

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 June Board Meeting will be held on June 27, 1990, at Randy Stohlman's home. Time is 7:30 PM, and address is 354 Bayberry, Gridley.

Next Club Meeting

The next Club Meeting will be a planning session for Field Day. Much remains to be done, so be sure to be there. Time is 7:30 PM, and date is June 12 1990. Place is St. Isidore's School at 200 Clark Avenue, Yuba City. See you there.

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.

NET CONTROL STATIONS

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.

CLUB OFFICERS

President: Russ Decker, KB6YAF

Vice Pres: Kristen McClard, KB6RHL

Secretary: Bill Corey, N6VPI

Treasurer: Jack Craig, K6ZMA

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Randy Stohlman, N6QMM

Ron Murdock, WB5FIX

Jim Giarde, WA6RZA

Herb Puckett, W6HBU

Dave Gartner, WD6AXM

Bob McClard, WA6OWH

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--MINUTES--

Meeting: YSARC Board of Directors/Officers

Date: April 25, 1990

Place: Jim Giarde's

Times: 7:30pm-8:55pm

Members present:

Russ Decker, KB6YAF
Kristin 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

Guest:

Barry Barnes, KE6LW

Treasurer's report:

Jack reported total of \$2109.62

OLD BUSINESS:

1. GUYING- The plans to guy the 2 meter tower are on hold until we take care of the business about the new site manager. (see new bus.)
2. "COMMUNICATOR" LICENSE- The board has decided to hold no official position at this time.
3. JACKETS- So far 17 people are signed up for jackets. The general consensus was for the more expensive jackets. Cost will be \$39.25 total payable to YSARC.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. REPEATER SITE- The 2 meter site has recently come under new management and a fee has been discussed. The board discussed paying a monthly fee between \$25-\$30. We are

still negotiating at this time.

2. BACK-UP REPEATER- A motion was made by Ron Murdock and seconded by Randy Stohlman to hold off on buying duplexers until we have a positive location for the repeater and know what's going on with our current repeater on the Buttes.

3. 220 REPEATER- Randy asked for an indefinite loan of the club's phone patch for his repeater. The board agreed to let him use it until needed.

4. NO LONGER LAST- if you made contacts during the YSARC "No Longer Last" special event station, submit them to Russ Decker so he can get some certificates made up. He and Kristen (KB6RHL) will be working on certificate designs.

5. NOVICE CLASS- Ron Murdock will be holding a novice class this fall at Yuba College.

Next Board Mtg:

23 May 1990

At Ron Murdock's

7:30pm

Next Club Mtg:

PG&E Hall in Dobbins- Carpool leaving Montgomery Ward's parking at 6:00pm.

Respectfully submitted- Bill Corey,
N6VPI

Meeting: YSARC Board of Directors/
Officers

Date: May 23, 1990

Place: Ron Murdock's

Times: 8:24pm-8:57pm

Members present:

Russ Decker, KB6YAF
Kristin McClard, KB6RHL
Bill Corey, N6VPI

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Jack Craig, K6ZMA
Randy Stohlman, N6QMM
Ron Murdock, WB5FIX
Bob McClard, WA6OWH

Treasurer's report:

Jack reported a total of \$2451.67 in the club treasury. This includes the money for jackets.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. CLUB JACKETS- So far, 9 people have paid for their jackets. If you are signed up for a jacket, be sure to pay Jack ASAP.
2. REPEATER- The contract with Watson Communications is now complete. We will be paying \$25 a month to be paid annually. The board agreed to write a thank you letter to Loyd Wilbur, AA6CX, for interceding on our behalf in the verbal agreement we had before.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. The board would like to urge caution to those of you who may be using the repeater for special events or anything of that nature. Make sure to check with Dave well in advance before making plans. This will prevent future embarrassment or problems.
2. FIELD DAY- June 23-24. An intense planning session for Field Day will be held at the June Meeting. We are planning on having 2 sites again. A local site at Lindhurst H.S., and a mountain site at the Spotos' place in Nevada City.
3. CLUB PICNIC- A place in Brownsville has been offered by Bob, WA6MRZ.

