG**

**SEVENTH PRIZE: EZ -WIND Cord Organizer / Holds 100 Ft. of 14 Gauge Cord**

**EIGHT PRIZE: Calrad DM-9 Dynamic Microphone / High Impedance**

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**Directions to PAARA meeting:**

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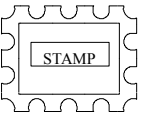
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