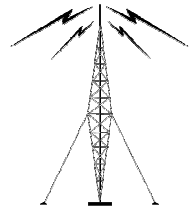




Western Public Service System Newsletter



Special Thanks Edition

MAY 2011



Letter from the President, Genie, KM6D

Hello Everyone,

Well here it is almost time for the WPSS Annual Picnic, which is going to be held in Del Rey Oaks at the Laguna Seca Raceway campgrounds. I would like to thank Jim WB6YAM, his wife Sharon KI6FKX and their great crew for agreeing to once again do the picnic for us. Jim is also serving as Prize chairman, and something different this year we have combined the Members and the Spouses prizes. Thank you also to Marge KB6HAG for doing a great job taking care of the opportunity ticket sales. They will go on sale by mail from May 15 to July 13.

The Hemet luncheon in March was a success as always and our thanks go out to W6PXD Toby and WA6EFT Al for organizing that get to together for our members in the Spring and in the Fall. For those of you that have not had a chance to attend any of these, the Steer n' Stein restaurant where it is held has both excellent service, food and is easy to find if your not from the area.

I would like everyone to join me in thanking our Net Controls and our Net Manager for their outstanding service to the net. Without them we could not have the net running as smoothly as it does. Thanks also to Fred K6RAU, Treasurer and to Michael W7HUT, Secretary for all their work each week in keeping up with all the updates and changes to the roll call and seeing that the net controls receive them.

If you would like to help with the net as an early, late or roll caller let Toby W6PXD or any of the net controls know. Also if you would like to help at the picnic that would be appreciated contact Jim WB6YAM, I'm sure he can find some way for you to help.

In a very short while it will be election time again. We will be in need of a President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary and four Directors so please consider running for an office as we need new people with fresh ideas to help WPSS be all it can be and more.

We have had a lot of new members join and I would like to say welcome to all of them and I hope to hear and talk with them on the net.

I'm looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the picnic Lloyd W6LGS and I will going up there from Indio. If you can't make the picnic maybe you can join us at the fall luncheon in Hemet another great time.

73

Genie Balentine-Segroves KM6D
President WPSS

WESTERN PUBLIC SERVICE SYSTEM INC.
TREASURER'S REPORT FOR MONTH-END
[January 2011]

/// <u>Beginning Bank Balance (Dec 24, 2010):</u>	\$ 13148.92
\\ \\ Deposits & Interest:	+ \$ 824.00
	+ 265.00 (dues) / Oct 20, 2010
	+ 238.00 (dues) / Dec 27, 2010
	+ 321.00 (dues) / Jan 20, 2011
\\ \\ Expenses & Debits:	- \$ 0.00
	[None]
/// <u>Ending Bank Balance (Jan 27, 2011):</u>	\$ 13972.92

Fred B. Silveira, K6RAU
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WESTERN PUBLIC SERVICE SYSTEM INC.
TREASURER'S REPORT FOR MONTH-END
[February 2011]

/// <u>Beginning Bank Balance (Jan 27, 2011):</u>	\$ 13972.92
\\ \\ Deposits & Interest:	+ \$ 176.00
	+ 176.00 (dues) / Feb 10, 2011
\\ \\ Expenses & Debits:	- \$ 00.00
	[None]
/// <u>Ending Bank Balance (Feb 25, 2011):</u>	\$ 14148.92

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**WESTERN PUBLIC SERVICE SYSTEM INC.
TREASURER'S REPORT FOR MONTH-END
[March 2011]**

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/// <u> Beginning Bank Balance (Oct 27, 2010):</u>		\$ 14148.92
\\ \ Deposits & Interest:		+ \$ 00.00
	[None]	
\\ \ Expenses & Debits:		- \$ 00.00
	[None]	
/// <u> Ending Bank Balance (Mar 24, 2011):</u>		\$ 14148.92

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**WESTERN PUBLIC SERVICE SYSTEM INC.
TREASURER'S REPORT FOR MONTH-END
[April 2011]**

