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The Adventure Radio Protocol provides a common radio frequency and tone signaling standard to make it easier for radio operators in the field to find and communicate with each other. The protocol improves on the Wilderness Protocol by adding signaling methods that allow for unattended alerting for various types of on air activities from emergencies to POTA and SOTA spotting. More details can be found at adventureradio.info/

George Zafiropoulos, KJ6VU, is active in portable operating and building repeater control systems. George is also the host of the Ham Radio Workbench Podcast focusing on technical topics of interest to the radio amateur. George tells his story when he was interviewed by Eric Guth on the QSO Today podcast in episode 232 gsotoday.com/ podcasts/kj6vu

This meeting will be a **Hybrid Meeting Zoom and In Person**

Time: Sept 6, 2024 07:00 PM Pacific Time Please check https://www.paara.org for Zoom Details

Upcoming Events

	Sept 6 Oct 4 Nov 1	PAARA General Meeting, 7:00 PM Zoom and In Person Meeting
	Sept 18 Oct 16 Nov 20	Board Meeting, 7:00 PM. Everyone welcome! Zoom Meeting, eMail President for details.

President's Corner

September 2024

By the time you read this letter, the PAARA field trip to the Computer History Museum in Mountain View will be over. I hope those who went had a wonderful time learning about the rich history of Silicon Vallev as it relates to electronics. integrated circuits, and computers.



The next event I hope that is marked on your calendar is PAARA in the Park on Saturday, i September 28th in Cupertino's Memorial Park. I The event will be another gathering of hams and visitors wanting to learn about the hobby. Anyone interested in learning more about amateur radio, licensed or not, is encouraged to attend. There will be at least one if not more HFI stations to get participants on the air. It's a

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Question of the Month

What is a common-mode choke, and what is it used for?

Ham Radio Elmers Rich, W6APZ

A high school friend of mine built a 2-tube receiver kit and was very proud of himself. It tuned the normal broadcast band and when he plugged in a different coil, it received short wave. Inviting me to his house to see his project made me want one.

Living in Chicago at the time, the "go to" place for anything electronic was Allied Radio, near downtown. Looking at their catalog, I found many receiver kits. Not knowing anything about electronics at the time, I reasoned: "if a two-tube radio was good, a three-tube radio had to be better." The catalog had a 3-tube radio for \$25 dollars, which was a lot of money in the 1950s, especially for a high-schooler.

Saving up my pennies, I finally accumulated the \$25; then I had to convince my parents to let me buy the radio. My parents saw their child interested in something that grabbed his interests, so they supported my decision. I had to take the bus to the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) elevated train to get to Allied Radio. It was a long trip as I lived on the North side of town and Allied was south of downtown. This was the first of many trips to Allied.

I taught myself to solder, and quickly assembled the kit. The radio had no speaker, so listening was done with headphones. Not finding much of interest on the broadcast band, I plugged in one of the coils that came with the kit and tuned around. I quickly found the 75 meter AM phone band. SSB was just getting started back then, so most ham conversations were either on CW or AM.

The 75 meter band covered about 1/2" on the dial, making tuning difficult. Having read various electronics magazines at the time, I got the idea of putting a small variable capacitor in series with the main tuning capacitor. Voila! The band now covered half the dial; about 90 degrees. This made tuning in station much easier.

I'd lie in bed at night with my headphones on listening to the hams talk. While some of them were local, others were far away from other parts of the US. Recognizing my interest in ham radio, my parents introduced me to a friend of theirs, a dentist; Dr. Weintraub. He invited me

to his house and in his basement were two 6 foot tall racks of equipment. He flipped a few switches and the next thing I knew, we were talking to a ham in Mexico City. Wow!! that was a fabulous experience for a 14 year-old!

During the contact, Dr. Weintraub mentioned that many boys had come to visit his station over the years, yet few followed through to get their ham license. After the contact, I asked what I needed to know to get a ham license. At the time, 13 words-per-minute (WPM) sending and receiving Morse Code was a requirement, so he told me where to rent an Instructograph machine which would help me learn CW and the ARRL books: "How to become a radio Amateur" plus the License Manual.

Back then, one had to be able to draw schematics of oscillators, amplifiers, power supplies, etc. as part of the license test. Not only that, but the test asked the student to explain what each part did in each circuit. Examples of all of these were in the license manual. I drew and redrew these schematics many times until I could reproduce them accurately and explain why each part was there. Did I understand what I was drawing and memorizing? No, but that did not matter; I had to learn to do all this to pass the test.

The Instructograph used punched paper tape and one could run it through the machine at adjustable speeds to get up to 13 WPM. After several months of studying, I thought I was ready to take the test.

I had to travel on the CTA to get to the Federal Building near downtown Chicago to take the test. I expected to ace the written test, but was given the code test first....which I failed! I was flabbergasted! With tears in my eyes, I explained to the examiner that I had no problem copying 13 WPM at home; why did I not pass now?

