



# *Amateur Gazette*

Paso Robles  
Amateur Radio Club

**W6LKF**

[www.pasoroblesarc.org](http://www.pasoroblesarc.org)

Meeting Date: First Monday each month (except December)  
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**July 2006**

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## PRARC

Next Meeting: July 10, 2006 - Centennial Park, 600  
Nickerson Drive, Paso Robles 7:30 PM

### **President's Corner:**

#### **FIELD DAY 2006**

Whew ... it was hot at the Fairgrounds. It was hard work setting up for our Field Day operations and packing everything up on Sunday wasn't any cooler! Total of 4 towers/antennas, a horizontal delta-loop for 80 and 40 meter SSB and MARS operations, 5 RV trailers, a camper-van, a purring generator and a camo tent!

Special thanks to:

- Bob K6DXU; you're still the master chef.
- Tom N6BT; brought mobile tower, his great antennas and that quiet generator.
- Larry W7CB; brought his RV/tower and made 100 +/- contacts per hour on CW for almost the duration of the contest!
- Bill WA5VGI; rivets!
- Mary W6ROX; operated 20 meter SSB at a fevered pace from the School District's Mobile Incident Command trailer.
- Ron W6FM; brought his RV for GOTA station, AB-577 tower and operated 6 meters. Good to see you there Ron.
- Tim W6NS; brought his mobile tower, set up our AC current delivery and operated 20 m GOTA station.
- Jeff K3COP; brought his RV and handled public info requests.
- Dave K6YHL and other VE's; Very successful test session with 9 new licensees!

Our State Army MARS Director for Southern CA, Mike W6WAR/AAA9CS and his wife Gail came up from San Bernardino, camped out and operated radios with us on Saturday and early Sunday. Hope that everyone had a chance to meet them. They were quite impressed with our Field Day ops.

And, to every other Club member and volunteer who pitched-in to help, thank you! You all made this Club event a success!

I hope and Pray that we'll never see a time when we have to set up our emergency field operations for a real disaster. However, our communities have a tremendous asset in YOU. Thanks much for your service.

To all stations:

Bring your Field Day 2006 logs in digital format (floppy disk, CD, etc.) to the next club meeting on Monday, 10 July 2006. Alternatively, you can email log files to [ae6fl@arrl.net](mailto:ae6fl@arrl.net) and we will compile and submit. Also bring your Field Day photos on CD for the web site and next newsletter.

An After Action Report will also be compiled this year and sent to all Club members when complete. Please send your comments and details of your FD 2006 operations and observations to [ae6fl@arrl.net](mailto:ae6fl@arrl.net). Others will learn from your mistakes as well as be envious of those 'shining moments of glory'.

## **June Meeting Minutes**

PRARC minutes 5 June 06

Bill WA5VGI opened the meeting at 7:30 PM, 18 hams present.

We discussed at length our plans for Field Day at the Mid-State Fairgrounds on 24-25 June 2006. A lot of logistical issues were discussed, who is doing what and when, cost of meals, etc. When Field Day comes, we hope to be ready.

We will be offering licensing examinations at 1:00 PM on Saturday 24 June at the Field Day site. Please pre-register via email to [K6YHL@arrl.net](mailto:K6YHL@arrl.net) if you want to take an exam.

The City of Paso Robles, who provides the room we rent for meeting, has proposed to significantly increase the rent. This has been discussed a number of times at past club meetings. The latest news is that the city is freezing the room rate at the current level until November 2006. For the time being, our meeting location will remain at Centennial Park in Paso Robles.

We briefly discussed affiliating our club with the ARRL again. John W6HD is working on getting all the required documentation together and submitted to the ARRL. (This was submitted and acknowledged by ARRL. Our meeting times will be posted on the ARRL web page. —ed)

Bill WA5VGI volunteered to serve as club president for a short duration 6 months ago when we lacked a president. He has done a bang up job keeping us on track, but his time is up this month. After discussion the club chose Mike AE6FL (currently vice president) to serve as president. Thanks Bill, for a job well done, and welcome Mike!

