Palomar Amateur Radio Club

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December Meeting:

The PARC Christmas Social

The December program brings us a return of the longstanding PARC Holiday Tradition, the PARC Christmas Social.

Come and join PARC members in a meeting dedicated to celebrating the season, reminiscing the fun events of the past year, and wishing good cheer and fortune in the New Year.

Bring a goody for sharing, and have "an eyeball QSO" with the Club members.

This will also be the event wherein the new slate of Club officers are installed.

73 de NN3V

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President's Message

Merry Christmas to all, and from the PARC Board and me a wish that you have a wonderful, safe, and healthy New year 2005.

Is your Christmas wish list complete? It is a great time to drool over the goodies that appear in the many radio catalogs and magazines. Maybe 2005 is the year you return to HF? Remember the fun you had when you started HF operations? The pleasure of not knowing what may result from a "CQ" call on the bands, the accomplishment of working that rare call through the pile-up!

You say you do not remember the sounds of the HF band?

I have a Christmas pre-

<u>sent for you</u>. A fully functional Kenwood R-5000 receiver with all the antenna

Thoughts of a Past President

As I look back over these last three years, PARC faced some serious challenges. After Placing 19th nationally and first in Category 5F at this years Field Day, and establishing a New Members Chairperson which are just sum of the achievements of our Club during the last three years. Under President Charlie's leadership the performance of several duties of one man were absorbed into his administration and delegated to a teem of volunteers. This has made our Club stronger, and it is a trib-

installation you need to enjoy the bands, and not even be seen by your NIMBY neighbors!

Tiger Tek Inc., an information technology company in Salt Lake City, UT, operates a remote receiver site – fully interfaced through the internet - dedicated to radio experimentation and a series of services too numerous to outline here. Basically, you point your browser to http:// www.smeter.net/ and there you will find an absolutely amazing array of HF information, experimentation procedures, and yes - a remote S meter.

What is a remote S meter you ask? Well, through your browser you take full control of a Kenwood R-5000 receiver located in Bountiful, UT. Ever wonder what your signal sounds like <u>at the</u>

ute to Charlie and those that served on the Board of Directors for the Past three years.

Since we do not have term limits, the Nominating Committee, as evidenced by their recommendations, provided for the renewal of the board leadership this year. This will provide offer an opportunity for another member to gain experience at the Helm. Very few Past Presidents have served more than three years and the longest a President served, that I can recall, is 7 years. In

my opinion terms greater than three years, can and have caused polarization, dissention, and hard feelings, none of which are in the best interests of either Amateur Radio, or PARC. As a Past President of PARC I have felt the excitement as the captain of at the helm, as well as the sadness in turning over the gavel to someone else. I also know that for the bet-

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remote end of your contact? Imagine tuning the remote receiver in Bountiful, UT to the frequency on which you wish to operate, then transmitting from your shack. What you will hear coming back to you over the internet is the remote site's received signal from your station. **Neat, huh!**

I make routine use of the capability every time I set up for the various IOOK 40M nets in which I participate since propagation from Poway to

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Salt Lake City on 40M gives me a good idea of how the net is going to be. I transmit, I listen to the remote receiver, and that gives me a fairly good idea of how the net is going to sound for me.

Of course, you can also listen to any frequency and signal the R-5000 is capable of receiving. Likewise, the website contains an amazing array of information about all aspects of radio technology, propagation prediction, antenna design information, etc., etc.

So point your browser to the Tiger Tek site, and enjoy my HF receiver Christmas gift for you.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year 2005!

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Contest Coral

Dec 2 ARCI QRP 160 Meter Sprint Dec 3 ARRL 160 Meter Contest **Dec 4 TARA RTTY Melee** Dec 11 ARRL 10 Meter Contest Dec 18 MDXA Death March Dec 18 Czech DX RTTY Contest **Dec 18 Stew Perry Top Band Contest Dec 26 DARC Christmas Contest Dec 31 ARRL Straight Key Night Jan 1 Original QRP Contest Jan 1 SARTG RTTY Contest Jan 8 ARRL RTTY Roundup** Jan 8 NA QSO Party, CW

