

# 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 next Board Meeting will be held on January 22, 1992, at 7:30 PM. Location is the Yuba City Police building on Poole Boulevard.

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## Next Club Meeting

The next Club Meeting will be on January 14, 1992, in Yuba City at the Yuba City Police building on Poole Boulevard in Yuba City. This will be an "Old Timers" night, as well as a swap session or show and tell for those so inclined. Time is 7:30 PM. We hope to see you there.

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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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## CLUB OFFICERS

President: Robby Robinson, N6PGK  
Secretary: Michael Fultz, KC6VCB

Vice Pres: Bob Anderson, N6XOP  
Treasurer: Clara Ansley, KC6JPP

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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Homer Oliver, KB6EJ  
Bob Mulcahy, KC60XX  
Russ Decker, KB6YAF

Randy Smith, KC6MUS  
Tom Galbreath, KB6WID

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## REPEATER LICENSE TRUSTEE

Dave Gartner, WD6AXM

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DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER INPUT  
Board meeting preceding publication.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES  
 December 18, 1991  
 Ron's (WB5FIX) House, Yuba City

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: KB6YAF, Russ (1991 President); Randy, KC6MUS (1991 Secretary); WB5FIX, Ron (1991 Treasurer); N6PGK, Robby (1992 President); KC6VCB, Michael (1992 Secretary); KC6JPP, Clara (1992 Treasurer); W6HBU, Herb; KB6EJ, Homer; KC6WID, Tom

GUESTS: KC6VCD, Patty; KD6DHM, Dave; KC6OXX, Bob

TREASURERS REPORT: End of year balance is \$577.00 with \$170.00 of it being 1992 dues, last year's balance was \$200.00. Ron said the big difference was due to the monies made from the yard sale organized by Robby, N6PGK. He then submitted a projected budget for next year. Ron added that the club had received a \$100.00 donation from Mrs Hansen which was used to buy books.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Tower Repairs: The top section of the tower housing 146.085 has been damaged by wind and requires replacement. Hugh, N7OKM researched and found a replacement for approximately \$200.00. A motion was made and approved to use club funds to purchase this item. (Open, WD6AXM)

2. New board appointment: Bob, KC6OXX will be taking the board seat vacated by the late Ken Bush, KC6ONT. Welcome aboard Bob! (Closed)

3. YSARC 1992 Calendar: The January 22nd board meeting will be for planning the 1992 YSARC calendar of events. Please submit inputs to Michael, KC6VCB or Robby, N6PGK or just show at January board meeting. (Open, N6PGK)

4. 1991 President Input: Russ,

KB6YAF thanked Herb, W6HBU and Ron, WB5FIX for all their hard work with the club. He then gave the new officers the following suggestions: let the vice president of the club plan the club meetings, at meetings show ham related videos or have guest speakers to give presentations at meetings, have extra newsletters at meetings for guests and ask different members to bring refreshments. (Closed)

5. Kenwood KIDS: Ron, WB5FIX submitted information on the Kenwood KIDS program, information which can be found in this newsletter. He suggested that our club take part in this program and become an ARRL affiliated club. (Open, WB5FIX)

6. ARRL affiliation: To participate in the Kenwood KIDS program or other ARRL programs, the club would have to become an ARRL affiliated club which requires that 51% of our member be ARRL members. All members are asked to indicate if you are an ARRL member on the membership application when you renew.

Furthermore, if you become a new member or renew your ARRL membership and have it processed through our club, we get \$2.00 from the \$30.00 membership fee. Please send ARRL memberships to the address on the back page. Make checks payable to: YUBA SUTTER AMATEUR RADIO CLUB with "ARRL membership" in the memo block.

If you have any questions, please contact Clara, KC6JPP or any other board member. (Open, KC6JPP) If you are an ARRL member, please check the block on you club membership form or let Clara, KC6JPP know so she can keep track.

