

# Yuba-Sutter Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

A CALIFORNIA NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION  
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The Yuba-Sutter Amateur Radio Club meets at 7:30 p.m. on the Second Tuesday of each month at the American Red Cross Building, 144 Garden Highway, Yuba City, CA. The next meeting will be held January 12, 1982.

The YSARC net meets every Monday evening at 7:30 p.m. on 146.685 MHz. Everyone is invited to participate in this net. A swap shop will follow the net. If you are interested in the happenings of the club, or have a need for equipment or equipment to sell check into the net.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Bill - WD6BFR  
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## CLUB OFFICERS

Jerry - N6DDP - Pres.  
Howard - N6CCS - Vice Pres.  
Ruth - KA6CQH - Secretary  
Barry - KE6LW - Treasurer

The holiday season is over now and things have quieted down. Several members received new toys for Christmas.

Jerry N6DDP has a new wind indicator. He was so excited and anxious to get it going that he climbed up to the top of his tower to instal it in a blustery rain storm. All that just to see how fast the wind is blowing and what direction its blowing. It came in handy during the recent big storms we had.

I heard that Bill AJ6M was wearing holes in the soles of his shoes by walking up and down his driveway trying out his new Kenwood TR2500 hand held. Sounds great from here, Bill.

Emery NG6L spent days programing his Bearcat 350 scanner. It has a digital read out that gives either a numerical or alpha read out of the frequencies. More gadgets to make operation more complicated.

The next club meeting is scheduled to be a show and tell. Some of the members have been asked to bring their unusual equipment and give a demonstration. It should be very interesting.

How is your radio etiquette? Have you ever been in a rare QSO with a far off station that is barely audible and have someone tune up their rig right on the frequency you are using? That loud squeal is very annoying as well as interrupts the QSO. By the time the squeal dies down, the rare DX station has gone on to someone else. Lets all try to remember to use the dummy loads or at least tune off frequency a little so as not to interrupt others' contacts. Another practice we should all try to avoid is keying up fast during QSOs on repeaters. Remember, someone else may be trying to break in and if you key up fast, he will never be able to get in there. Remember COURTESY is the magic word.

How well do you know your fellow hams? I had the opportunity to talk to Howard N6CCS a few days ago. I found out some interesting things about him. His radio hobby had its start way back in 1929 when he and a friend each built a radio. They communicated with each other across town using CW. He would stay up late at night to listen to Siberia. This went on for about 6 months when one day a knock on the door brought the FCC down on him. That was the end of his radio

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career until many years later when CB came along.

Howard was born in South Dakota about 125 miles from the nearest doctor on a cattle ranch. His dad drove a buckboard into town to get the doctor and on the way back, hit a bad storm. The doctor barely made it. Howard went back about 18 years ago to visit the farm and found the old sod house walls still standing. His dad had cut 18 inch blocks from the buffalo grass roots and built the house. The grass roots were tightly intertwined and were pretty sturdy. The outside of the walls were plastered with mud and baked on in the sun. Every few years after a lot of bad rain storms, the house would have to be replastered. After 40 years, the buffalo grass had not grown back in the spot where his father had dug.

Howard was about 2 years old when his family moved to Idaho. He grew up on a ranch there. He was about 16 when they moved to Burbank where his father worked for the studios as a carpenter. Howard worked part time in a vegetable market while attending high school.

He attended college for a while and then worked for Western Electric installing phone equipment. He worked with the huge batteries that were used then and had 5 men working under him. He really thought he was doing good when the boss came to him and told him they would be laying everyone off from his job on down in about 3 months. His boss suggested that he quit then and go back to college.

He tried several things after college. He bought a gas station with all his money and customers asked for credit. He says he still has quite a bit invested in that venture. Too bad he will never be able to collect on it. His dad moved to a little town called Scales in the mountains east of here. They mined gold when it was \$20.00 an ounce. He made \$5.00 per day doing that.

