

VALLEY HAM NEWS

THE VOICE OF THE YUBA-SUTTER AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

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Next Board of Directors Meeting

The next Board Meeting will be held on November 18, 1992, at 7:00 PM. Location is the Yuba City Police building on Poole Boulevard.

Next Club Meeting

The next Club Meeting will feature a talk on batteries by Jerry, N6DDP. This is also the meeting where we will elect the Officers and Board for next year. Very important. Date is November 10, and time is 7:30PM.

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. Check in and enjoy the company.

CLUB OFFICERS

President: Robby Robinson, N6PGK

Vice Pres: Bob Anderson, N6XOP

Secretary: Dave Hollen, KD6DHM

Treasurer: Clara Ansley, KC6JPP

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Homer Oliver, KB6EJ

Randy Smith, KC6MUS

Bob Mulcahy, KC6OXX

Tom Galbreath, KB6WID

Russ Decker, KB6YAF

REPEATER LICENSE TRUSTEE

Dave Gartner, WD6AXM

DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER INPUT

Board meeting preceding publication.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

October 28, 1992 - 7:00 PM
Yuba City Police Department

Board Members, Club Officers and
guests present:

Robby	N6PGK	Tom	KB6WID
Bob	N6XOP	Herb	W6HBU
Russ	KB6YAF	Homer	KB6EJ
Randy	KC6MUS	Clara	KC6JPP
Bob	KC6OXX	Paul	N6XVL

The meeting was called to order at
7:02 P.M.

Treasurers report: Clara reported
that the club has a balance of
\$1,183.54.

Old business: Christmas Party: The
Christmas party is on schedule. We
are looking for more people to sign
up. Make sure you sign up at the
November club meeting! Robby pro-
posed to set aside \$200.00 for ex-
pense for the party. The motion was
passed.

P.O.C. Robby, open.

Elections: The club elections will
take place at the November club
meeting. These are open elections.
The Board of directors has come up
with a list of possible candidates
who are interested in running. They
are as follows:

President:	Bob N6XOP
Vice-President:	Lee KC6MCI
	Randy KC6MUS
Treasure:	Clara KC6JPP
Secretary:	Hugh N7OKM
	Stan KD6GVR
Board Members:	Russ KB6YAF
	Bob KC6OXX
	Tom KB6WID
	Paul N6XVL

Remember; anyone can run for any
office. The elections are at the
next club meeting so be there to
cast your vote or make a nomina-
tion!!!!.

P.O.C. Robby open

Coffee Break: A club Coffee break
is set for Saturday, November 14,
at 8:00 AM at the Eagle's Nest res-
taurant in Marysville. All Amateur
Radio Operators are invited.

P.O. C. Robby open

New Business: Russ has reserved the
Yuba City Police department for
next year's club and board meet-
ings. Randy KC6MUS will prepare a
thank you letter to the P.O.C. at
the police department.

P.O.C. Russ and Randy. Closed

Plans for the club to purchase a
copier for the newsletter was not
passed. P.O.C. Clara closed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00
P.M.

Minutes were submitted by
Randy KC6MUS

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

1--Thanks to Dave WD6AXM and Jim
WA6FGZ for their work in the Oc-
tober tech night Club meeting in
which they brought in their test
equipment and checked several
Radios for the members. Gentlemen,
we do appreciate your efforts.
Thanks again for taking time out
from your families to contribute to
the club's effort.

2--Herb did a splendid job in the
writeup about the club's offices
and responsibilities. Russ read
from Herb's memo, then ad-libbed
somewhat on his experience with the
different positions of the club.
Those that weren't able to attend
the October meeting missed out on a
real good update of the Club's fun-
ction and the Board's duties.

3--VE: Add Randy Stohlman
N6QMM/ADV/VE to the VE listing I
published last month. Due to a
mistake in my computer I omitted
him from the listing.

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4--BRAILLE EXAMS: ARRL now has two (2) versions of each of the five (5) written element examinations in braille. At present they have only a couple of copies of each, so only request what is needed. You may even be asked to forward them to another VE team that has a need for them. Only one (1) version of the test should be ordered at a session. Another breakthrough for the ham VE's giving the test.

