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The Official Newsletter of the

Palo Alto Amateur Radio Association, Inc.Celebrating 81 years as an *active* amateur radio club—*Since 1937*

December Speaker

Eric Swartz, WA6HHQ
from Elecraft

Eric will be talking about what's new and maybe what's in the future at Elecraft. Likely he'll provide some additional insight to the KX-3 which is the 1st place raffle prize.

Upcoming Events

Dec 7	PAARA General Meeting, 7:00 PM
Jan 4	Cubberly Community Center, Room
Feb 1	H-6, 4000 Middlefield Rd, Palo Alto
Dec 12 NEW	Board Meeting, 7:00 PM
Jan 16	Everyone welcome!
Feb 20	Location: Marty, W6NEV, QTH



President's Corner

December 2018

Wow, we made it! It's the end of 2018 already. It's been quite a year for PAARA and for Amateur Radio. We have so much to look forward to in 2019, but let's take a look back at the year that was, at least from my perspective.



Reviewing what happened, the first event of the year was PAARA's annual Homebrew Night, where the amazing creativity of our membership is always on display. There were so many entries this year that I had to keep careful watch over the time. Batteries, antennas, radios, and even propagation data were on display. As usual, it was a feast for the eyes and for the soul.

Then there was the FARS Winter Banquet in late January, a time with our ham radio friends that is not to be missed. This was followed in March (I was away most of February) by the mostly-annual PAARApLink at the San Jose Municipal Firing Range. That's a chance to mix Part 97 with 2A and sharpen our shooting skills in a safe and supportive environment.

We found out about then that we had a new venue for the Electronics Flea Market. After a number of years of struggling with De Anza College's difficult conditions

and high fees, we finally were in a position to keep the EFM viable into the future.

April brought better propagation and a trip to Visalia, for the International DX Convention. This convention has been going on for almost 70 years! It was a great chance to meet some serious DXers and to make new friends. I also got to see many of my friends from Southern California.

May was Dayton, and despite the rain and the mud, the new venue in Xenia worked out well in its second year. I met many friends from IOOK (this is where they originated), and was part of the Gathering Of The Faithful. The vendors were amazing, as was the size and scope of the event.

June was, of course, Field Day. Despite tough propagation, PAARA did well in the contest. Most importantly we did well as a club and we had a great and safe time. It was a unique FD for me because I had to "make the rounds" and see other sites in my new Vice Director role. It was another unforgettable FD.

July was the ARRL Board Meeting - my first. That was a real experience. I think I'm prepared for the next one in January?!? :). Seriously, though, I was honored to be amongst those who are leading our hobby into the future.

August was quiet, but September made up for it starting with the PAARA sponsored EFM. That was quite successful because of the new venue. The next day I

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PAARA “Dream to Reality Raffle XV” with over \$1,900 in prizes

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You’ll have to be at the meeting to learn what additional great prizes the raffle master Jim Rice, K6AK, comes loaded with!



PAARAYear 2018

Another GREAT PAARAYear has blasted past and into the history book. The following pages recap some of the highlights of the year. They are in no particular order. Included throughout are a few random pictures of PAARA members “at work”.



Kristen, K6WX ARRL Pacific Division Vice Director, receives a certificate from Jim Siemons, W6LK, ARRL East Bay Section Manager, in recognition of her serving as the Technical Coordinator for the East Bay.

Below, PAARA supports PACIFICON hosting the W1AW/6 special event station.





Silicone ingot seen during the Intel Museum Field Trip



Lots of work and fun go into having yet another great Field Day as evident by the pictures on these pages.





Right, a fresh coat of paint and repair of the tower grounds readied the repeater shack for another winter.



Below, another packed meeting room for yet another great speaker.





The last field trip of the year was to the Red Oak Victory ship in Richmond.

Left, everyone climbs the gangplank for the tour.

Below, on the Bridge.

Bottom, the radio room.



Minutes of the November 17, 2018 Board Meeting

Through an email exchange, the board agreed to not hold the November board meeting due to it being scheduled the day before Thanksgiving and there were no “hot” topics on the agenda. Additionally, the board decided through the same email exchange, **to move the December meeting date up one week to December 12th** to give more time before the holidays and to meet the production schedule of PAARAgaphs due to the holiday closure of the printer.