Contests are rather sparse during December and early January; however, all bands are covered as is CW, RTTY, SSB, and QRP so I guess there's something for everyone. See QST, CQ, NCJ, and Worldradio for complete rules. CU in the contest! 73, Harry/W6YOO 9

December RACES/ **ARES** Training

December 11, 2004 at 10:00 AM and will be at the County EOC. The Section Breakfast precedes the training session at 8:00 AM at Giovannis Restaurant. 9353 Clairemont Mesa Blvd (southwest corner of Clairemont Mesa Blvd and Ruffin Rd). This month will be the introduction to their new buffet service. Everyone is invited to the breakfast. W6GDK SDGARES SEC

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ARES Public Service Events for 2005

Lake Hodges 50 Km Trail Run I Love a Clean San Diego Special Olympics Basketball

Lost Boys Trail Run Special Olympics Greater Games Sat, 4 Jun 2005 and

Sat, 26 Feb 2005 Sat, 9 Apr 2005 Sat, 16 Apr 2005 and Sun 17 Apr 2005 Sat, 14 May 2005 Sun 5 Jun 2005

The Lake Hodges and Lost Days dates are tentative. The others 'should' be firm.

-Dave -kc6yso

Minutes Palomar Amateur Radio Club Board of Directors October 13, 2004

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 PM by KD6TUJ at the home of KR6BT.

Present were:

Vice President, Dennis Baca KD6TUJ Secretary, Dick Kalkofen, K6KAL Treasurer, Jo Ashley, KB6NMK

Treasurer's Report of 11/10/2004

Jo, KB6NMK has submitted the Treasurer's Report for review by the board. An amount of \$ 600.00 will be allocated to the property insurance reserve. The board approved the auto-patch payment amount increase from \$ 13.00 to \$ 18.00, to help defray the cost of electricity and phone line costs. Dick, K6KAL moved that the report as submitted be approved and was seconded by Dennis, KD6TUJ. The motion carried.

Secretaries Report

The minutes were distributed to the board and scope editor for publishing. Al. W6GNI moved that the minutes as distributed be approved, and was seconded by Steve, AD6VI. The motion was carried.

Discussion Items

Dennis, KD6TUJ located some additional materials in the storage relating to the club repeaters. They were old copies of 'Repeater Directories' showing Director Steve Early, AD6VI Director Merle Risdon, KR6BT Membership Chairman, Al Donlevy, W6GNI Repeater Site Chair Michelle Thompson, W5NYV

the locations of repeaters as of the dates of publishing. This material will be added to the data being collected for TASMA.

Jo, KB6NMK presented a letter most of us received from ARRL for 'Spectrum Defense fund'. After some discussion, it was agreed to send \$ 100.00 on behalf of the club.

Al, W6GNI reported on his efforts to invite the advertisers from the scope to set up displays at the Christmas Social. His invitations were not warmly accepted, and the overall response was less than expected.

There was a brief discussion as to the 'Ad rates' the club charges for the scope, and although the membership is down, it was agreed the rates should remain the same. There was a review of the number of brochures available for distribution, and it was agreed to arrange the printing of 100 new ones.

Old Business

Michelle, W5NYV has begun to put together a draft for a policy on the repeater usage during an emergency, and will present it at a future board meeting. Dennis, KD6TUJ gave a brief update on locating a 'Container' for the repeater site.

New Business

Steve, AD6VI began to layout a 'club calendar' of known activities and will forward the items to be published in the scope.

Membership report

Al, W6GNI notes that the club now has 423 members.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed 1 Christmas Social	Thu 2	Fri 3	Sat 4	December 8 Board Meeting December 11 RACES/ARES Training
5	6	7	8 Board Meeting	9	10	11 Races/Ares Training	PARC NETS Sunday 0830 146.730 ARES Sunday 1000 146.730 Sailors Net Sunday 2045 146.075 MARA Emergency Services
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Monday 1915 146.730 RACES Sub-Net Monday 2100 146.730 Microwave Net
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	 Tuesday 2100 146.730 Off-Road Net 2nd Wednesday 2100 146.730 PARC Board Net Thursday 1930 147.075 Young Hams Net
26	27	28	29	30	31		 Thursday 2100 146.730 Ham Help Net Friday 2100 146.730 Hiker's Net Saturday 2000 52.680 6 Meter Ares Net
			ude informati omararc.org			please send an month	Tue/Thu/Sat 2000 146.730 NTS Traffic Net (SDCTN)

Last Month

Goodie Table



KG6RCW W6YOO KA6DUH W6ASP K6ISS Tom Harry Dennis Preston Fred

Club Membership

New Members Joining PARC:

KG6RKX, N2HLG, KB2ECB, KF6JAW, KG6MVO, and N6JAS.

