



Amateur Gazette

Paso Robles  
Amateur Radio Club

# Paso Robles ARC

## W6LKF

### April 6, 2009 Minutes

#### **Special Interest Dates:**

- DX Convention  
April 17-19<sup>th</sup>  
Visalia, CA
- Tailgate  
April 25<sup>th</sup>
- Wild Flower  
Triathlon  
May 2-3<sup>rd</sup>
- ARRL VHF  
QSO Party  
June 13 -14<sup>th</sup>
- Field Day  
June 26 -28<sup>th</sup>
- ARRL  
Southwestern  
Division  
Convention  
Aug 15 -16<sup>th</sup>

#### **Ham Fests & Swap Meets**

De Anza College  
Ham Swap  
2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of  
each month  
Cupertino

Santa Maria  
Fathers Day Ham  
Swap June 20<sup>th</sup>

TRW Swap Meet  
Last Saturday of  
each month.  
Los Angeles

**Call to Order** The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by President, Mike Kelley K6AJ. Introductions were completed with a total of 13 members and 3 three guests present. Minutes were approved as written

**Treasurers Report.** Ron Patterson W6FM reports the account is unchanged since last month. Outstanding payments are for last month's mailed Newsletter.

**Tailgate Breakfast** begins at 9:00 AM with breakfast beginning at 10:00 AM. Larry W7CB passed around a sign up sheet and requested members to bring either OJ, eggs or a fruit plate. If you were not at the meeting and are planning to attend please contact Char. Talk-in will be on 146.980 and you need to remember the gate code 2427 to get in

**PG&E Siren Test** There was additional discussion this month regarding the need that our group needs to become a member of VOAD to participate in this year's siren test. Concerns expressed included the requirement for setting up a budget to determine how funds can be dispersed. Previously PG& E allowed through a donation process for our club to receive funding for our volunteer work. In the scenario with VOAD we would be paid for providing a minimum of 10 members to monitor the sirens. The next concern express is the fact it is against the rules for hams to accept pay for their work. There was a motion to table any further discussion until next year. Ron Patterson said he would contact SLOECC and other clubs to voice our concerns.

**WEBSITE** Joel Kaye requests that if anyone has club photos they would like on the website, send them in. We have plenty of room. Check it out at [www.pasoroblesarc.org](http://www.pasoroblesarc.org) .

**Field Day Report** Everything appears to be progressing well. There was additional discussion regarding setting up a test session and having enough VEs available. It appears we will have test session. There was also confirmation that Bill Miller will cook!

**ARRL VHF QSO Party** is scheduled for June 13-14<sup>th</sup>. Ron indicates he will be active from his residence and will be working 146.550.



### **The Prez Sez:**

Well it is hard to believe we are already in April! We are fast approaching Field Day and I hope everyone is excited!

I have been looking over the old club scrap books and the majority of the photos are from past field days. It is great to see so many familiar faces! I personally did not become active with the club until 1999. I received my Technician license in 1989 at a test session put on by the Paso Robles Club while attending Cal Poly. I remember Bill and Joan Palmerston from those days and was pleasantly surprised to find a picture of Joan Palmerston, myself and several others in a picture entitled "New Techs".

Another interesting page in the scrap books is a copy of the April 1938 QST "Station Activities" column (Pg. 89). Under the Southwestern Division, Los Angeles, it is stated that "The Paso Robles Radio Club was recently organized with OND, pres.; MYI, vice- pres.; FYW, secy.-treas.; LKF chairman, and DWW, technical advisor." (add W6 to the three letter suffixes.) W6LKF was John Derby and now the Club Call Sign. John Derby owned Derby's Radio Shop at 827 13<sup>th</sup> St. Paso Robles. A 1948 December QST "Station Activities" Column states "LKF has gone deer hunting in Nevada and promised the Paso Robles gang a venison barbecue when he returns."

There are lots of interesting pictures of field day in the hills above Paso Robles. From the pictures you can see that the club did not hold back when it came to setting up big stations! I hope to get the pictures sorted out and scanned little by little for the web site in the coming months.

As Larry Miller reported at the April meeting, 40 meters is wide open as the international short wave broadcasts have finally left the band. Fire up that HF rig and dust off that Key!