7. 1992 club Christmas party: It was suggested that the 1992 club Christmas party be held at another location to reduce the cost and allow families to attend. Maybe it can be a family potluck with the club providing the main course. Possible locations could be

Lindhurst School or any other large building with a cafeteria and kitchen. (Open, )

8. Dues coming due: All are reminded that 1992 club dues are due as of the first of the year, instructions on back page of this newsletter. (Closed)

9. 1992 President Input: Robby, N6PGK presented the 1992 board with the proposed 1992 calendar and club bylaws. He then went over the schedule and gave his expectations of the board. (Closed)

#### ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED AT THE NEXT CLUB MEETING:

1. Old timers night: The old timers will be having discussions of their experiences of amateur radio. This will give the new hams an opportunity to draw on the knowledge of those who have been in ham radio for awhile.

2. Club Swapmeet: You may bring any ham related items that you would like to sell, trade or give away to the club meeting on January 14th.

#### CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Jan 14 - Club Meeting 7:30pm @ Yuba City Police Station  
 Jan 22 - Board Meeting 7:30pm @ Yuba City Police Station  
 Feb 11 - Potluck\Club Meeting 7:30pm @ Lindhurst School  
 Feb 26 - Board Meeting 7:30pm @ Yuba City Police Station  
 Mar - BOK KAI Festival Parade  
 Apr 11 - Bike around the Buttes  
 Oct 2-4 - Beckwourth Bike Ride

Minutes submitted by Michael, KC6VCB

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#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I thank you all for the opportunity to work with the Club, and I hope I can please some of you some of the time. I know it will be impossible to please most of you most of the time, because everybody

thinks differently and has varying ideas.

I have a few of my own ideas that I hope to incorporate into the club's activity this year and hopefully with the Board, Officers and the Club Members approval we as a club will make it work. As a rule nobody likes changes but with the backing of the members we can at least give it a shot .

We will have a club type swapmeet at the January club meeting. So bring all your goodies and parts items, someone you least expect just might clean out your box.

The main topic for the January meeting will be devoted to the recognition of the "OLD TIMERS". I invite the "OLD TIMERS" to bring in some old toys and maybe even some new ones to show and tell. But I for one am looking forward to hearing some of the war stories as they did last year. I have invited Frank K6KUS to be our Guest Speaker, and enlighten us on the functions of MARS radio, as well as share some of his experiences on the global net. Clarence W6GCM also plans to be there. Then it will be an open forum for all of our "OLD TIMERS" to share their experiences with us.

I am hoping it will be a standing room only meeting and I invite you all to come out and show support for our "OLD TIMERS".

The January Board meeting will be "Planning our Yearly Calendar". Expect a 2 hour meeting. Sorry, but we have a lot to get started on. The rest of the meetings should be shorter.

73's Robby N6PGK

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## KENWOOD KIDS

Kenwood USA Corporation has created a new education program that is designed to encourage young people to learn more about amateur radio. The new "Kenwood KIDS" program is for ARRL affiliated amateur radio clubs when they sponsor a local Junior High or High School class, scout troop, or youth club into the Kenwood KIDS program.

Each club responding to the mailing will receive a package of education materials, including ten copies of Now You're Talking, the companion instructor's guide and a certificate for Kenwood's new "HamWindows". Additionally, every successfully licensed "Kenwood KIDS" will receive a \$25 gift certificate good toward the purchase of Kenwood amateur equipment, while the sponsoring club will be given ten \$25 certificates.

All clubs that sponsor at least one group of ten "Kenwood KIDS" by March 1, 1992, will be entered in a drawing for a Kenwood TS-950SD top-of-the-line HF transceiver. Each of the youth clubs with ten or more new members will have a chance to win one of ten complete stations consisting of a TS-140S transceiver, PS-430 power supply, AT-250 antenna tuner and an MC-50 microphone.

Currently our club has not renewed it's ARRL affiliation. To do so, we need 51 percent of our membership to be ARRL members. Because of this requirement, it is of the utmost importance that all club members indicate whether you are a current ARRL member when submitting your club membership application for 1992.

I got this information from the December 13, 1991, issue of WESTLINK Report which contained an article entitled: "Kenwood KIDS, An Idea Whose Time is Now". Thank you, Ron, WB5FIX for loaning me this issue of WESTLINK Report.

