



Amateur Gazette

The Newsletter of
The
Paso Robles
Amateur Radio Club
W6LKF

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

July 2005

President: Roland Hinkle, WB6EZH
Vice President: Mike Barry, AE6FL
Secretary: Ron Massengill, AB6FM
Treasurer: Jane Thornton, KF6QHP
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Next Meeting: July 11, 2005 - Centennial Park, 600
Nickerson Drive, Paso Robles 7:30 PM

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Presidential Ramblings

Field Day 2005 was another typical club success. We're getting too good at this! Unfortunately, we're near the solar cycle minimum, but that only impacted part of the fun. It was good to see the turnout starting Friday afternoon to set up the variety of antennas, radios and other toys that were brought out for the festivities. I understand we had about 50 attend the Saturday evening BBQ. Thanks to our organizers Clint K6YY, Tom N6BT and Bill WA5VGI, Super Chef Bob K6DXU and all who contributed food and effort to make this a fun event.

The next club sponsored assault on our waistlines is the Fish Fry. Please be sure September 24 is prominently marked in your calendars for this event.

The PG&E Siren Test is Saturday August 20. This is a good fundraiser for our club, so if you haven't participated and would like to, see Bill K6BWJ or me for details.

The July meeting is on the 11th due to the holiday. I hope to see you there.

73 de Roland WB6EZH

Meeting Minutes June, 2005

1930 HRS Meeting opened by the President Roland Hinkle WB6EZH, 25 members attended.

Announcements:

1. Carolyn, from the Emergency Evacuation Team (horses) asked we advise her on radio support during emergencies. Mike AE6FL Emergency Coordinator for the Paso Robles area explained how to activate hams for emergencies.
2. Harry, W6NKT circulated a QSO card circa 1937 with a one cent stamp.

3. Bill K6BWJ announced the SIREN TEST August 20th - remember this has been a fund raiser for PRARC. Stay tuned. The SLO Bike Club invited all the radio operators that supported Wildflower as guests at their annual Party.
4. The World Radio cards were distributed to those that subscribed –
5. The Swap Meet at the Santa Maria Elks Club (Satellite Radio Club) is scheduled for June 18 ...Buyers are free –
6. Minutes were accepted for May.

Treasures Report: Our account holds about \$900 and \$200 petty cash. Our target for field day is \$350.

Old Business: None
New Business: None

Presentation: Discussion and Planning of Field Day.
Meeting adjourned: 2035 hrs.

Respectively submitted,

Ron Massengill AB6FM
Secretary, PRARC

Treasurer's Report

Field Day report: 52 paid attendees netted \$470.

Our expenses were \$553 for food, \$400 rental fee, and fuel for the generator (outstanding).

We were able to maintain our budget for this event.
Thanks to all those who contributed to the success of Field Day.

-Jane KF6QHP

Benefit BBQ for Ron Patterson W6FM

The party is this Saturday, July 9 at my ranch. The basics are; I provide the burgers (I figure that if everybody car pools I can park about 30 cars up here). Everything else is like the old time potluck benefits. Everybody brings a salad, a side dish or a dessert that will feed about six people. The food is then auctioned off and the BBQ begins. Food brought must be paid for at auction to be eaten. This is what makes the money. The idea is to fund the repeater for a year with any extra going to Ron and family for what ever they want. Chris Arndt tells me that it costs about \$100.00 per month to keep the repeater up there and that does not cover maintenance and upgrades. The more people and the fancier the dishes the more money they bring at auction.

I am providing the burgers, the buns, the condiments, the plates, the napkins and the utensils. So its pretty boring if people just bring potato chips and dip. It starts at 1200 with the auction starting about 1230 and the burgers coming off the fire about 1300.

Bring something to sit on.

We will see if we can get the repeater going on both IRLP and echo link.

My address is 3030 Bear Ridge Rd. It is on Hwy 41 on the Morro Bay side. Bear Ridge Rd. is 5.25 miles east of Morro Bay on Hwy 41. Only one way to turn on Bear Ridge Rd. and then stay on the paved road until you get to the two story house with the green roof (the pavements ends there). I will be monitoring the repeater (444.525) from about 10:30 on for any one who has questions or gets lost. And Please let everyone that comes know that this is a working sheep ranch with sheep dogs that guard the flocks. They will be put up but they wont tolerate any one bringing up other pets.

Thanks and hope to see you here

Doug KG6AKL

Field Day 2005 Photos



**“It’s dah dah-dah-dah dah-dah.”
(Austin teaches Tom N6BT how to send his name in CW.)**



**Emcomm was well represented at Field Day
“Alpha Alpha Mike Niner Echo Charlie Sierra”**



Ron W6VCF gets the ATV contact for the event as Greg N6MOQ looks on.



Cliff K7RR and Jessica KG6YNZ make a satellite contact.



Tom N6BT makes up for lost time.



Larry W7CB and Jessica KG6YNZ manage the pileup.



Art KK6PJ improves the score.



Mary W6ROX cranks out the Q's on the GOTA station (N6KKS)



Field Day can be pretty exhausting...



The Discone gets disassembled. 32 radials.



“All hands” antenna disassembly.



Larry W7CB's first Field Day operation.

CALENDAR

Paso Robles Amateur Radio Club
2005

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

TBA \$iren Te\$t / 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

11 Holiday Party – Sharon George, et al