The club "volunteered" Dave WA6TYJ to provide the cookies for the next meeting in July.

Ron W6FM, needs photos and content for the club website - <http://www.pasoroblesarc.org>. Ron can use either digital or hard copy photographs.

After the break, we watched a video on the A52A 2000 DXpedition to Bhutan.

Greg Porter, N6MOQ  
Secretary

## Telegram-Tribune Field Day Article

### Paso Robles

The public is invited to attend an event organized by the Paso Robles Amateur Radio Club as part of Amateur Radio Week nationwide.

The event will be today and Sunday at the Paso Robles Event Center at 2198 Riverside Ave. in Paso Robles.

The public is invited to meet ham radio operators and learn more about how they're able to communicate critical information during emergencies.

Also, a contest will be held starting noon today and running until noon Sunday. The public is invited from 10 a.m. today to 11 a.m. Sunday.

The idea is for the operators to make the most contacts possible in a 24-hour period.

License examinations also will be offered at the event to those interested.

To learn more about amateur radio, visit the Web site [www.hello-radio.org](http://www.hello-radio.org).

For more information about the Paso Robles event, call Larry Miller at 434-0643. (Unfortunately, the article copy had an incorrect phone number for Larry. -ed)

— Nick Wilson

**(There was also a fine article in the Paso Robles Press this week. -ed)**

## ARRL FD 2006 bulletin:

AN OFFICIAL W1AW FIELD DAY BULLETIN TRANSMISSION FOLLOWS USING 45.45  
BAUD BAUDOT, FOLLOWED IMMEDIATELY BY 100 BAUD AVOOR, FEC MODE B  
AND 110 BAUD ASCII.

THIS IS K6KPH  
ARLX003 FOLLOWS  
ARLX003 FOLLOWS  
ZCZC AX03  
QST DE K6KPH  
SPECIAL BULLET  
N 3 ARLX003  
FROM ARRL HEADQUARTERS  
NEWINGTON CT JUNE 23, 2006

TO ALL RADIO AMATEURS  
SB SPCL ARL ARLX003  
ARLX003 2006 W1AW FIELD DAY BULLETIN  
THOUGH MAIN STREET USA HAS CHANGED, THE MAGIC OF  
AMATEUR RADIO STILL EXISTS.

FIELD DAY IS THE PERFECT TIME FOR THE AMATEUR RADIO COMMUNITY TO  
DEMONSTRATE THAT IT IS STILL A VIABLE SERVICE IN THE TWENTY FIRST  
CENTURY.

RECRUITING POTENTIAL RADIO AMATEURS AND DEMONSTRATING OUR  
EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS CAPABILITY ARE JUST TWO OF THE CORE  
THEMES OF THIS ANNUAL ON THE AIR OPERATING EVENT.

THE NEW GOTA COACH FEATURE IS A GOOD WAY TO ELMER NEW OPERATORS  
AND HELP BUILD ENTHUSIASM.

DO NOT GET CAUGHT UP IN THE CHASE FOR POINTS DURING THIS ACTIVITY.  
RATHER, GET CAUGHT UP IN BRINGING THIS GREAT HOBBY TO THE NEXT  
GENERATION OF OPERATORS.

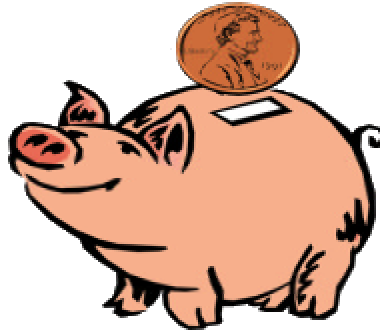
PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE COULD BE ARIZONA WILDFIRE-RELATED  
EMERGENCY

TRAFFIC ON 40 AND 75 METERS SO BE SURE TO LISTEN BEFORE  
TRANSMITTING. MORE INFORMATION ON THIS IS AVAILABLE ON THE ARRL WEB.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF YOUR FIELD DAY REPORT IS JULY 25.  
ENJOY THE WEEKEND AND LEARN SOMETHING NEW. GOOD LUCK AND 73.

