



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

November 2004

President: Roland Hinkle, WB6EZH
Vice President: Mike Barry, AE6FL
Secretary: Evan Mason, N6BXL
Treasurer: Jane Thornton, KF6QHP
Newsletter: John Thornton, WM6R

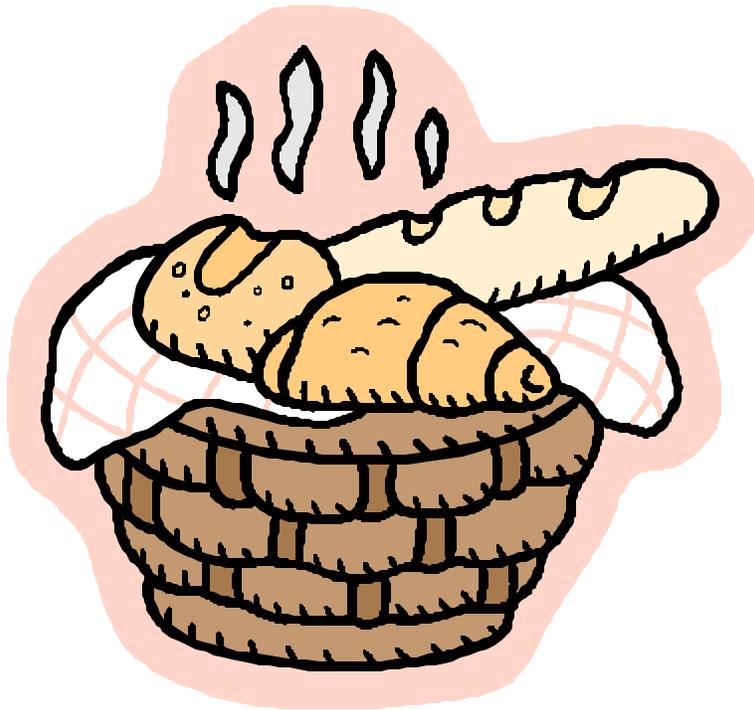
- **Ladies Luncheon**
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Next Meeting: November 1, 2004 - Centennial Park, 600
Nickerson Drive, Paso Robles 7:30 PM

Ladies Luncheon

**Saturday, December 11 – Joan Palmerston will be your
hostess**

Joan is providing the meal - RSVP



Meeting Presentation for November:

Amateur Radio Direction Finding

By

Sam Vigil WA6NGH

ARDF, Amateur Radio Direction Finding, is an international competitive version of T-Hunting. It is a timed event, performed on foot with hand held receivers and antennas. Receivers, antennas, training, and competition will be discussed. Project Lifesaver, a new radio tracking system for Alzheimer's patients will also be discussed and demonstrated.

Sam Vigil, WA6NGH, was first licensed as a Novice in 1961. His first rig was a Knight-Kit Receiver and 50W CW transceiver. He joined the Navy Reserve in 1966 and served 3 years as a Cryptologic Technician Third Class and then 4 years active duty as a Cryptologic Officer in Washington, DC and Puerto Rico. He served an additional 22 years in the Naval Reserve and retired as a Commander in 1995. He is active on 40 M SSB and 2M VHF. His rigs include a Collins KWM-1 and an ICOM 706 MKII. He is also interested in ARDF and was a participant in the 2004 US ARDF Championship. He has written ten ham radio articles for CQ, CQ VHF, QST, and World Radio magazines. In "real life" he is a Professor of Environmental Engineering at Cal Poly. He is also a member of the San Luis Obispo County Sheriff Search and Rescue Unit and is certified as an Emergency Medical Technician.

Presidential Ramblings

The Holiday Party is almost upon us. If you haven't heard, it will be on December 12th at the Paso Robles Inn. The November meeting will be our last chance to discuss the party so plan to attend. Jane KF6QHP is our chairperson and may be asking for your help – please volunteer if you can.

The nominating committee for next year's officers got off the hook as they only had to find a candidate for secretary. Ron AB6FM has stepped up to the plate for us. We now have a slate of officers for next year but it would be really cool to have an actual election. If you are interested in running for one of the prestigious club offices please let the committee (Clint K6YY, Mary W6ROX or me) know. Acceptance of the slate of officers (or election?) will be at the November meeting and installation of new officer(s) will take place at the Holiday Party.

The November meeting is on the 1st. The presentation will be on radio direction finding in ham, military and search & rescue by Sam Vigil WA6NGH.

See you on the 1st!

73 de Roland WB6EZH

Meeting Minutes October 4, 2004

The meeting was called to order by President Roland Hinkle WB6EZH at exactly 7:31 P.M.

Introductions were made of all 13 folks in attendance.

Announcements:

Pioneer Day October 9th Bill Sundis still needs 2 more volunteers to cover the parade. Check in will be at 9:00 a.m. on 146.52 simplex.

