

# VALLEY HAM NEWS

THE VOICE OF THE YUBA-SUTTER AMATEUR RADIO CLUB  
A California Non-profit Organization

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## Next Board of Directors Meeting

The March Board Meeting will be held on March 28, 1990, at Herb Puckett's home. Time is 7:30 PM, and address is 712 King Avenue, Yuba City.

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## Next Club Meeting

The next Club Meeting will feature Emergency Preparedness. Barry, KE6LW, and others will discuss this aspect of Amateur Radio. Time is 7:30 PM, and date is March 13, 1990. Place as this is written is uncertain. See elsewhere in this issue and/or WD6AXM/R on net Monday.

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The Yuba-Sutter Amateur Radio Club holds a regular net for members and guests each Monday evening at 7:00 PM on WD6AXM/R, 146.085/685. See you there.

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## NET CONTROL STATIONS---MARCH, 1990

Net control stations will be by the usual coercion, shanghai, or whatever again this month. See the Editor, KB6YAF, or WB5FIX to do your duty.

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## CLUB OFFICERS

President: Russ Decker, KB6YAF  
Secretary: Bill Corey, N6VPI

Vice Pres: Kristen McClard, KB6RHL  
Treasurer: Jack Craig, K6ZMA

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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Randy Stohlman, N6QMM  
Jim Giarde, WA6RZA  
Dave Gartner, WD6AXM

Ron Murdock, WB5FIX  
Herb Puckett, W6HBU  
Bob McClard, WA6OWH

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## DUES RECEIPT

Your receipt for your 1990 dues is being mailed with this issue of Valley Ham News.

If you have crossed the Treasurer's palm with silver and there is no receipt for you in this issue, please check with Jack, K6ZMA.

If you have not paid your dues, this will be your last issue of this fine publication.

(Sob sob.)

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### Editor's note:

The following is courtesy of Leita, KA6FUP, and appeared at the potluck dinner in February. Your Editor can testify to the fact that this is an epicurean delight! Thanks, Leita.

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### APPLE IMPROMPTU

#### Prepare:

4 Cups pared, sliced golden delicious apples (4 medium apples).  
Place in 8" or 9" pie pan.

#### Combine:

2 Tablespoons sugar.  
1/4 Teaspoon cinnamon.  
Sprinkle over apples.

Cover with foil and bake 20 minutes at 400 Degrees.

#### Cream:

1 Tablespoon margarine.  
1/2 Cup sugar.

#### Add:

1 Egg.  
1 Teaspoon vanilla.  
1/2 Cup flour.

1/2 Teaspoon baking powder.

Blend into creamed mixture. Spread over the hot apples. Bake 20-25 minutes at 400 Degrees until light brown.

Serve with whipped cream and chopped, toasted almonds if desired.

Serves six.

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## EDITOR'S RAMBLINGS

We don't have much to report this month.

The Bok Kai festival is now history, and once again the Water God kept the parade dry.

The Special Event station was not so successful, as we managed to hit the same weekend as the ARRL DX Contest. This meant that the bands were filled with stations working the contest, and Special Event Stations were not popular. We made one contact (an EA7) and folded our tent and watched the parade.

Don't forget the upcoming meeting this month. We will see a presentation on emergency preparedness, and it should be a most interesting evening.

Before anyone says "It won't happen here.", think back to this time in 1986, when we were digging out from a devastating flood here in the Yuba-Sutter area. Like the man says, "Let's hope it never happens, but keep your powder dry!".

Your Editor is still "double dipping" and helping the economy as a result. We had been down to working three days per week, but something happened this week. Seems it will



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be slightly more than 40-hours this week and possibly next.

I am advised that the bands are really open to DX and such, and here we are either working at the old job or spending time getting the newsletter out. Hmmm---poor planning again.

BEEN DONE ABOUT THIS SO FAR DUE TO A LACK OF INTEREST. THIS SUBJECT WILL BE MENTIONED DURING THE MARCH MEETING TO GET INPUT FROM THE MEMBERS TO SEE IF WE SHOULD PROCEED WITH THE PROJECT.

## NEW BUSINESS:

1. REPEATER TOWER: SAT. FEBRUARY 24, DAVE GARTNER, WD6AXM; JIM POWELL, WA6FGZ; RUSS DECKER, KB6YAF; AND RON MURDOCK, WB5FIX TOOK A LITTLE TRIP TO THE REPEATER SIGHT TO MAKE SOME REPAIRS. APPARENTLY, ONE LEG OF THE BOTTOM SECTION OF TOWER WAS SHEARED OFF DURING THE LAST STORM WE HAD. A VIDEO WAS MADE BY THE REPAIR CREW AND WILL BE SHOWN AT THE MARCH MEETING. THE BOARD DECIDED TO SPEND \$50.00 TO REIMBURSE DAVE GARTNER FOR THE EXPENSES OF REPAIRING THE TOWER. THE BOARD ALSO DECIDED TO SUPPLY DAVE WITH ENOUGH MONEY TO BUY SOME PHILLYSTRAN GUYING MATERIAL AND ALL HARDWARE NEEDED TO PREVENT ANY FUTURE DAMAGES.