He asked how I had learned the code. I told him about the Instructograph. He guessed that I had subconsciously memorized the Instructograph tapes. He asked if I had a short wave radio, to which I said yes. He suggested that I listen to CW on the air for the next month and then come back to take the test. In those days after failing a test, one had to wait 30 days to retake another

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ham test.

Thirty days later, I retook the CW test and passed and was given the written exam, which I also passed. Remember, this was 1951, before the Novice license, before home computers, and before the Internet. So, even though I had passed everything, I had to wait months till the FCC finally sent me my license via the US mail!

I needed a transmitter. The ARRL book on How to Become a Ham had a picture of a single 6L6 crystal controlled vacuum tube transmitter, built on a wooden support and using lollipop sticks on which the final coil was wound. I built a duplicate, but needed a crystal. Fortunately, I had been a member of Junior Achievement (JA) and a ham-advisor gave the group of us in JA his excess parts. Among those parts was an 80 meter crystal, which I used.

I knew nothing about resonant antennas back then, and simply hooked up my transmitter to the long wire I had been using for receiving. Yes, I made a transfer switch from an old tin can and a few pieces of wood. I started calling CQ on CW. After many hours of calling, I finally got a response from Colorado. The ham there asked: "What are you using, a door bell buzzer?"

Time to call my Elmer, Dr. Weintraub. He came over and immediately spotted the fact that my filter capacitor in my power supply needed replacing. Remember: I was in high school and had built most of my projects from radios that I had taken apart. That bad capacitor was probably the reason someone gave me that old radio. After another trip to Allied, I was back on the air...but it turned out that the 80 meter crystal I had was very close to the frequency that W1AW used for its transmissions, so I had to check the W1AW schedule before transmitting. Having read about crystal grinding, I unscrewed the metal plate on the crystal, carefully removed the crystal blank, and proceeded to rub the crystal with carbon-tetra-chloride, the approved material for moving crystal frequencies. This worked, as I was able to move the crystal frequency up, away from W1AW.

After reading QST, Ham Radio, CQ and other magazines, I decided to copy parts of various schematics and build a VFO using a 6AG7 as

an oscillator, a purchased aluminum chassis for stability, and a second 6AG7 as a possible doubler, with my trusty 6L6 as the final. This would get me on 80, 40, 20, and 10 meters. I quickly found out that 12 Watts of DC input gave insufficient output on 20 to compete with the high powered stations with beams.

Deciding to accept the limitations of the equipment that I had, I put up a folded dipole for ten and had no problem talking all around Chicago on AM phone. I joined RACES and participated in many Civil Defense drills. I was feeling like a real ham!

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great place to make HF contacts, test out new requipment, ask questions, bring your own ham requipment to test, and have lunch. Kristen, K6WX the ARRL First VP, is taking an antennal out of her bag of tricks for the antenna build project. The project is a twin lead VHF antenna. More information regarding the build proper can be found on <a href="https://www.paara.com/www.paara.

October 18~20 is Pacificon. For those new to amateur radio, it's the local national convention. If you haven't attended, you should consider attending as there are a large number of interesting seminars, vendor displays, other interesting activities, and a Flea Market on Sunday morning. Information and advanced tickets can be found at; https://www.pacificon.org/.

Of major interest at Pacificon is the Special Event station W1AW/6 sponsored by PAARA. The station is in operation from Friday, around Inoon, until Sunday morning. PAARA will be setting the station up, overseeing the operation, and taking down the station. Mikko, AB6RF, in conjunction with Christopher, Al6KG, are the captain and co-captains of the station. Please let them know if you can help in any way to make this station another smashing success. Setup starts on Thursday, October 17th.

If you haven't been following the board minutes you'll be interested to know that the board decided to switch from using Write Log to N1MM

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for logging calls. Darryl, KI6LDM, has loaded and configured N1MM in the club's computers. Pacificon will be the first use by PAARA of this logging program. If you are not familiar with this program, you can find information here: https://n1mmwp.hamdocs.com/getting-started/learning-your-way-around/.

September is the start of the election "season". All officers and directors, except KN6YGN, are up for re-election. I asked Clark, I KK6ISP, if he would run the election again this year. He accepted the nomination. Clark needs two assistants to help in the nomination/ election process as outlined in the Bylaws.I Please let Clark know if you can help. For! those not remembering the process, nominations will open at the start of the September 6th meeting and close at the end of the November 1st meeting. The candidates will be published! in the December issue of PAARAgraphs. Elections will be held during the December 6th meeting. The results of the elections will be announced at the end of the December 6th meeting.