Colony Days Oct 16. Pill Palmerston reports that all is set up and ready.

Mary Mason reported that **Kermit King School** is planning to set up a station and she hopes to have kids participating in the School Club Roundup this year.

JOTA George KG6UVM reports that the scout units have not responded as of this meeting. JOTA will be on October 16th and 17th.

VE Session An exam session is scheduled for October 23rd at the Presbyterian Church in Templeton (610 Main Street) starting at 10 a.m.

ARES Net An Ares net meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 2030 hours on 3.911

Heliac Cable Mike, AE6FL, has recently purchased a quantity of both 1/2 and 7/8 inch Heliac. He will make some lengths available for reasonable purchase in the near future.

Election of Officers A nominating committee is being formed and hopefully the election of officers will take place at the November meeting.

DX Report Larry Miller reported that 80m long path has opened and he has made contacts in South Africa and England

Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes from the last meeting were approved as corrected. The name of the speaker was Pete, WA6DFU.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report was included in the bulletin and showed a balance of \$1,146.00

Xmas Dinner The dinner will be held on December 12th, at the Paso Robles Inn. The cost is \$25 per person, which includes a choice of three meals, Prime Rib, Chicken or Salmon. The cost includes the room.

Sort of Old Business

Club Trailer Mike AE6FL has a check for \$108.00 for trailer fees and hopes to have it registered soon.

Field Day Submission Tom is still working on it.

Fund Raiser ebay Heathkit auctions The auctions will start tonight.

Fish Fry Jerry AB6BO has graciously volunteered his abode for next years (2005) event.

Program

Mike, AE6FL, presented an interesting video on Emergency Operations Centers.

Next Meeting is November 1st, 2004

Respectfully submitted,

N6BXL

Treasurer's Report – Jane KF6QHP

As of October 18th (the latest statement received) the balance is: \$1037.86.

“CQ Contest...”

November	6 - 8	ARRL November Sweepstakes (CW)	Rules
	20 - 22	ARRL November Sweepstakes (Phone)	Rules
December	3 - 5	ARRL 160 Meter Contest	Rules
	4 - 5	ARRL International EME Competition	Rules
	11 - 12	ARRL 10 Meter Contest	Rules

Following is a forwarded message from ARRL Field & Educational Services:

Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Course Registration

Registration for the ARRL Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Level I on-line course (EC-001) opens Monday, November 1, at 12:01 AM EST and will remain open through the November 6-7 weekend or until all available seats have been filled--whichever comes first. Class begins Friday, November 26.

Thanks to our grant sponsors--the Corporation for National and Community Service and the United Technologies Corporation--the \$45 registration fee paid upon enrollment will be reimbursed after successful completion of the course.

During this registration period, seats are being offered to ARRL members on a first-come, first-served basis. To learn more, visit the ARRL Certification and Continuing Education Web page <<http://www.arrl.org/cce>>. For more information, contact Emergency Communications Course Manager Dan Miller, K3UFG, 860-594-0340 or send your query to cce@arrl.org.

PRARC CALENDAR 2004

January

5 7:30PM Club Meeting (cancelled)

February

2 7:30PM Club Meeting

21 5:00PM Pot Luck –Bethel Lutheran Church

March

1 7:30PM Club Meeting

27 Ladies Luncheon –Berna Dallons RSVP 995-3052

April

5 7:30PM Club Meeting

18 8:30AM Tailgate Breakfast – Larry and Char Miller

24 Wildflower bike ride – Bill Palmerston

23-25 Visalia DX Convention

May

3 7:30PM Club Meeting

8 Armed Forces Day

15 Wine Festival bike ride – Bill Sundius

23 12:30PM BBQ – Sharon George Heilmann Regional Park, Atascadero

26 7:30PM SLOECC Meeting in North County

June

5 Ladies Luncheon – Jane Thornton RSVP 226-9990

7 7:30PM Club Meeting

20 AM Santa Maria Swap Meet (Father's Day)

25-27 Field Day – Dave Martin, et al.

July

12 7:30PM Club Meeting

August

2 7:30PM Club Meeting

7 Noon Ladies Luncheon at Anne Miranda's RSVP 772-9504

21 Siren TeSt / BBQ

27-28 ARRL Southwestern Division Convention in Phoenix

September

13 7:30PM Club Meeting

25 Fish Fry

October

4 7:30PM Club Meeting

9 Pioneer Day – Bill Sundius

16 Colony Day – Bill Palmerston K6BWJ

15-17 ARRL Pacific Division Conference (Pacificon) in San Ramon

23 Ladies Luncheon – Char Miller

November

1 7:30PM Club Meeting - Election of Officers for 2005

December

11 Ladies Luncheon – Joan Palmerston

12 Holiday Party at the Paso Robles Inn