Next Board Meeting:

Date- 27 June 1990

Place- Randy's, N6QMM

Time- 7:30pm

Next Club Meeting:

Date- 12 June 1990

Place- St. Isidore's School. 200 Clark Ave. Y.C.

Time- 7:30pm

Respectfully Submitted, Bill Corey,
N6VPI

QRM DE EL PRESIDENTE...

Well, your president has been busy. Many would think that I am a glutton for punishment!! On May 17-20th, I took a load of high school band students south to Anaheim so they could perform at Disneyland. All went well. I came home and slept 12 hours straight!! Then, on the 30th of May, the band and choir students gave their Spring concert. The next night was the School Assembly Awards Night, and then there was the Prom on Saturday. Needless to say, I'm looking forward to June 13th!! (the last day of school).

I'm having to re-introduce myself to the 'ol hamshack. Well, everything is here just as I had left it. Got my FT-411 back from Yaesu. It works like a charm. I've got to keep my paws out of radios that are working just fine!! A lesson learned from this end. Next on my agenda is to put the desk I just acquired into the shack. It's a biggie! Watch out Ron, my hamshack will soon need a navigational map to find the operator's position like yours!!

*** CLUB JACKET ALERT!!!***

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*** FINAL NOTICE ***

We need to 'wrap-up' this club jacket order. PLEASE, if you have indicated that you want to purchase a club jacket, get your \$\$ to Jack, or one of the board members ASAP. I'd like to make the final order right away!! Total cost is :\$39.25

Congratulations to Ralph, KB6AHR for passing his GENERAL CLASS LICENSE EXAM!!!

FIELD DAY * FIELD DAY * FIELD DAY!!

Put Saturday and Sunday, June 23rd and 24th on your calendar to operate at one of our two Field Day Sites:

- (1) MOUNTAIN SITE: Bill Spoto's above Grass Valley
- (2) LOCAL SITE: Lindhurst High School Baseball Field.

We will be discussing and making plans for Field day at our June 12th club meeting.

Our June 12th club meeting will be at St. Isidore's School. PLEASE MAKE NOTE!!
Meeting start time will be 7:30pm.

AFTER-MEETING GET-TOGETHER: For those of you who would like to chat a little more, meet at Perko's Restaurant in Yuba City for a cup of coffee or whatever. A few of the members have been getting together and having a lot of fun. We'd like to have more of you come!!

If you have any new radio equipment, bring it to the club meeting on June 12th and share it with everyone!

Gonna have to 'sign' now. 73's everyone as I'll see u on the 12th...

Oh, by the way---Didja hear about the gal who dumped her boyfriend for the local tractor salesman? Yeah, she ended up sending him a John Deere letter.

73, Russ

Editor's note: I found this on the local packet BBS and couldn't resist putting it in the Newsletter. The only thing is, it's probably more appropriate around April 15.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your request for payment, I wish to inform you that the present condition of my bank account makes it almost impossible. My shattered financial condition is due to federal laws, provincial laws, county laws, village laws, brother-in-laws, sister-in-laws, and out-laws.

Through these laws I am compelled to pay income tax, property tax, business tax, amusement tax, head tax, cosmetic tax, tobacco tax, alcohol tax, gas tax, inheritance tax, food tax, light tax, excise tax, car tax, garbage tax, water tax, sewer tax, telephone tax, sales tax, transportation tax and hidden tax.

I am required to get a business license, car license, operator's license, truck license, snowmobile license, trailer license, bicycle license, hunting license, fishing license; not to mention a marriage license and a dog license.

I am also required to contribute to every charity, society

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or organization which the genius of man is capable of bringing to life; to the hospital expansion, to minor hockey, to figure skating, to senior hockey, to the curling fund, to the United Fund, to the Centennial Fund, to the Red Cross, the White Cross, the Blue Cross, the Purple Cross, and the Double Cross, etc.

For my own safety I am required to carry life insurance health insurance, accident insurance, fire insurance, property insurance, liability insurance, earthquake insurance, tornado insurance, old age insurance and unemployment insurance.

My business is so governed that it is no easy matter to find out who owns it. I am inspected, expected, suspected, disrespected, rejected, dejected, examined, re-examined, informed, required, summoned, fined, commanded and compelled, until I provide an inexhaustible supply of money, for every known need, desire or hope of the human race.

