



Amateur Gazette

Paso Robles
Amateur Radio Club

Paso Robles ARC

W6LKF

June 1st, 2009 Minutes

Special Interest Dates:

- ARRL VHF
QSO Party
June 13 -14th
- Field Day
June 26 -28th
- Southwestern
Division
Convention
Santa Barbara
ARC
August 15-16th
- Fresno ARC
66th Annual
Hamfest
Oct 17th

Ham Fests & Swap Meets

De Anza College
Ham Swap
2nd Saturday of
each month
Cupertino

Santa Maria
Fathers Day Ham
Swap June 20th

TRW Swap Meet
Last Saturday of
each month.
Los Angeles

Call to Order The meeting was called to order at 1905 hours by President, Mike Kelley K6AJ. Introductions were completed with a total of 21 members present.

Treasurers Report. Ron Patterson W6FM reports the checking account balance is \$3627.46 and the petty cash is \$82.05.

Club Trailer John N6FVY reports the condition of the club trailer has deteriorated to the point it is likely beyond repair. He believes there is just too much rust and damage. A disposal method will be determined.

Field Day Report Yes, folks, Field Day is THIS MONTH, and we're hoping to have another great weekend. Several members of PRARC have been working diligently since winter to put together an activity that will be fun, easy to set up and tear down, test our preparedness in the field AND give everyone who wants, the opportunity to operate in this, the "granddaddy" of ham radio activities. Accompanied by breakfast, coffee and donuts, and snacks, this group has been lining up equipment and supplies, mapping out Templeton High School Practice Field site and putting together some operating schedule formats. All we need is YOU! All of this preparation will be for naught if we don't have operators on site for the competition.

So, here's the deal: **W6R** (W6LKF) will be operating 2A this year, which means 2 competition rigs PLUS the GOTA (Get On The Air) station to operate for the 24 hour period. We can use the following people types: setter-uppers, tearer-downers, phone operators, CW operators (remember CW contacts are worth double points), loggers, control operators, hangers-on, cooks, eaters, warm bodies; in short anyone with a ham ticket or who has an abiding interest in ham radio. The schedule looks like this:

- Friday, June 26, set-up at Templeton High School Practice Field starting about 12:00 noon but getting serious around 3:30 PM
- Saturday, June 23, complete set-up and start contest at 11:00 AM
- Sunday, June 24, finish contest at 11:00 AM, followed by tear-down

Food: Meals will be part the clubs responsibility and partly yours. The club will provide continental breakfast (muffins and fruit on both Saturday and Sunday mornings. Lunch will likely be cold cut sandwiches. The club will host the Saturday evening dinner which may include chicken and pork. All members who will be attending dinner are asked to bring either a side dish or a dessert. Non-members will be asked to pay nominal fee of \$5.00. We will also provide around the clock coffee and hot water (tea) for our operators and guests. You will need to bring any additional refreshments you desire. It's really only your lunches you need to deal with, with lots of munchin' in between.

Club Simplex/Talk In: We will be using the 146.980 repeater for talking and as a general frequency for the Field Day activities. So bring your HT and set it to this frequency.



Miscellaneous:

- We are allowed to camp at the site so bring what ever you need for camping (see attached check list). Don't forget a pillow.
- There is running water at the site
- There is electricity at the site via the generator.
- Chairs & Tables – Bring along any comfortable seating for your self.
- Lights – Low wattage lamps are best. Don't forget batteries. Coleman lanterns are also great. It could get very dark at night.

