



Amateur Gazette

Paso Robles
Amateur Radio Club

W6LKF

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

President: Bill McFarlen, WA5VGI
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Secretary: Greg Porter, N6MOQ
Treasurer: Jane Thornton, KF6QHP
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Next Meeting: March 6, 2006 - Centennial Park, 600
Nickerson Drive, Paso Robles 7:30 PM

Meeting Presentation

The presentation will include a video of the Clipperton Island DXpedition that took place in 2000.

President's Corner:

No report since Bill is a little “under the wx”. –ed

73, Bill - WA5VGI
PRARC Acting President

February Meeting Minutes

February 06, 2006

Minutes of the Paso Robles Amateur Radio Club

19 Hams in attendance

Reminder: Potluck at Bethel Church, 3rd Street and Old County Road in
Templeton, at 1800, Feb 18 2006

The PRARC Tailgate party is scheduled for Apr 18 06.

We discussed the location for the Holiday party again. The Paso Robles Country Club is asking for \$300 for the rental of the room. This seems expensive. We made the reservation, but it needs to be discussed further. Alternate sites were discussed, topic tabled.

We discussed potential new meeting locations. Jeff checked into new Centennial room rates with the City of Paso Robles. The proposed rate increases are on temporary hold, but they are anticipated to drastically increase. Mike AE6FL checked into holding meeting at the EOC at the Paso Robles Public Service Center, they are open, but they have some security concerns.

The [School Club Roundup Contest](#) is in the middle of next week (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday). Mary W6ROX needs licensed hams to help at Kermit King Elementary School during school hours. Mary anticipates operating mostly 20M phone but CW is OK.

The club discussed and then agreed to renew our [World Radio](#) subscription. It costs \$65 a year for the club, but the club gets 8 subscriptions (retail value \$17) and members indicated they would buy them all. The price is \$15 donation to the club.

In the past the club has supported [Handi-Ham](#). The club agreed to support them again with a \$50 donation.

Jane KF6QHP gave her treasurer's report. Club dues are \$20 for individuals, and \$30 for families, due the first of each year.

The club signed cards for both Cliff K7RR, and Ron W6FM.

The club tabled the discussion of the 2006 calendar until next meeting.

The Club was then treated to a video of the DXpedition to the remote island of Kerguelen.

Submitted respectfully,
Greg Porter, N6MOQ, Secretary

Treasurer's Report



Treasurer's Report
Jane KF6QHP

The bank balance stands at \$962.70. We have an accrued donation from the PG&E siren test that has not yet been received.

If you haven't done so, please pay your dues. March meeting is the last call for dues.

School Club Roundup 2006 – N6KKS

By John W6HD

Mary W6ROX organized the local School Club Roundup activity for this year. Mary is a teacher at Kermit King School, and trustee of N6KKS, the Kermit King Elementary School amateur radio station. Last year, Kermit King School won top place in the contest and Paso Robles High School won in their class. This year, trouble with logs and bad band conditions made the total score much lower. Next year, we need to regain the title!

Special thanks to Tom N6BT for providing the antenna system and all radio equipment, including a solid state linear amplifier! We were heard!

Thanks also to John N6FVY who braved the cold for a full day, and to Bill WA5VGI. John W6HD facilitated a call from Finland, spotted the operation on DX Summit, and took these photos.



Tom N6BT provides encouragement and coaching.



Bill WA5VGI helps with the phonetics.





Bill asks "Who wants to call "CQ"?" (really)





John N6FVY keeps log as Mary W6ROX tries to raise a QSO.



None of these kids were at all microphone shy.



“November Six Kilo Kilo Sierra, School Club Roundup...”



The equipment provided by Tom N6BT was “home station class”.

Editor's Note – John, W6HD

This is a solicitation for articles for the *PRARC Amateur Gazette*. The club has members who are unable to attend every meeting and rely on the Gazette to keep them informed about local ham club activities. If you have any input for the newsletter, please send it to me no later than the Thursday prior to the meeting. I'd like to send the Gazette on the Friday prior to the meeting, or sooner.

Thanks to Harry W6NKT, Chris KD6DSI, and Tom WB6VSQ for their generous contributions above the normal dues.

Harry W6NKT sends his regrets that he is unable to make the meetings because he lacks transportation. Any members from Morro Bay who can help bring Harry back to the meetings? We miss Harry, too!

From Cliff, K7RR: Hi all, this is another opportunity to get your ham license. For those nearly qualified and needing only a review, CUBESAT crew is more than willing to help you and themselves as well. If you have trouble accessing the ATL (Advanced Technology Lab call: 756 5087 Cliff K7RR

From Ron Porat: I have moved from Paso to British Columbia (Gabriola Island), and can no longer participate in the club. I really appreciated the friendly and educational Paso club, and wish you all the best. Thanks, Ron Porat

From Bill K6BWJ: Death Notice in the Atascadero News - Neil Taylor, W6MUS, 83, of Atascadero passed away on February 27, 2006. Arrangements are pending with the Chapel of Roses.

Neil's wife Allene predeceased him in death by several years. They were both active members of the Paso Robles Amateur Radio Club for many years. He enjoyed working with the field day operations and was an excellent operator. They had many friends.

POT LUCK DINNER – Bill K6BWJ

The Pot Luck Dinner was held again this year at the Bethel Lutheran Church in Templeton. The turnout was a little small this year but it was just as exciting and friendly as ever. 26 people were in attendance and there was a short piano entertainment from Sarah (Evan N6BXL and Mary's W6ROX daughter).

It is a great way for everyone to have a lot of real friendly chit chat. The food as usual consisted of a lot of delicious surprises. Bill WA5VGI should have gotten a prize for bringing his own creation that was very popular and went very fast. Lots of deserts of course.

Thanks especially to Bill AA6CT for making the location available.

CALENDAR

Paso Robles Amateur Radio Club
2006

We are missing a lot of the dates for club activities for the year. Please provide the editor with dates.

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
18 Tailgate Breakfast – Larry and Char Miller
? Visalia DX Convention
? Wildflower Bike Ride – Bill Palmerston

May

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

June

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

July

3 7:30PM Club Meeting

August

7 7:30PM Club Meeting
? Siren TeSt / 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
<u>November</u>		
6	7:30PM	Club Meeting - Election of Officers for 2006
<u>December</u>		
?		Holiday Party