5--DUES: November is not only the month to Elect new officers and members for the next year's Board and plan the Christmas Party but it is also the time the club starts accepting dues for the next year. We start this in November to be able to pay the bills that come due in January. Please check the last page of the Newsletter and fill in all the squares and lines that apply to your membership. It's the only way we can keep up a current roster on the members. Thank you. The Club 'preciates it.

6--NET CONTROL: I urge everyone to consider being Net Control on Monday night. there has been a problem in that there aren't enough volunteers for that task, and there should be standing room only. This net is used to train and refresh our members and any radio operators in our area to get used to taking notes and talking on the air at the same time. No one knows when an emergency will occur and they will be called on to operate their unit in a hostile environment. And that's when you are going to say "I wish I had.", hi hi. So lets get in there and pitch for the learning that is received when you do net control.

7--FOR SALE: Those who have Ham related items for sale and are not in the retail business are invited to have them put in the news letter. The first choice is to send

it on Packet to Herb W6HBU. Next is via phone to his machine, or hand deliver it to him. Least best, phone and tell him. The last is at his option to take it or not. So give him a call and let him know what you have and the best way to get the information to him.

REMEMBER THE CUT OFF DATE AND TIME IS NOT LATER THAN THE BOARD MEETING PRIOR TO THE FIRST OF THE MONTH.

73, Robby, N6PGK

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Editor's note: The following was taken off the local Packet BBS. Thanks to Hugh, N7OKM, for alerting us to it.
Also, I think the GEARS station should be WB6RHC.

OFFICIAL RESULTS

SACRAMENTO VALLEY FIELD DAY COMPETITION - 1992

Prepared by the Sacramento High Frequency Marine Mobile Association

Following are the preliminary results of the 1992 Sacramento Valley Field Day competition. The protest period will last until November 6, 1992. Sierra Foothills does it again! OK guys and gals, you can slack off now. We've all learned our lesson. Congrats! Learn to spend more time at the bbq. You're going to wear out the HF rigs.....

Noticeable by their absence in the results was North Hills Radio Club. Did you forget to send in your entry? I looked over the results three times. A chocolate chip cookie for the person who finds them in the list!

River City Contesters - this ain't Sweepstakes! - this is the real thing! Downed by Shafamma - for shame!

A special kudo to our sister station, N6ULL, for beating us this year. We have seven excuses, which we'll be glad to provide you. Next year, revenge! And the aged World Radio team takes the 1A championship..... Just about the time you think you've buried them, they climb up the graveston and have one last umph. Amazing what modern medicine will do..... See you all next year!!!!

CALL	ORGANIZATION	PT/TX	CAT	CTS	PTS	OPS
=====	=====	=====	==	=====	=====	==
W6RFF	SIERRA FTHLS ARC	2324	4A	2674	9294	30
N6WR	WORLD RADIO	1554	1A	547	1554	3
KG6XX	RIVER CITY ARCS	1490	3A	1115	4470	50
WO6H	NEVADA CO ARC	1474	2A	770	2948	25
WA6BMB	BUD LITES	1335	2A	1142	2670	7
N6ESV	SHAFAMMA	1288	1A	240	1288	10
NV6O	RIVER CITY CONTESTERS	1037	3A	887	3110	10
N6GF	YOLO ARS	941	2A	711	1882	10
KI6ZX	PABS	925	2A	504	1850	9
K6AAW	YUBA SUTTER ARC	768	1A	174	768	1
W6AK	SACRAMENTO ARC	757	3A	522	2270	20
W6RHC	GOLDEN EMP ARS	722	7A	1491	5056	73
N7OKM	YUBA SUTTER ARC	638	3A	373	1914	16
W6AJJ	EL DORADO CO ARC	326	12A	1000	3908	40
WG6N	AMADOR CO ARC	300	8A	375	2396	26
AA6FT	HANGTOWN ARC	299	4A	232	1194	10

Honorable Mention:

N6ULL	WHO	1402	1A	349	1402	23
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PT/TX = Points per transmitter (deciding factor)

CAT = Field Day Category

CTS = Total contacts

PTS = Total points

OPS = Number of operators

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We had a note from Roger, WB6UAQ, on the local Packet BBS. It seems that Roger has an 85-foot crankup tower for sale. He didn't state a price, so we guess it's negotiable. Roger lives up Oroville way, and you can call him on the phone at 916-589-5545 if you're interested.

