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The Official Newsletter of the

Palo Alto Amateur Radio Association, Inc.

The Friendliest Club Around

Celebrating 85 years as an *active* amateur radio club—Since 1937<http://www.paara.org/>

Elecraft update with Q&A

Eric Swarts, WA6HHQ

Eric Swarts will join us in person to bring us up to speed on what's new at Elecraft. This meeting is always a highlight of the year. And don't forget, the Dream to Reality Raffle will take place and one of you will win a KX3.

Bio:

Eric Swartz, WA6HHQ, is Elecraft's Chief Operating Officer, a co-designer of Elecraft's K4, K3S, K2, and other Elecraft products. He co-founded Elecraft in 1998 with Wayne Burdick, N6KR. Licensed for over 51 years, his early interest in Amateur Radio led him to a career in electronic design and management. He received his B.S. in Engineering and Applied Science (Electronics) from Yale University in 1979 and has been involved in a number of successful Silicon Valley startups. Prior to Elecraft, Eric was co-founder and President of Verisys, a test equipment manufacturer of high-performance protocol analyzers for the computer and mass storage market.

Wayne and Eric also jointly received the ARRL's Technical Excellence Award in 2001 for their Elecraft radio designs.

This meeting will be a In Person Only Meeting

Time: December 2, 2022 07:00 PM Pacific Time
Cubberley Community Center
4000 Middlefield Rd, Palo Alto
Room H6

Upcoming Events

Dec 2***	PAARA General Meeting, 7:00 PM
Jan 6	In-Person Meeting
Feb 3	*** IRL Only Meeting
Dec 21***	Board Meeting, 7:00 PM.
Jan 18	Everyone welcome! Zoom Meeting,
Feb 15	eMail President for details!
	*** Cancelled



President's Corner

December 2022

If you missed the PAARA 85th anniversary event, you missed a very fun day! The weather could not have been more enjoyable. A huge shout-out goes to Doug, KG6LWE, and Darryl, KI6LSM, for all their efforts in setting up the HF stations and running them. Another huge shout-out goes to Rob, KC6TYD, for getting all the food, and drinks, and cooking up some delicious hamburgers & hotdogs.



Forty-two people signed the visitor log. Among them were three visitors from the Loma Prieta club who came to check out the activity. All those who joined us had a wonderful time so-

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cializing, remembering past events, building 2M tape measure antennas, enjoying hotdogs or hamburgers along with a special anniversary cake, and working on one of the three HF stations. As the CQWW SSB contest was the same weekend, we didn't make that many



contacts using the special event call sign W6B as hoped but were able put 64 contacts into the log.

There were two special presentations during the event. The first was by Kristen, K6WX, who presented the club a plaque and read the resolution she presented at the last ARRL Board of Directors meeting recognizing PAARA's 85 years. The resolution reads:

On the motion of Ms. McIntyre, seconded by Mr. Stafford and was VOTED (with applause) that:

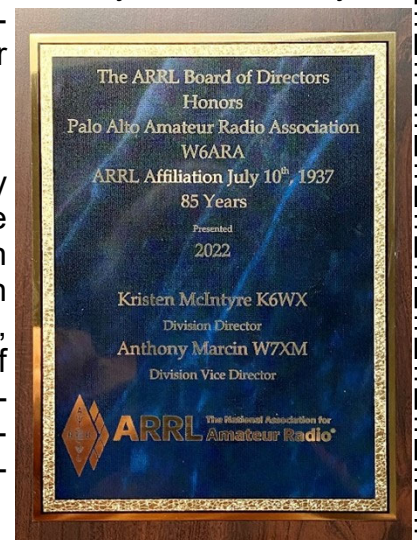
WHEREAS, the Palo Alto Amateur Radio Association (PAARA) has been an active Amateur Radio club serving the city of Palo Alto since its inception in 1937;

WHEREAS, PAARA is known as "The Friendliest Club Around" and lives that motto every day;

WHEREAS, PAARA counts among its former members O. G. "Mike" Villard, W6QYT, inventor of Over The Horizon RADAR, father of SSB, and Stanford Moonbounce, among other achievements;

WHEREAS, PAARA has counted among its membership and frequent visitors former ARRL President, former IARU Secretary, and current ARRL International Affairs VP, Rod Stafford, W6ROD; ARRL Second Vice President Bob Vallio, W6RGG; ARRL Pacific Division Director Kristen McIntyre, K6WX; Bay Area Section Managers, and other ARRL Field Staff;

WHEREAS, PAARA has many other notable members of Silicon Valley fame, such as Gerry Tucker, N6NV, designer of power systems flying on the International Space Station and



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WHEREAS, PAARA's Field Day operation regularly features guest contest operators such as Rusty Epps, W6OAT; Jim Brown, K9YC; and John Miller, K6MM.