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/// <u> Beginning Bank Balance (Mar 24, 2011):</u>		\$ 14148.92
\\ \ Deposits & Interest:		+ \$ 210.00
		+ 210.00 (dues) / Mar 25, 2011
\\ \ Expenses & Debits:		- \$ 00.00
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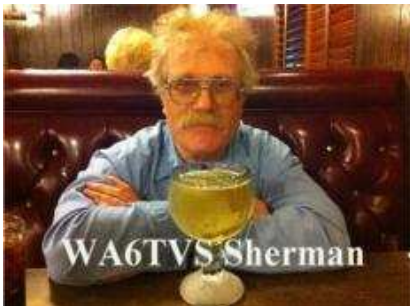
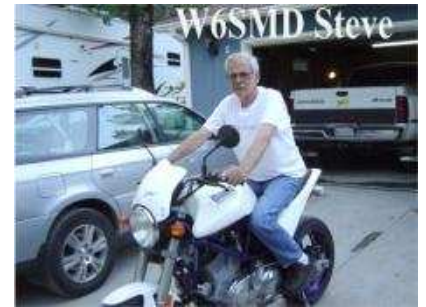
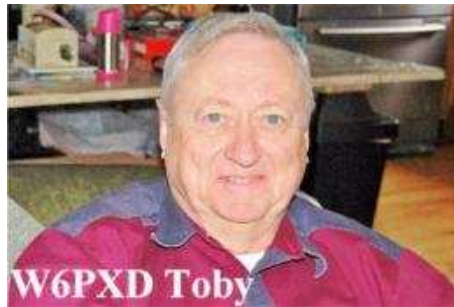
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Note from the Editor – Genie KM6D email km6d@ymail.com

The minutes from the Board meetings held on January 16, 2011 and April 23, 2011 and April 30, 2011 will be in the next edition of the Newsletter that will be coming out with all of the Picnic and Prize information.

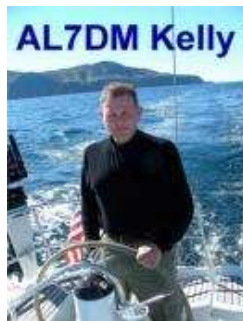
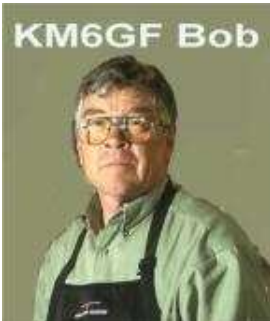
If you have any information you would like to contribute to the Newsletter please contact me at km6d@ymail.com – ed.

Our thanks to all our Net Controls. Great job everyone!



No photo provided by

- KI6YVT Scott
- K6ERQ Bill
- K6AMU Rick
- KG6UGF Kevin



OPPORTUNITY TICKETS

\$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00

Marge May KB6HAG has once again graciously volunteered to be the person responsible for this year's *WPSS Annual BBQ Picnic* opportunity tickets. Tickets go on sale by mail on **May 15th** through **July 13th**. The tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. You may buy your opportunity tickets from her at the picnic or by snail mail. Prizes won by members not present at the picnic will be shipped to them courtesy of WPSS.

If you want your ticket stubs back before the picnic your request must be received by July 9th and include a SASE with your order.

Make checks payable to *Western Public Service System*.

Write your call sign on your check.

Cutoff date to order by mail is July 13th.

Need not be on roll call list to purchase tickets BUT must be a member in good standing as of July 16, 2011.

Eligibility is limited to members of WPSS

Any donation amount will be accepted in lieu of the requested ticket prices

No purchase necessary to participate

To purchase tickets send your requests to:

Marge May KB6HAG
15120 Village 15
Camarillo, CA 93012

Just a reminder -

Dues are \$10.00 and then \$8.00 for any consecutive years you want to pay for, so for 2 years it would be \$18.00. It only becomes \$10.00 when you fail to renew your membership by the due date. By failing to renew on time you also jeopardize your continuous service awards.

A Membership Renewal Form is on the last page of this newsletter for your convenience.

The 2011 WPSS Picnic Opportunity Drawing Rules and Eligibility

The Opportunity Drawing is a benefit to members in good standing of WPSS as of 16 July 2011.

- Opportunity tickets may be purchased beginning May 15, 2011, by mail from **Marge May** (KB6HAG) 15120 Village 15, Camarillo, CA. 93012. Marge's Email is available on QRZ.com.
- **Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00.**
- Checks must be received by Marge on or before July 15th, 2011
(or no later than July 13th if you want ticket stubs sent back to you.)
- Tickets may be purchased at the Picnic site.
- Checks should be made out to *Western Public Service System*.
You must put **your call sign on the check**.
- If you want your ticket stubs, include a self-addressed stamped envelope with your check
- **Eligibility is limited to members of WPSS**
- **Any donation amount will be accepted in lieu of the requested ticket prices**
- **No purchase necessary to participate**

Eligibility

- **Eligibility is limited to members of WPSS**
- You must be a member in good standing of Western Public Service System. A member in good standing means you must have your dues paid (with the exception of life members) on or by July 16, 2011 prior to the drawing. Our President Genie, KM6D, will have Fred's latest membership data at the picnic (current as of July 15, 2011 (mailed dues must be received by our Treasurer by **July 15, 2011**)).
- Dues payments, renewals and new memberships will be accepted prior the drawing at the picnic by our President, Genie, KM6D or our Treasurer, K6RAU, if in attendance.
Any donation amount will be accepted in lieu of the requested ticket prices
- You do **NOT** have to be on roll call. If you have any doubt about your status please contact our Treasurer- Fred, K6RAU, or our President Genie, KM6D who will be at the picnic, before you purchase tickets.
- No single ticket may win more than one prize.
- **No purchase necessary to participate**
Prizes won by members not present will have their prize shipped to them courtesy of WPSS.

