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## SLOT CAR TRACK COMPLETED



PRESENT at the ceremony were EM2 Flack, CDR G. W. Cox, & ENC Gillis

After many hours of hard work and patience Special Services, thanks to Chief Gillis and EM2 Flack, has added to their many fine facilities a new 105 foot slot car track. The track is believed to be the longest four lane non-commercial slot car track south of the United States border. The track sports a 42 1/2 foot straight-a-way, followed by a large well banked curve to a underpass and approximately 20 feet of back straights, uninterrupted with meander curves and a hill climb. Then follows three large well banked curves prior to the straight-a-way.

The grand opening was held Friday May 10, 1968 after Personnel Inspection where CDR G. W. Cox, Chief Gillis and EM2 Flack officiated. The track will be open 24 hours a day to members of GISCA and hours will be set by Special Services for others.

The Galeta Island Slot Car Association (GISCA) and Special Services are the co-sponsors of the new track. This past weekend they held their first sanctioned race on the new track which proved to be a success.

## Vietnam Bonus

BY CTC R.M. GALLA

The list of states giving bonuses for the Viet Nam conflict now numbers four. Connecticut, Delaware, Illinois and Louisiana are now paying a bonus. Connecticut is paying \$10.00 a month, up to a maximum of 30 months (300.00) for all those who have served or are serving on active duty since January 1964.

Some states require that you must have served in Viet Nam or its territorial waters, while others give the bonus to all servicemen on active duty. An application and further information on the bonus may be obtained from any town clerk or state treasurer.



REENLISTED-CTC Dwayne Olson reenlisted for a period of 4 years at the USNSGA, Galeta Island

# Parson to Person

BY CHAPLAIN JAMES K SOLOMON

There are many institutions which influence the lives of people. Three of the outstanding influences are the home, the school, and the church,

A child receives his first impressions of life through the home. He thinks of home as a place of security, of protection, and love from his parents. The home is the primary unit of any nation. If the homes of a nation are degraded and torn asunder, so will the nation suffer. A home needs a good foundation, which is faith in God.

The child has his first contacts with society through the school and the church. The institutions of education challenge the child to develop, make decisions, to live with others, to be a good sportsman, to contribute to society. Teachers have a great responsibility in the training and proper development of minds. The church also contributes to the development of the child through the challenge of a high moral code - a life built on faith in God - a life which teaches love of God and fellowman.

These three institutions are vital to the development of a personality which is wholesome and balanced. Build your home with faith in God as the foundation. Support the school in your community, and attend church for worship and spiritual development.

## Navy Wives' News

BY LINDA COFFEY

Development of any club demands organization, supporting officers and members and continuity. In this manner each person makes their distinctive contribution to the ultimate success of a club.

Through imagination, creativity, and fresh new ideas, The Galeta Navy Wives Club can become a unique and distinctive part of this command.

By holding meetings, making plans, and most important, working together

in harmony our club can easily spread out in depth and range.

We realize that in the past the Navy Wives Club has become somewhat of an enigma aboard the base - but with new ideas and members our organization can be successful. This can only be accomplished, however, with the cooperation of ALL members.

Joining the club is easy, being a dues paying member is easy, but to be a Navy Wive requires more than attending meetings. It requires working for and earning the respect of fellow members and the sponsoring activity.

Your Navy Wives Club is for you and is made by you, but most important it requires YOU.

## THE CROSS-ROADS

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## KZ5NG calling :

BY BOB BRADLEY

"CQ, this is KZ5NG calling." Thus would start another contact at the Galeta Island Amateur Radio Club, commonly called the "Ham Shack".

