



# *Amateur Gazette*

The Newsletter of The  
Paso Robles Amateur Radio Club

**W6LKF**

Meeting Date: First Monday each month (except December)

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**August 2004**

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**Vice President: Mike Barry, AE6FL**  
**Secretary: Evan Mason, N6BXL**  
**Treasurer: Jane Thornton, KF6QHP**  
**Newsletter: John Thornton, WM6R**

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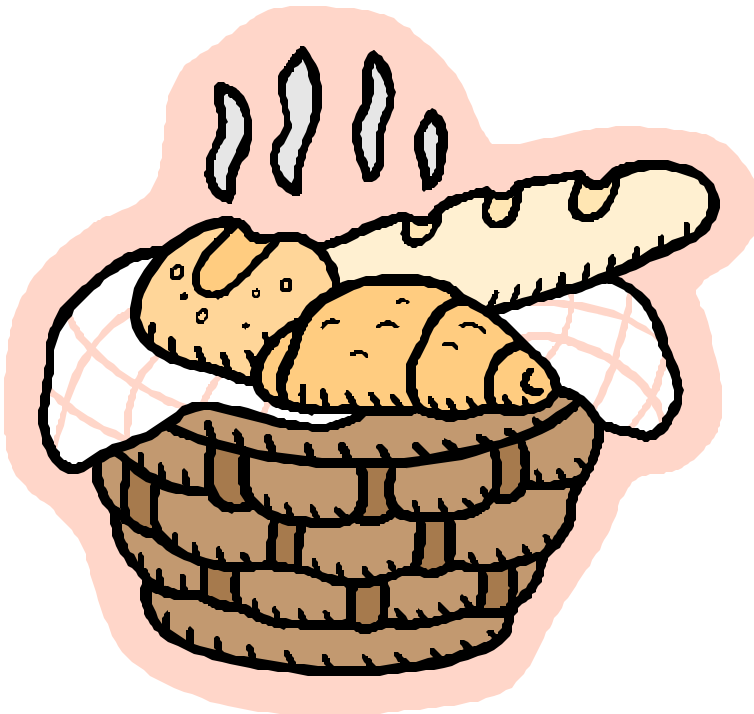
- **Meeting Notice**
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Next Meeting: August 2, 2004 - Centennial Park, 600  
Nickerson Drive, Paso Robles 7:30 PM

**Ladies Luncheon at Anne Miranda's**

**Saturday, August 7<sup>th</sup> at Noon**

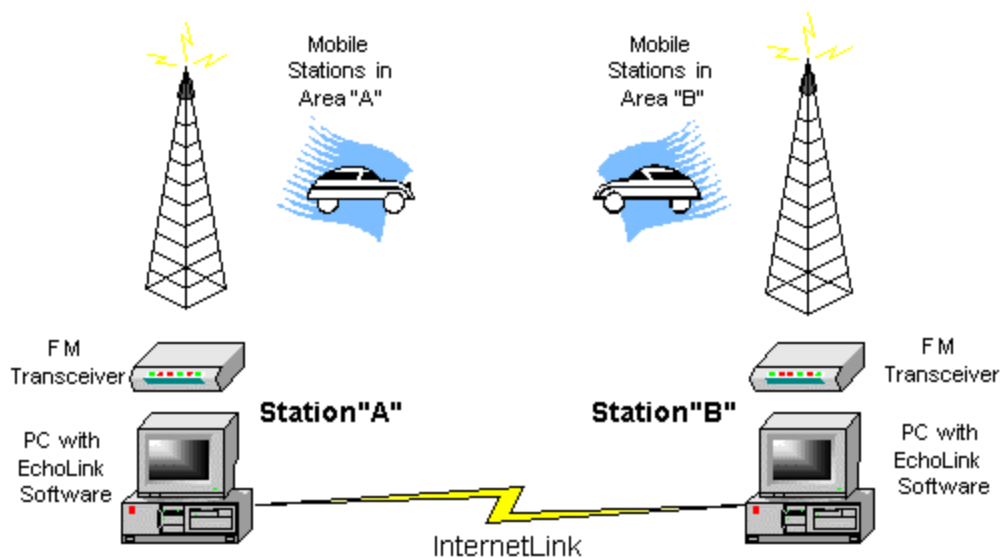
**1324 Berwick Drive, Morro Bay  
RSVP 772-9504 or [anne.miranda@juno.com](mailto:anne.miranda@juno.com)**



Our meeting presentation this month will be by Ron W6FM.  
Ron will explain ham radio Internet linking programs called  
IRLP and EchoLink.



