



Amateur Gazette

The Newsletter of The
Paso Robles Amateur Radio Club

W6LKF

Meeting Date: First Monday each month (except December)

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July 2004

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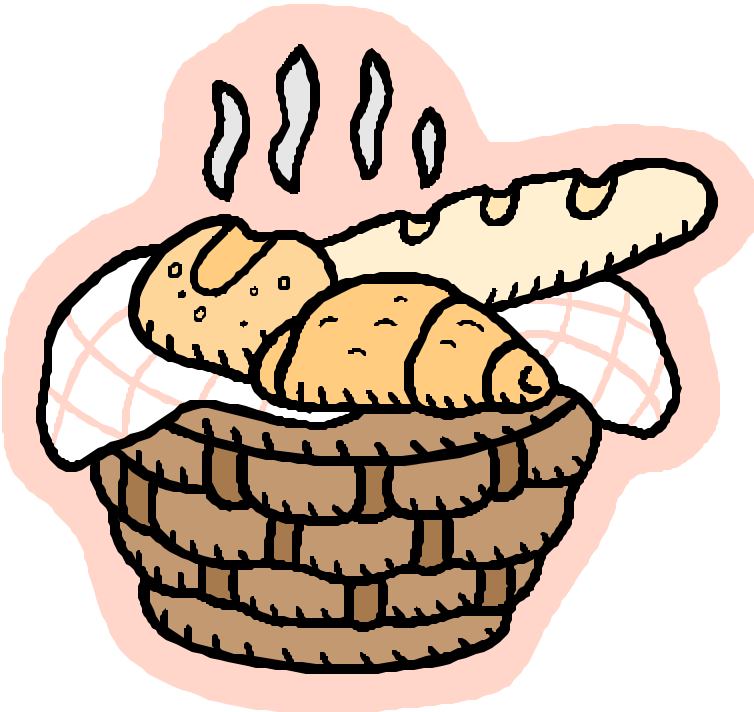
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Next Meeting: July 12, 2004 - Centennial Park, 600
Nickerson Drive, Paso Robles 7:30 PM

Ladies Luncheon at Anne Miranda's

Saturday, August 7th at Noon

**1324 Berwick Drive, Morro Bay
RSVP 772-9504 or anne.miranda@juno.com**



Our meeting presentation this month will be slides of a visit by John WM6R and Jane KF6QHP to KPH, a commercial radiotelegraph station in Bolinas that is being restored as an operating demonstration exhibit.

Monday night, July 12 is also the Fifth annual "Night of Nights" commemoration of the last day of commercial Morse operation in USA.

Stations will be on-the-air starting at 1701 local/0001Z (July 13) on 426/500 KHz, 4247 KHz, 6477.5 KHz, 8642 KHz, 12808.5 KHz, 17016.8 KHz and 22477.5 kHz.

Ops will be at Point Reyes from before 3pm until about 9 or 10pm, followed by press, weather and special commemorative messages sent from Bolinas.

If the operators get another antenna repaired, they hope to have the KFS PW-15 transmitter on 12695.5 KHz as well.

Next month, we'd like to hear a full report from all club members who were able to hear any transmissions (of course, before or after the club meeting)!

Presidential Ramblings

Well, we made it into the second half of the year. Field Day is behind us but not forgotten. Dave WA6TYJ and his lieutenants certainly brought it together well. With Jeff K3COP cracking the whip, I don't think we missed many of the "extra points". It will be interesting to see how we place this year. If you weren't there, the weather was great and the facilities good as well. Bob K6DXU was knee deep in the food as always and too many people helped with the cooking, shopping, planning, etc. for me to remember. Good job everybody!

It looks like have a short get a break to get our waistlines back to what serves for normal. The reinstated Fish Fry is coming up in September after which we coast in to the Holiday Party. The long awaited news is that we now have a firm date and location. Mike AE6FL has secured the Paso Robles Inn for us on December 12.

The July meeting is on the 12th. I hope to see you there. The presentation will be by our own newsletter editor, John WM6R and Jane KF6QHP. They'll be sharing with us their recent visit to KPH, an old commercial maritime HF station.

