



# *HAMateur Gazette*

The Newsletter of The  
Paso Robles Amateur Radio Club

## **W6LKF**

Meeting Date: First Monday Each Month

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Next Meeting: July 7, 2003 Centennial Park Banquet  
Room, Paso Robles 7:30 PM

President: Bill Mcfarlen, WA5VGI

Vice President: Tim Haueter, W6NS

Secretary: Evan Mason, N6BXL

Treasurer: Jane Thornton, KF6QHP

Newsletter: Mike Kelley, K6AJ

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- 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>

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## **PRARC Meeting - Monday, July 07, 2003:**

**Field day has come and gone but come to the meeting Monday night and you can revisit our recent activity thanks to Clint George's (K6YY) film making skills. Clint's video of our Field Day operation at the fair grounds captures operations from setting up, interviews with attendees, actual operating, the delicious meals, and final teardown of the stations and equipment. Don't miss this chance to see the club in action.**

**Looking forward to seeing you all on the 7th.**

**73,**

**Bill McFarlen - WA5VGI  
President PRARC**



**Clint George filming.**

## **Paso Robles Amateur Radio Club**

### **Meeting Minutes June 2, 2003**

The meeting was called to order by President Bill McFarlen WA5VGI at 7:32 P.M.

Introductions were made of all 22 folks in attendance.

Again, no one was in the mood to clean out their closets and therefore there was nothing for free.

#### **Sort of New Business**

#### ***Club Roster***

A new club roster was passed out and includes only those members who have paid their dues for 2003. Any changes to the roster see Jane Thornton.

#### ***Treasurer's Report***

Jane Thornton reported that dues can still be paid! There are about \$1,600 in the club coffers. The net outflow for the Club BBQ in May was about \$119.

Jane had done a spread sheet on Field Day costs for the past three years. Costs had risen by 54% while donations had fallen by 12%. Discussion of what should be done.

2000	\$665 expenses	2 meals served	
2001	\$1000 expenses	4 meals served	
2002	\$1600 expenses	6 meals served	\$389 in donations

Discussion about reducing all categories of expense and the number of meals served.

#### ***Field Day***

The organization for Field Day is in place. Larry Miller is still looking for a Public Relations Captain to set up a public relations booth and direct the thronging masses that usually visit the Field Day site.

The Field Day Committee and Drinking Club will meet on Wednesday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, at Hoover's Beef Palace in Templeton at 12:30 p.m. Station set-up and antenna selections will be discussed.

Set-up will commence on Friday night. Last year there were 48 operators during field day.

The Question of the reported score to the ARRL again reared it's ugly head. Last year the GOTA station score was not reported. Also it was suggested that the ARRL add a point category for Best Cuisine.

Thanks committee for all the hard work!

### **New Business**

As the Sort of New Business was lengthy and somewhat dull no one had the courage to add any New Business or wake those members who found the meeting stimulating enough to nap.

Mike Kelley asks that all members consider forwarding interesting info and stories and ads for ham gear for sale to him for inclusion in the monthly newsletter.

Tom, N6BT, had a great talk and slide show on the QRP World Record Expedition to Jamaica.

The talk concluded, the house lights were brought up, some members awoke and the meeting was adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted, N6BXL**



**New Ham, Mary Mason, learning the contesting ropes from seasoned Field Day Veteran and husband, Evan Mason.**



**Chef Extraordinaire, Bob Miller and his faithful crew.**

## **Paso Robles Amateur Radio Club Treasurer's Report for July 2003**

### **Treasurer's Report**

We all did a great job with Field Day! We held costs down 10% better than last year while we boosted donations. Our total costs were:

\$1,117.00  
    \$300.00 (for the facility)  
\$1,417.00

Offsetting this were:

    \$227.00 ( meal ticket donations)  
    \$113.00 (Raffle donations)  
    \$350.00 (Organizational and corporate donations)  
\$690.00

Net cost to the club for Field Day was \$727.00

Account balance after Field Day as of 6/30/03 was \$1,404.00 in checking and petty cash.

Special thanks to Char Miller for collecting the kitty and to Tim (W6NS), Roger (W6VCU) and Mike (K6AJ) for donating the raffle items.

**Respectfully Submitted**

**--Jane Thornton, KF6QHP, Treasurer**

## President's Corner:

Thanks to all who helped make this year's PRARC Field Day operation a big success. Our tireless chairman, Larry Miller, W7CB did another outstanding job in organizing and executing this activity. It was fun to see various members take their turn at the operating positions and make some QSOs. Unfortunately propagation was not the best but enthusasim remained high and we will submit an excellent club score to ARRL.



**Larry Miller Working CW.....**



**Larry Miller after working CW.**



**The GOTA Station**

**Rob Thoresen, AG6RT again had the kids fired up at the GOTA (get on the air) station and the last time I checked we were approaching 300 QSOs on their computer.**

**Bob Miller's (K6DXU) cooking could put AJ Spurs out of business any Saturday night. I was suprised that his grill didn't buckle from the shear weight of the meat placed on top.**

**Char Miller(W6ANB),Carol Bower (KC6UAN), Sharon George(KE6ODF), Tracy Bakewell (KG6AFY) and Joan Palmerston(N6VNO) were constantly busy setting up tables for meals and helping with food and drink preparation.**



**Testing Session.**



**Field Day Kitchen**

**A number of our members brought their operating equipment from home to facilitate setting up the various stations. I for one can say it is not fun to lug a 100 pound amplifier up two flights of stairs to get it in the back of my jeep. Thanks to those who brought the operating equipment to Field Day.**

**Jerry Daitch, WB6ROW was kind enough to call all of our club members and ensure their participation. Tom Schiller, N6BT brought additional Force-12 antennas and helped with all of the antenna installations. Mike Kelly, K6AJ built the computer networking boxes and installed the computer networking system. He also arranged getting the 60KW diesel power generator supplied by Quinn Rentals. Jerry Bower, AB6BO setup the power cables from the generator to the various operating positions. Jane Thornton, KF6QHP ensured that the \$5.00 cover charge for meals was collected along with the raffle monies. Jeff Joynt, K3COP setup an ARRL display for visitors. Clint George, K6YY shot an excellent video of the activities. Tim, N6NS brought out his equipment and setup the 6 meter operating station. George Becker brought down his new satellite station.**

**As always when you make a list like the above someone gets forgotten. If that has been the case my apologies and also thanks for your participation.**

**73, Bill - WA5VGI  
President PRARC**







**Daniel Thoresen, future Ham!**  
**(Dad, Can I have the keys to the rig??)**