In 1939, he worked for a dairy pedaling milk door to door. He managed to lose 20 or so customers and gained only 2 when the boss was about to can him. He asked for a second chance and showed the boss some dirty bottles that were the cause of losing a customer. The boss gave that customer two weeks free milk. In the next year Howard won every promotional contest the dairy had and got 400 new customers. He found a friend who worked for the power and light company and gave him two quarts of milk a day to tell who the new people were who had had their power turned on. He finally bought the route and went to Lockheed Aircraft plant to sell his milk. Customers there said they wished he would have sandwiches to go with the milk. He built a dry ice box and got the throw away dry ice from the aircraft plant for free. He carried ice cream, pepsi, coke, and sandwiches. He was making \$350. to \$400./day just before the war. Someone saw what a good business he had and got the lease away from him for the land where he parked his truck during lunch hours. He managed to find another spot to park his truck and the customers followed him.

Howard moved to this area after the doctor found a spot on his daughter's lung and recommended that she move to a different climate. He taught wood shop and P.E. at the Marysville grade school. In 1954, he quit and started selling cars and has done that ever since. He got a car on his lot that had a broken CB in it. He had it fixed and played around with it. He was instrumental in getting the local REACT started. Skip came along and ruined CB and he knew he needed some sort of hobby to keep him busy after heart surgery and so he got started in ham radio. He says one of these days he is going to start studying his code so he can upgrade.

Howard has two sons and a daughter. His first wife died, he was divorced from his second wife, and has been married to Mildred for 16 years. She says she was fortunate to find the best husband in the world. It was indeed an interesting visit with Howard and Mildred. He has had a very busy and profitable life.

SWAP SHOP— Wilson Mark 4 handi talkie, desk charger, leather case, crystals for 146.685, 146.52, and 146.040-146.640 in Sacramento. Has space for 5 channels. \$125.00. Call Bill AJ6M for more info.

NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT—Well, here we go into a new year once again. As I sit here trying to come up with something witty and neat, my mind just seems to lock up. Our past year has had a rather un-settled overcast produced upon our future year in many ways, but then again, that's what we said last year, and the year before, and before, and before and etc. Thru it all, we seem to keep plowing along, making our way.

This past year, some of our fellow club members became ill, unhappy, down, and even a silent key, which we are all unhappy about, but we must go on! I would like to think that we are members of not only a club, but of a larger organization. A national—no—a world wide brotherhood. One that cares naught of race, color, creed, intelligence, position, or finances. Makes no difference if a conversation across the world is in progress, or just on a street corner between two hams. We all share common interests and beliefs in Ham Radio. The will to help our fellow hams is almost like an obligation.

My hat is really off to those that helped our club and hobby along this past year, and we must all strive to pass this along to the new comers in our midst. We have a new novice class starting up soon, and I think we should try our best to encourage anyone that shows an interest to "join up". Lets not let this next class die on the vine—contact that neighbor that was curious—that relative that "always wanted to but!" Lets put the word out and get the ball rolling!

Well, summing up my feelings and opinion, I think the organization of Ham Radio is about the best I have ever seen. Our useful tool of communication puts us well above so many and could do so much good for this whole world in just plain friendly relations—a rare thing anymore! I'd like to remind you that the last form of personal communications from Poland was, as I understand, Ham Radio. Our tool is so strong and useful—lets use it! Lets all go by the rules, help our fellow hams, and help keep our name clean! And with that, we can all help to make this a Happy New Year. 73s and CU soon. Jerry N6DDP

NEW OFFICERS—It's time to be thinking of nominations for new officers and some of the board members. Nominating will be taking place in March with elections in April. It seems a long time away, but it will be here before we know it.

NEW CLASS—Barry KE6LW will be starting a Novice class Tuesday, January 19, 7:30 p.m. at the Red Cross building in Y.C. Tell your friends.

OLD FRIENDS—Bob, N6AWI, who left several months ago for Okinawa is on the air every Friday at 00:00 zulu (4:00 p.m.) 28.850 frequency and his call is KA6AA.

CONTESTS AND DX—Keep the weekend of Feb. 20-21 open for the international DX contest using CW and the weekend of March 6-7 for phone. Sounds like fun and a chance to get a contact with some good DX stations.

Jan. 30-Feb. 7 is an ARRL Novice roundup. If you are a bit rusty on cw, here is your chance or if you are just learning, get on the air. Its a good opportunity.

NOTES FROM THE EDITOR—Thanks for the opportunity to write the club newsletter. Bill, AJ6M, who usually edits the letter was ill and asked me to fill in this month. Glad to hear Mac, Ruth's husband, is home and also Jack, K6ZMA, is home

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