Of note, I mentioned to the board that I will not be seeking another term as President. I have I spent 11 years as an officer of PAARA, 6 as secretary and 5 as president. It's time for me to move on and let someone else fill the role. I mentioned to the board that I'll be around next year to assist in whatever way is needed to! make for a smooth transition. I'm open to hav-! ing a conversation with anyone considering running for President so they can learn more; about what's involved. It has been an honor to serve as long as I have. Over the years, I've I enjoyed some very dedicated fellow officers! and directors. I thank them all for their assistance in making the club what it is today and my job easier. Believe me when I say, we are I the envy of many other clubs. I only wish for Ithat to continue.

I look forward to seeing all the smiling faces at the September 6th meeting. The meeting will be both an IRL and Zoom meeting.

73, Jim K6SV

Get on the air to keep the airwaves alive!

DX-100 Transmitter & Blowing Fuses Rich, W6APZ

By the time I got to college, I wanted to put a better signal on the air than was possible with a 6L6 final. I decided to buy the Heathkit DX-100 transmitter kit which had a good reputation, and the name "Heathkit" behind it. The DX-100 used a pair of 6146 tubes in the final.

Following Heathkit's detailed instructions, the transmitter went together precisely as Heathkit had intended. My parents had given me a Hallicrafter's S-76 receiver for a high school graduation present, so I thought I was all set for many enjoyable operating hours on the air. Their house had a lot of tall trees nearby, which made hanging up dipole antennas a snap. Yes, trees sway in the wind, so I used a pulley at one end over which the wire from the end of the dipole was routed to a weigh hanging below. Now the trees could sway, but my dipole would stay up!

I started by making short QSOs and having fun with my new transmitter. As I progressed to longer contacts, I suddenly noticed the plate grid current dropping and "pop" went the line fuses. What was causing the fuses to blow?

Since I was in college, I told my problem to a young professor, hoping that he would have a practical solution to my problem. He had me taking data, drawing graphs, and not getting me any closer to solving the problem of blowing fuses. This was NOT the response for which I had hoped.

I decided to take the old ham radio approach. I built up parts of the driver circuits to eliminate everything prior to that part of the transmitter, finally getting to the point of driving the 6146 tubes directly from a built-up external driver circuit. Still the fuses blew! The only thing that was left were a few by-pass capacitors and resistors, which seem to be OK. Taking a trip to Allied Radio in Chicago, I purchased a new pair of 6146 tubes and plugged them in. Voila! Everything worked! No blown fuses.

Writing my experience to Heathkit, brought a new pair of 6146 tubes and a note saying that apparently the tubes originally provided were gassy, and I should just throw them away. Problem solved!

October Board Meeting Minutes

Attending were President Jim Thielemann K6SV, Vice President Rob Fenn KC6TYD, Secretary Ric Hulett N6AJS, Treasurer Margaret Cooper K6WEK, Directors Doug Teter KG6LWE, Darryl Presley KI6LDM, Walt Gyger K6WGY, and Bob Ridenour KN6YGN. A quorum was present. The meeting was called to order at 7:05

- President's Report Scammers seem to be more and more active. I received 9 calls today, of which 6 were one after the other, all from different phone numbers. Also, we are receiving multiple scam e-mails asking for gift cards for PAARA (not really). Be cautious of phone numbers you look up on Google. It seems the listed numbers can be altered by scammers. One man lost \$100,000 when he was duped into thinking he was calling a legitimate bitcoin company. Be extra cautious! Keep checking your credit cards information, too. Remain more vigilant than ever, and be careful with your personal information.
- Secretary's Report We welcomed a new member, Tim KO6EMS this month. Ric will meet with Shri KA6Q to review badge PayPal ordering.

Reminder: Club memberships expire at the end of December: It's not too early to renew!

- Treasurer's Report No activity this month.
- VP/Program Chair Report Meeting presentation for September will be George Zafiropoulos KJ6VU. His topic is "Introduction to the Adventure Radio Protocol".

Old Business

- We are in need of articles for PAARAgraphs: This is your opportunity! If you have had an interesting ham radio experience, or have some historical knowledge to pass on, <u>please</u> type up a few paragraphs (or more) and send to our editor Jim, K6SV. Member content is the 'special sauce' that makes PAARAgraphs unique.
- Education Committee: Darryl
 September's question of the month: What is a common-mode choke, and what is it used for?

PAARA new ham invitation postcards: New hams postcards have been printed, and will go in the mail next week.

- PAARA Field Trip: PAARA will visit the Computer History Museum on August 24. About 30 people have signed up for the visit.
- Rob KC6TYD raised the topic of PAARA partici-

- pation as support for a public service event. In the past we have announced some events at the club meeting, but we have not formally participated as a club.
- Darryl Kl6LDM has installed N1MM+ logging software on the club laptops. We will use this system for the first time as W1AW/6 at this year's Pacificon.
- We need a time source and small network switch for the club laptops so they all reflect the correct time for logging. The board voted to acquire an NTP250 NTP Server Appliance. It's about \$250.
- The next PAARA in the Park will be on September 28, at Memorial Park in Cupertino.
 Our educational activity will be construction of J-Pole antennas for 2 meters. Kristen K6WX will conduct this. We agreed on a charge of \$10 for each antenna. We will accept payment by cash, check, or PayPal.
- Pacificon, October 18 to 20: Again this year, we will operate as W1AW/6 for this event. Mikko AB6RF is coordinating the station arrangements.