## Linking Example



[www.irlp.net](http://www.irlp.net)    [www.echolink.org](http://www.echolink.org)

## Presidential Ramblings

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Our final Field Day stats were not available at the last meeting but as expected we didn't miss many, if any, of the "extra points". The forecast is that our "Q"s will be down over previous years.

I failed to mention in my last missive that at the Field Day VE session, Tracy KG6AFY upgraded to General and one of the Paso High School Club members earned his Tech.

At the July meeting we had a contingent of folks from the Horse Emergency Evacuation Team or HEET. Hopefully, we can assist them in their efforts to use amateur radio in this public service. Stay tuned as their program is evolving rapidly.

**Please remember the PG&E Siren Test on Saturday August 21.** Hopefully you can find it in your hearts to direct the donation for your services to our club. The post-test BBQ will be in SLO Town this year. If you'd like to participate but don't know how, ask around and someone will get you going.

The August meeting is on the 2nd. I hope to see you there. The presentation will be by Ron W6FM. He'll be educating us on IRLP and EchoLink.

73 de Roland, WB6EZH

## **Paso Robles Amateur Radio Club**

### **Meeting Minutes July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2004**

The meeting was called to order by President Roland Hinkle WB6EZH at exactly 7:30 P.M.

Introductions were made of all 27 folks in attendance.

#### **Announcements:**

Siren Test is Aug. 21<sup>st</sup>. Contact Bill Palmerston if you would like to help.

The Fish Fry will be Saturday September 25<sup>th</sup>.

#### ***Minutes of Last Meeting***

The minutes from the last meeting were approved.

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

We spent \$271 less this year on Field Day than last year. There was \$252 in receipts. Current balance on hand \$1,460.09. We are in good shape after Field day.

#### **Sort of Old Business**

### **Field Day 2004**

Dave Martin, WA6TYJ, reported (in a memo because he was at a MARS training) that Field Day 2004 was both fun and successful. He thanked the many members that contributed time, equipment and labor to the event. The club added one new member, Seiji Kawano, and the VE session resulted in a New Technician licensee. Tom Schiller reported that the GOTA station made 161 contacts and other contacts totaled 1, 537 totaling 1,698. This did not include the bonus points. **Special credit goes to Rob Thorsen who made an ISS contact, one of only 60 made during Field Day.**

#### ***Club Trailer***

There was discussion about getting the license up to date on the trailer. Fees would be \$120 without the late fees and \$235 with the late fees. Mike AE6FL will investigate what our options are and if fees can be reduced or waived. Also, we will see if it is possible to get an emergency plate of some sort.

## Program

John and Jane Thornton gave a power point presentation about their visit to the KPH Commercial Wireless Station at Bolinas, California. The station provided radio traffic between ships at sea and land based points. Much of the operation was CW and later radioteletype. It was five years ago that the last commercial traffic was carried using morse code and we were able to listen to the commemorative broadcast today during the meeting. This was the Fifth annual “Night of Nights” event.

Next Meeting is August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2004

Respectfully submitted, W6ROX

## Editor's Note

### More Field Day 2004 Photos:



Bill, WA5VGI with his new acquisition. We told him that he isn't a “real ham” unless he takes it home and puts it on the dining room table...



**Mike, AE6FL has it “made in the shade”. No one noticed this installation until the last few minutes of Field Day.**





**Dave WA6TYJ's wind generator. We all know how hot it gets at Field Day!**





**Jeff, K3COP: “Press hard, five copies...”**



**Mary W6ROX 800 meg QSO's don't count, Mary...**



**John W6YDZ and Jane KF6QHP taking a break from all the excitement.**



## PRARC CALENDAR 2004

### 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  
7 Noon Ladies Luncheon at Anne Miranda's RSVP 772-9504  
21 Siren TeSt / BBQ  
27-28 ARRL Southwestern Division Convention in Phoenix

### September

13 7:30PM Club Meeting  
25 Fish Fry

### October

4 7:30PM Club Meeting  
9 Pioneer Day – Bill Sundius  
16 Colony Day – Bill Palmerston K6BWJ  
15-17 ARRL Pacific Division Conference (Pacificon) in San Ramon

### November

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

### December

12 Holiday Party at the Paso Robles Inn  
TBD Ladies Luncheon – Joan Palmerston N6VNQ

