



Amateur Gazette

The Newsletter of
The
Paso Robles
Amateur Radio Club

W6LKF

Meeting Date: First Monday each month (except December)

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March 2005

President: Roland Hinkle, WB6EZH
Vice President: Mike Barry, AE6FL
Secretary: Ron Massengill, AB6FM
Treasurer: Jane Thornton, KF6QHP
Newsletter: John Thornton, W6HD

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Next Meeting: March 7, 2005 - Centennial Park, 600
Nickerson Drive, Paso Robles 7:30 PM

Presidential Ramblings

The quest for a Field Day Chairperson was answered in triplicate! Bill WA5VGI, Clint K6YY and Tom N6BT are going to co-chair the event. Thank you gentlemen.

The Pot Luck was attended by about 30 people according to reports. I was not there after experiencing an extended senior moment and completely forgetting the event.

Bill W6PD a local ham has again donated some goodies from his shack to our club. We will auction them off at the March meeting. A couple of treasures I saw were a 1923 Radio Amateur's Handbook and a Kenwood AT-250 antenna tuner. There's more so come and take a look.

The March meeting is on the 7th. I hope to see you there.

73 de Roland WB6EZH

Meeting Minutes February, 2005

1930 HRS Meeting opened by the President

Announcements:

1. Potluck was discussed for Saturday Feb. 12 - 6 pm. Phone tree was activated. Thanks Joan N6VNQ and Jerry WB6ROW.
2. Tail gate breakfast has been changed from 17th of April to the 10th at Char W6ANB and Larry's W7CB place
3. Sharon KE6ODF reports the BBQ at Heilmann Park will be on May 14.
4. The Vice President AE6FL, Mike reported W6T has been secured for Field Day 2005.
5. Doug Major requested support for Boy Scouts Radio merit badge activities. John W6HD will coordinate visits to his shack as well as Mary's W6ROX and Bill's K6BWJ
6. March 7th is the next meeting.
7. Bill W6PD, donated radio stuff for sale at the meeting
8. Contact Bill K6BWJ if you can help on the Wildflower Bike event 30 April.
9. Funeral services of silent key Ken Grubb KE6JVN was attended by several members.
10. Minutes accepted by a wide majority for January.

Committee Reports:

1. Holiday Party rising cost were discussed and we voted to pay on our own rather than have a subsidy from the club for the 2005 Holiday Party. Dinners are expected to be in the \$35-\$40 range.
2. Field Day will be lead by the Terrific Trio of Clint K6YY, Bill WA5VGI and Tom. N6BT
3. Treasurer's Report --Jane KF6QHP-- Please Pay Your Dues. Be thinking of bringing new members into the club.

Presentation:

Bill Bailey, AE6EQ related his obsession and experience with bouncing RF off the moon. An excellent presentation. Next month?? Tune in.

Donated Items:

Bill W6PD again brought us goodies from his shack. We will auction them off at the March meeting. Included are a 1923 Radio Amateur's Handbook and a Kenwood AT-250 antenna tuner.

Meeting adjourned: 2110 hrs.

Respectively submitted,

Ron Massengill AB6FM
Secretary, PRARC

Treasurer's Report – Jane KF6QHP

Please pay your dues! The club exists for the benefit of, and with the financial support of its members.

--Jane Thornton, KF6QHP

Boy Scout Radio Merit Badge

On March 2nd, John W6HD, Mary W6ROX, and Mike AE6FL gave a presentation to a group of sixteen Paso Robles Boy Scouts. The visit included a tour of the Paso Robles EOC, viewing a short video about ham radio, and some actual operating experience at Radio Ranch (W6HD).

Thanks to the response of Bob N6ET, of Gardnerville, NV, all of the scouts had a QSO and will receive the Radio Merit Badge. It turns out that Bob is a former Boy Scoutmaster and he was able to engage the kids in the joy of amateur radio.



Mary W6ROX works to raise a QSO for the event.



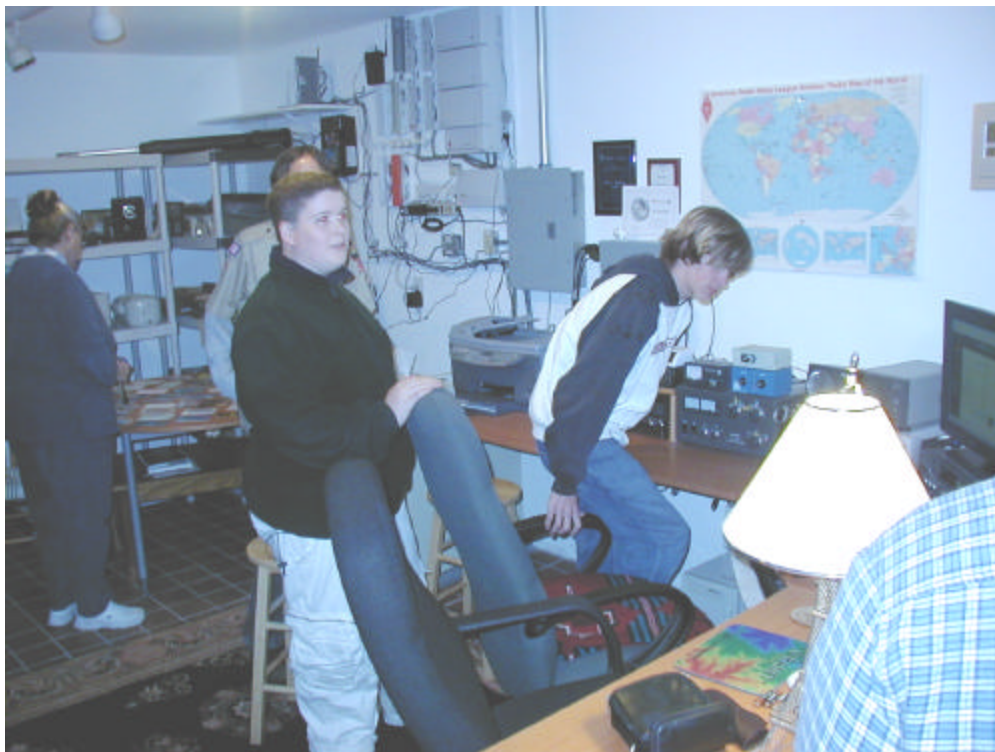
"You're five and nine. Good luck in the contest..."



"Worked 'em!"



"I think he's calling me..."



"I can do this..."



“Seventy-three Old Man...”

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

14 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

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