73 de Roland, WB6EZH

Paso Robles Amateur Radio Club Meeting Minutes June 7th, 2004

The meeting was called to order by President Roland Hinkle WB6EZH at exactly 7:30 P.M.

Introductions were made of all 27 folks in attendance.

Announcements:

HEET Horse Emergency Evacuation Team: Caroline, from HEET, told the group about HEET. The group has been in existence for about a year and a half. They are sanctioned by CDF Fire to enter fire zones and remove horses from the path of wild fire. The group has discovered that cell phones are not reliable and are looking at amateur radio as a solution. There was an article in the Tribune on Saturday June 5th, 2004.

George KC6UVM has sent out a flyer to the local Boy Scout district about Field Day.

Ladies Lunch. Event had nine ladies in attendance and great weather at the Radio Ranch.

Good story in the last newsletter about radio history by John WM6R.

Reminder about the Father's Day swap meet in Santa Maria.

Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes from the last meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was approved as mailed. The BarBQ cost the club \$245. The coffers have about \$1800 going into Field Day.

Sort of Old Business

Calendar for the Year: Updates!

Fish Fry will be at Jerry's QTH in September 25th or 26th.

Xmas Party; VP Mike AE6FL reported that the cost at the Paso Inn are about the same as the Golf Club. Mary, W6ROX, moved and numerous folks seconded that the Xmas dinner be moved to the Paso Inn. Motion carried. The Xmas dinner will be at the Paso Inn on December 12th, 2004.

Field Day 2004

Dave reported:

Antennas are ready, will need help in erection of same.

We will have Rob's trailer, the club trailer and hopefully the County Emergency trailer.

Food Service:

Mary, Jane and Teresa will buy the food.

Bob Miller will supply the equipment,

Friday night-	Bring your own food
Saturday breakfast	Bring your own food
Saturday lunch	Hot dogs, burgers and pot luck salads – George will cook
Saturday dinner	Tri Tip BBQ Bill McFarland will cook
Sunday Breakfast	
Sunday lunch	Subway sandwich

Bill K6BWJ will get the drinks.

Beer and wine by individual drinker; no alcohol until after everything is set up.

V.P. Mike volunteered to be the PR person. He will try to interest KSBY in coming out for Saturday dinner.

ATV is covered by Mike and Dave

QRP needs to be covered.

ARRL message will be covered on AMTOR and PACTOR

Public Display table will be by Ron AB6FM

Electrical connections will be covered by Jerry AB6BO

At 8:10 the club broke for cookies and coffee and then resumed the Field Day discussion at 8:15.

Local newspaper is covered

V.E. Session will be Saturday at 1p.m. by Roland, Jerry and Tim

Computer logging was supplied by Mike Kelly

Satellite communication will be by George and Rob

Need a person to read the Field Day packet and make the submission to the ARRL. Evan, N6BXL, was impressed even though he does not have a PC. (Mac RULES!!!)

Program

The planning for Field Day was the program.

Once the Field Day Train had pulled into the station with all those who could be railroaded aboard, President Hinkle gaveled this one into the books at 8:54p.m.

Next Meeting is July 12th, 2004

Respectfully submitted, N6BXL

Editor's Note

Last month, Jane and I had the opportunity to visit the KPH transmitter facilities in Bolinas. Old-timers may remember the CW beacons from KPH and KFS while searching the HF spectrum. I do, anyway!

We had the “full tour” of the facility, and even met an original world-class radiotelegraph operator who had worked at the station during its heyday!

We'll be showing slides of the visit and describing some of the high power transmitters and how they were used.



Field Day 2004

Here's Rob AG6RT and his son Daniel at the microphone. They both take their HF operation very seriously!

Rob made contact with the International Space Station, thus providing us with a special "satellite" contact!



Here is Bill WA5VGI cranking out the Q's... Somebody had to do it!



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 Te\$t / BBQ

27-28 ARRL Southwestern Division Convention in Phoenix

September

13 7:30PM Club Meeting

TBD 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

November

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

December

12 Holiday Party at the Paso Robles Inn

TBD Ladies Luncheon – Joan Palmerston N6VNQ