EDITOR'S RAMBLINGS

And so another month goes by the way. It is now November, the national election is over (for better or worse), the weather is cool and winter is upon us. The time is fast approaching for staying inside near the warm, cozy fire. Or perhaps, it is time to prowl the HF bands looking for that rare one on the lower frequencies. Maybe we can work a new one on 80-meter CW. Maybe 40 meters is open to a new call area or DX we haven't heard before. So check the antenna and feed line after the last storm and clear the operating position for action.

If the above gets you new operators to wondering, yes, there is a great deal of life below 10 meters! There are many times when a respectable amount of DX can be worked on the 40-meter Novice/Tech band. 80 meters can be a little more difficult for the person on a small lot, but there are ways to overcome the antenna problem. Some of us are putting out very respectable signals from a small lot. You might ask around at the club meetings or on the local repeater for information. So if you are a non-code tech, think about an upgrade and procuring an HF rig to see how the rest of the world lives. It can be a fun undertaking.

Your Editor has gone through a bout with a bad cold and possibly the flu, so we were out of circula-

tion for awhile this last month. Didn't even turn the rig on for what seemed like days at a time. Things are looking up now, and we have apparently beat the bug again. We understand we weren't alone with the darn thing; it seems that Ed, N6VRH, went through a siege of it, too. Like they say, it's tough to get old until one thinks of the alternative.

This month's meeting has to do with election of Officers and Board members for the next year. If you have any interest in serving, let someone know. There will also be a talk on batteries that promises to be very interesting. Bring your questions and curiosity, and be entertained and educated.

Another thing --- Clara is accepting 1993 (good heavens!! already??) dues. If you're flush and ahead of the game for the moment, cross her palm with your dues for next year. It sure helps the club treasury. Several people who have belonged to clubs in southern California have stated that dues in those areas can be as much as \$100.00 per year!! Wow -- that makes our eighteen dollars quite a value in comparison. Another thing --- did you know you can pay your ARRL dues through the club? If done this way, a small amount of your ARRL dues money stays with the club. Ask Clara, KC6JPP, for all the details.

The Board made a change in the time for the monthly Saturday get-together in November. Note that this month it will be at 8:00 AM for people who have Saturday chores to do and/or would rather have a breakfast than a brunch. The date is November 14. If you can make it, come on over and make Robby's day. They are fun occasions.

Ed, N6VRH, and Clara, KC6JPP, received a letter from Mike and

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Patty Fultz (KC6VCB and KC6VCD); they are on Okinawa where Mike is in the Air Force. They are expecting their first youngster in about a month. Mother- and father-to-be are doing well and looking forward to being new parents.

AMATEUR TESTING

The volunteer Examiners (V.E.'s) from the club are providing testing for all classes of FCC Amateur Radio Licenses. The testing sessions are held the second Tuesday of each month, just prior to the regularly scheduled club meeting. The starting time is 6:00PM. The location is always the same as the regular monthly club meeting (currently the Yuba City Police Department Building).

Advanced registration is required and must be received no later than the Saturday prior to the test session. A FCC form 610, plus a copy of any license/CSCE held and a check made payable to the YSARC for \$5.40 must be sent to:

Homer Oliver
673 Westwood Drive
Yuba City, CA 95991.

Telephone 916-673-0868 for information.

CONGRATULATIONS!

We would like to welcome into the amateur radio fold five new hams and upgrades from the exams given October 13. The exams were given just before the club meeting. Testing started at 6:00PM. The testing went smoothly with the help of the five Volunteer Examiners (V.E.'s) administering the tests. The VE team would like to encourage everyone to upgrade using our con-

venient monthly testing. It is quick and easy. Simply study the written and/or code materials thoroughly.

Please welcome the following new hams or upgrades to our ham ranks:

Now a Technician w/HF:
Paul White, KD6DZP of Chico

New Technician w/HF:
Scott Smith of Yuba City

New Technicians:
Chic Gordon of Oroville
Sam Taylor of Oroville

Now an Advanced:
Randy Smith, KC6MUS of Yuba City

Editor's Note: Thanks to Bob, WA6OWH, for the above information on the testing program. It is our understanding that the testing session will not occur in December because of the Christmas potluck.

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