Jim Thielemann K6SV
Secretary/membership



November Raffle Winners

- 1st - Andy Korsak, KR6DD
- 2nd - Kristen McIntyre, K6WX
- 3rd - Bob Van Tuyl, K6RWY
- 4th - Jim Nomura, AI6VF
- 5th - Kristen McIntyre, K6WX
- 6th - Marty Wayne, W6NEV
- 7th - Mike Wimble, KM6WP
- 8th - Dave Pollack, KM6OKD



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flew to ARRL HQ for my orientation, just a few months delayed. And then just a couple of weeks later was the Duke City Hamfest in Albuquerque. My son and I took another week to enjoy Santa Fe after that. It was enchanting. I think I flew to San Diego in there somewhere to give a talk, but I can't remember exactly when anymore.

October was Pacificon, and we all remember that. It is always the highlight of the year for me. This year I was a headless chicken, running from event to

event. And November was another trip to San Diego and our tour of the Red Oak Victory in Richmond. And here we are, on the threshold of the Dream to Reality Raffle. Unbelievable.

This doesn't count all of the nets, lunches, dinners, meetings, discussions, contests, DX contacts, and friends I enjoyed. I'd say it was quite a year. Do you agree? I hope your ham radio year was as much fun.

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PAARA Board Elections at the December Meeting

The election slate is:

President, Kristen McIntyre : Vice President, Marty Wayne : Secretary, Jim Thielemann : Treasure, Ron Chester : Director (2-year), Joel Wilhite : Director (1-year), Larry Rebarchik : Director (1-year) Darryl Presley

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Electronics Flea Market

Sponsorship by A.S.V.A.R.O. — Association of Silicon Valley Amateur Radio Organizations
 Second Saturday of month, March-September, 6am–12 noon
 Contact: <http://www.electronicfleamarket.com/>

PAARA — Palo Alto Amateur Radio Association

Meets 1st Friday 7:00pm each month at Room H-6, Cubberley Community Center; Net 145.230 - PL 100Hz Mondays at 8:30. See our website at <http://www.paara.org> for more information or contact: Joel Wilhite KD6W, KD6W@ARRL.NET, 650-325-8239

FARS — Foothills Amateur Radio Society

Meets 4th Friday each month at 7:30pm
 Contact: <http://www.fars.k6ya.org>

NCDXC — Northern California DX Club

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

QCWA Chapter 11

Northern California Quarter Century Wireless Association
 Meets third Wednesday monthly at Harry's Hofbrau in Redwood City @ 11:30 AM.
 Guests are welcome. Saturday morning net on 146.850 MHz, PL 114.8

50 MHz & Up Group

Meets 1st Thursday each month at 7pm in the Texas Instruments Building E conference room in Santa Clara.
 Contact: <http://50MhzandUp.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 3rd Thursday 7:30pm each month, Belmont EOC, Belmont City Hall, One Twin Pines Lane, Belmont CA 94002. 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

SCCARA

Santa Clara County Amateur Radio Association

Operates W6UU & W6UU/R, repeater 146.985-pl
 Nets: 2m, 7:30pm Mon; 70cm, 10M (28.385) 8PM Thur.
 Meets 2nd Mon each month @ 7:30 PM.
 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

TEARS — The Elmer Amateur Radio Society

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Contact: AA6T@ARRL.NET

Most members are Extra Class or VE's. See QRZ dot com/kv6r for class info

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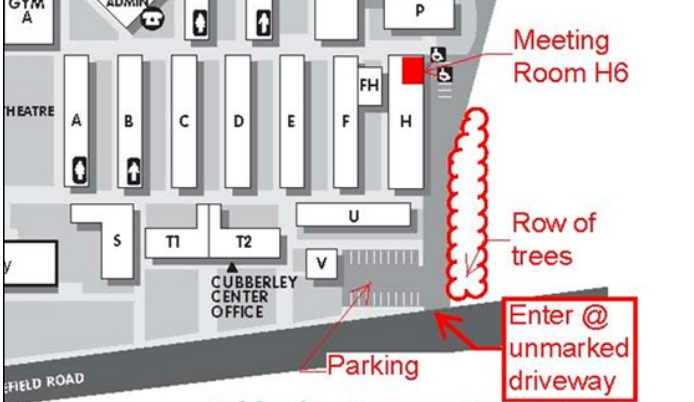
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3 rd	Jack - W1VSL
4 th	Rob - KC6TYD
5 th	Rob - KC6TYD

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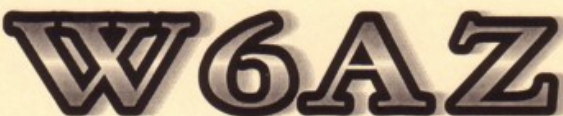

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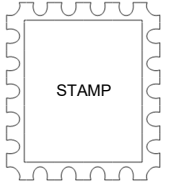
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