
HAMateur Gazette

The Newsletter of The
Paso Robles Amateur Radio Club

W6LKF

Meeting Date: First Monday Each Month

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January 28, 2002

Next Meeting: February 4th, 2002 Centennial Park, Paso Robles
7:30 PM

President: Bill Mcfarlen, WA5VGI

Vice President: Tim Haueter, W6NS

Secretary: Mike Kelley, K6AJ

Treasurer: Bill Palmertson, K6BWJ

This Month:

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- Welcome, to the first "electronic" edition of the "HAMateur Gazette". I hope that this transition goes smoothly and I invite anyone to submit an article to be published here.
- The Newsletter is also available online at: <http://force12inc.com/F12-CLUB-PRARC.htm> Tom Schiller has graciously spared some space on his Force 12 site. He has also listed several club newsletters from other clubs at this link : <http://force12inc.com/F12-NEWS-CLUBS.htm>

- Minutes of January 7, 2002 meeting as submitted by Mike Kelley, K6AJ, Secretary

The meeting was called to order by President, Bill Mcfarlen, WA5VGI at 1930 hrs

The yearly events were outlined. These included: field day, a BBQ in May, the tailgate in April, fish fry in September, Luau in August, Potluck in February and the Christmas Party in December. Other events included the siren test, Pioneer days, the wine festival, and a couple of bike rides in the spring. More discussion was decided to plan some events in future meetings.

Bill Palmertson asked for a motion to pay the club insurance bill of \$259. Gerry Bower made the motion and Bill palmertson seconded it. The motion was voted on and passed.

Bill Palmertson then made a suggestion to change the dues structure of the club. After a lengthy discussion it was decide that Bill should draw up an official proposal to be discussed at the next meeting.

The new format was discussed for the newsletter and it was suggested that we go forward with an electronic editon.

The March meeting will be devoted to field day planning.

Bob Alberti asked for help with the Grape Crush Soccer tourney.

Marvin bassi made an announcement about the Handi Ham convention.

Dave Martin donated a book on survival communications to the winner of the drawing.

The Bakewells won the drawing.

Mike Kelley shared an article about Tom Schiller's trip to Jamaica for the CQWW contest.

Tom told of his great experiences with the K2 QRP transceiver in Jamaica.

Bill Mcfarlen played a tape of his lonpath DX QSO.

Bill Mcfarlen dismissed the meeting at 2105 hrs.

- The President's Corner by Bill Mcfarlen, WA5VGI

Can't believe it is almost February of the new year as I write my first column as president of the PRARC. My goal for this year is simple: to continue the club legacy of having fun social events and providing amateur radio support to the local community. In addition I want to encourage our members to keep "radio acitve". The beauty of amateur radio is that there are so many interesting facets to the hobby. From satellite communication to SSTV. >From UHF to LF comunication. From SSB & PSK to old fashioned CW. Lots to do out there. I encourage all club members to get on the air and enjoy this wonderful hobby. Even if time is short make a few QSOs a week

just to keep your feet wet. Also, if there are any club members who are not on the air because 1) their antenna is broken, 2) the rig isn't working, 3) RFI problems, please let us know. There is plenty of talent in this club and muscle to get anyone's station working and we will be glad to help.

Next month we will put together a calender of the year's events. In addition as mentioned at the January meeting we will have the barbecue again in San Miguel and also the luau at a location to be determined. As always these events require volunteers to make them happen so lets make sure that more than just a few people carry the load.

In March we will be laying out the plans for Field Day. Having participated in Field Day for the past 5 years it has been fun to see the improvements made in terms of operating equipment, band capability and antennas. In turn this has manifested itself by a yearly increase in operator participation. And operator participation is what Field Day is all about in my opinion. Lets plan to make this year's Field Day event the best ever.

We are all aware that the ranks of our hobby are getting older every year. So when we see a newcomer or youngster interested in our hobby lets give him/her all of the encouragement we can to join our ranks.

Remember this club is your club. Bring your suggestions and comments to our monthly meetings and lets discuss them. Or if your prefer let me know by land line or e-mail.

Looking forward to a great year.

73, Bill - WA5VGI

- Upcoming Events
- The highlight of the PRARC February meeting will be a video of the March 2000 Dxpedition to Clipperton Island off of the coast of Chile. The video is in stereo and of high quality. This island has an interesting history of shipwreck and piracy. It is a remote and seldom visited island approximately 1000 miles off the west coast of Chile. As usual friends and visitors welcome.

- February 23rd Potluck at 6pm at the Lutheran Church in Templeton. Planning at

the next meeting.

- Ladies Lunch February 16th at Darla Clark's
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