

Paso Robles ARC

Amateur Gazette

W6LKF

March 2, 2009 Minutes

Paso Robles
Amateur Radio Club

Special Interest Dates:

- DX Convention
April 17-19th
Visalia, CA
- Tailgate
April 25th
- Wild Flower
Century and
Triathlon
Last of April &
First of May
- ARRL VHF
QSO Party
June 13 -14th
- Field Day
June 26 -28th

Ham Fests & Swap Meets

Santa Clara Valley
Radio Fest
March 7 – 8th
Monterey, CA

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 active and perspective members present. Previous minutes were approved.

Treasurers Report Ron Patterson W6FM reports that after the expenses of the potluck, the treasury balance is \$3710.93. There is \$3678.88 in checking and \$32.05 in petty cash.

Annual Potluck Report This year, organizer Bill Sundius AA6CT decided that rather than make calls to decide what everyone should bring he left it open. Apparently this concept worked and the food was excellent. A \$50.00 donation was made to the Bethel Lutheran Church for the use of their hall.

New Business

VOAD – Volunteers Organization Active in Disaster will now oversee the PG&E Siren Test. In order that we participate as we have done in the past as a fund raiser for the club, we will need to join this organization. The good news is we would get \$70.00 per person working the event. The bad news is paperwork and a budget on how we spend the money will be required. The discussion was tabled and will be voted on next meeting.

Wildflower Festival will be held the first weekend in May. Volunteers will be needed. Additional information will be posted on Yahoo Groups.

Old Business

School Club Roundup Report was provided by Mary W6ROX. She reported Kermit King placed 2nd during the October Roundup. The three day event last month resulted in 84 Voice Contacts for a total of 6452 points. Mary expressed concerns that digital modes are scored at 3 points per contact as opposed to one point for voice. Either way the kids had a good time and thanks to all the members that assisted. John N6FVY reported he setup an event with a home schooled neighbor and they were able to work 18 states and 2 providences.

The Prez Sez:

I would like to announce the return of the printed newsletter for the PRARC. This is the first printed newsletter since switching to the e-mail format in January 2002. It was decided to return to the original format in an attempt to bring back the personal connection missing from e-mail.

Last fall, when I originally volunteered to be the president for the PRARC, I was a little unsure about the future of the club. I was concerned that the club would never be what it once was. Two months into 2009, I must say that I am pleasantly surprised by the renewed enthusiasm and interest in the club. The PRARC has a rich history in which every member should be proud. Not many amateur radio clubs can boast that they have been around since the 1930's or earlier, much less that they have a member that is 100 years old. (Congratulations Harry Wolf!) In the last couple months, I have come to realize that the PRARC will always exist in one form or another. The club has a long legacy as a social club with a common bond in amateur radio. The club is a place to share ideas, learn about new concepts, and revisit the times of the past. The bond we experience as amateur radio operators is strong. We do not let politics or difficult financial times deter our enthusiasm for our membership. As long as there are Hams who want to create and strengthen friendships and share ideas, there will be a club.

I would like to encourage you to promote amateur radio to the best of your ability. If anyone asks about your antenna or equipment, take the time to talk to them. Answer questions and explain what it takes to get a Ham radio license. Many people that I have met over the years have been curious about amateur radio, but didn't know how to get started. The ARRL is a good resource for this.

I would also like to encourage you to get on the air and operate! Try something new! If you are interested in a mode you have never tried before, ask around. I am sure you will find a fellow Ham who is set up on that mode and willing to show you the ropes. This year, I am hoping to compile an Elmer list categorized by interest. Who knows, if we get enough interest, we may be able to start a licensing class.

Finally, I am looking forward to a great year. If anyone has any ideas or requests for presentations, or functions, let me know. There never seems to be enough time for planning functions, but after the tremendous success of the pot luck, I'm not as concerned that we plan down to the smallest detail. In the past, we planned the pot luck by assigning dishes. The past two years, people have brought whatever they wanted and the spread has been phenomenal. With this kind of interest and support, we should be able to have some fantastic outings with nominal planning. Remember, this is our club and we get out of it what we put in. From what I've seen so far this year, the PRARC is going strong!

73,

Your Prez,

Mike Kelley, K6AJ

PRARC Website Joel AD6KH reports our Club Website is up to date with everything he has received so far. If anyone has club pictures that would like included please contact Joel.

www.pasoroblesarc.org.

Field Day Report Field Day Chairman Jon KG6NXX scheduled assignments for Field Day. The following members have volunteered for specific assignments;

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| VHF & UHF Station..... | Ron W6FM |
| GOTA Station..... | Mary W6ROX |
| Antennas..... | Tom N6BT |
| 40-80 Meter Station..... | Larry W7CB |
| Power Cables and Generator..... | Mike K6AJ |
| 20 Meter Station..... | Joel AD6KH |
| Computers for logging..... | Ron W6FM |

Media and Public Relations..... Jeff N6BST & Bill AA6CT

Bob K6DXU has tentatively agreed to be our cook. This involves participation by all club members to assist Bob in anything he needs including setup and cleanup.