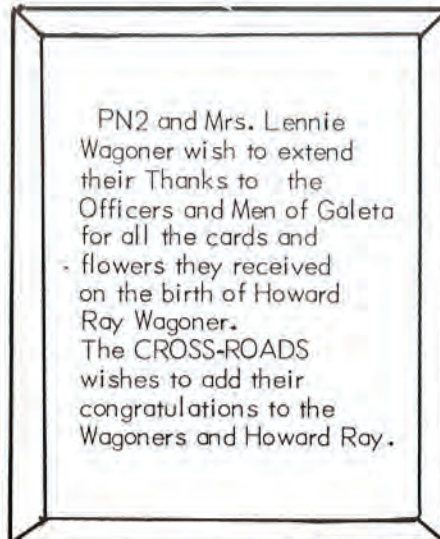
KZ5NG is the call sign of the club, which is still in its first year of operation. Though the club is still young, over one hundred different foreign countries, including France, Germany, Africa and Japan, have been contacted and logged, plus over two hundred phone patches run from the station for the personnel at Galeta.

The main purpose of the club is to get on the air and have a good time. The word "stranger" does not exist in ham radio, for everyone is a friend regardless of race, creed or religion. There are many interesting people to talk to in the world, and ham radio provides the means. One of the operators George Kelly, had an opportunity to talk to the once-Presidential candidate, Barry Goldwater while Mr. Goldwater was enroute to Florida in his automobile.

At present there are six active members in the club, not including Chief Richard Wilt and CT John Thrower, who operate their own stations at home. Currently, George Kelly is president; Bob Bradley, vice-president; CT3 Bob Spurlock, secretary; treasurer; and Jim Sheffield, Carl Young and Bill Cozgrove as Honorable Members. All members possess the FCC General Class license which is required in order to operate the equipment in the shack. However, there are provisions for a Novice (beginner) to operate. The club is open to all those who want to become a ham and can pass the test administered by the FCC.

At almost any hour of the day you will find a light on in the nam shack with a blurry-eyed operator talking into the mike or sending on a key. Why does he do it? Simple - it is a hobby second to none, containing unlimited challenges and above all, a lot of fun.

Well, here is KZ5NG going QRT, 73's for now. AR



## Galeta Cartoonist

Juan Siesta and CT3 Richard "Scotty" WAGNER have a lot in common. Scotty, who enjoys drawing the Galeta comic strip, says that the purpose of Juan is to show that "man in peace with himself cannot be disturbed by anything"

Richard, who hails from Aurora, Colorado, has never studied art or cartooning, but at the prodding of the CROSSROADS editor he took up pen and ink and sketched the first Juan Siesta in January. Several strips later Juan and Scotty are well established and doing fine. It is hoped that they will continue in the paper.

## "Football is Not Just for the Players"

BY LINDA COFFEY

Organized athletics is one of the more important aspects of a well-rounded curriculum for our base. Our sports instill a feeling of pride for the achievements of the base, on and off the field.

To develop a smooth running and competitive football team, such as the Galeta Vikings, takes discipline and long hours of practice.

In each flag football game played thus far, Galeta has run rough shod over all opposing teams. Although scored against, we are yet undefeated.

The team has worked extremely hard to develop the skills necessary to make and outstanding showing on the field. Time after time they have shown how they use these skills to form a smooth running unit.

Another important aspect of sports is the fans. By our active participa-

# Admin Data

BY PAUL J. MULLEN

The NAVSECGRU Data Card is the form used to record and report qualifications and other pertinent data required by the Chief of Naval Personnel for the effective distribution of Naval Security Group officer and enlisted personnel. The Data Card contains such information as test scores, service schools attended, language ability, general background information and your three duty station preferences for your next assignment.

Data Cards are maintained in the Admin Office on all personnel attached to this activity. In order that the information on these cards is accurate they must be verified by each individual periodically. This verification of Data Cards will take place in the near future. When you receive word to report to the Admin Office to verify your Data Card, do so promptly. Correct information on your data card could mean the difference between you getting your next choice of duty not.



## Section 2 Mangles Day Workers

BY LESTER ERNEST

The Section Two "Gud Guys" (plus one Day Worker) mangled the Coco Solo Day Workers in their recent softball game.