The Drawing

- The **First**, **Second** and **Third** prizes will be drawn as follows; prior to any other tickets having been drawn, the **First** prize ticket will be drawn and placed in an envelope marked **FIRST PRIZE**. This process will be repeated for the **Second** prize in which the ticket will then be placed in an envelope marked **SECOND PRIZE** and then again for **Third** prize in which the ticket will be placed in an envelope marked **THIRD PRIZE**.
- At this point tickets will be drawn and winners' names announced for prizes starting with the lesser value and working up to the highest value. Names will be announced as tickets are drawn.
- Upon completion of drawing for all other prizes:
 - The **Third Prize** envelope will be opened and the winner's name announced, then
 - The **Second Prize** envelope will be opened and the winner's name announced and finally
 - The **First Prize** envelope will be opened and the winners name announced.
 - This will conclude the opportunity drawing.



UPCOMING EVENTS 2011



- May 19 – 21 Western Amateur Radio Friendship Associations
 Founder's Day Spring 2011 Retreat
www.warfa.org
- Jun 25 – 26 ARRL Field Day - the largest on-the-air operating event in Amateur Radio.
www.arrl.org/field-day
- Jul 16** **Western Public Service System Annual BBQ Picnic** - information in newsletter and on website
www.3952kHz.net
- Sep 22 – 24 Western Amateur Radio Friendship Association Fall 2011 Retreat
www.warfa.org
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****Member News****

LEARN OR REFRESH MORSE CODE

Do you or someone you know want to learn Morse code? If so the K6RAU Code Course is now available on the internet. This is **actual** code instruction, not code practice as one does not need to know a “dit” from a “dah” to learn. Simply with paper and pencil in hand follow the voice instruction. The narrator is Fred K6DUU (now a SK), father of K6RAU Fred our Treasurer. The course was first broadcast on 160 meters to local Merced/Modesto area boy scouts listening on converted music radios. In the 1970's through mid 90's it was transmitted on 75 meters by K6RAU. To download the course, three websites are available: www.kj6art.com and/or www.pdarrl.org/k6rau or <http://kd7mek.spruz.com/>

ACROSS THE COUNTRY ON RTE. 6 IN A 1940 CHEVY

Join Bob KM6GF as he journeys across the country in a restored 1940 Chevrolet. They will be leaving Lancaster, CA Thursday May 5 and expect to arrive in Ely, NV Friday evening. After a brief lay over they will set out once again on Sunday morning continuing along Rt 6. They completed the Santa Monica, Ca to Lancaster stretch earlier this year. Bob will again be posting pictures of the trip and you can also follow along with APRS by searching for km6gf-2. When you go to the website there is a *readme* file that helps to explain the trip. The websites are: <http://fp1.antelecom.net/1940chevy> and <http://aprs.fi> search km6gf-2

WPSS Net Monitors

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SUNDAY			
EARLY	KM6GF	BOB	LANCASTER
ROLL CALL	KM6D	GENIE	INDIO
LATE MONITOR	KT6U	MICKIE	UPLAND
MONDAY			
EARLY	K7TFJ	SPEED	PAHRUMP, NV
ROLL CALL	W7HUT	MICHAEL	SANTA BARBARA
LATE MONITOR	KI6YVT	SCOTT	ANDERSON
TUESDAY			
EARLY	K6ERQ	BILL	FERNDALE
ROLL CALL	W6PXD	TOBY	HEMET
LATE MONITOR	KG6UGF	KEVIN	SUSANVILLE
WEDNESDAY			
EARLY	KE5JTS	JASON	WOODBIDGE
ROLL CALL	N3ETA	RON	HALF MOON BAY
LATE MONITOR	K6AMU	RICK	EAGLE LAKE
THURSDAY			
EARLY	KE6RJ	HARRY	SUGAR LOAF
ROLL CALL	WA6TVS	SHERMAN	PACOIMA
LATE MONITOR	AL7DM	KELLY	SIMI VALLEY
FRIDAY			
EARLY	KI6COP	STAN	LAKE MATTHEWS
ROLL CALL	KD7MEK	DAN	KINGMAN AZ
LATE MONITOR	KA6ZVR	BOB	WEAVERVILLE
SATURDAY			
EARLY	WA6FFJ	JOE	FRESNO
ROLL CALL	KT6U	MICKIE	UPLAND
LATE MONITOR	W6SMD	STEVE	FRENCH GULCH

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