



Amateur Gazette

Paso Robles
Amateur Radio Club

W6LKF

Meeting Date: First Monday each month (except December)
Submissions and email updates to: w6hd@arrl.net

January 2006

President: Bill McFarlen, WA5VGI
Vice President: Mike Barry, AE6FL
Secretary: Greg Porter, N6MOQ
Treasurer: Jane Thornton, KF6QHP
Newsletter: John Thornton, W6HD

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Happy New Year 2006!!



Next Meeting: January 9, 2006 - Centennial Park, 600
Nickerson Drive, Paso Robles 7:30 PM

Meeting Presentation

A video (DVD) will be shown of the March 2005 DXpedition to Kerguelen.

The expedition landed on Desolation Island which is located halfway between Africa and Australia and just about as far away as you can get from North America (antipode).

The quality of this DVD is fantastic and you will enjoy seeing the ship Braveheart plowing it's way through the stormy south Indian Ocean to this remote Antarctic destination.

President's Corner:

Please make an effort to attend the January meeting of the Paso Robles Amateur Radio Club.

As most of you are aware we ended the year on a rather sad note of having to cancel our annual Christmas party due to a lack of attendees. Also I have noted that meeting attendance in general has been dropping off.

I would like to use this meeting to discuss what we need to do as a club to get back on the right track.

Obviously something is not right and we need to correct it ASAP. Bring your ideas and suggestions. Our club has a long history and it would be sad to see it come to a close.

I volunteered to help as president and will do so until June when I hope someone in the club will step up to this office.

The FT5XO DXpedition video is very interesting and I know you will enjoy it. See you Monday.

**73, Bill - WA5VGI
PRARC Acting President**

November Meeting Minutes

Meeting minutes for November will be included at a later time.

Treasurer's Report



Treasurer's Report
--by Jane Thornton, KF6QHP

The Treasury stands at \$724 as we open the year. We have \$590 in the checking account, and \$134 in petty cash. The annual insurance bill has been paid for \$284. We have an accrued donation from the PG&E siren test that has not yet been received.

Dues Proposal

The Treasurer requests the following dues increase to offset sharply rising costs and simplify collections. The proposal is to raise dues to \$20 for individual, \$30 for families. Dues will be collecting starting at the January meeting. Checks can also be mailed to PRARC c/o Jane Thornton, P.O. Box 1110 Paso Robles, CA 93447-1110

Meeting Room Expense

The bill for the coming year for the Centennial Park meeting room has quadrupled from \$90 for the year, to nearly \$400. Several options will be discussed at the January meeting, including a proposal to secure meeting space at the City of Paso Robles Emergency Operations Center. The decision needs to be made soon.

Extending Insurance to Repeater Activities

The Tassajara repeater group has requested PRARC consider extending our insurance to name their landlord as an additional insured on our insurance policy. The cost would be approximately \$35 and would be reimbursed by PRARC members who participate in this activity.

	PRARC 2006 Budget			
	2004 Actual	2005 Budget	2005 Actual	2006 Budget
INFLOWS				
BBQ Net Deposit	0	175	247	250
Donations	0	1,000	600	600
Field Day Net Deposit	305	350	470	400
Fish Fry Net Deposit	158	200	10	100
Membership Dues	667	700	484	700
Tailgate Receipts	283	290	196	200
World Radio & Raffle	70	0	94	-
X-mas Party Net Deposit (less next year memberships)	1,216	1,350	44	0
TOTAL INFLOWS	2,699	4,065	2,145	2,250
OUTFLOWS				
BBQ Expense	245	250	114	200
Field Day Expense	1,030	1,050	953	1,000
Fish Fry Expense*	39	150	131	100
Insurance	247	250	284	290
Meeting Room Expense	86	90	71	50
Newsletter	144	0	-	
Potluck Expense	109	110	63	100
Speaker Honorarium	25	0	-	
Tailgate Expense	73	75	62	100
Trailer Registration	108	42	43	45
World Radio Expense	65	0	65	-
X-mas party expense	1,991	1,500	100	-
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	4,161	3,517	1,886	1,885
OVERALL TOTAL	(1,462)	548	259	365

Ron Patterson W6FM Update

I am pleased to report that Ron has returned to his home in Atascadero on December 13th. I spoke with Ron and he seems very enthusiastic about getting back to his shack and projects.

As you probably know, Ron is the trustee of the W6FM repeater (444.525 MHz on Tassajara Peak) as well as others. Ron is also active on HF and VHF/UHF SSB. Ron also hosts a packet radio node that provides DX spots for the Central Coast community.

Ron is a real “doer” and always has a lot of interesting projects not only in radio, but with Internet radio linking, Linux, and is now working on assembling the hardware for a 6M moonbounce station! He is looking for some good, sturdy tower sections and rotor hardware for this project.

Welcome home Ron, and we'll look for you on the bands!

-John W6HD

CALENDAR

Paso Robles Amateur Radio Club
2005

**The 2005 Calendar is printed here as a template for the 2006 Calendar to be discussed
at the meeting.**

January

3 7:30PM Club Meeting

February

7 7:30PM Club Meeting

12 Pot Luck –Bethel Lutheran Church- Bill Sundius

March

7 7:30PM Club Meeting

April

4 7:30PM Club Meeting

10 Tailgate Breakfast – Larry and Char Miller

15-17 Visalia DX Convention

30 Wildflower Bike Ride – Bill Palmerston

May

2 7:30PM Club Meeting

7-8 Armed Forces Day

TBA Wine Festival bike ride – Bill Sundius

15 BBQ – Heilmann Regional Park, Atascadero - Sharon George

25 7:30PM SLOECC Meeting in North County (Cambria)

June

6 7:30PM Club Meeting

24-26 Field Day

July

11 7:30PM Club Meeting

August

1 7:30PM Club Meeting

20 Siren TeSt / BBQ

September

9-11 ARRL Southwestern Division Convention in Riverside

12 7:30PM Club Meeting

24 Fish Fry

October

2-3 ARRL SET

3 7:30PM Club Meeting

8 Pioneer Day – Bill Sundius

15 Colony Day – Bill Palmerston

14-16 ARRL Pacific Division Conference (Pacificon) in San Ramon

November

7 7:30PM Club Meeting - Election of Officers for 2006

December

10 Holiday Party – Sharon George, et al