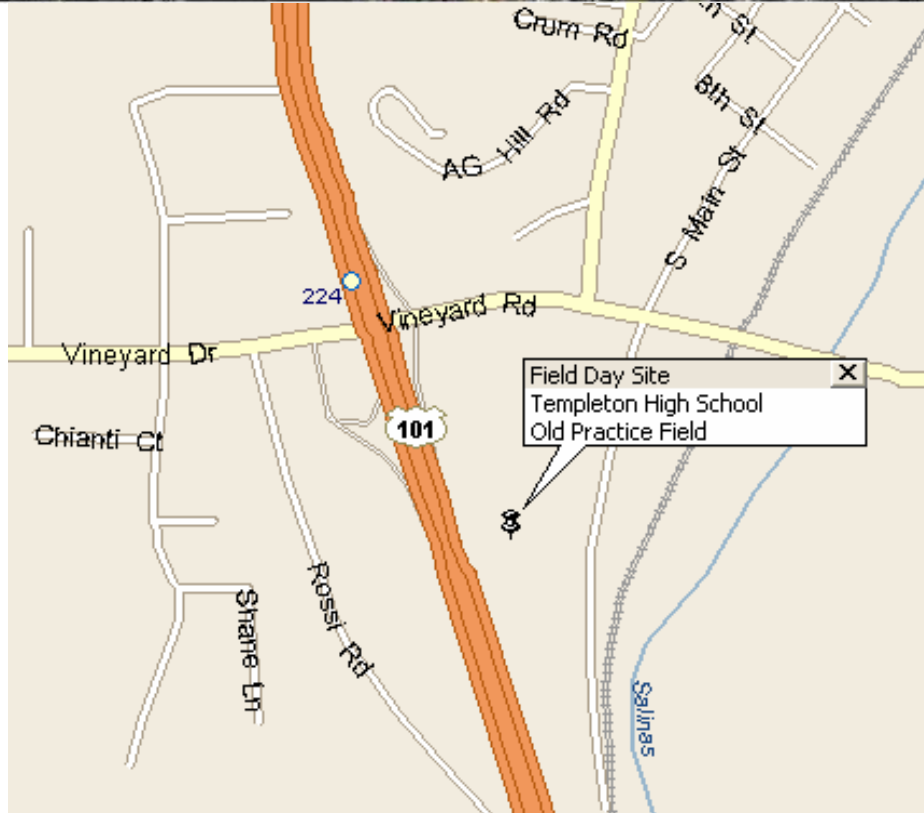
There will be a few of us camping out in RV's and tents etc..... As in past years, we need help Friday afternoon as we begin setup. We could use plenty of help then and again Saturday when we finish up and begin the contest. Sunday afternoon we have to take everything down and again we will need lots of help. It makes it easier on all of us. Please plan on attending and give us a hand.

Directions/Location:

Driving in on HWY 101 take the Vineyard Rd..

Head East on Vineyard Rd..

Turn Right onto S. Main St. and follow the signs to the Field Day Site.



President's Report

The Prez Sez:



Field day 2009 is coming up fast! Just two more weeks! We will be operating from Templeton High School again this year and the club will be using W6R as a special event call for field day. We will begin setting up on Friday afternoon. Field Day operations officially begin on Saturday morning and run non stop until Sunday morning. This is a great opportunity to experience the thrill of contesting on the HF bands using some great antennas!

Please join us for the weekend or just stop by and visit a while. Make sure you come prepared to get on the air even if it is just for a few minutes. We need as many operators as we can get and I can honestly say once you get started it is a lot of fun. There will also be a test session on Saturday. Stayed tuned to your email for more information as we get closer to Field Day.

Be sure to check out the ARRL website at <http://www.arrl.org/catalog/?item=NO-0515> for shirts, hats and pins with the 2009 field day logo. I think the logo is one of the better ones.

I am still looking for people that would like to do a presentation at the club meetings. If you have an idea or a topic you would like to present or know someone who does, let me know and I will schedule it in for one of our monthly meetings.

See you at Field Day!

73,

Your Prez,

Mike Kelley, K6AJ

Ham Radio on the Internet

Here are a few websites you might not be familiar with:

California Amateur Radio Users Net

QsoNet

<http://home.att.net/~n6qdy/index.html>

<http://www.qsonet.com/>

N4MC's Vanity HQ

Radio Reference/San Luis Obispo

<http://www.vanityhq.com/>

<http://www.radioreference.com/apps/db/?ctid=222>

June 1st Meeting and N1MM Training



Ron W6FM discusses the N1MM software that will be used at Field Day for logging all contacts. Each station will be using a laptop and will have wireless communication with the other stations. The Public Information Station will have a connection to allow the public the ability to view the Contest logging as it occurs.



Group discussion prior to training



Harry W6NKT Licensed in 1936



Avery KD4GB & Bill K6BWJ enjoy the break



Paso Robles ARC "W6lkf" Field Day 1949



W6FYW Irv Hege & W6LKF John Derby



Respectively Submitted,
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