In January we will print the e-mail address of record on the label instead of the expiration date. (A sneaky way of not admitting that I have a Y2K problem with the database program the first month of the year!)

Al	
W6GNI	

The Board Voted to send \$100 to the ARRL Spectrum Defense Fund for the protection against BPL. It is recommended that club members also send what they can afford in addition and mention that they are Palomar Club members. Thanks, 73, Your 2004 Board Anita Nye is a Silent Key, her call was KB6YHY. She and her husband Art, KB6YHZ have hosted the Fold, Spindle and Labeling Party for the Scope for many, many years. Every month she made cookies for us and provided coffee or cool drinks as well as doing the labels for one of the large boxes of Scopes. When she could not remember what ingredients went in the cookies they bought cookies for us and Anita still tried to do the labels, sometimes she had to have help. Even when she did not remember who we were, or what we were doing there, she still was her sweet self, greeting us and coming outside to see us off with a hug.

Art and Anita also hosted the Goodie table at the club meetings for many years as many of you will remember.

For Sale

(11.16) I have the following DVD-R discs for sale or trade, they are for DVD Recorders i.e., for recording from TV, Cable, VHS tapes, Camcorder videos. Not computers. 95 OptpDisk, 48 Memorex, 23 Maxell - all bought in the last month. Will sell for 25% off. Reason is -- I have a Panasonic DVD recorder and the only discs that work are Panasonic and TDK (;-(Call Rod AC6V at 760-945-6050 E-Mail rodac6v@cox.net

(11.16) CUBIC ASTRO 150A TRAN-SIEVER FIX OR MOBILE 10-160M SSB 100WPEP w/PS and Manual \$300. KENWOOD 2M TRANSIEVER MODEL TR-7330 5-25W w/AUTO PATCH MIKE MC-46 w/ARX-2M ANT, MANUAL \$200, ASTRO PSA w/ MANUAL \$25, SWAN LINEAR AMP MODEL 1500Z,1500 W PEP, w/ MANUAL \$350, HY GAIN ROTOR w/ CONTROL BOX AND MANUAL \$100, REMOTE MOTOR DRIVEN COAX SW 6 POS w/CONTROLL BOX \$100, PALOMAR SWR-PWR METER w/MANUAL MODEL M-827 0-200W \$50, SWAN SWR-PWR METER MODEL SWR-1 w/MANUAL \$20, DUMMY LOAD 1KW \$10, B&W G POS COAX SW MODEL CSAGG 1KW \$20, CUBEX 4 EL QUAD 20' BOOM w/QUAD ARMS FIBER-GLASS SPREADERS w/ **INSTRUCTION MANUAL \$150,** KRIS W6KTE 760-641-3555

(11.16) Cushcraft RF-8 6 Months old \$200Diamond 144/440 Dual band base antenna \$50 you take down. James 722-2797 no8rf@cox.net

(11.16) AN/URM-25D Signal Generator, 10kHz to 50Mhz in 9 bands. With front cover and manual, no accessories. Two Available. \$75 Each Richard W6RLC 619-224-9900

Personal equipment ads are free to members and could be "bumped" after 3 mo. Make up your ad like the ones below and send to the email address below <u>before</u> the 18th of each month.

<u>Commercial Ads</u> in big boxes: \$2/col. inch/mo. We will "squash" your copy to the number of inches bought.