NNNN  
THIS IS K6KPH IN BOLINAS, CA

## Treasurer's Report



Jane KF6QHP

Cash receipts from Field Day are \$275. Expenses for food, drink, and incidentals are \$822.77. We still need to pay for generator fuel. The balance in the treasury is \$951.

### ARRL Field Day 2006 Amateur Radio License Testing

We had 10 candidates, with 9 passing. 8 new Technician class licensees and one upgrade from General to Extra (our own John N6FVY).

I had a lot of help from the following VE:

Roland WB6EZH

Renato KG6NH





















Jerry AB6BO

Larry W7CB

Tim W6NS

We don't generally get that many, but there was a group from Cal Poly. The wind was a challenge, but we made it. I mailed the materials to the ARRL today so we should see the new licenses shortly.

David, K6YHL

				
Rate too fast	Objects in mouth	Excessive transmission	Loud	Hesitant—indecisive
	<h2>HOW DO THEY READ YOU?</h2> <p>... . Normally, that is. But there's another thing . . . . how about stuck mike buttons? If the other guy's is stuck, you can't tell him about it, for his transmitter will be on and he can't receive at the same time. If YOURS is stuck, nobody can tell YOU, either. In fact, in the normal system with ump-teen mobile and base stations, how CAN you tell whose is stuck?</p> <p>The best answer is for everyone to check his little red transmitter light occasionally. Better still, be suspicious if everything gets <i>too</i> quiet, you may be "on" and don't know it. If so, everything you say will be going out over the air, and we can't draw a picture horrible enough to depict your feelings at the awful moment of discovery.</p> <p>At that time they'll be reading you...</p> <h2>TOO WELL?</h2>			
Too weak				Articulation
				
Poor mike technique				Pitch too high
				
Phrasing				Rate too slow
				
Anger in voice				Monotone
				
Voice trails off				Vocalized pause
				
Dialect	Pitch too low	Overemphasis	Pronunciation	Voice quality



Larry W7CB, Ron W6FM, Jeff K3COP, Tim W6NS









Char W6ANB, Jane KF6QHP, Bill K6BWJ, Bob K6DXU







Ron W6VCF making ATV contact. (Actually two)



Larry W7CB FB set-up.



David K6YHL and Roland WB6EZH Testing Session



Jane KF6QHP and Harry W6NKT





More Fine Dining thanks to Bob K6DXU



Tom N6BT racks up the Q's.



Greg N6MOQ patiently waits for a 6 meter opening...



Dave WA6TYJ, Ron W6FM, Larry W7CB enjoy an after "tear down" brew.

## CALENDAR

### Paso Robles Amateur Radio Club 2006

#### January

9 7:30PM Club Meeting

#### February

6 7:30PM Club Meeting  
18 Pot Luck –Bethel Lutheran Church- Bill Sundius

#### March

6 7:30PM Club Meeting

#### April

3 7:30PM Club Meeting  
9 Tailgate Breakfast – Larry and Char Miller  
? Visalia DX Convention  
29 Wildflower Bike Ride – Bill Palmerston

#### May

1 7:30PM Club Meeting  
? Armed Forces Day  
TBA Wine Festival bike ride – Bill Sundius  
TBA BBQ – Heilmann Regional Park, Atascadero  
? 7:30PM SLOECC Meeting in North County (Cambria)

#### June

5 7:30PM Club Meeting  
23-25 Field Day

#### July

10 7:30PM Club Meeting

#### August

7 7:30PM Club Meeting  
? \$iren Te\$t / BBQ

#### September

? ARRL Southwestern Division Convention in Riverside  
4 7:30PM Club Meeting  
? Fish Fry

#### October

? ARRL SET  
2 7:30PM Club Meeting  
? Pioneer Day – Bill Sundius  
? Colony Day – Bill Palmerston  
? ARRL Pacific Division Conference (Pacificon) in San Ramon

#### November

6 7:30PM Club Meeting - Election of Officers for 2006

#### December

? Holiday Party