



Amateur Gazette

Paso Robles
Amateur Radio Club

Paso Robles ARC

W6LKF

February 2, 2009 Minutes

Special Interest Dates:

- Potluck
February 21st.
- Tailgate
April 25th
- Field Day
June 26-28th

The meeting was called to order at 1910 hours by President, Mike Kelley K6AJ. Introductions were completed with a total of 20 active and perspective members present. There are currently 40 paid up members as of this meeting.

Treasurers Report. Ron Patterson W6FM reports there is currently \$3374.34 in the checking account. Same as last report but that does not include newly paid dues. If you have not paid your dues, mail them to Ron or come to the next meeting.

Annual Potluck is scheduled for February 21, 2009 at the Bethal Lutheran Church as usual. Bill Sundius AA6CT has reserved the hall for us. There won't be any phone calls for this one, put it on your calendar. We will meet at 5:00 PM. The church is located on Old County Road at 3rd Street. Bring your favorite entrée or dessert and come have some fun.

Tailgate Breakfast is back on thanks to Larry W7CB and Char Miller W6ANB. Bob Miller K6DXU had agreed to cook. The date is Saturday, April 25th. Some people will start to arrive around 8:00 to help celebrate and toast the new day while others will arrive before 10:00 when the cooking starts. Side dishes will be needed so you will likely receive a phone call as the event gets closer.

Harry Wolf W6NKT. A round of applause for Harry at tonight's meeting. He celebrated his 100th birthday recently. A family member who is 103 years young attended his birthday party also. Congratulation Harry!

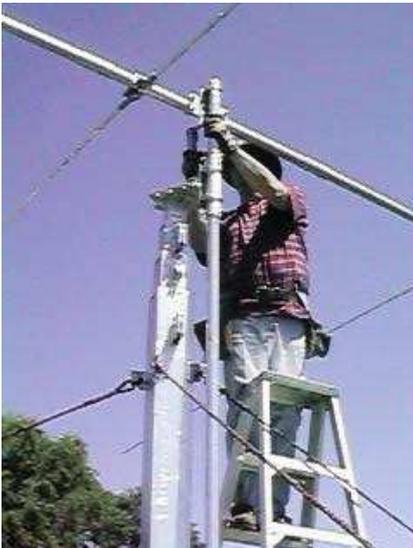
Club Trailer John Foster N6FVY reports our trailer has a leak or two. It was suggested that we get together later this spring and have a renovation party. Larry Miller promised to sketch out an interior design and we will see if we can come up something more Radio Operator friendly. Sounds like a great time for a BBQ too.



President's Report. President Kelley presented documents related to the Club's Articles of Incorporation in 1963. It appears based on letter there was a bit of internal strife within the club and the "corporation was dissolved in 1969. These and other documents related to the Club's history will hopefully be scanned in the near future and made available for all members to see. There was also discussion about the Club's Library that used to be stored in the basement of the old Paso Robles Fire Station. There were complete back issues of CQ, QST and Handbooks. When we were kicked out the entire library was dispersed among the members. Apparently the Handbooks went first.

Mike also discussed the possibility of starting of a Technical Board that would be available to assist members with particular questions related to Ham Radio. There are many members in the club with specific expertise that would likely work as "Elmers" for the rest of the group. Ron Patterson will look into a method for hosting this at Yahoo Groups.

High School Roundup Mary Mason W6ROX reports this is scheduled for February 10th, 11th & 12th between 0800 and 1500 hours at Kermit King Elementary. They will be working 20 meters. She realized it was short notice but asked for volunteers during the day to assist with the students. Kermit King Elementary is recognized across the Nation for its achievements in winning this competition several times. An announcement will be posted on Yahoo Groups to get more volunteers.



PRARC Website. Joel Kaye AD6KH has taken on the task of updating our website. A great deal of pictures has been uploaded as well as the Club Calendar. Check it out at www.pasoroblesarc.org.

Field Day. Larry Miller inquired if the club is still interested in having Field Day at Templeton High School as we have done in the past few years. The response was positive and Larry will make arrangements. Shane Faulkenberry KI6QFI will contact Bob Miller and beg for his cooking expertise. John Root has volunteered to act as Field Day Chairman and Larry stated he would assist. This is as usual our biggest project of the year and we all need to assist John.



The printed Club Newsletter makes its return

There was a discussion to reintroduce the Club Newsletter in print form and have it mailed to members. A motion was made by Tom Schiller N6BT and 2nd by Larry to have the Newsletter mailed quarterly. Yours truly will put it together with the assistance of everyone submitting pictures and articles. The first mailing will be after the March meeting.



Paso Robles Amateur Radio Club 10 Years Ago

I was looking through old Club Newsletters, The HAMATEUR GAZETTE, that I put together about 10 years ago. I think I include a bit of history each month from our past.

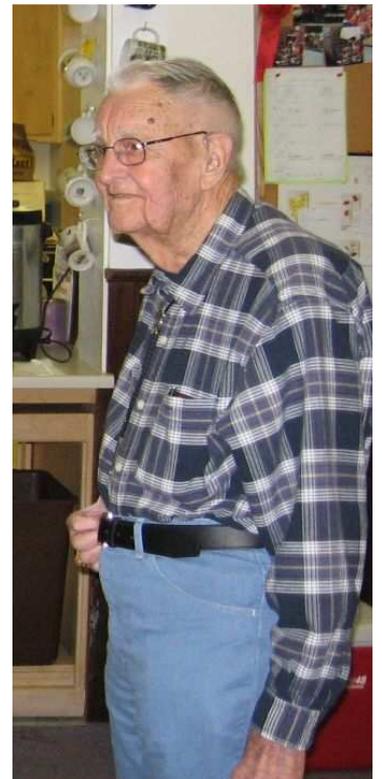
February 1, 1999 meeting called to order with 28 members and 2 guests present. The Treasurer's Report listed \$2386.63 with more dues coming in. Jerry Bower AB6BO provided us with a report that the new PRARC Mobile Command Center or rather old trailer donated by Larry Miller was being outfitted with new parts to make it road worthy. Bob Horton W6MSG also provided some parts. The wheel bearings were packed and all lights work. Bill Sundius reported the potluck was setup and Larry reported on the Tailgate set for April. **Seems like things never change.** Ken Grubb KE6JVN has secured the Fairground for Field Day in June.

The Evening Program was presented by Harry Wolf and he talked about beginning in Ham Radio in 1935 with a Hallicrafters Super Sky rider receive only radio. Later he used an RMR receiver and Commercial Transceiver. He worked QSLs with a McElroy Bug. I was there, it was memorable.

J.A. "Doc" Gmelin W6ZRJ was a Silent Key and we were about to say good bye to George Swanson. That's the way it was 10 years ago.

Respectively Submitted,

Jeff Joynt N6BST



Next Meeting is March 2nd at Centennial Park

7:00 PM