When the barrage had ended the "Gud Guys" had erupted for 15 hits ( 1 home run, 3 triples, 1 double and 10 singles). Not bad for an afternoons work. All things considered it was a good workout for the "Gud Guys". The day workers provided an excellent batting practice and a good in-

field practice.

One legal point that needs to be made -- due to being in the duty section that day, Chief "Lonborg" Miller was in section two the day of the game.

To whom it may concern. Basketball season is on its way. I can't recall section two ever losing a basketball game either. Hint!

We have some new additions to the section. Mike Lee is with us from section Four, Tex Holleyman from Guam, Steve Smietana from section Four. Welcome to the "Gud Guys" men.

The "Gud Guys" also have said adios to Robbie Robertson, who is headed for the states.

tion at competitive events we already play an important part in boosting our team's spirits. A large turnout of spectators can do a great deal by cheering our football team on to a victorious season.

The mark of a great team is its sportsmanship, its ability never to give up, and its willingness to pay the price of victory or defeat. I feel and I'm sure I speak for all, that our Galeta football team has all these attributes and more.



# HAWAIIAN LUAU

BY P. L. GUCKIAN

The station Luau on the 27th of April drew nearly 300 Navy personnel and their guests. The food included roast pig with all the Hawaiian trimmings with various fruits and vegetables to give the Luau that extra tropical flair. Palm fronds and bamboo torches added to the atmosphere while colored lights played on the dancing waters of the fountain giving the party an air of a true Polynesian feast.

Prizes were given to the man and woman with the most original Hawaiian costume. Mrs. Richard Coffey won the best dressed woman's award and Jerry Wambold won the man's. The two gate prizes given were won by Ken Savoie and J. A. Musser.

All in all, it was a fine party as those who attended will agree.



"Engineer" Mike Watts and his Uptight "crew".



Looks like Jeff Wolfe hocked everything but a towel to come to the party.



Well, ALMOST everyone had a good time at the Luau.

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*Muchas gracias and a well done to CSI Turb ville for the helping hand in the chow line.*



*Just a few of those who came out to enjoy enjoy a South Sea Island Luau.*



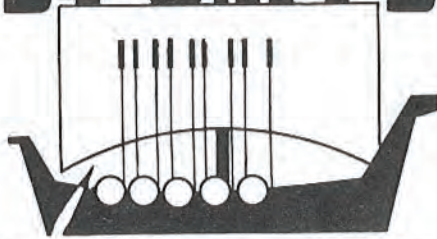
*Could it be that LTJG Heath, public works officer, is holding a quick inspection of the rec area?*



*"Wally" Wallace's finest hour?*

**PHOTOS BY  
CT3 BRUCE MITCHELL**

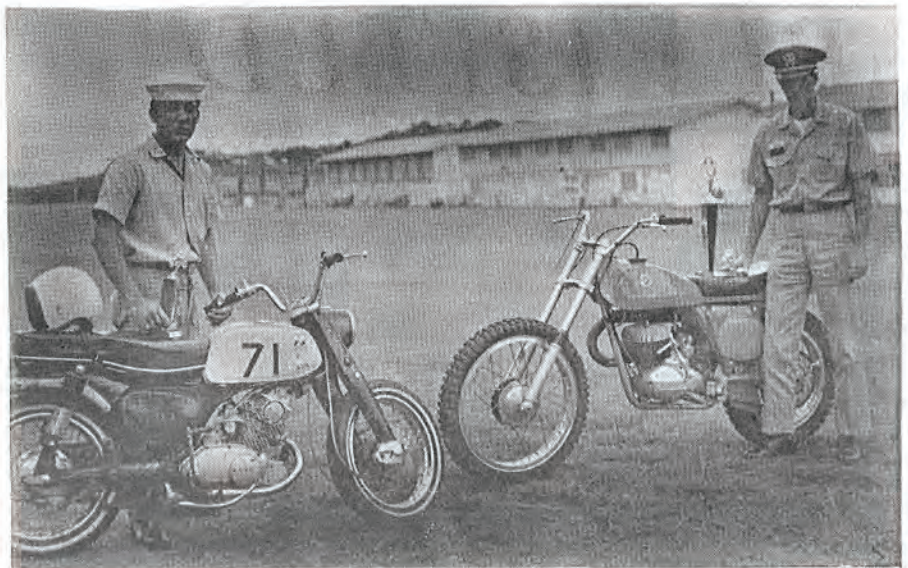
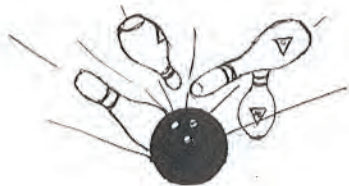
# SPORTS