SCOPE@palomararc.org

(11.16) AC-DC Current Calibrator, Valhalla Model 2555A. 0-100 Amps, 0-2V input DC—1 kHz. With Manual. \$40 Richard W6RLC 619-224-9900

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(8.1) !COM-756 PRO II HF/6m all mode, Like New in original box. Manual and accessories included. A real Bargain at \$1,750, Allan AE6AN (w) 858-566-9829 (h) 858-481-1880

(8.2) Cushcraft MA5B 5 band mini HF beam. Never installed, partially assembled/painted, \$250. Force 12 Sigma 5 portable multiband vertical, used very little, \$125. Spider HF multiband portable/mobile, with attachment claw, \$50. Hustler mobile with 17, 20, 40M resonators, \$40, 2M mag. mount, \$5. W3LFR, 858-774-0733 days, 858-780-9593 eves.

(8.3) Hallicrafters HA6 (6 Meters Transverter) \$30.00, CushCraft AR-2 2 Meter Ringo Antenna \$15.00, Knight Kit R55a Receiver \$45.00, Knight Kit Span Master Reciever \$35.00. Jerry Kopack, KF6MYE 760-436-6238 or JKopack@DIRECPC.COM

(8.5) FREE - QST 1994 to present. Ivan, W6TET (858) 273-0219

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(Thoughts Continued from page 1) terment of our Club, I must turn over the Gavel, and give the next President of PARC an opportunity to serve. In doing so brought growth to ,PARC, myself, and gave a new President the opportunity for growth. In 2006, PARC will be 70 Years old, a great tribute to all the Radio Amateurs that have collectively served this Club well.

It is my hope that our soon to be President and his board will once again move our Club forward in new and different directions, leading to yet another chapter of growth for the Palomar Amateur Radio Club and its members. 9

Art, KC6UQH

Nominating Committee

On 10/05/04 the Nominating Committee for the PARC Officers and Directors was

approved by this years Board of Directors.

The following members of the Nominating Committee are:

Paul, WN6K Rod. AC6V Paul. NN6X Art, KC6UQH

After several hours of deliberations by e-mail and telephone the Committee arrived at agreement for a slate of Officers and Directors for the Palomar Board of Directors, for the year 2005.

The results were announced at the PARC Regular November General meeting on November 3rd 2004.

The recommendations are as follows: **Director #2** Mark, KF6WTN Director #1 Tom, KG6RCW Paul, KB5MU Secretary Jo, KB6NMK Treasurer Dennis, KD6TUJ Vice President President Steve, AD6VI

A motion from Fred K6ISS opened nominations from the General Membership.

None were made.

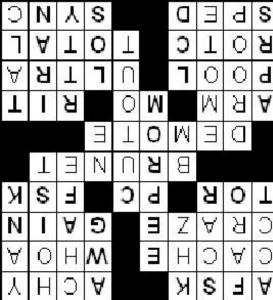
Nominations were then closed and the recommended slate of the nominating committee will stand for affirmation by vote at the Regular

December General Meeting. The new board will take then office at the close of the December General Meeting in accordance with the By Laws of the Palomar Amateur Radio Club, Inc. Having no further business, the Nominating Committee for the year 2005 is disbanded.

Art. KC6UQH **Committee Member**

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November's Puzzle Solution



Web Pages **PARC's Home Page** http://www.palomararc.org

Rod's - AC6V http://www.ac6v.com

ARES Alert Publication http://sanarrl.org/alert.htm

Tom's Hiker's - KF6PAZ http://www.fanciful.org/san-diego-hiker

Echolink http://www.echolonk.org

IRLP http://www.irlp.net

The Friday "Lunch Bunch" de KA6K www.KA6K.com

Treasurer \$\$,\$\$\$

Jo Ashley KB6NMK@amsat.org Subject: Treasurer's Report Balance Sheet as of October 31, 2004

B of A Checking	2316.00
CD	2,710.46
CD	3,426.66
CD	2,862.11
CD	2,862.17
Post Office	98.08
TOTAL	14,275.48
Liabilities	
Pre-paid Dues	7.516.00
Property Insurance1,800.00	1,010.00
TOTAL	9,316.00
Equity	4,959.48
TOTAL Liabilities & Equity	14,275.48

PARC Testing

Carlsbad - 2nd. Saturday at 9:30 am in the Carlsbad Safety center.

> Contact Rusty AA60M 760-747-5872 or dunedancer@cox.net

EARS Testing

Escondido - LAST Saturday at 9:00 am Fire Station #1 Escondido Fire Department 310 North Quince Street Escondido, CA 92025

> Contact Harry W6YOO 760-743-4212 or W6YOO@amsat.org

Register 5-7 days in advance for tests.

