



Amateur Gazette

Paso Robles ARC

W6LKF

March 1st, 2010 Minutes

Paso Robles
Amateur Radio Club

Special Interest Dates:

- April 10th
Annual Tailgate
Breakfast
- April 24th
Wildfire Century
Bike Race –
Creston
- May 1st
AVIA Wildfire
Triathlon
- May 8th
Central Coast
Double
- June 25-27th
Field Day
- Jul 26th-Aug 4th
Boy Scout
Jamboree
- Oct 18-22nd
School Club
Roundup

Ham Fests & Swap Meets

- Mar 20-21st
Hamfest
Monterey Bay

Call to Order The meeting was called to order by President Mike Kelley K6AJ at 1915 hours at the Estrella War Bird Museum. There were 17 members in attendance and introductions were completed. There was a motion to approve the minutes on the February meeting with one minor change. There was a miscout on the Treasury Report and it was corrected by Ron. Motion was approved.

Treasurers Report Ron Patterson W6FM reports there is now \$3316.19. in the checking account and \$62.05 in petty cash. It appears as though about 95% of members are paid up. Good Job! Dues are past Due! \$20.00 per individual membership and \$30.00 for a family.

Old Business Bill Sundius AA6CT previously advised me he received a \$30.00 refund for a deposit from Centennial Park.

The Potluck last month was a huge success. Great turnout and plenty of good food. Pictures to follow.

146.980 repeater will need some work later in the Spring when things dry up a bit. We are going to need some weed whacking and fence repair

Tailgate Breakfast. Still on schedule for April 10th at the Mason's residence. All plans will be finalized at the next meeting.



Old Buisness cont.

Kermit King School ARC School Club Roundup

Kermit King School ARC had a very successful two day School Club Roundup.

The following is a summary of the results:

Operating Hours: 10.98
Voice Contacts: 165
Digital Contacts: 0
Current Score: 21,615

41 States Contacted:

ALABAMA, ALASKA, ARIZONA, ARKANSAS, CALIFORNIA, COLORADO, CONNECTICUT, FLORIDA, GEORGIA, HAWAII, IDAHO, ILLINOIS, INDIANA, IOWA, KANSAS, LOUISIANA, MARYLAND & DC, MASSACHUSETTS, MICHIGAN, MINNESOTA, MISSISSIPPI, MISSOURI, MONTANA, NEBRASKA, NEW JERSEY, NEW MEXICO, NEW YORK, NORTH CAROLINA, NORTH DAKOTA, OHIO, OKLAHOMA, OREGON, PENNSYLVANIA, SOUTH CAROLINA, SOUTH DAKOTA, TENNESSEE, TEXAS, UTAH, WASHINGTON, WISCONSIN, WYOMING

4 Provinces Contacted:

ALBERTA & NW, BRITISH COLUMBIA & YK, MANITOBA & NN, SASKATCHEWAN

2 Countries Contacted:

JAPAN, MEXICO

2 Radio Clubs Contacted:

KD5QWK W1PAZ

16 School Clubs Contacted:

JE7YSS K7BZN K9SOU KB2RMS KC5ORO NH6YK W4SMA W6RFU W7ASU W7YH W8SH W9GRS W9HHX W9NAA WD5AGO WD5IAD

Thanks to Tom (John) N6FVY, Larry W7CB, Ron W6FM, Evan N6BXL, Tom N6BT, Jeff N6BST. Also, thanks for the visit and contacts from Shane KI6QFI and John KG6NXX. The total score was very competitive. We will have to wait a few months for the results of the contest. The support of the Paso Robles ARC makes this contest a reality. Thank you so much for the support.

73's

Mary W6ROX





The Prez Sez:

I would like to thank everyone for a great turnout at the March meeting. I hope Tom, N6BT's, presentation encouraged everyone to be creative with their antenna installations. There are many factors that come in to play when choosing an antenna and it is rare that one will always have the ideal place to put up the best antenna. Typically money and location are the two biggest factors to contend with. Unless you are prepared to move, you may need to get creative with your specific location. Clandestine antennas and portable antennas are the best way to deal with CC&Rs. If you can't hide it, drag it out at night and use the darkness to your advantage. If you can't afford the most ideal antenna, build it yourself! Antennas are easy to build and homebuilt equipment adds even more satisfaction to the hobby. The more complicated your specific situation, the more patience, research and time you will need. Don't give up!

Avery Wright has stepped forward to be the Field Day Chairman. Thank you Avery! Avery has lots of Field Day experience and is looking forward to this years event. We will be discussing the pros and cons of having field day at the Estrella Warbird Museum this year instead of Templeton High School at the next meeting in April. I hope everyone can make it to add to the debate.

Jeff, N6BST, has posted a want ad on Craigslist looking for donations of gear for both the museum display as well as equipment that we can help newly licensed hams get on the air. If you have any old gear or know of a possible source, please let Jeff know.

I would like to thank Jeff, N6BST, for the great newsletters he has been producing. We are all short on time and Jeff has been putting out a top-notch product! Take the time to drop him a line and let him know you appreciate his efforts. If you would like to add to the monthly newsletter, send your thoughts and ideas to Jeff.

As always, if you need some help with an antenna project or station set up; don't be afraid to ask for help. The club membership includes a wide variety of expertise to draw from. Keep the bands alive, get on the air!

73,

Your Prez,

Mike Kelley, K6AJ

POTLUCK

The Potluck was a success as it has been in the past. Plenty of good food and conversation.



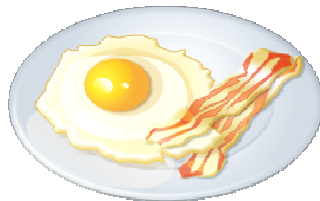
Think it will rain?





Be sure and visit the club website at www.pasoroblesarc.org

The weekly breakfasts are held every Sunday at Carrows Restaurant 7300 El Camino Real,



Atascadero, CA 8:30 am.

Respectively Submitted,
Jeff Joynt N6BST

NEXT MEETING April 5th, 2010 7:00 P.M. Estrella Warbird Museum