

YUBA - SUTTER AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC.

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The Yuba-Sutter Amateur Radio Club meets the second Tuesday of each month and the Board of Directors meets on the Wednesday before the general meeting. All members and guests are invited to attend. Members and guests also meet every Monday evening, 7:30 p.m. on the local repeater frequency 146.685 for their weekly net.

ROSTER--Included in this month's newsletter is a list of members. If your name does not have a check in front, your dues are not paid for 1983. Please contact Barry KE6LW and give him your \$6.00.

CONGRATULATIONS--June McJunkin now has a new novice call, KA6YZE. Congratulations June!!!!

NOMINATIONS--This month's meeting means nominations for 3 new board members. Be prepared with some names.

PROGRAM--This month's program will be presented by Rich Scobel. He is a walking book of information, so come and learn from him. He has a lot of knowledge to share.

BREAKFAST--Don't forget the breakfast on Saturday, March 12, 9:00 a.m. at The Sutter House.

PIG PARTY--This year's PIG PARTY will be held Sunday, May 22. Tickets will be \$2.00 if purchased ahead or \$2.50 if purchased at the door. Children will be free. There will also be a nice raffle. It will be held at the same location as last year, Carpenter's Hall, next to the Y.C. Dog Pound.

NO CODE PROPOSAL--The FCC is proposing a no code license and argues that there are intelligent, disciplined persons who can make a valuable contribution to the Amateur Radio Service without proficiency in Morse Telegraphy and cites the case of young people having a primary interest in computers. Another such source, says the Commission, is handicapped people. Opponents at this point are far more numerous than those who agree with the commission.

Opponents argue that code proficiency has never been an obstacle to young people. Similarly, many handicapped amateurs have been outspoken in defense of their wish for equal treatment, with concessions sought only in the manner in which they may demonstrate their Morse code skills.

If the FCC realizes amateurs are opposed, but is intent on proceeding anyway, how much good will it do to file comments? Plenty! The important answer to the FCC is whether they are correct in their perception that there are hordes of otherwise well-qualified individuals waiting for the opening of this new entryway to Amateur Radio or is this group neither as numerous nor as well-qualified as the FCC thinks? One way this question will be answered is through the comments filed with FCC by members of the general public whether amateurs or not.

The Commission perceives a codeless license as an entry-level license, from which new amateurs will progress as they discover the range of activities and pursuits available to other licensees. If this is valid, should not the newcomer be exposed in some way to the code at the point of entry, and perhaps be expected at least to be able to recognize Morse characters? This is only one of the dimensions that deserves to be explored in comments.

Form letters, petitions and one-sentence "I'm opposed to (or support) a no-code license" will not be nearly as persuasive as well reasoned arguments.

The deadline for filing comments with FCC is April 29. Please send the original and five copies of your written comments to The Secretary, FCC, Washington, DC 20554. Your comments should clearly indicate at the top of the first page that they refer to PR Docket No. 83-28, and should reach FCC before the filing deadline of April 29. Don't put it off. Get your comments in the mail right away. (If you need copies of your letters made, bring them to me and I will run them off on the copy machine for you. Just give me a phone call.) Your ARRL director would also appreciate receiving a copy of your comments.

For further information, please refer to your March issue of QST, page 9 and page 49-51.

NEWSPAPER CLIPPING--Did you know that "The Morse alphabet for telegraphy was patented in 1835"? Or so says a newspaper clipping I ran across several months ago. Well so much for that.

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Locator Map:	DATE/SPONSOR:
	<p>March 19, 1983 - Southern Peninsula Emergency Communication System</p> <p>April 16, 1983 - Amateur's Donation to Palo Alto Red Cross</p> <p>May 14, 1983 - Electronic's Museum Amateur Radio Club</p> <p>July 16, 1983 - Perham Foundation (Electronic's Museum Lot T)</p> <p>August 13, 1983 - Palo Alto Amateur Radio Association</p> <p>September 10, 1983 - Foothill's Amateur Radio Society</p>
	<p>NEED MORE INFO? Call Anytime on: 144.67/145.27 mhz SPECS Repeater</p>