



# *Amateur Gazette*

The Newsletter of The  
Paso Robles Amateur Radio Club

**W6LKF**

Meeting Date: First Monday each month (except December)  
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**Secretary: Evan Mason, N6BXL**  
**Treasurer: Jane Thornton, KF6QHP**  
**Newsletter: John Thornton, WM6R**

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Next Meeting: April 5, 2004 - Centennial Park, 600  
Nickerson Drive, Paso Robles 7:30 PM

## **Presidential Ramblings:**

If you missed the March meeting, you're way behind. We had a grand time setting up the 2004 Club Calendar. The great events of previous years will be repeated and the Fish Fry will be reinstated in September. Some good ideas were floated that we'll try to operationalize for 2004. One was a club fund raiser by staffing a voting poll on election day. Others were to open discussions with Cuesta College North Campus about a Ham Club and meeting place, work with the Boy Scouts and an Armed Forces Day operation from Camp Roberts. It should be a lively year.

An updated calendar is enclosed. Please get the dates into your Day Timer, Palm Pilot, etc. and watch for further revisions as the year unfolds.

The April club meeting is on the 5<sup>th</sup>. I hope to see you there. Our persuasive VP, Mike Barry, has arranged a presentation on APRS. April also brings the Tailgate breakfast on the 18<sup>th</sup> and support for the Wildflower bike ride on the 24<sup>th</sup> so mark your calendars ASAP.

73 de Roland WB6EZH

**Ladies Luncheon for March**  
*Saturday, March 27th at noon*  
at Berna Dallons 1260 Pacific Ave, Cayucos  
*"It's on the beach!"*  
RSVP 995-3052 - Please bring a salad.

### **Meeting Minutes March 1st, 2004**

The meeting was called to order by President Roland Hinkle WB6EZH at 7:32 P.M.

Introductions were made of all 28 folks in attendance, those not in attendance were not allowed to introduce themselves.

Former President McFarlan WA5VGI cleaned out Fibber McGee's closet and brought a mountain of stuff to give away.

## **Announcements:**

Larry W7CB announced that Bakersfield ARC beat us out for the Field Day call W6R and so we will be **W6T**. So practice up. "Whiskey Six Tango!"

The Field Day Chairman is Dave WA6TYJ. Thanks Dave!

## **Sort of New Business**

### ***Treasurer's Report***

Dues are Due! \$16 for individuals and \$26 for family. The treasurer now has the club finances on Quicken and requests that all future events include a budget.

Current Balance is \$2136.04

Special Thank You to Tim, W6NS for all the hard work on the Xmas Dinner.

### ***Field Day 2004***

Field Day is scheduled for June 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, and 27<sup>th</sup>. We will start set-up on Friday at noon. Dave put out a plea for help! Tom N6BT will work on antennas. Jerry AB6BO will help with power cables.

### ***World Radio Newspaper***

John WM6R sent in the money and listing. We will be selling the 8 subscriptions that the club will receive.

### ***New Ham School Project:***

Larry W7CB reported that he got the run-around and the shuffle and was passed around and generally abused by the Paso Robles School District in trying to set up the New Ham Class. The District finally got the last nail into the coffin lid and the project was laid to rest for this year. Seems that this behavior might be worthy of a Raspberry Award for lack of administrative imagination and a high degree of Rodney Dangerfield "No Respect" to a volunteer trying to do something positive in the schools.

V.P. Mike AE6FL is going to contact KPRL about a PSA of our meeting times. Thanks Mike.

### ***New Code Testing Equipment:***

Jerry AB6BO has built and displayed a new set-up for code testing. Nicely Done! He also submitted receipts for \$50.11 for the project.

There is a high probability that the code requirement is going to be dropped except for the Extra Class license. Too bad it is after all the most reliable mode of communication.

## **New Business**

### ***Adopt-a-Poll***

The Adopt-a-Poll program was mentioned as a possible fund raiser for the club by Sharon George KE6ODF. The club would have to supply the bodies to run the poll and in return would receive \$500. It would require two folks to commit to being there all day and others would have to do shifts.

### ***Club Call Sign and Possible Club Station***

The Club call sign, W6LKF, is in the process of being renewed. Evan suggested that at the new Cuesta North Campus there might be suitable space for the club to install a station and use a room for the regular meetings. A warning was issued by some dual members that the Estero Club has had some very negative dealings with the main Cuesta campus. Larry Miller was going to investigate and contact the Dallons for further information.

President Hinkle requested that those still awake consider suggesting Program Ideas for future meetings. He then handily gaveled his first meeting to a close at 8:52 p.m.

Next Meeting is April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2004

Respectfully submitted, Evan N6BXL



**Roland WB6EZH, Tom N6BT, and John WM6R  
Force 12 two-element 40 meter beam.**

### **Editor's Note:**

It was a great month at Radio Ranch. Thanks to the efforts of Tom N6BT, Roland WB6EZH, and Bill WA5VGI, we now have a two-element 40 meter beam, an 80 meter rotary dipole, and a 160 meter inverted vee up and running. In a few hours of operation on 80 meters, I worked EA8BH (Canary Island), XF4IH (Socorro Island), CO6XN (Cuba), VK3IO (Australia), and plenty more. I worked the XF4 on 160m CW as well. All with 100 watts. There's a lot of fun to be had with new antennas! Thanks OMs!

73, John WM6R

**This makes it too easy...**



Tailgate Breakfast  
Sunday April 18<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 AM  
Larry and Char Miller's Place  
5810 Santa Rita Ranch Road, Templeton  
434-0643

Spring BBQ  
Sunday May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 11AM-3PM  
Heilmann Regional Park  
9400 El Bordo Avenue, Atascadero  
Blue Oak Picnic Area

# CALENDAR 2004

Paso Robles Amateur Radio Club

## January

5 7:30PM Club Meeting (cancelled)

## February

2 7:30PM Club Meeting

21 5:00PM Pot Luck –Bethel Lutheran Church

## March

1 7:30PM Club Meeting

27 Ladies Luncheon –Berna Dallons RSVP 995-3052

## April

5 7:30PM Club Meeting

18 8:30AM Tailgate Breakfast – Larry and Char Miller

24 Wildflower bike ride – Bill Palmerston

23-25 Visalia DX Convention

## May

3 7:30PM Club Meeting

8 Armed Forces Day

15 Wine Festival bike ride – Bill Sundius

23 12:30PM BBQ – Sharon George Heilmann Regional Park, Atascadero

26 7:30PM SLOECC Meeting in North County

## June

5 Ladies Luncheon – Jane Thornton RSVP 226-9990

7 7:30PM Club Meeting

20 AM Santa Maria Swap Meet (Father's Day)

25-27 Field Day – Dave Martin, et al.

## July

12 7:30PM Club Meeting

## August

2 7:30PM Club Meeting

21 Siren TeSt / BBQ

27-28 ARRL Southwestern Division Convention in Phoenix

## September

13 7:30PM Club Meeting

TBD Fish Fry

## October

4 7:30PM Club Meeting

9 Pioneer Day – Bill Sundius

16 Colony Day – Bill Palmerston

15-17 ARRL Pacific Division Conference (Pacificon) in San Ramon

## November

1 7:30PM Club Meeting - Election of Officers for 2005

## December

12/19? Holiday Party

TBD Ladies Luncheon – Joan Palmerston

