



Amateur Gazette

Paso Robles
Amateur Radio Club

W6LKF

Meeting Date: First Monday each month (except December)
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September 2005

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Next Meeting: September 12, 2005 - Centennial Park, 600
Nickerson Drive, Paso Robles 7:30 PM

Meeting Presentation

The presentation is to be determined at the time of this publication.

Presidential Ramblings

The club appeared well represented at the PG&E Siren Test and BBQ. This is a good fundraiser for our club and a big "good job" is deserved for all who participated (and directed their donation to PRARC, of course).

The Fish Fry is coming up on September 24 so please attend the meeting and help get this event set up. Jerry AB6BO and Carol KC6UAN are again hosting us at their place.

Things are looking up on the repeater front. The site owners at Tassajara have decided to switch their insurance to accommodate the ham users. Wow! This is a nice concession and simplifies what our repeater sponsorship committee was going to recommend. This is not place to go into details on that issue, but I do think we should pat ourselves on the back for what our club was ready to do as well as what our individual members already do for the repeater users in our county. Its all too easy to forget that John W6YDZ and Berna N6JQE maintain the linked "88" and "98" machines. Our other John W6HD and Jane KF6QHP host the "W6PRB" 147.06 MHz high school machine at their Radio Ranch.

The September meeting is on the 12th due to the holiday. I hope to see you there.

73 de Roland WB6EZH

August Meeting Minutes

1930 HRS Meeting opened by the President Roland Hinkle WB6EZH, 17 members attended.

Announcements:

1. Harry, W6NKT listed a near new vertical Hustler for sale and it vanished like a donut at a Field Day breakfast. Congratulations Bob, W1WJD.
2. Bill K6BWJ announced the SIREN TEST August 20th this has been a great fund raiser for PRARC in the past. Great BBQ will follow.
3. Tim, W6NS is the contact of selling a TS 520 contact him for details.
4. The Holiday Party Committee is doing well – nothing new to report.
5. Mike AE6FL, has already applied to ARRL for our call sign W6T for next years Field Day.
6. Minutes were accepted for July

Treasures Report: Jane, KF6QHP reported about \$1060 in the Bank and \$100 in petty cash.

Old Business: None

New Business: A Discussion of supporting the Tassajara Repeater was presented by Chris Arndt KD6DSI. The issue was tabled until the next meeting...

Meeting adjourned: 2100 hrs.

Respectively submitted,

Ron Massengill AB6FM
Secretary, PRARC

Treasurer's Report

No report this month. The balance is about the same as last month. John W6HD and Jane KF6QHP are on vacation, but this is in no way reflected in the treasury balance.

-Jane KF6QHP



Attention All Amateurs...

Amateur Radio Volunteers, Industry Responding to Help in Gulf Coast (Sep 6, 2005) -- More than 800 Amateur Radio operators from all over the US have signed up to aid the Hurricane Katrina relief and recovery effort now under way along the US Gulf Coast. At this point, an estimated 200 Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) volunteers en route, on site where they're needed or in the pipeline for processing and deployment. In addition, Amateur Radio manufacturers have been stepping up to donate radio equipment for use in the field. Icom already has committed to providing 250 handheld VHF transceivers and 35 HF transceivers for emergency use, while Heil Sound Ltd has offered to provide headsets for the units. Other manufacturers and suppliers also have pledged to donate antennas, accessories and hardware. The American Red Cross asked ARRL September 2 to issue a call for qualified Amateur Radio volunteers to help out at more than 250 shelter and feeding station locations, and the amateur community responded in force.

Amateur Community Asked to Give Katrina Emergency Nets Clear Frequencies

NEWINGTON, CT, Sep 5, 2005--Several HF nets continue in operation to support Amateur Radio's response to the Hurricane Katrina emergency. ARRL asks all members of the Amateur Radio community who are *not* taking part in disaster relief or recovery operations to give these nets as much elbow room as possible--5 kHz or more on either side of the net frequency. Nets already are having to deal with less-than-ideal propagation, and any interference--even if it's unintentional--can make their job all the more difficult. Special Counsel Riley Hollingsworth of the FCC's Enforcement Bureau says the FCC has not issued an Emergency Communication Declaration (ECD) for any emergency net frequency.

"Section 97.101(c) gives priority to emergency communications at all times," he points out, noting there have been very few problems with interference during the current emergency. Given the overall level of cooperation so far within the Amateur Radio community, Hollingsworth told ARRL that he does not anticipate the need for the FCC to issue an ECD. The FCC is aware of all emergency net frequencies, however. The primary nets and their frequencies are:

?The West Gulf ARES Emergency Net: 7.285 MHz days/3.873 MHz nights

?Health and Welfare traffic: 7.290 MHz days/3.935 MHz nights

?Salvation Army Team Emergency Radio Network ([SATERN](#)): 14.265 MHz and 7.265 MHz (as needed; reports indicate this frequency can vary somewhat, depending upon QRM)

The West Gulf ARES Emergency Net--organized under an agreement among the ARRL Louisiana, Mississippi and South Texas sections--has been handling emergency and priority traffic only. The net has been operating around the clock.

The Salvation Army Team Emergency Radio Network ([SATERN](#)) has been concentrating on emergency and priority traffic, although it has been handling health-and-welfare inquiries on the air and via its Web site. The 20-meter SATERN net has been activating daily at 1400 UTC and continuing until the band closes, with as many as 1000 stations are checking in each day.

"Amateur Radio is absolutely critical in the operation," SATERN National Coordinator Pat McPherson, WW9E, told ARRL. "We do all of our emergency communication on it, and this past week we have done a lot of rescue assistance."

Given the fickle propagation this past week, it's possible that active nets may be audible one minute and below noise level the next. Also, even active nets experience extended periods of relative calm in traffic flow and may appear to have secured operation. So, the best approach is to avoid operating on or near known net frequencies altogether.

In his recent [statement](#) to the amateur community on the Katrina crisis, ARRL President Jim Haynie, W5JBP, called on all stations who *are* active in Amateur Radio emergency nets to be professional and disciplined whenever checking in. "Net control is a difficult job at best, so be respectful. If you have traffic, fine, but if not, please stand by."

McPherson says the thing that makes the SATERN net work is its interface with hams who are not traditionally part of the net but show up from all over just to help out. "It seems in these crises that the entire ham world is on our frequency waiting to help, and that is why we have been blessed with success."

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

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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