2. BACK UP REPEATER: AS MANY OF YOU KNOW, THE REPEATER WENT DOWN DURING THE LAST BIG STORM WE HAD DUE TO ELECTRICAL PROBLEMS AT THE UPPER SIGHT. THIS WOULD NOT BE GOOD AT ALL IF ANYTHING LIKE THAT HAPPENS IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY, SO THE BOARD MEMBERS DISCUSSED THE IDEA OF A BACKUP LOW-LEVEL MACHINE. ALL HARDWARE IS HANDY EXCEPT DUPLEXERS. THE BOARD DECIDED TO SUPPLY DAVE WITH ENOUGH MONEY FROM CLUB FUNDS TO PURCHASE DUPLEXERS. MORE INFO. AT MARCH MEETING.

3. MEETING PLACES: ERNIE ROYATT, KB6VHW HAS PROVIDED US THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET IN THE PG&E MEETING HALL IN DOBBINS FOR OUR MAY MEETING. WE GREATLY APPRECIATE HIS EFFORTS AND WILL DISCUSS THIS WITH

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MEETING: YUBA-SUTTER AMATEUR RADIO CLUB BOARD OF DIRECTORS/OFFICERS  
DATE: FEBRUARY 28, 1990  
PLACE: RON MURDOCK, WB5FIX  
TIME: 7:32-8:58

MEMBERS/GUESTS PRESENT:  
RUSSEL DECKER, KB6YAF  
KRISTEN MCCLARD, KB6RHL  
BILL COREY, N6VPI  
JACK CRAIG, K6ZMA  
RANDY STOHLMAN, N6QMM  
JIM GIARDE, WA6RZA  
DAVE GARTNER, WD6AXM  
RON MURDOCK, WB5FIX  
HERB PUCKETT, W6HBU  
BOB MCCLARD, WA6OWH

TREASURER'S REPORT:  
JACK REPORTED A TOTAL OF \$2172.93 IN THE CLUB TREASURY.

## OLD BUSINESS:

1. SPECIAL EVENTS STATION: THE "NO LONGER LAST" SPECIAL EVENTS STATION IS STILL SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 1. THE TIMES ARE AS FOLLOWS: 8:00AM - 8:00PM. ANY LOCAL AMATEUR WHO WANTS TO PARTICIPATE MAY DO SO, USING HIS/HER OWN CALL AT HIS/HER OWN STATION. INFO. WILL BE GIVEN OUT AT THE MARCH CLUB MEETING FOR THOSE INTERESTED.

2. CLUB JACKETS: YSARC HAS BEEN PLANNING ON GETTING SOME JACKETS MADE UP FOR THE CLUB. NOTHING HAS



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THE REST OF THE CLUB MEMBERS. KRISTEN MCCLARD, KB6RHL SAID SHE WILL LOOK INTO A POSSIBLE MEETING PLACE AT ST. ISIDORE'S SCHOOL IN Y.C., ALSO.

4. ADVERTISEMENTS: THE AD'S IN OUR NEWSLETTER FOR QUAD A'S AND THE RADIO PLACE HAVE CURRENTLY EXPIRED. BOB MCCLARD, WA6OWH WILL TRY TO CONTACT THEM AND GET A NEW YEAR'S SUPPLY.

#### NEXT BOARD MEETING:

DATE: 28 MARCH 1990

PLACE: HERB PUCKETT'S, W6HBU

TIME: 7:30PM

#### NEXT CLUB MEETING:

DATE: 13 MARCH 1990

PLACE: ???????? FIND OUT DURING  
NET- MONDAY 3/12/90 ON THE WD6AXM  
REPEATER

146.085+ AT 7:00PM.

