



HAMateur Gazette

The Newsletter of The
Paso Robles Amateur Radio Club

W6LKF

Meeting Date: First Monday Each Month

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**Next Meeting: November 3, 2003 Centennial Park
Banquet Room, Paso Robles 7:30 PM**

President: Bill Mcfarlen, WA5VGI
Vice President: Tim Haueter, W6NS
Secretary: Evan Mason, N6BXL
Treasurer: Jane Thornton, 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, November 3, 2003:

October Meeting Minutes

Paso Robles Amateur Radio Club Meeting Minutes October 6th, 2003

The meeting was called to order by President Bill McFarlen WA5VGI at 7:32 P.M.

Introductions were made of all 21 folks in attendance.

President McFarlen cleaned up his shack and brought a stack of old magazines to give away, including QST, DX and World Radio. The crowd was hungry for the printed word and the pile was quickly devoured.

Sort of New Business

Treasurer's Report

None Reported

Badges

There was no report about the impending badgification of the masses.

California QSO Party

The President queried the throng about participation in the recent California QSO Party. Seven club members admitted to having made a contact or two in the contest. N6BT worked the contest solo mobile from Tulare, Mariposa and Mono counties. Tom brought his mobile which included a truck bed mounted tilt over tower and rotating dipole. Tom operated QRP using only a barefoot 100 watt xceiver. Sounded like a lot of fun!

Pioneer Day Parade

October 11th, still need 4 stations to cover all the reviewing stands.

Colony Days Parade

October 18th, still need two more operators for back-up.

New Hams Needed, UPDATE!

W7CB, newly appointed Templeton School District Board Member Larry Miller, reported on his meeting with the Paso School District. He is scheduled to start a radio license class during the first week in April, which will include the code element. The class will be held at the Lewis Middle School Tech Lab from 4-5p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday. Larry is awaiting final Board approval. On bended knee, Larry made a plea for money to support the purchase of materials. Sensing that the crowd was becoming restless and uneasy about spending money when no food was involved, Larry decided to come back to the club and grovel in December.

Larry expects to start the class with 40 people and finish with 20. The class will be open to anyone. The class will run for twenty meetings. Larry also will be looking for parts donations for class projects.

Pacific Division Convention

The Pacific Division Convention will be held in San Ramon on October 17th to the 19th. Friday is Antenna day.

Salavic Testing of Voltage

A spontaneous discussion erupted about the relative merits and accuracy of testing 9 volt batteries with your tongue. President McFarlen was shocked and dismayed by the revolting idea of sticking a battery to his tongue and confessed to having never tried this method. Mention was made that this method also works well with a neon sign transformer, although usually only once.

The crowd was intrigued by tongue related tales and a lively discussion about wintertime temperature testing of metal objects with one's tongue ensued. President McFarlen was able to finally gain control of the meeting and directed the crowd's attention toward and opportunity to eat; the Christmas Party.

Christmas Party 2003

The Christmas Party is scheduled for the Paso Golf Club on December 14th. On the subject of raffle prizes, Bob Miller, in his gender sensitive and politically correct manner, suggested that a vacuum cleaner or mop would be the ideal woman's gift. When the smoke cleared, a motion was made by W7CB and seconded by N6BT that the club spend a total of \$300 on both gifts. (Editor: Perhaps the best thing to do is not have a men's and woman's raffle. As the club has many women members that are licensed hams and might have an interest in winning the radio prize maybe a raffle for the radio and a raffle for some cash where anyone can buy tickets to either or both might fit the bill and save some folks further embarrassment.)

AMSAT

Cliff reported on a program that he has volunteered many hours to at Cal Poly; CubeSat. The students are building satellites that weigh one kilo and are four inches on a side. The program has launched six cubes from Russia (\$4,000 per kilo) Four are still operating. They are in a polar orbit and are 300mw and BPSK and APRS. Good job Cliff.

Mike Kelly 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.

Next Meeting is November 3rd, 2003

Respectfully submitted, N6BXL

ARES News

The election for the 2004 SLOECC Board of Directors was conducted in conjunction with the October general meeting. 1930 hrs, Wednesday, 22 October at the Sheriff's auditorium on Kansas Ave.

The slate of officers as recommended by the nominating committee is:

President, Fred Cambell, WB6MIA

Vice President, Bill Bailey, AE6EQ

Secretary, John Portune, W6NBC

Treasurer, Richard Dickey, W6RKA

Director, Max Sicher, WD6Z

Nominations were accepted from the floor.

As further recommended by the committee the Board at its November meeting will discuss appointing a "Member at Large."

Classified

**Floor Model 2K Henry Classic Amplifier...needs tube
\$300**

**54 Ft Tri-Ex Selfsupporting crankup tower with tilt
over fixture. \$200**

20 Ft Chrommoly Mast 2 in. O.D. \$100

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