
HAMateur Gazette

The Newsletter of The
Paso Robles Amateur Radio Club

W6LKF

Meeting Date: First Monday Each Month
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Next Meeting: May 5, 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, April 07, 2003:

The highlight of our meeting will be a talk and a slide presentation by Walter Rheingans, N6LYF, San Luis Obispo County Communications Manger. Walter is also the designated County RACES Officer. He will be discussing SLO County's mountain top radio system and the coverage it provides, particularly as it affects north county. These same mountain tops also have some of our ARES/RACES amateur repeaters on them.

73,

**Bill McFarlen - WA5VGI
President PRARC**

Meeting Minutes April 2003

Paso Robles Amateur Radio Club

The meeting was called to order by President Bill McFarlen WA5VGI at 7:30 P.M.

Introductions were made of all 27 folks in attendance.

Again for a second month, no one was in the mood to clean out their closets and therefore there was nothing for free.

Sort of New Business

Discussion of the May BBQ. The date, May 18th, the location is Heilman Park in Atascadero.

Tail Gate Report

A sign-up sheet for food was circulated amongst the throng. Joan and Char will make the phone calls. It is slated to start at 9:00 a.m. and continue until about 4:00 p.m. depending on the amount of wine consumed. A Ten-Tec Century 22 QRP rig will be raffled off. Profit from the Tail Gate will be rolled into Field Day.

Field Day The organization for Field Day is in place. Larry Miller reports a rule addition; New F section for operating from an EOC location, sadly he opined that we are too big and have too much cooking gear to safely use any of the county's EOC locations for Field Day.

The High School will run the GOTA station.

Larry thanked the members of the committee; the crowd seemed restless and a bit distant perhaps wishing to wait and judge the committee's performance after the event.

Thanks committee for all the hard work!

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer reports that dues are being paid fairly well.

New Business

Wildflower Bicycle Ride The Wildflower will take place on April 26, 2003. Four more volunteers are needed.

Siren test was mentioned. President McFarlen recalled his siren test escapades and his propensity for vandalism. He also fondly recalled the passing motorist who responded to his request for help with a single digit salute.

Estero Radio Club provided communications for the SLO MS Walk.

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

Sam Vigil, WA6NGH, shared a very interesting slide and video presentation of the Alaska trip that he and his wife took, focusing on the 1964 earthquake.

The video concluded, some members awoke and the meeting was adjourned at 9:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, N6BXL