TIME: 7:30PM.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY BILL  
COREY, N6VPI- SECRETARY

#### QRM DE EL PRESIDENTE

Well, Murphy has been camping out in the ol' hamshack at this QTH. It started out with coming home very late one evening last week after working at the new mall in Yuba City to find my computer had re-set itself. Well, I said 'OK', and then proceeded to load the term program back into the computer. All was fine so far. After getting to the terminal part of the program, I switched the KAM TNC on. Then Mr. Murphy woke up! Grumbling in fact! Garbage, garbage, garbage. That was all!! Bewildered, I re-set the whole thing. Nothing changed. It was still the same. Frustrated, I turned it off and went to bed,

thinking it may just need time to 'cool off'. No such luck. It was then that I got some good advice from my elders: HARD RE-SET!. You guessed it. Murphy lost and the hard re-set worked. Then came the time consuming stuff, the PERM COMMANDS. Well, 2 hours later, all seems to be working fine.

Most of you who use our Yuba Sutter repeater know that it was off the air during that big storm that moved through the area. After restoring power, Dave, WD6AXM, called and said 'Let's go up the hill this Saturday'. I said fine. So, Dave, Jim Powell, Ron Murdock, and myself headed to the repeater site to repair the tower. One of the legs of the tower split. And then.... well, I'll let you see the video of our work at the March 13th club meeting. As they say in the newsroom...Film at 11:00... or is it ...Film at 7:30pm?!?. If you have not ever seen the repeater tower and antennas, this is your chance. Don't miss it.

Also at the March 13th meeting, Barry, KE6LW, will be speaking on Emergency Coordination and Procedures. You won't want to miss his presentation. I know you will learn a lot!

Let me clarify our March meeting. I know there has been a lot of confusion in this area. Here it is:

Meeting place: Gray Ave.  
School in Yuba City.

Meeting Time: 7:30pm

Meeting Date: March 13th

Your president will not be making the March meeting due to a district wide concert held in Marysville that same night. This particular



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event only happens once a year so I'll be with you again in April.

I want to extend a hearty T H A N K Y O U !!!! to all of you who worked the Bok Kai parade and Bike Race. It proved to be a big success!! A very excellent Thank You to Larry, WA6ISR, net control for the parade. A job well done!! Also, thanks to Kristin, KB6RHL, our rouser-upper of all the volunteers for the Bok Kai weekend.

73's fer now, Russell Decker, KB6YAF

## MORE RAMBLINGS

We recently received the all-mode 2-meter rig that was ordered on December 12, 1989. This thing was made in Japan, of course, so I guess one can expect delays. It does seem, however, that "they" might stock more of their highly-advertised gear on this side of the water.

I've heard it said that we should always buy the equipment that is most often out of stock, since that means it is the most popular. This is supposed to mean that these are the units that are the best available from that manufacturer. Hmmm--- well, maybe. If this is true, the ICOM 275H must be one fine rig! Anyway, its here now; and it is apparently a good piece of equipment. Time and use will tell.

The ICOM container for the 275H rig has a very interesting notice attached. Printed in both Japanese and English, it admonishes us that these products are strategic products and they shall not be exported without appropriate Government ap-

proval (or something to that effect).

This is most interesting. Does this mean it may not be exported from Japan? Must it stay forever in this country?

All kidding aside, this is the first label of this type I've noticed on a piece of Ham gear. I wonder if this is something new, or if I just have not noticed it in the past. Anyway, I promise not to export the thing, and it will receive the care and protection it so richly deserves.

We spent some time this evening installing the options purchased with the unit. This is quite an experience. There are more cables, plugs, sockets, and such involved in one of these things than one would ever imagine. The design is extremely compact, and everything must fit exactly. Move a cable out of its place, and the thing won't go back together. Each wire and cable must be routed just so, or the darn lid won't go back on!

Of course, some of the add-ons require unplugging sockets and cables. Most of these are tiny and very well anchored. We haven't broken anything yet, but it's still hard on the nerves when the power switch is pushed after the installation session.

I guess the days of "Tune for maximum smoke!" are gone forever. Too bad. Maybe we should write about that some month. You haven't lived until you've seen what happens when a KW push-pull triode amplifier loses its bias pack while you're after that rare one on RTTY.



**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION: YUBA SUTTER AMATEUR RADIO CLUB**

**TYPE:** NEW(        )        RENEWAL(        )

**MEMBER INFORMATION:(Full voting rights and privileges)**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City, State, Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone:**(        ) \_\_\_\_\_ **ARRL Member?(Y\N)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Callsign:** \_\_\_\_\_ **License Class:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**ASSOCIATE FAMILY MEMBER (Living in same household only)**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Callsign:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Class:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**DUES:\$** \_\_\_\_\_ **(18.00 PER YEAR)**

**ASSOCIATE DUES** \_\_\_\_\_ **( 4.00 PER YEAR)**

**TOTAL:**  **Mail to: YUBA SUTTER AMATEUR RADIO CLUB**

**P.O. BOX 1169**

**YUBA CITY, CA.**

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**SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

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