

# Loose Gravel

Newsletter of ROADs

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AB7X-Editor

Here we are in the month of August, in the midst of county fair events, the Polk County Fair to begin tomorrow, the 11<sup>th</sup>. Tomorrow evening is also our monthly meeting, and it is to be at Murphy's Bar and Grill in Dallas at 18:00 hours. Come as you are and bring a smile.

Dudley has indicated that he may be present at the dinner meeting, even tho' his doctor has not officially approved galavanting around town! He continues to recover nicely, with the help of Feryl. His station was modified to accomodate his bedside manner by a group of HAMS from the club last month, and he now enjoys his favorite bands again.

Our meeting on 14 July was very interesting, and the turnout was very good. A total of 21 people! Jim Pardey and his wife, Arline, were there to talk about alternate power and the presentation was exemplary! Solar, wind and water were the focal points of the evening, and I am convinced that we, as consumers,

need to be thinking more about conserving our resources and investing in these viable alternatives to Grid Power. I personally have two solar panels which I use to supply power to my outdoor station battery bank, and as a backup supply for my 'shack' batteries.

Here are the impromptu minutes from that meeting, written down by the hand of the President of Vice, yours truly:

The meeting was called to order @ 19:00-

-It was announced that Dudley was back in the hospital for a supposed blood clot in his injured leg.

-Construction of our club banner was discussed. The banner is to be 3' x19', and the logo is not available at this time for viewing. \$265.00 was allotted for construction of the banner, which will be used at events and functions such as the Polk County Fair.

-Volunteers were asked for in the making of postcards to be sent to HAMs in the local area in a membership drive. KW7DSP volunteered to collate a database of 5 local Zip Codes.

-Our August meeting will be a dinner meeting @ Murphy's Bar and Grill on Ellendale in Dallas.

-On 18 August there will be a multi-agency exercise...details forthcoming the closer it gets.

-Polk County Fair is 11 thru 14 August, and ROADS will have a booth (trailer?) w/antennae.

-Trent is going to the fish hatchery again.

-Beginning 25 July Bob, K7QXG, will be gone from the area

-P5, North Korea, will soon be on the air for the folks who enjoy DX'ing.

-W7P, the Portland Maritime Museum, and W7G, the "Spruce Goose", on the air the weekend of 23-24 July.

-Guest speaker Jim Pardey, WA7ZAJ, gave his presentation on Alternative Power Sources. He had a complete system at the meeting, consisting of a 48 watt solar panel, V/A meter, charge controller, inverter and example appliances. Very informative. He also discussed other sources such as wood water heaters, propane appliances, prices, and installation of home and station systems. For more information, one should get in touch with Jim.

-An antenna was offered by Bob, W7LOU, for the club raffle, and was won by Rick! Rick also has his repeater on the air for testing on 443.6, pl. tone yet to be announced.

The meeting was adjourned @ +/- 21:00 hours.

Dave, KD7VLP, found this interesting item during his research, and would like to share it with us....thanks Dave!

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## REPORT OF DAMAGE

Windstorm, March 27, 1963

First heard of approaching storm approximately 1500 PST by telephone call from local office of the Federal Aeronautics Administration, requesting information to verify reports they had heard over commercial radio. Immediately called State Office on Red Net to receive verification.

Notified County Judge and through County Warning Net, notified cities within county. Alerted Sheriff's Office, County Fire Chief and Road Department.

Contacted Pacific Power and Light Company to give them the information we had and to find out what they knew about situation.

Called Radio Station KROW at approximately 1600 PST and gave a "Beeper Phone-in-the-air" report of situation as we knew it at that time. This was repeated at 1700 hrs. PST and 1800 hrs. PST. Station left air at 1815 hrs. PST.

Called Civil Defense Radio Officer at 1645 hrs. PST, had him report for duty on man Red Net. County 6-meter RACES net on 50.58 MG activated at 1730 hrs. PST with 8 stations reporting ready. This net activated until 2200 hrs. PST. Had County Judge and Sheriff come to Control Center at 1800 hrs. PST for conference and finalization of plans. Through County Warning Net, requested weather situation from all municipalities in County at approximately 1830 hrs. PST. Reported this information to State CD office.

Stood by at office, monitoring Red Net and keeping abreast of situation. Kept Judge and State CD office informed. Citizens Band Net alerted at 2000 hrs. PST for purpose of damage reports, with 8 stations reporting. At 2130 hrs. PST, reported no report of structural damage but power lines and telephone lines down in southeast part of County, but all service restored.

In western half of County, peak of storm estimated 50 MPH, arrived at 2115 hrs. PST.

County Civil Defense office manned with Director, Secretary and two radio operators. Net closed at 2230 hrs. PST. Closed office at 2300 hrs. PST.

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At my outdoor station last week, I was blessed by the presence of a white hummingbird, who we named "Spirit". She is probably an Anna's variety, and is all-white (not albino). What a treat she was...we saw her at our feeders and fuschias for four days and, alas, has not returned at the time of this writing. More photos are available on request.



"Spirit"

I have been enjoying the 1.25 meter band lately, even though there are not many HAMs who own gear that operate on that band. The ZQ's, Mark and Bonnie, have a 220 repeater not too far away from Mac, but I don't have the power to reach it with my

Kenwood F6A tri-band. There are a surprising number of 220 repeaters around the Valley that I can reach on 5 watts, however!

I am told by Bob the Prez' that we now have our own website, which is w7ore.com , and will be where you find this newsletter from this point on.

Thank you for letting me paw thru your inbox one more time, and hopefully this mistle will be more enticing as we draw closer to the Autumn months.

See you at the meeting...

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