



PANAMA CITY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

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Club Meeting Minutes for March 1, 2006

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Kenn Handschuh KG4VQI.

Officers in attendance:

- President Kenneth Handschuh KG4VQI
- Vice President Dave Brassell KG4YDD
- Treasurer Dave Kimmer N4YEO
- Secretary Bill Williams N4PCF
- Sergeant-at-Arms Harold Crosby KF4YDO

The previous meeting's minutes were read by Secretary Bill Williams N4PCF and motion was made to approve by Jerry KE7YG. Motion to approve passed unanimously.

Treasurer Dave Kimmer N4YEO gave the Treasurer's Report, as follows.

Balance as of	02/01/2006	\$1,819.11
Income	50/50	\$17.00
	Patches	\$25.00
	Tailgate Tables	\$10.00
	2006 Dues	\$60.00
(Building Fund)	Tower Payment	\$25.00
	Subtotal	\$137.00
	Total	\$1956.11
Costs and Expenses		NONE
	Subtotal	\$0.00
Balance as of	02/28/2006	Total \$1,956.11

Of the total balance, \$686.00 is designated for our building fund.

Dave Head W4WLC made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as read and the motion passed by unanimous vote.



Old Business

PCARC Tailgate Party. We had some good sellers and a good turnout, including Charlie Wooten (recently named Clear Channel's "National Engineer of the Year") was also selling some old computer gear.

Material Donations. Former Member Dave Weimsheimer WD4DW (formerly KA4CNH) donated a transistor tester and frequency generator to the club. Sergeant Mac and Barb (KI4ARJ and KI4ARI) donated some items, placed on the first table near the entrance, to the club's members. (Members are reminded that all items on the second table are for the repair station and belong to the club.) Sergeant Mac KI4ARJ also donated a sofa and there will be a lounge area; the sofa will turn into a bed for those all-nighters we might pull for QSO parties, etc. He also donated two chairs, one of which is at the radio station and the other is for the Sergeant-at-Arms, and two printers and a scanner to the club. Greg Morrison KG4LFS donated three FM foxhunt transmitter kits to the club.

Building Status

Some of the ceiling tiles are up thanks to VP Dave Brassell KG4YDD and things are progressing steadily.

Orlando Hamfest Report

Secretary Bill Williams N4PCF gave a short report on the Orlando Hamfest.

Boy Scout Weekend Jamboree March 17-18.

Participants are still needed for the Boy Scout Weekend Jamboree, which is being held at the Panama City Fairgrounds. Scouts will be working on their merit badges. Frank Pierce WD8JNI volunteered to build one of the FM foxhunt transmitters for use at the Boy Scout Weekend Jamboree.

Florida QSO Party April 22 - 23

The Florida QSO Party signup sheet is on the bulletin board, and the clubhouse will be open and active during the QSO party for those members that wish to use it. The Executive Committee wants to use the Florida QSO Party as practice for Field Day. Members are reminded that individual scores are always awarded to the individuals participating in the QSO party, and signing up for club affiliation simply tacks those points onto the club's total. Jim Cox K4JAF and Charlie Wooten NF4A have been giving credit to club affiliation so the club has been on the board the last several years.

Pending Recommended Changes to the By-Laws

The Executive Committee has developed some recommended changes to the by-laws and a write-up is in process. President Kenn KG4VQI asked if anyone else had suggestions for change but none were offered.

President Kenn KG4VQI again requested club members to please bring any communications signs they may have into the clubhouse so the club can get an accounting of how many we have.



New Business

The Chipley “Happy Hamming Swap ‘N Trade” is Saturday, and for those who haven’t been there before it is a fun event, they have a great meal, and the price of lunch is a donation, which is also a ticket for their prize giveaways. There is a small admission fee – everyone pays \$3.00 to get in the Falling Waters Recreational Park. The event starts at 9:00 am and runs to 3:00 pm. The Vice President of the Chipley club was at our tailgate on Saturday and everyone is encouraged to reciprocate. Mrs. Shanholzer pointed out anyone can bring a dish to the event to help provide food.

Charlie Wooten was scheduled to give his presentation on DXing and DXpeditions on March 15th. He will share his DX movies and discuss DXing – his favorite subject.

The Playground Amateur Radio Club Hamfest (PARCFEST) at Fort Walton is to be held March 18th, which unfortunately conflicts with the Boy Scout Weekend Jamboree.

The Tour de Ranch bicycle race happens on Saturday, March 25th and amateur radio communications is being managed by Dave Kimmer N4YEO. It consists of 3 bicycle “fun races” in one, which are 25-mile, 100-kilometer, and 100-mile races through the countryside. We provide support and our club is the only one that participates. Club members are encouraged to see Dave Kimmer N4YEO if they wish to help support this activity.

President Kenn KG4VQI again announced that we need a newsletter editor for the club and asked for a volunteer.

The Club will be using St Andrews State Park for Field Day 2006. Club members only have to notify the people working the gate that they are a ham radio operator supporting field day, and state park admission is free. Bob Steele WB3DEH will work with St Andrews State Park to arrange for our use of their facilities. President Kenn KG4VQI asked for a volunteer for Field Day Activity Director; this person will have the primary job of organizing all of the field day activities, including setup, shutdown, coordinate activity schedules, and generally manage the affair. There were no volunteers.

Health and Welfare

Reed Brassell has been checking in to the BayCARS Net on 145.330 pretty regularly, so we know he’s doing better.



Important Dates

- March 04 Chipley Happy Hamming Swap-n-Trade**
The first Saturday in March (3/4/2006) will be the Happy Hamming Swap-n-Trade event, held at the Falling Waters State Park in Chipley. Everyone is invited. For more information call Ewan Moore N4LMI at (850) 547-2141 -- (courtesy of Dorraïn Sawyer KB4UUA)
- 11 Emergency Services Seminar**
- 18 PARCFEST Playground Amateur Radio Club**
Fort Walton Beach, FL
- 25 Tour de Ranch**
- April 08 ARRL Testing (ACME Masonic Lodge)**
- 22-23 Florida QSO Party**
- May 13 Gulf Coast Triathlon**
- June 24-25 ARRL Field Day**
- July 08 ARRL Testing (ACME Masonic Lodge)**
- 14-15 11th Annual Milton Hamfest**
- October 21 ARRL Testing (ACME Masonic Lodge)**
- 21-22 BSA Jamboree On The Air (JOTA)**
- November 04 Florida Ironman Triathlon**
- December 13 Christmas Party**

Chuck Shanholzer KI4DEW moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and approved by majority vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:44 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Bill Williams N4PCF, Secretary, Panama City Amateur Radio Club