## TEN PIN CORNER

Men's Summer Handicap League Well kegler enthusiasts, after 5 weeks of bowling it's still anybody's race. The Sand Fleas (#7) comprised of CT1 Coffey, PC2 OLSON, PN3 DICKENSON, CT3 COBB YN3 AKER & CSSN HABEL are leading the league with a 15-5 record but are being pressed by Tommy Little Fotographia (4) consisting of CTC MC GLOTHLIN, GYSGT MANCHE, CT3 PHIPPS, CTSN GEIGER, & CTSN LABATE, they have a 12-8 mark. Holding up the bottom of the ladder is the Brewers (SHC PIERCE, BM1 HAMILTON, CS2 MADFLINE, CT2 GROOMS, CT2 CONNER, CT2 HUTCHINGS, & CT2 BRADLEY) with a struggling 4-16 slate. The other 5 teams are grouped between 8 & 11 wins each. PN2 Lennie WAGONER heads the average list with a sparking 199 for 12 games, his closest rival is CT1 Al POWERS with a 185 and CTC Dwayne OLSON with a 183. High game (Handicap) belongs to CT1 Les ERNEST with a fine 275, second goes to PC2 Mike OLSON with a 253 and then CTC Dwayne OLSON having a 251. High series (Handicap) is headed by PC2 Mike Olson holding a strong 706, second to PNC Wallace with a 662 and followed by CT1 Les Ernest having a 655. With the season 1/3 over much can change over the next ten weeks. So keep watching for the latest scoop.

....Wally



ENS R. L. FRIEDRICHSEN and SN F. O. ROGERS were both recipients of trophies for their performance in the Isthmian Motorcycle Assn. competition. ENS FRIEDRICHSEN received his first place trophy for the Hillclimb event. ROGERS won a second place trophy, the first trophy he had ever received, in the trial event. Congratulations to both men from the CROSSROADS.

# From The Stands

BY CTC GARY McGLOTHLIN

The bowling rofl-off sponsored by Special Services to produce the six man team to represent the Vikings in the forthcoming AAIC Commanders Cup tournament was led by Lennie Wagoner, team captain, and his 12 game total pin fall of 2230. Other team members and their scores were Ray Wallace - 2109, Al Powers - 2106, Gary McGlothlin - 2085, "Skip" Aker - 2070, and Ray Phillips - 2059. As you may or may not know, the Vikings team last year set a new team series record - a 5402. This eclipsed the old record held by Headquarters AAIC by 198 pins. Good Luck and good bowling to this year's Vikings bowling team.

The Galeta golf tournament is now underway. The single elimination match play event was scheduled to tee off on the Ft. Davis links on May 1st. As of this

writing, no matches have been played but competition is expected to commence within the week.

The champion and 1st runner up will each receive a beautiful trophy with 3rd place receiving a half dozen golf balls. In addition, prior to each match, each golfer will receive a free golf ball, Mr. Lafave is the defending champion having defeated Chief McGlothlin 3 2 last year.

The Vikings flag football team under their coach Don McPherson is progressing toward another outstanding season. So far they have wins over HQ 8th SFG, Sherman Det., and A Co. 4/10. With just one loss to date, Coach McPherson predicts an excellent outlook for the future games as every player gets more experience under his belt. By no means are these games "gifts". They have fought hard to win each one and will continue to do their best.



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