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The Newsletter of The
Paso Robles Amateur Radio Club

W6LKF

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Next Meeting: March 3, 2003 Centennial Park, Paso
Robles 7:30 PM

President: Bill Mcfarlen, WA5VGI
Vice President: Tim Haueter, W6NS
Secretary: Evan Mason, N6BXL
Treasurer: Jane Thorton, 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, March 03, 2003:

The highlight of our meeting will be an award to a very deserving member of our club. Also we have a video entitled "VP8GEO, South Georgia 2002". Recalling the video shown several months ago about the DXpedition to South Sandwich Island the same team now travels to the beautiful Antarctic paradise of South Georgia. From Cook to Shackelton, discover the fascinating history and wildlife of the Antarctic's most beautiful - and most exploited island. In Stereo Hi-Fi you will enjoy this beautiful and exciting video.

Looking forward to seeing you all on the 3rd.

73,

**Bill McFarlen - WA5VGI
President PRARC**

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The meeting was called to order by President Bill McFarlen WA5VGI at 7:38 P.M.

Introductions were made of all 24 folks in attendance.

Larry Miller W7CB brought in this month's closet clean out give away junk. A nice box of assorted cables.

Sort of New Business

Discussion of the up coming Pot Luck on February 22nd to be held at Bethel Lutheran Church in Templeton. Who's going to do what? Perhaps a committee could be formed to do an exhaustive study of the possible solutions.....NOT. Instead call Jerry and get the phone tree working. We need salads, main dishes and desserts. Please check any communicable diseases at the door! Will Bill Palmerston wrangle the drinks?

Discussion of the May BBQ. The proposed date, May 4th, is in conflict with the DX Madness in Visalia. The President will look into moving the date to May 18th and securing Templeton Park.

New Business

Cliff provided the calendar of the Estero Club.

2/8 Tom S. will be giving a talk to the club at Washington Mutual Bank across from Vons in the community room starting at 1:00 p.m.

4/12 Estero Club BBQ Lilia Kaiser Park in Morro Bay

7/12 Barn Dance

8/2 Stateside Lighthouse Day at the lighthouse

8/16 International Lighthouse Day at the lighthouse

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

Treasurer's Report: The dues are now due and payable at the rate of \$16 for individual and \$26 for families. The club currently has \$1550.00.

**The remainder of the meeting was spent watching the video "Getting Started in Packet Radio." President McFarlen brought the video. The video was from 1992, thus allowing some members to get misty eyed with nostalgia.
Thank you Bill.**

**The video concluded, some members awoke and the meeting was adjourned at 8:57 p.m.
Respectfully submitted, N6BXL**

President's Corner:

One of the highlights of this coming meeting will be an award to a club member who has given lots of his time and effort to our club. To me he is the backbone of who and what our club is about.

It was fun to see everyone at the "Pot Luck Dinner". As usual there was a lot of food to select from and far too much to eat!! A good time was had by all.

It won't be long before the "Tail Gate" at Larry and Char Miller's home, the club barbecue and getting ready for Field Day. It seems as all of these events were just a few months ago. Is this a sign of age?

If you have not yet paid your club dues please see Jane Thornton at the next meeting.

Hope you are all finding some time to get on the air. Whether it is a QSO across town or a rare DX QSO put that license to use.

Hope to see you all next club meeting.

73,

**Bill - WA5VGI
President PRARC**

DX News:

The last 4 weeks have produced some interesting DX. A QSO with YI1BGD (club station in Iraq) on 75 meter CW was my personal highlight of the month.

For those who enjoy DX contesting the ARRL sponsored both their CW and SSB DX contests. Conditions were generally good and lots of stations worldwide were active on 160 through 10 meters. These contests are always a great opportunity to get those country totals up for your DXCC award.

The long-path on 75/80 meters is just about gone. Our sunrise is coming earlier each day and the European sunset is coming later every day producing less opportunity for mutual darkness. But we have enjoyed a very interesting phenomenon. Typically once we reach our sunrise in the morning the absorption becomes so great that the DX is impossible to work even when you can still hear the stations. But for the past couple of weeks we have been able to work stations in Europe past our sunrise for periods of up to 25 minutes. Lots to still learn about the long path conditions of the low bands.

A major home redecorating project is taking a lot of my time otherwise spent chasing DX but I still keep an eye and ear to the bands. One can never be sure who will show up and when.

See you on the bands.

73,

Bill - WA5VGI

Gear Grinder



This month, I don't have any great gear to tell you about but I would like to tell you a little bit about a great place to find all kinds of gear. EBay at www.ebay.com , is probably the best example of the free market economy at its best. EBay is an online auction site where members can buy or sell just about anything including lots of cool Ham gear. In order to bid or sell an item you must be registered with EBay. There is no charge to sign up and only a small fee to sell. Below is a typical example of an EBay Page. Searching for gear is half of the fun. The other half of the fun is bidding. I once got into a bidding war and won the auction with less than 9 seconds to go! Check it out and have fun!

**Mike Kelley - K6AJ
Editor PRARC**



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Item # 3009783015

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[arongv\(1107\)](#) ★ is the winner.

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Item price

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Quantity **1**

Time left **Auction has ended.**

Started Feb-22-03 20:37:57 PST

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