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Paso Robles Amateur Radio Club

W6LKF

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**Next Meeting: July 1, 2002 Centennial Park, Paso
Robles 7:30 PM**

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Secretary: Mike Kelley, K6AJ

Treasurer: Bill Palmertson, K6BWJ

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 - <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>
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Minutes from June

**The meeting was called to order at 1930 hrs by president Bill
Mc Farlen.**

Preparations for Field Day 2002 were discussed.

A video of the Bhatan Dxpedition was shown.

The meeting was closed at 21:00

Submitted by Mike Kelley, Secretary

• **PRESIDENT'S CORNER:**

Wow!- what a great Field Day operation the club put on. We had beautiful weather, great stations, super antennas, lots of operators, marvelous food and most of all lots of club members stopping by to either try their hand at operating or chatting with fellow club members. I would personally like to thank all of those who gave their time and effort in making this year's Field Day a roaring success. I don't want to steal Larry Miller's (W7CB) thunder but making over 2900 QSOs is an outstanding achievement. Also, congratulations to the GOTA (Get On The Air) station operators for exceeding their goal of 400 QSOs. Larry will be giving you all of the details at our next club meeting. We learned a few more things this year in setting up and operating Field Day and will incorporate those "lessons learned" when we plan next year's effort. I do have to single out Bob Miller who once again provided our breakfasts, lunches and dinner. Bob you are a Chef supreme!!

I will be missing the July meeting as it is our time for summer vacation. Linda and I will be visiting friends and relatives in PA, CT, NY and Michigan. I am making a trip to ARRL to turn in some old DX QSL cards so that I can make the DXCC

Honor Roll. I have always been wary of mailing these cards so am taking our trip to CT as an opportunity to drop them off at the ARRL headquarters. If time permits I may try a hand at operating the headquarters' station W1AW as well.

Folks we still have a number of members who have not paid their club dues. Please get your check or cash to Bill Palmertson ASAP.

Look forward to seeing everyone again in August. I plan to bring along a video on packet radio to the August meeting. Think you will find it interesting. Til then have a great July. See you next month.

73, Bill - WA5VGI
President PRARC

- **DX News:**

Summer doldrums?? Maybe not. The summer months are typically slow for DXing from the west coast. Propagation is not the best, noise levels are up, the low bands (160-40) are tough due to the high absorption levels and activity is less. But

there is DX to be found. A lot of success can be obtained by using the old fashioned method of DXing. And that is tuning and listening. Despite being busy with lots of outdoor work and Field day weekend the following stations were worked during the month of June: BV9P(Pratas Is.), CY9DH(St. Paul Is.), EK3SA(Armenia), S21AR(Bangladesh), S9SS(Sao Tome & Principe), VU2OWY(India), XW1LLR(Laos), ZA/Z35M(Albania), and ZD9IR(Tristan da Cunha & Gough Is.). There were a few good openings into Europe on 15 meters but they were far and few between due to high "k" levels.

Activity on the WARC bands seems to be picking up. There have been some good openings into Asia on 30 meters and openings into Europe on 17 and 12 meters.

I am sometimes amazed at how many packet spots are posted incorrectly. If you use packet (and most of us do) make sure to verify the DX call before you log it. I corrected a fellow's post last week and he became very miffed that I had done so. But my point is why have incorrect information showing. Also make sure when you post DX that you have the call/frequency correct. If you make a mistake simply re-post it with the correction.

We will be on vacation the next 3 weeks. I'll miss perusing the bands but welcome the change and a chance to see my grandchildren (the latest boy, Parker James I have not seen yet). Remember keep tuning and checking the bands; you never know what you might find. Good luck.

73, Bill - WA5VGI