New Business

- The board discussed the need for a policy on responsibility for Club-owned equipment that fails or is damaged. We did not get to a conclusion on this topic.
- Club callsigns: In the next year we will need to renew some of the club callsigns. Christopher Al6KG has agreed to take over trusteeship for one call. We will also confer with our ARRL contact on the topic of renewal of multiple vanity calls.
- September marks the start of the club elections. Clark, KK6ISP has agreed to be the coordinator for our election. Members who wish to be nominated for a board position should contact Clark.
- PAARA's K3 transceiver repair: Awaiting time for Christopher to evaluate.
- Electronics Flea Market: The next EFM is scheduled for September 8. FARS is the sponsor; they are requesting additional volunteer help. Contact Clark KK6ISP if you wish to volunteer.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:36 pm Respectfully submitted,

Ric Hulett N6AJS PAARA Secretary



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Electronics Flea Market (EFM)

Sponsorship: Association of Silicon Valley Amateur Radio Organizations (ASVARO). The Electronics Flea Market is held at West Valley College, 14000 Fruitvale Ave, Saratoga. Website: http://www.electronicsfleamarket.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 website at http:// www.paara.org. For more information. contact: Joel Wilhite KD6W, kd6w@arrl.net, 650-325-8239

FARS — Foothills Amateur Radio Society

Meets 4th Friday each month at 7:00pm at Covington School, Los Altos. Website: http://www.fars.k6ya.org

NCDXC — Northern California DX Club

Meets 3rd Thursday 7:00pm each month,

Repeater for member info 147.360. Contact president@ncdxc.org, Website: http://ncdxc.org. YouTube content: "The Northern California DX Club Official Channel". Cohost of the International DX Convention.

The 50MHz & Up Group of Northern California

This organization specializes in vhf + wak signal and microwave activities. Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month. Time is usually 5pm for in person meetings, and 7pm for Zoom only meetings. In person meetings are held Sports Basement, 1177 Kern Ave, Sunnyvale.

Always check the website, http://50MhzandUp.org, for correct information. Zoom information is also there.

San Mateo Radio Club W6UQ.ORG

Meets, 3rd Friday, January through November.

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

Contact: SanMateoRadioClub@gmail.com, Website: http://W6UQ.org/ calendar

Southern Peninsula Emergency Communication System users Group

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See: https://specsnet.org/monday-night-net for more info.

Contact: https://www.specsnet.org/contact or board@specsnet.org

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

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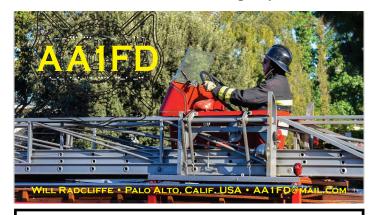
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Meetings are 2nd Wednesday of every month except July, August and De-

Website: http://wvara.org, Contact: info@wvara.org

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Info and Swap Session every Monday evening at 8:30pm on the N6NFI 145.230 MHz repeater

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1 st	Doug - KG6LWE
2 nd	Doug - KG6LWE
3 rd	Ric - N6AJS
4 th	Rob - KC6TYD
5 th	Rob - KC6TYD

If you're interested in trying out at Net Control, Contact Doug, KG6LWE. It's good practice, and lots o' fun! Give it a try.

Electronics Give Away

Over the many years I've been a ham, I've collected a lot of equipment. Most of it is still in good working order. A few items may need repair, such as a new filter capacitor... nothing serious.

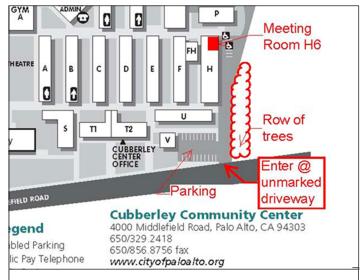
Given my advancing age, I'd like to get this equipment into the hands of younger hams who can use it. The list of gear is too long to list here, but includes signal generators, power supplies, amplifiers, test equipment, etc.

Please pass this on especially to hams under 21 who might be interested.

They can reach me at: 650-494-0128. If I'm not available to take your call, after the 4th ring, the phone will go to my answering machine and you can leave a message with your name, phone number, and when is a good time to reach you.

Alternately, they can send me an email at: <u>W6APZ@comcast.net</u> with the Subject: "Electronics Give Away" and I'll respond.

Rich, W6APZ



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