



Amateur Gazette

The Newsletter of
The
Paso Robles
Amateur Radio Club
W6LKF

Meeting Date: First Monday each month (except December)
Submissions and email updates to: jjt@tcsn.net

May 2005

President: Roland Hinkle, WB6EZH
Vice President: Mike Barry, AE6FL
Secretary: Ron Massengill, AB6FM
Treasurer: Jane Thornton, KF6QHP
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Next Meeting: May 2, 2005 - Centennial Park, 600
Nickerson Drive, Paso Robles 7:30 PM

May Presentation: Tom N6BT will give a presentation on his trip to Fiji and other ham radio related topics. As always, we can expect an entertaining talk by Tom.

Presidential Ramblings

The tailgate at Larry W7CB and Char's W6ANB was well attended and the weather was great. If you weren't there you missed a good club outing. Thanks to our host and hostess and all who contributed to make it so. Thanks also to Bob K6DXU and Theresa N6BVK for their master grill work.

The BBQ in Heilmann Park is set for Sunday May 15. We've had good outings at Heilmann so don't miss this one. Sharon should have some final marching orders for us at the meeting.

Field Day is rapidly approaching, please volunteer if you can to make our club's observance of this "High Holiday of Ham Radio" another success (failure is not an option!).

The May meeting is on the 2nd. I hope to see you there.

73 de Roland

Meeting Minutes April, 2005

PRARC MINUTES APRIL 4, 2005 MEETING

1930 HRS Meeting opened by the President Roland Hinkle WB6EZH, 22 members attended.

Announcements:

1. Tailgate Party on April 10th at Larry Miller's QTH is on track. W6ANB & W7CB will be behind the spatulas. A \$5 contribution and a side dish is welcome, expect a call for details.

2. The Holiday Party Committee has identified the Village Café as the perfect choice for this year's event.
3. The Bar-B-Q at The BAR-B-Q folks -- Heilmann Park May 14th has requested firewood – contact Clint, K6YY for details. Bring a side dish for this too.
4. Field Day will be \$100 more this year to secure the site. Plans are building fast..VE session, contesting. Great, food and activities, contact – Clint George K6YY Bill WA5VGI or Tom N6BT to volunteer or ask questions. A suggestion was made that our experienced DX'ers blend in some of the by-standers that would like to operate but don't want to loose club points by being too slow or too new. More discussion to follow.
5. Dave WA6TYJ is gathering training material, which should arrive in time to prepare a class for a testing session in two month.
6. Roland WB6EZH thinks May 2nd is a good day for the next meeting day for PRARC meeting and we will meet in the Live Oak Room.
7. Marv, W6UKH reported he had a “baaad ” noise problem on 17 meters, which he taped and played for our club. Heavy static for about 4 seconds would continually interrupt his broadcast. He discussed PG&E's failure to remedy the situation. K6YHL suggested a website that might help.
8. Tom, N6BT suggested everyone be on 160 meters the 2nd weekend in December while he will be DXing from Jamaica and listening for us.
9. Larry W7CB passed on albums and pictures to AB6FM the club secretary for safekeeping. I noticed they were unmarked and not labeled. The pictures will be brought to the breakfast on April 14th so the members can identify the mug shots for future club generations.
10. The minutes were unanimously approved for last month.

Old Business: None New Business: None

Presentation: Dave WA6TYJ – Discones Mike AE6FL showed KFI tower collapse. 400 hundred feet of scrap. Also NVIC.military radio Meeting adjourned: 2110 hrs.

Respectively submitted,

Ron Massengill AB6FM
Secretary, PRARC

Treasurer's Report

The Midstate Fairgrounds has been secured for the PRARC Field Day 2005 activity. The cost of the rental is \$400 this year, and they waived the \$500 deposit. – Jane KF6QHP

Ron Patterson, W6FM Badly Injured in an Accident at his home in
Atascadero



Cards may be sent to Ron at his qrz.com address:

W6FM  Lookups: 1525

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For those of you who may have missed this sad news about Ron W6FM, here is news of his tragic accident. Ron had a terrible accident Saturday April 16th. He was up on a 10' ladder trimming a tree and one of the heavy branches fell against the ladder and knocked him to the ground.

Ron is in ICU in very critical condition, and is paralyzed from the waist down. The doctor said that his condition is extremely serious. More than likely, his paralysis will not be reversed, however she has hope. No calls/visitors at this time. I will provide updates as I receive them. -ed.

Pictures from the Tailgate Breakfast 2005 at Larry W7CB and
Char's W6ANB QTH



Theresa N6BVK and Bob K6DXU Cookin' up the Viddles



Glen KG6RWG and Mathew KG6RWH in a typical Grant familial pose...



Harry W6NKT and Bob K6DXU enjoy an eyeball QSO



Norma KF6UXQ, Joan N6VNQ, Sharon KE6ODF, and Char W6ANB share a fun moment



Guest Op Harry W6NKT makes his sked at Larry W7CB's Shack

CALENDAR

Paso Robles Amateur Radio Club
2005

January

3 7:30PM Club Meeting

February

7 7:30PM Club Meeting

12 Pot Luck –Bethel Lutheran Church- Bill Sundius

March

7 7:30PM Club Meeting

April

4 7:30PM Club Meeting

10 Tailgate Breakfast – Larry and Char Miller

15-17 Visalia DX Convention

30 Wildflower Bike Ride – Bill Palmerston

May

2 7:30PM Club Meeting

7-8 Armed Forces Day

TBA Wine Festival bike ride – Bill Sundius

15 BBQ – Heilmann Regional Park, Atascadero - Sharon George

25 7:30PM SLOECC Meeting in North County (Cambria)

June

6 7:30PM Club Meeting

24-26 Field Day

July

11 7:30PM Club Meeting

August

1 7:30PM Club Meeting

TBA Siren TeSt / BBQ

September

9-11 ARRL Southwestern Division Convention in Riverside

12 7:30PM Club Meeting

24 Fish Fry

October

2-3 ARRL SET

3 7:30PM Club Meeting

8 Pioneer Day – Bill Sundius

15 Colony Day – Bill Palmerston

14-16 ARRL Pacific Division Conference (Pacificon) in San Ramon

November

7 7:30PM Club Meeting - Election of Officers for 2006

December

11 Holiday Party – Sharon George, et al