



Amateur Gazette

Paso Robles
Amateur Radio Club

**Special Interest
Dates:**

- Feb 20th
Annual Potluck
Bethel Lutheran
Church
- April 10th
Annual Tailgate
Breakfast
- April 24th
Wildfire Century
Bike Race –
Creston
- May 1st
AVIA Wildfire
Triathlon
- May 8th
Central Coast
Double
- June 25-27th
Field Day
- Jul 26th-Aug 4th
Boy Scout
Jamboree
- Oct 18-22nd
School Club
Roundup

**Ham Fests &
Swap Meets**

Paso Robles ARC

W6LKF

February 1st, 2010 Minutes

Call to Order The meeting was called to order by President Mike Kelley K6AJ at 1920 hours. Our regular meeting location was unavailable this month so we are meeting at the Estrella War Bird Museum. This was arranged by Mike and Ron Brooks W6QUI, There were 21 members in attendance and introductions were completed. There was a motion to approve the minutes on the January meeting as listed in the Newsletter. Motion was approved.

Treasurers Report Ron Patterson W6FM reports there is \$3572.09 in the checking account and \$42.05 in petty cash. I appears as though about 95% of members are paid up. Good Job! Dues are Due! \$20.00 per individual membership and \$30.00 for a family.

New Business

Prez Mike gave us a brief history on the museum. He and Ron have looked into the possibility of making this our new meeting location. Mike went on to explain all the benefits which actually includes an area where we could setup our equipment. Antennas too. This would be part of the old military radios displayed at the museum. The cost would be \$20.00 per month as opposed to the \$10.00 we are spending at Centennial Park. This looked to me as a golden opportunity to have a place for the Paso Robles Amateur Radio Club to call home. After a brief discussion a motion was made to change our meeting location. Motion approved. Bill Sundius AA6CT will seek a refund for a deposit from Centennial Park.



Business cont.

POTLUCK

WHO: Member, friends and family
WHERE: Bethel Lutheran Church in Templeton – same as every year
WHEN: Saturday February 20th, 2010
Meet and greet at 5:00 – Dinner at 6:00 PM
WHAT TO BRING: Either a main dish, salad or dessert. Share some wine

Motion to donate \$50.00 to the church for allowing us to use their facility. Motion approved.

School Club Roundup Mary Mason W6ROX reports the School Club Roundup will be held next week. By the time you read this it will likely be over. Members in attendance reported they would be able to assist including Tom, N6BT who will be providing an antenna. A posting will be made through email to let members know. Those that can assist contact Mary.

Field Day Report Field Day Chairman Mike reports things are progressing and there has even been discussion about holding Field Day in that area of the War Birds Museum. More to follow at the next meeting.

Special Events Station Discussion on perhaps setting up a Special Events Station that would coincide with another event in the community. Nothing set in stone yet but the discussion will continue.

Tailgate Breakfast As reported in the last meeting the Masons have agreed to host the Tailgate breakfast this year. It will be held on April 10th. More information will follow in the March meeting.

Winter Storms Seems a few of our members took a beating in the last series of storms that went through our area. John and Jane Thornton report the wind bent one of their antennas in half and John and Berna Dallons took a lightning strike to their hill top home on Hwy 46. It completely shattered a fiberglass antenna, knocked out all the electrical and phone lines, blew a hole in a buried water pipe and took out three TVs.

A very short w6nkt autobiography.

In 1936 in Camp Verde, Arizona I bought a Hallicrafters multiband radio receiver. With it I heard a local radio amateur. I contacted him and with his aid I obtained w6nkt. Next, in Placerville, California I had a 275 foot long wire end fed zepp for an antenna. I bought an RME receiver and an 80 watt (am-cw) transmitter. I felt that the power was too low for me so I built a 600 watt (am-cw) transmitter.

In 1942 I started teaching at Cal Poly SLO and there later - along with Gerry Peterson - started W6 BHZ - the present Csl Poly amateur station.

In 1994 we built a new house on our 25 foot lot in Morro Bay and moved there. We had owned this property since 1946. With my 200 watt transceiver and antenna wrapped around my house I have worked the world and at my age of 101 years I am on the air every day.

73,
Harry, w6nkt



President's Report

The Prez Sez:

Once again, thanks everybody for a great turn out at the February club meeting. It was great to see everyone excited about our new location. Meeting at the Estrella Warbirds Museum is a great new chapter for the club and I believe it will open many new and exciting opportunities.

The Estrella Warbirds Museum has over 450 paid members, and is dedicated to the restoration and preservation of military aircraft, vehicles, memorabilia and the history of those who flew and worked on military aircraft. The museum houses a variety of airplanes, vehicles, armament, and artifacts from WWII to the modern era. There is also a classic race car museum put together by the Woodland family.

Radio has played a major roll in our military's history and Ron Brooks and myself have been gradually assembling a working radio display using both Military and amateur radio gear. We were very fortunate to receive numerous pieces of WWII era equipment from the Bower family to start the display. The Paso Robles Amateur Radio Club will eventually play an integral role in operating the display for the public. Stay tuned for updates on the status of the display!

I would like to thank John Dallons for his gracious donation of his VHF repeater system to the club. 146.980/146.880 machines have been a standard in Paso Robles for many years. Our area is heavy with repeaters and very light on hams. Dig out that VHF or UHF rig and operate, if only as you commute to work. Another plus is

the cell phone hands free laws don't apply! I just set up a recently licensed friend in San Luis Obispo with a VHF mobile rig and got him to finally break the ice and get on the air. I am able to keep in touch with him, through repeaters, all the way to the north of King City. He is well on his way and is studying for his General Class to gain HF privileges. Trade in that cell phone for a microphone and a good old fashioned analog QSO for short time each day!

I hope to see everyone at the annual potluck at the Lutheran Church in Templeton on February 20th, 2010. The last two have been really good and I expect this one to be great as well!

As always, if you need some help with an antenna project or station set up; don't be afraid to ask for help. The club membership includes a wide variety of expertise to draw from. Keep the bands alive, get on the air!

73,

Your Prez,

Mike Kelley, K6AJ

Congratulations to Jon Root KG6NXX and Shane Faulkenberry KI6QFI



Both have successfully passed their General License Exam

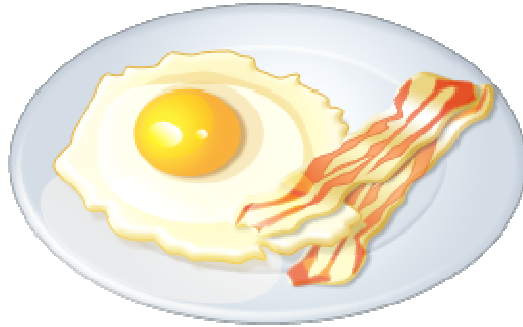
The business part of the meeting was short but we accomplished a lot and then were treated to a tour of the museum.





Be sure and visit the club website at www.pasoroblesarc.org

The weekly breakfasts are held every Sunday at Carrows Restaurant 7300 El Camino Real,



Atascadero, CA 8:30 am.

Respectively Submitted,
Jeff Joynt N6BST