



Amateur Gazette

The Newsletter of The
Paso Robles Amateur Radio Club

W6LKF

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Next Meeting: May 3, 2004 - Centennial Park, 600
Nickerson Drive, Paso Robles 7:30 PM

Presidential Ramblings:

The sunspot cycle may be in sad shape but that doesn't stop some of the better modes of ham communication. Most notable of these is the "eyeball" QSO. And, what better media than across a plate of food. If you were there, I think you'd agree that the tailgate breakfast was well attended and enjoyed. Tnx to Larry W7CB, Char W6ANB and Super-Chef Bob K6DXU for a great club event. Thanks too to all who brought the great food and chipped in with the chores to make it all work.

Next up? You guessed it; more food. I hope you all can make the BBQ on May 23rd. The Heilman Park venue was well liked last year so we're going back there again this year. Sharon KE6ODF has this event under control and we're sure to hear more from her at the May meeting.

Our June event is, of course, field day which I like to refer to as the "high holiday of ham radio". Dave WA6TYJ is chairing it for us this year. Please give him your full support so we have another big success. The great field day effort of the club is why I decided to join PRARC. There wasn't even a close contender when I made the rounds of the local clubs field day operations in 2001.

The May meeting is on the 3rd. I hope to see you there. Our own VP, Mike Barry AE6FL, will be presenting some good info on North County emergency communications plans. A timely topic! If you haven't heard, Mike is the North County Emergency Coordinator or EC and he was recently appointed to a SLOECC board position that came open.

See you on the 3rd.

73 de Roland, WB6EZH

<p>May 8th – Armed Forces Day May 15th – Wine Festival Bike Ride – Contact Bill Sundius May 26th, 7:30 PM SLOECC Meeting in North County</p>

Paso Robles Amateur Radio Club

Meeting Minutes April 5th, 2004

The meeting was called to order by President Roland Hinkle WB6EZH at 7:30 P.M.

Introductions were made of all 27 folks in attendance, those not in attendance were not allowed to introduce themselves.

Announcements:

Larry Miller announced that the Tail Gate Breakfast will be on April 18th at his QTH. It will start about 9a.m. and run until boredom sets in or the food is all gone; which ever happens first!

The Field Day call sign, W6T, has been confirmed.
The Club Call, W6LKF, is being renewed.

Club BBQ at Heilman Park in Atascadero. The park has been confirmed. V.P. Mike has volunteered to be the phone call person, George has volunteered to take of the fire, and the Pres will take care of ice and drinks.

Wildflower Bike Ride is on April 24th with Bill Palmerston at the helm. Volunteers are needed to man the Sag wagons.

Wine Festival Bike Ride on May 15th. 3 Sag operators are needed. This event concludes by noon.

Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes from the last meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was approved as mailed.

Field Day 2004

Field Day is scheduled for June 25th, 26th, and 27th. We will start set-up on Friday at noon. Dave put out a plea for help!

Here is how it is shaping-up:

1. Committees are needed to run each operating position.
2. Rob Thorsen will run the GOTA station.
3. George will do AMSAT.
4. V.P. Mike will do AMTOR and PACTOR on HF.
5. Jerry will help with power.

6. Tom will check on the Quinn Cat generator.
7. Food Committee-Since he was absent, Bob Miller was volunteered to head this up. Mary Mason and Jane Thornton agreed to help.
8. PR Person-Check with Bob Machado for on-site PR.
9. VE Session- At least 3 VEs will be available.
10. Swap Table- info to follow!

Dave will contact the committee members about a meeting.

Sort of Old Business

Calendar for the Year: Updates!

Fish Fry will be at Jerry's QTH in September; exact date to be determined later.

Xmas Party will either be December 12th or 19th, there seems to be a bit of confusion about the date. V.P. Mike is also going to investigate moving this event to the Paso Robles Inn.

Cuesta College Meeting Place

Berna Dallons helped Larry Miller make the right connection at Cuesta for meeting space and classroom space to hold a license class. Evan will follow-up on this item.

Armed Forces Day

V.P. Mike reports that they hope to have a MARS station operating at Camp Roberts for this event. It will happen in the first part of May.

Boy Scouts

Tom, N6BT, made a pitch to the local scout district about Ham Radio which was well received. The local scout district seemed interested in following-up on this idea.

Public Relations

Monthly meeting notice will be announced on that north county beacon of power and liberal thought, KPRL.

Meeting notice will also hopefully be published in that countywide beacon of truth, The Tribune.

And if that isn't enough coverage, John has sent in the check and info to World Radio.

Adopt-a-Poll

The Adopt-a-Poll program was mentioned as a possible fund raiser for the club by Sharon George. The club would have to supply the bodies to run the poll and in return would receive \$500. It would require two folks to commit to being there all day and others would have to do shifts. The group seemed to favor this activity. V.P. Mike and Evan volunteered to do the all day stints. Other short term volunteers will be necessary. Training will be in June or July.

Thus Old Business was closed.

New Business

President Hinkle called for new business, looking about at those members who were still conscious. No New Business reared its ugly head so the group collectively decided to drink coffee and eat cookies.

Program

The nights program was devoted to APRS (Automatic Position Reporting System). Chris Arndt, KD6DSI, from SLO had a nice power-point presentation.

At the close of the APRS presentation, those members who knew their location were allowed to adjourn. President Hinkle gaveled this one into the books at 8:52p.m.

Next Meeting is May 3rd, 2004

Respectfully submitted, N6BXL

Editor's Note:

World Radio Newspaper

The Paso Robles Amateur Radio Club is now listed in the WorldRadio magazine, however we have yet to receive the "complementary" magazine subscriptions. More to follow...

73, John WM6R

Spring BBQ
Sunday May 23rd at 11AM-3PM
Heilmann Regional Park
9400 El Bordo Avenue, Atascadero
Blue Oak Picnic Area

CALENDAR 2004

Paso Robles Amateur Radio Club

January

5 7:30PM Club Meeting (cancelled)

February

2 7:30PM Club Meeting

21 5:00PM Pot Luck –Bethel Lutheran Church

March

1 7:30PM Club Meeting

27 Ladies Luncheon –Berna Dallons RSVP 995-3052

April

5 7:30PM Club Meeting

18 8:30AM Tailgate Breakfast – Larry and Char Miller

24 Wildflower bike ride – Bill Palmerston

23-25 Visalia DX Convention

May

3 7:30PM Club Meeting

8 Armed Forces Day

15 Wine Festival bike ride – Bill Sundius

23 12:30PM BBQ – Sharon George Heilmann Regional Park, Atascadero

26 7:30PM SLOECC Meeting in North County

June

5 Ladies Luncheon – Jane Thornton RSVP 226-9990

7 7:30PM Club Meeting

20 AM Santa Maria Swap Meet (Father's Day)

25-27 Field Day – Dave Martin, et al.

July

12 7:30PM Club Meeting

August

2 7:30PM Club Meeting

21 Siren TeSt / BBQ

27-28 ARRL Southwestern Division Convention in Phoenix

September

13 7:30PM Club Meeting

TBD Fish Fry

October

4 7:30PM Club Meeting

9 Pioneer Day – Bill Sundius

16 Colony Day – Bill Palmerston

15-17 ARRL Pacific Division Conference (Pacificon) in San Ramon

November

1 7:30PM Club Meeting - Election of Officers for 2005

December

12/19? Holiday Party

TBD Ladies Luncheon – Joan Palmerston