Therefore, be it resolved that the ARRL Board of Directors congratulates and recognizes PAARA, currently holding the club call signs W6ARA, W6OTX, K6OTA, and K6YQT, on their 85th Anniversary.

The second was a presentation by Doug, KG6LWE, on behalf of the board, to Jim Rice, K6AK, for his over 20 years of commitment to PAARA in running the very successful raffle and serving on the board. Please thank both of them for their respective efforts on behalf of PAARA!



In recognition of his energy and enthusiastic support of PAARA activities and meetings for more than Twenty years, developing the raffle, including his favorite, the Dream to Reality Raffle, coming up with prizes every month and running more than 200 drawings, contributing to increased attendance at meetings at a time when the club was in decline, helping to bring it back to the robust organization it is today, serving on the Board as VP for several years, and participating in numerous Field Days..

**The Officers and Directors of the
Palo Alto Amateur Radio Association
do hereby award and bestow upon**

**Jim Rice, K6AK
a Lifetime Membership**

on this date of October 29, 2022

Signed by:

Jim Thielemann, K6SV, President
Rob Fenn, KC6TYD, Vice President
Ric Hulett, N6AJS, Secretary
Bob Korte, KD6KYT, Treasurer

Darryl Presley, K16LDM, Director
Doug Teter, KG6LWE, Director
Joel Wilhite, KD6W, Director
Walt Gyger, K6WGY, Director



Remember, Clark, KK6ISP, will be running the election during the December meeting. You must be a current member in good standing and present at the December meeting to vote. The results of the vote will be announced just before the close of the meeting. The list of candidates is located elsewhere in this issue.

Don't forget to bring that stray cash for the annual Dream to Reality raffle where the grand prize will once again be an Elecraft KX3 HF radio with a few accessories. A lucky winner will be going home with an early Christmas present. There will be other great raffle prizes rounding out the raffle. Remember the December meeting is an in-person-only meeting.

It's already time to start thinking about next year. There are some fun events in store at the start of the year. The largest ones I can think of are Quartzfest (January 22th ~ 28th), <https://quartzfest.org/>, which may be larger than last year due to the cancelation of the Yuma Hamvention. PAARA will again have several members present at this fun event. Much more locally, the IDXC (International DX Convention) is on April 21-23 in Visalia, CA. Their updated website has a bit more information including a large list of top-end HF radios that will be raffled off. For more information go to <https://www.dxconvention.com/>. I hope to see a large number of PAARA members there.

As mentioned in the most recent issue of the ARRL letter, a suggestion was made to recycle old issues of QST by putting labels on them covering your address and leaving them in doctor's offices and other public waiting rooms that have magazines. I'll be printing up some labels and bringing them to the next meeting for those who wish to leave an issue of QST behind in waiting rooms instead of in the recycle bin. This is a great way to spread the word about amateur radio as well as PAARA.

I look forward to seeing a room full of smiling faces at the December 2nd meeting.

73, Jim K6SV

Get on the air to keep the airwaves alive!

Elections

PAARA is holding elections for it's board members at it's December meeting. You must be a PAARA member and present at the meeting to vote.

Here is the Election Slate for the PAARA 2022 Election:

President

Jim Thielmann¹ K6SV

Vice President

Rob Fenn¹ KC6TYD

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Ric Hulett¹ N6AJS

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Bob Korte¹ KD6KYT

Director A

Walt Gyger¹ K6WGY

Director C

Doug Teter¹ KG6LWE

Director D

Darryl Presley¹ KI6LDM

I'd like to thank PAARA members Mikko Sanjala (AB6RF) and Frank Fox (AF0XX) for being on the Election Committee with me.

Clark Martin (KK6ISP)

¹ Incumbent

November Board Meeting Minutes

Present were President Jim Thielemann K6SV, Vice President Rob Fenn KC6TYD, Secretary Ric Hulett N6AJS, Treasurer Bob Korte KD6KYT, Directors Joel Wilhite KD6W, Doug Teter KG6LWE. A quorum was present.

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 pm

President's Report — A huge "Thank You!" to Doug, Rob and Darryl for PAARA's 85th anniversary celebration. The event was a great success due to these guys' efforts! We registered 42 signatures in the visitors log, and logged 64 contacts on the special event call W6P. Our visitors included some curious passersby, and some folks from the Loma Prieta Amateur Radio Club.