10 Meter Net

Monday - Friday

8:00 pm Local time

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WA9MTP Dennie in Vista is net control.

PARC Hiker's Net News

By Bernie – N6FN

Hiking Anza Borrego

In mid November Ed Butler, KF6DXX posted on the hiking reflector that he was leading a day-hike to Mine Wash, in the Anza Borrego State Park. Meeting at Dudley's in Santa Ysabel, Michael and daughter, Mary, Nancy and John, accompanied Ed east on 78 to the start of the hike at the Mine Wash Turnoff.

The highlight of the trip was visiting an old Kumeyaay Village site, where Michael's daughter eagerly led the pack in searching for morteros and interesting rocks.

The group had a try at taking compass bearings towards sunset Mountain – getting a favorable correlation with Ed's GPS readings. They also practiced using a small signaling mirror. Ed has a lot of experience with making mirror signaling devices and sending Morse code messages via light flashes.

The 147.240 machine on Monument Peak provides good coverage for much of Anza Borrego Park. The southern section of the park is well covered by the 147.150 Mount Laguna repeater.

Mojave National Preserve

On the same weekend of Ed's hike, Stan, W9FQN and Bernie, N6FN joined a car camp outing, led by Scott from the Outdoors Club, to the Mojave National Preserve. Created by Congress in 1994, the Preserve protects 1.6 million acres of the East Mojave Desert. About three times the size of Anza Borrego, this park is huge. Roughly resembling a triangle, it is sandwiched between I-15 on the North, I-40 to the South and Highway 95 to the East.

Driving out Friday, our first stop was to the "Hole in the Wall" ranger station to pick up maps and other information. After quickly orienting ourselves to the park, we camped at the Mid Hills Campground.

There is much to do in the park, and we just touched the highlights. Our first excursion was to hike via the "Rings" trail to the "Hole in-the-Wall"—with its great rock formations and a slot canyon which requires climbing down a small cliff via rings which have been placed into the rock. We finished the hike by going around the mountain to visit some interesting Indian petroglyphs.

Latter we hiked to Crystal Springs, a steep trail with excellent views, in the Providence Mountains State Recreation area. In the afternoon we toured Mitchell Cavern; the stalagmite and stalactite laden cave is a must see if you are ever in the area.

The following day we visited the Kelso Train Depot which has been carefully restored with the intent of using it as the Preserve's visitor center. Then we hiked the Kelso Sand Dunes, making our way to the top of the largest dune. Standing on top of the rose colored and windblown summit and then sliding down its face was probably the highlight of the trip.

Pictures from our trip are located at http://members.cox.net/ bernie-n6fn/ The Needles 146.760-, Ludlow 147.885-, Newberry Springs 146.700- and Lake Havasu 146.610- repeaters provide coverage in various areas of the preserve. If you wish to visit the park, log onto www.nps.gov/moja for more information.

Hiker Net hams get together every Friday evening at 9pm on our 147.630 machine to discuss trip ideas, reports of recent trips and other outdoor related topics. The net is open to everyone and new participants are always welcome.

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Repeater Technical

There was no formal report at this meeting.

Repeater Site

Michelle, W5NYV reported that she will be installing 'Address' numbers at our site to comply with the current regulations as to property labeling. She noted that there is still some 'chipping' work to be completed. The guy wires on the tower appeared to have a slack appearance. She will address the issue this next week with some initial research as to the tension, and arrange a work party to 'take up the slack'. While 'up on the mountain' she will get a status of our 'Echo Link' project from Mike, AB6QT.

Next Board Meeting

The December board meeting will be held at the home of Merle, KR6BT at 7:00 PM on December 8th.

Steve, AD6VI made the motion to adjourn the meeting, and was seconded by Merle, KR6BT. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM. Respectfully submitted, Dick Kalkofen, K6KAL, Secretary

December meeting will be the: "Christmas Social"

The nominations from the floor were opened:

There were no nominations from the floor. Nominations were closed:

Jerry, AK6QJ moved that the nominations be closed, and was seconded by Harry, W6YOO

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