

VALLEY HAM NEWS

The Voice of the Yuba Sutter Amateur Radio Club
A California Non-profit Organization

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NEXT CLUB MEETING

The April club meeting will be a talk by a representative of the California Highway Patrol covering emergency response on the highway and other items. Date is April 11 at 7:30PM. The location is the Yuba City Police facility on Poole Boulevard in Yuba City.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next Board meeting will take place at the Yuba City Police Facility on Poole Boulevard in Yuba City. The Date is April 26, and time is 7:00 PM. Upcoming club events will be the subject and as much as possible, the year will be laid out and planned. As always, you are welcome to attend.

CLUB OFFICERS

President: Paul Johnson, N6XVL
Vice President: Wade Fiske, KN6WX
Secretary: Randy, Smith, KC6MUS
Treasurer: Clara Ansley, KC6JPP

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Russ Decker, KB6YAF
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Dave Gartner, WD6AXM

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING March 29, 1995

Yuba City Mall

Present Were:

Homer KB6EJ
Russ KB6YAF
Hugh N7OKM
Lee KC6MCI
Randy KC6MUS
Herb W6HBU

Paul N6XVL
Ron WB5FIX
Clara KC6JPP
Dave KE6HRO
Cathy KE6LNT
Roger KA6BBF

Meeting was called to order at 6:50 P.M.

Clara read the treasures Report

Old Business

Clara noted that a new roster would be put out next month.
P.O.C. Clara KC6JPP OPEN

The Club breakfast for April is canceled due to conflicts with other club activities.
P.O.C. Paul N6XVL OPEN

The club needs help planning this year's field day. It is possible it may be held at the Rice Festival in Gridley. Tabled till next meeting.
OPEN

It was brought to the board's attention that there might be an interest in club participation in the V.H.F. QSO party.
OPEN

Herb, W6HBU, reported that there are very few changes in this year's Bike around the Buttes from last year's. However, Herb could use a few more volunteers!
P.O.C. Herb W6HBU OPEN

The club was offered a 35-foot trailer. While it was appreciated, the board found that it was beyond our ways and

means and had to turn it down.
Closed

New Business:

The club purchased two Handi Finders (Direction Finding Equipment) from Alan, N6RNP. Alan wanted his proceeds from the sale donated to the repeater fund in his name. Passed.

The board received a letter from Wade, KN6WX, stating he could no longer continue the Vice Presidents position due to personal reasons. Wade hopes that he will return soon, and we give him our best wishes. Until Wade's return we do need a VP to fill in and this will be taken up at the next club meeting.
P.O.C. The Board OPEN

Clara, KC6JPP, noted that all ARRL dues increased \$1.00 as of April 1, 1995.

A motion was made that the preamble

of the net control text for the Monday Night Net be changed to indicate that it is an emergency preparedness net. It has always been a net for emergency preparedness but the text was not clear on this issue. Passed

This will be the last issue of the Valley Ham News from Herb, W6HBU. Herb felt it was time to pass the torch to someone else. The board accepted with extreme regret and wishes to thank Herb for so many years of excellent and timely(!) newsletters!! We all hope Herb has fun with all this extra free time!! If you see him at the meeting be sure and thank him personally!!

The new newsletter editors will be Nate Walls, KD6HNR and Randy Smith, KC6MUS. We hope to do half as well as Herb has done!!

The Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

Minutes Submitted by Randy Smith
KC6MUS

END OF AN ERA

Well, maybe nine plus years is not an era, but it seems so. The good Lord willing and the creek don't rise, this will be the last issue of the Valley Ham News with W6HBU as Editor.

The first issue bearing our name and call came off the computer (an old TRS-80) in November, 1985. Since that issue we have seen most of the usual things that occur over such a period of time. Some were good, such as growth of the club and improvement of the editing tools, and some were not so good. Not so good were the goofs made by the Editor and the misunderstanding when we thought a member wanted out of the club. It seems the information given the Board was faulty, and everyone from the Editor on down took some heat over that flap. Another goof occurred when the wrong Page One file was picked up, and the newsletter had the previous month's front page.

It's a funny situation. Just when you think nobody reads the thing, you

make a real mistake and it seems that the whole world is knocking on your door. However, to be fair, the club membership has been most understanding about the inevitable errors of omission and commission that have taken place.

At times like this, I suppose it is appropriate to thank those who have contributed and those who have understood and supported your Editor in his stumbling along in the job. The Board of Directors has without fail been most supportive and given guidance where appropriate and kept hands off where that was best. It has been a joy to labor(?) under such conditions. Also, there has always been someone to take the job when your Editor has felt the urge to lollygag or be elsewhere at publication time. We have been blessed with contributions and filler material in sometimes huge quantities. It has all been appreciated, whether it made it to publication or not. As far as individuals go, names that come to mind are Randy, KC6MUS, Nate, KD6HNR, Roger, KA6BBF, and Dave, KD6DHM, who put out issues of the newsletter in our absence. There was also Ron, WB5FIX, who not only put out the newsletter, but tried to make a somewhat more professional editor out of us. Hopefully, some of it took, but in the long run, it was a losing proposition, I'm afraid. That's like the grammar checking software in Wordperfect; after running my efforts by it a few times, the jabs and growls were too much. Now the thing gets spell-checked (most of the time) and then out the door. A professional I am not.