Secretary's Report — We are happy to welcome some new members: Jim Roberts AF6AC, Rob Libunao K6RDL have joined. In addition, Garrett Reid KN6VKX visited us at the November club meeting. New hams who visit the club are given a one-year membership.

Don't forget that club memberships expire on December 31: Check your PAARAgaphs to see if it's time for you to renew!

Treasurer's Report — We paid the printer's bill for the month, and deposited two checks for dues.

VP / Program Chair Report — Our guest speaker for the December meeting will be Eric Swartz WA6HHQ, from Elecraft. Top Topic: Elecraft update with Q&A.

We have sold some items from the PAARA for-sale inventory. Rob will bring a few items for sale to each meeting.

Old Business

Members: — Many of you will have an interesting ham-radio story or anecdote. Be a published author! Write up your story and submit to Jim K6SV. Our story hopper is empty, and we really need your content.

Storage for Gerry — Doug and Jim hauled out another load out. Gerry mentioned at the 85th event that they were getting another load together! We hope that this will be the final trip.

Our accountant has the books up to date.

Clark Martin KK6ISP reports that he is ready for the officers and directors election at the December PAARA meeting. N6AJS will furnish him a current membership roster.

PAARA members should check out the IDXC meeting in Visalia – this is a major ham convention, with many presentations, vendors and some great raffle prizes.

New Business

Club meetings in December (elections) and April (homebrew night) will be in-person only.

Club 85th year event: — This was a great success. The board discussed whether we should have a similar event in future years. After discussion, we reached a consensus is that we should have an annual PAARA-fest at a local

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park, with radios and food. Our target date would be late September. Details were tabled until a future board meeting.

PAARAgaphs notices: — N6AJS will check references and links in PAARAgaphs and furnish updates to the editor. He will also update the PAARA membership form and furnish to Shri for a website update.

The PAARA badges statement in PAARAgaphs needs to be updated. We will adjust the price for a new badge from \$24.95 to \$25.00, and specify that all badges will be mailed.

We want to make a 'new ham' flyer with info on PAARA and the free 1-year membership. Tabled for this meeting.

The board agreed that there will be no board meeting in December, unless an urgent matter arises.

Postage rates are going up again in January. We will purchase extra stamps before then.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Ric Hulett N6AJS
PAARA Secretary

PAARA Sale Items

These and other items have been reduced in price! Go to PAARA.org and click on the For Sale tab to purchase.



FT-100, \$400



MFJ-1702C Antenna switch, \$25



Alpha Delta Antenna switch, \$40



MFJ-209 SWR Analyzer, \$50



MFJ-207 SWR analyzer, \$50

PAARA



1st Prize Elecraft KX3



2nd Prize Heil Sound the Heritage Microphone



3rd Prize Gerber Truss Multi Tool



4th Prize 12, 30-amp Anderson Powerpole Connectors





November Raffle Winners

Left to Right

- 1st Place Alan, AG6ZE, — Yaesu FT-65R 144/440 Dual-Band HT
3rd Place Darryl, KI6LDM, — Carhartt Legacy Tool Roll
2nd Place Jim, K6SV, — FLUKE-101 Digital Multimeter
4th Place Alen, K6ADG, — Ace Interlocking Organizer

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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

50 MHz & Up Group

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Contact: <http://50MhzandUp.org>

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Meets, 3rd Friday, January through November

Tuesdays & Thursdays, [Directed] Net, 7pm, N6ZX 145.370Hz -600KHz PL107.2Hz

Contact: <http://W6UQ.org/calendar>

SPECS

Southern Peninsula Emergency Communication System

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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

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Web: <http://k6mpn.org> E-mail: pres@k6mpn.org

SCCARA

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ARRL/VEC license testing contact 408-507-4698

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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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Contact: <http://wvara.org>, Bill Ashby N6FFC, 408-267-3118, president@wvara.org

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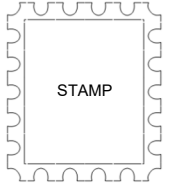
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 • Compact Commercial Grade Rugged Design • Large Front Speaker Delivers 1W of Powerful Clear Audio • 5 Watts of Reliable RF Power With-in a compact Body • 3.5-Hour Rapid Charge Included • Large White LED Flashlight, Alarm and Quick Home Channel Access



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 • All New User Operating Interface E20-III (Easy to Operate-III) • Robust Speaker Delivers 3W of Clear, Crisp Receive Audio • Detachable Front Panel • Mounted in Multiple Positions • Supports Optional Bluetooth® Wireless Operation Using the SSM-BT10 or a Commercially Available Bluetooth® Headset



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