Written by Michael, KC6VCB

## EDITOR'S RAMBLINGS

Your Editor, in the spirit of winter, has been the victim of THREE bouts with the common cold in recent weeks. Can't seem to keep it killed. Hmmmm-- I wonder if that's another sign of advancing age? Also, the holiday season with its usual activities and feasts may have contributed. Anyway, it looks like we'll live after all, so it's back to the daily routine here at W6HBU.

We are back to double dipping for awhile; so maybe we'll get a goodie or two for the shack. It looks as if the shack will suffer this year; however, as we are breaking in a new hobby. We've always been interested in learning to use a metal lathe. We now have a small version of one of them, and have finished a small engine that works on compressed air or steam. Wonder of wonders, it worked the first time! We have tentative plans to take a course at Yuba College this semester in beginning machine shop. Hamming won't take a back seat, but it may have to move over a bit.

Don't forget that dues are now due. Don't forget to include your ARRL affiliation, if any, with your dues payment. See the form included with each issue of this newsletter.

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(Editor's note: The following was purloined from the "Amateur Radio News Service" compliments of Ron, WB5FIX)

The Motorola Lunch Bunch is proud to announce its latest development...

## THE DARK COMPUTER

The Dark computer is a technological breakthrough destined to eclipse the recently announced "Light" computer. The Dark Computer results from years of study, research, and development in the dark. It is faster than the light

computer because dark travels FASTER than light. (Proof: Before light gets anywhere, dark is already there!)

The Dark Computer used the newly discovered sub-atomic particle, the **dark quark**. Our research has determined that two dark quarks combine to form the basic elementary particle of darkness, the **offon**. Three dark quarks combine to form the elementary particle of management, the **moron**. The Dark Computer requires very little power -- so little, in fact, that it is completely powered by a single lunar cell (similar to a solar cell, but more efficient in high dark conditions.)

A complete bundled software package, developed at the Arizona University of Mimes Night School, comes with each Dark Computer. The software includes DOS (Dark Operating System), LUNAR-C (a quick and dirty C compiler), Duskbase-V (an irrational database), and Nada (an objection-oriented programming language).

Some of the special hardware features of the Dark Computer are:

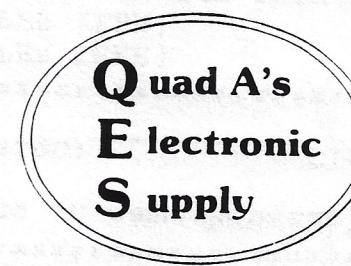
- a.) Multiple shift registers for right-shift, left-shift and night-shift.
- b.) One biggabyte memory composed entirely of shadow RAM with fully dissociative outta cache.
- c.) Music synthesizer with demonstration tunes, such as **Moonlight Sonata**, **Dark Eyes**, and **In the Still of the Night** (which is not a hillbilly drinking song).
- d.) Surreal-time clock with granularity of 28 days (known as 1 lunar tick).
- e.) A display composed of one million (1000 X 1000) DEDs (Dark Emitting Diodes). These are similar to LEDs (Light Emitting Diodes) in the same way that electron-flow

theory resembles hole-flow theory.

f.) Optional interface to the MLB Digital Holstein (we're really milking this!). With a Digital Holstein connected, the processor output increases up to 250 Complex Orthagonal-weighted Floating Operations Per Second (250 COWFLOPS).

The MLB Dark Computer is especially useful for such applications as black hole research, dark-side-of-the-Force computations, blindfold tests, vampire tracking, and mushroom management. Military applications include SDI, Stealth Research and RFP generation. The Dark Computer is a powerful enough to handle computations on matter, anti-matter and doesn't-matter.

DON'T BE LEFT IN THE DARK! Get a Dark computer for your company and keep all your employees in the DARK!



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MEMBER INFORMATION: (Full voting rights and privileges)

TYPE: NEW ( ) RENEWAL ( )

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

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

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

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

Call sign: \_\_\_\_\_ License Class: \_\_\_\_\_ ASSOCIATE FAMILY MEMBER (Living in same household only)

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