The 60<sup>th</sup> Annual DX Convention in Visalia, CA is this weekend and I will be attending for the first time. Bill, WA5VGI and Larry, W7CB, seasoned veterans of this event, will also be attending. I will have lots to report when I get back. Until then,

73,

Your Prez,

Mike Kelley, K6AJ

## **Evening Program**

The presentation this evening was provided by Jan of the Red Cross. Jan originally joined the Red Cross to assist in disaster situations and spent 6 weeks in New Orleans dealing with the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. She participates in the Red Cross Speakers Program and makes presentations on emergency preparedness. Jan provided handouts and spoke of preparing an emergency jump bag that an individual can grab and go in the event of an emergency. She talked about specific items needed for individuals to exist until the event returns to normal. This was an excellent presentation.

## **Here's your update on major items of interest to us in the ARRL Southwestern Division**

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### **2009 Southwestern Division Convention in Santa Barbara**

The Santa Barbara Radio Club has agreed to host the 2009 Southwestern Division Convention at Santa Barbara's Earl Warren Showgrounds on Saturday, August 15 and Sunday, August 16. Save the dates. As is the case with the Dayton Hamvention, there is no hotel at the convention facility, but adequate parking will be available.

The convention is a significant expansion of the successful Santa Barbara Hamfest. A new indoor facility has been procured. Information concerning registration, costs, exhibitors, and speakers will be released as it becomes available.

### **WB6X Palmdale Antenna Litigation Status**

On March 9, the judge's order was served on the city of Palmdale. The text of the ruling will be released after expiration of Palmdale's 45 day appeal period.

According to Volunteer Counsel Leonard Shaffer WA6QHD, who served as Zubarau's counsel pro bono, the ruling contained some very beneficial language that will very likely be helpful to other hams in Los Angeles County.

In his order, Judge David Yaffe referred to the city's withdrawal of Zubarau's validly issued tower permit after he had already removed his antenna as an abuse of discretion. One hopes that the city will think twice in the future about using such tactics as the threat of large fines to force compliance with an order based on unsubstantiated findings. He further found that the city's decision to eliminate the tower violates the express requirements of California's PRB-1 equivalent statute, which was enacted in 2003 but had yet to be used in a court case.

The court also found that unsubstantiated complaints by neighbors and anecdotal reports of transmissions interfering with other electrical equipment or posing health and safety concerns did not constitute substantial evidence. Finally, and perhaps most important, the ruling states that a local ordinance requiring that Amateur antennas be compatible with the surrounding neighborhood with respect to visual and other impacts is void because it may not constitute the minimum

practicable regulation as required under the state statute. While falling just short of invalidating Palmdale's current antenna ordinance, this language ought to put a damper on the city's Draconian proposed zoning ordinance amendment and its extreme limitations on Amateur Radio antennas.

### **Visalia International DX Convention**

The 60th Annual International DX Convention will be held April 17-19, 2009 at the Holiday Inn, Visalia, CA. The convention features talks on DXing and technical topics of interest to DXers as well as forums relating to DXing and contesting.

Reduced cost pre-registration ends March 20th. More information and registration forms are at <http://dxconvention.org/>

### **ARRL Policies**

Vice Director Marty Woll, N6VI, and I both welcome opportunities to address your radio clubs about ARRL national issues, and welcome your inputs regarding ARRL policies.

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## **Paso Robles Amateur Radio Club 10 Years Ago**

The meeting was called to order on April 5<sup>th</sup>, 1999 with 22 members and 2 guests present. Bill Palmerston our Treasurer reported there was \$2056.00 in our account. The Activities Report included a Ladies Lunch of Taco Salad at Joan Palmerston's house, a Bicycle Run with assistance from Cal Poly students and a Horse and Burro Event???. Upcoming events included the Wildflower Bike Run and "Cookie Run". Ken Grubb was making arrangements to secure the Fairgrounds for Field Day. Not a lot of new business other than members that were ill. This included Verne Moore and Bert and Isabel Lary. Isabel died later that same month. An evening program on Packet was presented by Dr. Richard Dickey.

*Respectively Submitted,*

Jeff Joynt N6BST

**Next Meeting is May 4<sup>th</sup> at Centennial Park 7:00 PM**