Presentation

President Mike showed a very interesting film/video that was produced in 1944 telling the story of how Hallicrafters, with the help of Hams, converted their HT4 transmitter for mobile military use. The military version of this transmitter was known as the BC-610 and weighs in around 400+ LBS which made it perfect for mobile operation. The SCR-299 was a U.S. Signal Corps mobile military communications unit used during World War II.



Pot Luck at the Bethel Lutheran Church



Paso Robles Amateur Radio Club 10 Years Ago

The meeting was called to order on March 1, 1999 with 38 member and 2 guests present. Bill Palmerston or Treasurer reported there was \$2056.20 in our account. The Activities Report included the Tailgate Breakfast scheduled for April 25th, volunteers needed for the bike run, and a Ladies Lunch at Berna Dallons house. New Business included a guest, Rob Thorsen, who was soliciting assistance in getting VEs for his students for testing, Larry Miller noting this is the time to work 10-Meter DX and Joan Palmerston presenting a gift to Sig and Anna Mae Wedeking who were moving to Bakersfield. Sig said they were moving to be nearer to their cemetery. Our newest member was Norma Shelton KF6UXQ. Also recognized were several members that completed license upgrades.

Silent Key George Swanson WA6QVC died on March 14th.

Respectively Submitted,

Jeff Joynt N6BST



Next Meeting is April 6th at Centennial Park 7:00 PM

ARRL In Action: What Have We Been Up to Lately?

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The ARRL Executive Committee [released a statement](#) that addresses the growing number of proposed state and local laws and ordinances regulating the use of cellular telephone and text messaging, inadvertently affecting Amateur Radio mobile communications.

The ARRL, as International Secretariat of the [IARU](#), [announced](#) that Timothy S. Ellam, VE6SH/G4HUA, of Canada, was elected IARU President and Ole Garpestad, LA2RR, of Norway, as IARU Vice President. Two new Member-Societies were also admitted to the IARU: The Emirates Amateur Radio Society ([EARS](#)) and the Kazakhstan Federation of Radiosports and Radioamateur ([KFRR](#)).

The 2009 ARRL National Convention will be hosted by the Dayton Hamvention® May 15-17. Richard Garriott, W5KWQ, will attend the Convention as a special guest of the ARRL and [AMSAT](#).

The ARRL [announced](#) the [Second Homebrew Challenge](#).

Hams in Oklahoma [assisted the National Weather Service](#) when tornadoes swept through that state.

The [Field Day Station Locator Service](#) will return for the 2009 ARRL Field Day, June 27-28.

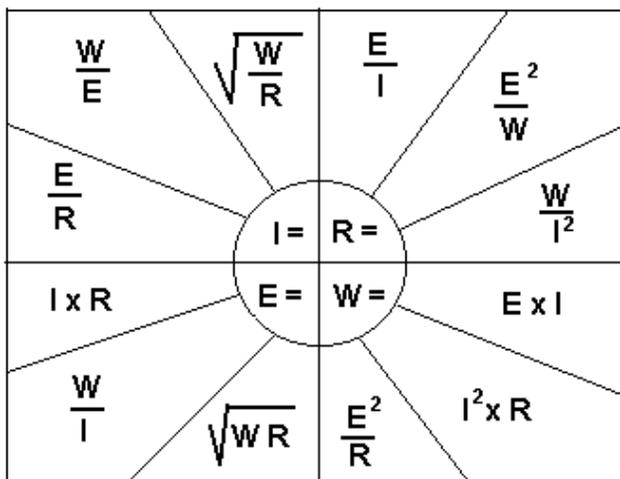
ARRL [announced](#) that starting Monday, March 9, the Hiram Percy Maxim Memorial Station, [W1AW](#), will begin using a new 160 meter frequency for its CW transmissions.

The ARRL Sweepstakes and RTTY Roundup [set new participation records](#).

The April issue of [QST](#) was released to the printer, as were the March/April editions of [QEX](#) and [NCJ](#).

The ARRL DXCC Desk [approved](#) the 2008 TT8JT DXpedition to Chad.

Hints and Kinks



This handy chart shows the formulas for calculating the Current, Resistance, Voltage, and Watts using ohms law. To use the chart, select the unit to be calculated, and then pick one of the three formulas that corresponds to the two known values. Example 1: To figure Current (I) when Voltage (E) and Resistance (R) are known, the formula would be $I = E/R$. Example 2: To figure Wattage (W) when Current (I) and Resistance (R) are known, the formula would be $W = I^2 \times R$.