Incidentally, for anyone who is interested, the Newsletter is composed and produced using Wordperfect 6.0 for DOS. The final draft is then printed on a Hewlett-Packard Laserjet IIP Plus printer. The originals are then delivered to PIP Printing in Yuba City where about 100 copies are run. The whole package is then picked up by Clara, KC6JPP, or Ed, N6VRH. These two people deserve all the credit, 'cause they then put the copies together, staple and stamp them; and then get them to the Post Office. Your Editor is aware that this is a real job, because he did the whole thing for a year.

Beginning next month, the Newsletter

will be produced by Randy, KC6MUS, and Nate, KD6HNR. These guys will be using much more sophisticated software and they have access to things like digital scanners and other expensive toys, so the result will be a more attractive product. Give them and their successors the same support W6HBU has received, and the publication can only improve.

To quote Ron when he was Editor and my first effort was published, "It's 73 but not 30 from W6HBU"!

VERY 73 to all,
Herb

EDITOR'S RAMBLINGS

How about that sun??!! Maybe there is a Spring after all. Like everyone else, your Editor is enjoying the warm weather and sunshine of the last week or so. Now if the snow will melt under our favorite pine tree up north, we will be out of the valley and laid back communing with nature once again. A look at the already filled calendar shows a full summer away from the hot valley. Things start in early May with a trip to northeastern Oregon with a non-ham friend. It looks like we'll stay in motels and eat in restaurants, with the trailer parked in the driveway. Hmmmmm --- smart, that.

Then, as soon as possible, it's on to Cisco Grove and Swamp Creek where the favorite pine still stands (hopefully). Mid June will find us in Nevada out in the desert looking at the wildlife, again without the trailer. This time we will camp out with only the pickup and a sleeping bag for comforts of home. Another non-ham will be along on this one, and possibly our son (work permitting).

After that, in July, comes the trip by trailer to Oregon where the XYL takes in the Quilt Show in Sisters. We will also be able to see relatives that time in the very northern part of California. After the Oregon trek, it's time to hit Swamp Creek and Deer Camp for the month of August.

Hopefully in September it's a sentimental journey to Opheim,

Montana. (Look it up on the map.) Our son-in-law was stationed there in the Air Force.

Surely something will come up in October, but we'll just have to wait and see.

For those who envy, remember: all it takes is forty years of school, work and in the case of your Editor, a little Military service. Believe me, there is a light at the end tunnel; and it's not always the train coming the other way.

We'll take along the HF gear on most of the wandering around, so look for W6HBU on 75 and 40. Where possible, you will hear us out on the fringes of the 146.085 machine, also. Look for us.

Those readers who have kids in Little League baseball can skip this. Your Editor's grandson started T-league with the first practice on April 1 and the first game (????) on April 3. Our son was in Little League many years ago, but I had forgotten what it is like to observe a T-league team (????) in action.

Remember that these kids (boys and girls) are for the most part in kindergarten. They know about bats and balls and gloves. After that, it's anyone's guess. The best way to describe it is joyful mayhem. The kids don't know all (any??) rules of the game, but that doesn't stop them from having fun. Instead of the bickering and yelling from the stands, there is almost constant side-splitting laughter. If you ever need a lift and it's T-league season, go to a game. You can't help but come away laughing -- not at them, but with them.

This has to be pure joy at its best.

By the time you read this, Bike Around The Buttes will be history. At the time of writing, things look good for the event. We have plenty of volunteers and the organizers say so far, sign-ups look about average. This has always been a fun event, and there are always people around to do the various jobs involved.

Your Editor hasn't heard a great deal of conversation about Field Day. Paul needs input on this. While Field Day is a lot of fun, there is a lot of work and planning involved. Time is getting short, even though it's still a couple months off. Think about it, and if you're at all interested, let Paul know you'll help.

Walt, K6CPI, dropped off some copies of the Schenectady Amateur Radio Association newsletter. (Yep that's New York.) It is six pages plus four pages on inserts including logs and such for the ARRL VHF contest. I'll bring it to the meeting for anyone interested. Believe me, this will give the new Editors something to shoot for. 'Course in fairness, the NY club likely has a much larger member base than we do here. Anyway it's an interesting and informative paper, and thanks to Walt for sharing it with the club. We'll make sure that the new Editors receive the copies after the meeting. Maybe they'll find room to publish some of the information in there.

NEW MEMBERS

Clara gave me some names last month and they didn't get into the Newsletter. I think I ran out of space, but anyway, be sure to make the following people welcome when you see or hear them.

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You might add them to your copy of the Roster, too.

There is no doubt that we have missed some people, and for this we apologize. Anyway, welcome to all who have new calls or are new to the area. We're glad to have you.

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**Quad A's
Electronic
Supply**

Samuel E. Ansell
WA6POM

Membership application: Yuba Sutter Amateur Radio Club

Type: New Renewal

Member Information: (Full Voting Rights and Privileges)

Name: _____

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Callsign: _____ License Class: _____

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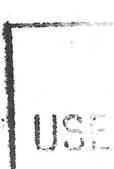
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