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Paso Robles Amateur Radio Club

W6LKF

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Next Meeting: June 3, 2002 Centennial Park, Paso Robles 7:30 PM

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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 May**

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

Preparations for the spring BBQ at San Miguel Park on May 19th were discussed.

Bill Palmertson reported the the current club balance to be \$1588.84

Larry gave an update on Field Day prep.

Cliff gave an update on the Lighthouse project

A video of the Heard Island DXpedition was shown.

The meeting was closed at 21:10

Submitted by Mike Kelley, Secretary

- **PRARC Meeting - Monday, June 03, 2002:**

Our meeting will start promptly at 7:30 PM as we have a full agenda for the evening. Larry, W7CB will review the final plans for the club participation in the upcoming ARRL Field Day operation. We will also be showing a video entitled BHUTAN - The Land of the Thunder Dragon. Bhutan is a small country in Asia surrounded by India, China and Myanmar (Burma). This video highlights the first major amateur radio expedition to this area in many years which occurred in May of 2000. As the world's most private and preserved country, historically only a few people were ever allowed inside, or granted an amateur license to operate. This video is high quality and in stereo Hi-Fi.

See you all on June 3rd.

73, Bill McFarlen, WA5VGI

President, PRARC

· PRESIDENT'S CORNER:

June is here and once again it is time for Field Day. Larry, W7CB has been

hard at work organizing his team in preparation for the big event. Plans are to start setting up the stations, antennas and other equipment on Friday starting at noon. Actual participation will commence on Saturday morning at 11:00 AM and continue through Sunday morning until 11:00 AM. Each year our participation has gotten better and better with more people actually operating. This has been due to much improved antennas (thanks Tom), operating equipment and increased power output. With good antennas and power our station(s) is loud and other people want to call us. This keeps the activity high and boredom minimal.

But, putting all of this together entails lots of work and we will need folks to come out Friday and help with the setup. Plenty to do and at the end of the day Bob Miller will again be preparing one of his great meals. Bob will also be cooking Saturday and Sunday morning. So come out, give us a hand and most of all sit down and make some QSOs. We will be operating all bands both CW and SSB.

Thanks to those who helped at the barbecue last month at San Miguel. Sharon George, KE6ODF, Char Miller, W6ANB and Joan Palmerston, N6VNQ were once again the mainstays of the operation.

We still have an issue getting the remainder of our club dues paid. Please if you have not already paid your club dues get a check or cash to Bill Palmerston ASAP.

See you at our next meeting and looking forward to a fun-filled Field Day at the fairgrounds.

73, Bill - WA5VGI

President, PRARC

· **DX News:**

After several months of excellent DXing this spring the month of May was just the opposite. A trip to New Orleans for one week, two outdoor projects here at the house and a busy social calander allowed for very little DXing this month. I did work the Baker Island expedition, K1B, prior to leaving for New Orleans but really wanted to work them on 160 meters for a new one. Well by the time I got back from this trip they were still on the air but not on 160 meters. Larry, W7CB did get them on this band. Congratulations Larry.

Tom, N6BT and members of his "team vertical" went to Jamaica at the end of May to participate in the CQ CW WPX contest. I had a nice chat with Tom on 12 meter SSB prior to the contest and also with several of his team members on other bands. During the contest I worked their station, 6Y2A, on 5 bands but missed them on 160 meters. Yep you guessed it, Larry, W7CB caught them on 160 meters for a sixth band at their sunrise. By the way their sunrise is around 2:00 AM our local time. Larry is our local night owl. If good DX is on in the middle of the night Larry rarely misses them!!

I did receive my QSL card from North Korea, P5/4L4FN which was a thrill. Still need 5 more countries to work them all (335 total). The islands off of India count for two of these (VU4 and VU7) and operations from there have not been allowed by their government for some time and things don't look promising in the near future. But that is the challenge of DXing in that they all don't come easy.

See you on the bands.

73, Bill - WA5VGI

· **Silent Key**

KD6HLH, John Thomas passed away on May 6, 2002. Many of you may have met John on the local repeaters he was very active on the WALA repeater, 145.370 as well as the 146.980/880 repeaters. His friendly voice will sure be missed by everyone. John was 87.