Simply because I refuse to donate to something or other I am boycotted, talked about, lied about, held up, held down, and robbed until I am almost ruined.

I can tell you honestly that, except for a miracle that happened, I could not enclose this cheque for payment.

The wolf that comes to my door nowadays just had pups in my kitchen. I sold the pups and here is the money.

(Author is unknown and the above has been changed a little. Makes a lot of sense, doesn't it?)

N6QMM 220 MHz REPEATER REPORT

Welcome to the first N6QMM News Letter. "Thank You For Your Support." (I hope I don't get sued by the Wine Cooler guys.)

You know, any time we try to list a group of people who have given of themselves or donated to a good cause, someone gets left out. I'll try not to let that happen here, but if it creeps in and I miss someone, please say something so you can be recognized next issue. With that in mind, I think it's time we let the world know about the people involved in the creation and birth of N6QMM/R.

The repeater that ID's with my call belongs to all of us. Without the help I have had, N6QMM/R would not be on the air today.

First is WA6OWH. Bob bought the kit and he and his friend Eric built it, but that was about as far as it ever got. It was on the air with a test pair and a coverage of a few miles, but no one used it that I know of, except Bob.

After a couple of years Bob made me a good deal on the equipment, and I took it (fool that I was). The money and time that Bob spent less what I gave him must be a donation to the repeater of several hundred dollars.

Then comes Dave, WD6AXM. Dave made the duplexers that are equal to commercial units costing between \$550.00 and \$900.00. Dave spent time building and tuning the duplexers in addition to tuning and checking out the repeater. There were hours of Q and A sessions on the way to work at 6:00 am. He also

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donated Hardline and connectors and some antenna mounting hardware. This makes him a significant contributor to the project, and he doesn't work 220 MHz!!

Everett, KB6RTE, helped with the second antenna system; and when that proved unsatisfactory, he conjured up a Hustler G7-220 which worked well at the 50-foot level and now performs much better at 130 feet. Everett has always been there to help.

Jim, KB6NMY, has worked hours and hours with me on the tower work and has donated Hardline and connectors to the project.

Norm, N6PPQ, has been here from the start. Norm's donation of time and money even before he had a 220 rig helped put the repeater on the air.

Other calls come to mind--NR6A, WD6GIN, WB6JNX, KB6JPZ, KE6LW, W6HBU, KB6YAD, KB6YAF, N6QWU, and N6RYK are just a few that have contributed to this project in one way or another.

The Yuba-Sutter ARC helped with the White Elephant sale. Money from the sale went for some of the major parts of the installation. All the club members who donated saleable items and those who bought the stuff helped; and most of these people don't work 220 MHz.

I think what I'm trying to say is that to call the 220 repeater my repeater is NOT giving credit to all those that could call it their repeater because of all they have done. N6QMM may be on the ID'er, but it is OUR REPEATER. A lot of time, money and work representing many people has gone into it.

Now let's enjoy it!

73, Randy, N6QMM

EDITOR'S RAMBLINGS

We are again fortunate this month to have a full cup for the newsletter. Thanks to all who took the time to send items in. Also thanks to the unknown perceptive jokester who penned the letter to the creditor.

Your Editor will be wandering around on a mountain top over in the Coast Range this coming weekend (June 9-10), working the VHF contest with Larry, K6AAW, and crew. We look forward to a fun weekend, and will let you know how we survived when we see you at the club meeting.

Don't forget Field Day, and don't forget the Club Meeting on June 12, where final plans will be made. Let's hope the weather settles down and we don't get rain that weekend. Come out to the site of your choice, and have a fun weekend.

How many of you remembered "Digger O'Dell"? If you ever tuned in to the "Life of Riley" radio show, you surely heard "It is I, Digby O'Dell, your frrrfriendly undertaker. I never put off 'til tomorrow what I can put away today!". He was called Digger by the lead character, and was a regular on the show.

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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:** _____

ASSOCIATE FAMILY MEMBER (Living in same household only)

Name: _____ **Callsign:** _____ **Class:** _____

DUES:\$ _____ (18.00 PER YEAR)

ASSOCIATE DUES _____ (4.00 PER YEAR)

TOTAL: **Mail to:** YUBA SUTTER AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
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SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____

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