



Paso Robles ARC

W6LKF

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Amateur Gazette

Paso Robles
Amateur Radio Club

Special Interest Dates:

- ARRL VHF
QSO Party
June 13 -14th
- Field Day
June 26 -28th
- Southwestern
Division
Convention
Santa Barbara
ARC
August 15-16th
- Fresno ARC
66th Annual
Hamfest
Oct 17th

Ham Fests & Swap Meets

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 17 active and three new members present. Welcome aboard to June Brown KI6VPO, Ron and Jackie Brooks, W6QUI and N6QOB respectively. A motion to approve the minutes as written in the Newsletter carries.

Treasurers Report. Ron Patterson W6FM reports there is currently \$3632.05 in our bank account and \$32.05 in petty cash.

Tailgate Breakfast was a success thanks to the efforts of Larry W7CB and Char Miller W6ANB. Bob Miller K6DXU and Carol Bower took care of the cooking. It was excellent. Approximately 25 members attended the event. Pictures to follow.

Siren Test There was additional discussion for those who were not familiar with our decision to not be involved with the test this year. VOAD –Voluntary Organization Active in Disasters is in charge of the test this year and has delegated responsibilities to clubs that wish to participate. Based on the requirements as discussed at previous meeting and in Newsletters, we will not be participating. Individual members are welcome to assist.

Visalia DX Convention The usual contingent of PRARC members attended the convention with the additional of President Kelley this year. He reports a good time was had by all. The convention hosts numerous forums as well as vendor booths to view the latest and greatest ham radio gear. Mike reports this is an event not to be missed.

Wildflower Festival Carson Buckley KG6TRN reports everything went well with the APRS System installed in the cars, ambulances, motorcycles and even bicycles. They were able to track everyone and display everything on a wall. It was easy to determine everyone's location and route assistance as needed. A few glitches in the Digipeaters but everything was fixed. Carson said there were no major incidents involving medical assistance.



Field Day Report

Mike has secured the generator we have used in the past. It will be the responsibility of each Station Caption to provide a splitter for the headsets. Apparently there were a few problems last year. We will use the N1MM Logging Program again this year. At the next meeting in June we will run a training session to insure the program is working properly so we can be ready on Field Day.

Sporadic –E 6 and 10 Meters have been active with member making numerous contacts throughout the West and up and down the coast. Ron Patterson W6FM reports he has a CB Radio that he leaves on Channel 6. This is the DX call channel for CBers. He said that when he hears the channel active he fires up 10 meters.

President's Report

The Prez Sez:

One more meeting until Field Day! We are planning to use the June meeting to get everyone familiarized with the logging program we will use for Field Day. I hope everyone can make it so you can at least get a feel for the basic workings of computer logging.

There is lots of information on the web about the 500 KC Experiment I spoke about at the last meeting. The main website is www.500kc.com and there is more info to be found by searching for 500 KC. www.radiotelegraphy.net/ has information on the early days of 500 KC in the maritime service and related history including coastal maritime radio station museums. One page is entitled the "Titanic Radio Page". This page has information on the radio equipment of the Titanic as well as the radio operators on duty during the maiden voyage. If you have gear that can receive on 500 KC tune in and let me know if you are able to copy the experimental group.

As I mentioned last month, I finally made it to the Annual DX Convention in Visalia. Hams from all over the world attend this convention. I was able to meet several people I have contacted in the past. It was especially nice to meet P40V aka AI6V, Carl. Carl popped in on 20m phone from Aruba one afternoon during the School Club Roundup and took the time to talk to several of the kids. It made their day and I was able to thank Carl in person at the convention. The best part of the convention was meeting and talking to people who are into all different levels of DX and Contesting from beginning to experienced to casual operator to Dxpeditioner. I highly recommend making the trip!

Finally, I would like to ask everyone for meeting ideas. If you have a topic you are interested in and would like to give a presentation, talk to me. There are lots of modes and subjects in ham radio and if you have been recently studying something new, please share it with us.

73,

Your Prez,

Mike Kelley, K6AJ

Tailgate Breakfast at the Miller's Residence





Paso Robles Amateur Radio Club 10 Years Ago

The meeting was called to order on May 3rd, 1999 with 29 members and 1 guest present. Our Treasurer Report indicated there was about the same as last month in our account. Bill has been on vacation.

The Activities Report included a thanks to Larry and Char Miller for hosting the Tailgate Breakfast, a report from Bill Sundius on the Wine Festival and the need for volunteers and the upcoming BBQ at San Miguel. Clint and Sharon George will be the chairpersons and Jerry Bower will provide the firewood. At breaktime a decorated cake was presented to long-time member Tom Duvall. Tom and Lucy were moving away at the end of the month. The evening program was presented by Don Anderson who commented on the FEMA exercises recently conducted. His presentation was about vacuum and Thermal evaporation. His talk involved the fourth stage of matter which is gas plasma. We learned the fabrication of semi conductors and other "wafers" are done in a vacuum.

Respectively Submitted,

Jeff Joynt N6BST