

The Voice Of The Yuba-Sutter Amateur Radio Club

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Next Club Meeting

The next club meeting will be at the Yuba City Police Department on June 13th, 1995 at 7:30 P.M. Scheduled is a discussion on Amateur Television. It will no longer be a field day prep meeting.

Next Board of Directors Meeting

The next Board Meeting will be held on June 28th, 1995 at 7:00 P.M. in the Yuba City Police building on Poole Boulevard.

Club Net

The Yuba-Sutter Amateur Radio Club holds a regular net for members and guests each Monday evening at 7:00 P.M. on the WD6AXM (Trustee) repeater. The input frequency is 146.685 MHz and the output is 146.085 MHz. If you wish to be a Net Control Operator, contact: Hugh, N7OKM; or Paul N6XVL.

Amateur Testing

The next test by the YSARC VE testing team will be held July 11th, 1995 at 5:30 P.M. till the start of the meeting. Contact Homer, KB6EJ at 673-0868 for more information. You will need to preregister for the tests!!!

Contact us online:
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Minutes of the Last Board Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 1900 on the 24th May in the Training Room of the Yuba City Police Dept.

Present were:

President: Paul Johnson, N6XVL
Vice President: Hugh Mac Donald, N7OKM

Treasurer: Clara Ansley, KC6JPP
Board Members:

Lee Sheffield, KC6MCI, Russ Decker, KB6YAF, Tom Galbreath, KB6WID

Repeater Trustee:
Dave Gartner, WD6AXM

Visitor:
Kathy Mac Donald, KE6LNT

ABSENT:

Secretary: Randy Smith KC6MUS

Board Members:
Ron Murdock, WB5FIX, Dave McElyea KE6HRO

Treasures Report:

The Club currently has \$1,523.19 in it's checking account. This includes a VE balance of \$155.15 and a Repeater Donation Balance of \$373.00. Disbursements this month Totalled \$454.54 including \$360 in site rental fees.

Old Business:

Field Day

Hugh, N7OKM, reported to the Board that the Rice Festival Site will be extremely hard to get this year but we can plan on it next year by laying the ground work now. Although we could use one of the City Parks in Gridley with no problems there has appeared to be a lack of interest on the part of club members. The Board unanimously voted that the club would not have a Club sponsored Field Day site this year unless a member approached the Board for Club sanction for insurance purposes. Lee, KC6MCI, indicated that he wanted to try and run a high site. Hugh will send off for the paperwork for him.

Item Closed

Sutter Buttes Day

Tom, KB6WID, reported that more HAMS are needed for the Sutter Buttes Day on the 3rd of June. Approximately 4 more Amateurs are needed, HT's are adequate for this event and there is some loaner equipment available. An attempt will be made to gain the participation of the new HAMS in the Sutter area. (See the discussion on membership under New Business)

June Breakfast

The June breakfast will be held on the Second Saturday in June, that is June 10th. The Breakfast will be held in the American Legion Hall in Linda and will be Belgian Waffles.

June Meeting

The topic for the June meeting will be changed from Field Day to Amateur TV operation and equipment.

July meeting/ Swap Meet

The July meeting will possibly be a joint meeting with a swap meet committee from the GEARS Club in Chico. They have responded favorably to our idea of working together to hold 2 swap meets in the Valley area per year. One would be in Chico and the other would be in the Yuba Sutter area. This idea was submitted to the Board by Jim, KE6KMD, and Hugh has been directed to be the point of contact with the GEARS group. Volunteers are needed for this committee.

New Business

Use of Club Banner

Al Robinson, KE6BLK, requested permission to use the club banner as part of his parade entry in Portola. The Board unanimously approved his request.

Item Closed

Donation For the Club

Hugh, N7OKM, reported that his Landlords, Mr. & Mrs. Terry Kite of Gridley, have offered to donate the following items to the club:

1. A 27ft 1969 Condor motorhome. Self contained with a generator and in running condition. This item is valued at at least \$3000.

2. A 16ft fiberglass runabout boat with trailer and 100hp Mercury outboard motor. The Boat and Trailer need some work but the motor is good. The unit is worth at least \$400 due to the motor.

After a discussion the Board decided to accept the donation. It is estimated that the sale of the Boat will cover any DMV and insurance fees acquired by the club. A meeting with the membership will be held to discuss wether or not to convert the Motorhome over to a communications van or to sell it. Hugh reported that the vehicle could be readily converted and would make a good club project. The equipment can be stored, for now in Hughs back yard. Hugh will prepare any necessary paperwork representing the club

Motion to accept by Tom, KB6WID
Seconded by Lee KC6MCI

Item Closed

Mail Pickup

Clara reported that she and Ed will be on vacation for the next several weeks. Tom will pickup the mail for the club until she returns.

Item Closed

Membership and Repeater users

Dave Gartner, WD6AXM, the repeater trustee asked the Board if they had any problems with the recent measures that had been taken to curtail the use of the repeater for those who have not been following the guidelines. The Board indicated unanimous support for the measures and indicated that they felt that the steps should be continued.

A general discussion followed regarding prolonged usage of the repeater by former members of the club and the lack of respect shown, in some quarters for the rights of the Paid Up Club Members

(PUCM). The Board of Directors and Club Officers directed that the following actions be taken.

1. Effective immediately CLUB DUES WILL NO LONGER BE PRORATED FOR FORMER CLUB MEMBERS. After July dues for NEW members will be prorated. New members are those who have not belonged to the club before.

POC: Clara KC6JPP

2. A form letter will be created and sent to repeated users of the repeater who are not members of the club or have not supported the repeater and it's expenses. The letter will invite their

membership in the club and or support for the repeaters continued operation as an open repeater.

POC: Hugh N7OKM

3. During periods of QRM and or poor operating practices and procedures the repeater may be put into a limited operation mode. The procedures employed will NOT BE DISCUSSED OVER THE AIR OR PACKET BY ANY OF THE OFFICERS OR CONTROL OPERATORS. Operation may be difficult for fringe area members during these periods but is unavoidable. They are invited to apply peer pressure to the offenders whenever they can get an eyeball with them!

POC: Dave WD6AXM / Hugh N7OKM

Their being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 2030.

Submitted:

Hugh Mac Donald, N7OKM Vice President

Loaner Computer

Can't figure out what all the excitement is about computers and packet radio?

Not sure if you should take the plunge?

If you don't own a computer but have some interest in them then I can help. I have a 286 computer with some easy programs and a phone modem to connect to the KE6LW Bulletin Board to learn about packet. This is a loaner computer not a rental so no fee is asked.

You should live in the Yuba-Sutter area, have a phone outlet and be a licensed Ham. Call Tom, KB6YAD at 674-9388 for more details.

Veep Speaks!

I hope to make this an ongoing part of our newsletter. For those who don't know much about me my name is Hugh, N7OKM, and I volunteered to fill the vacancy of the Vice-Presidents position. I have previously been the Secretary of the club as well as a member of the Board of Directors.

Webster's defines MEMBER as a person who belongs to or is part of a group or organization. MEMBERSHIP is defined as the total number of members of an organization OR the status of being a MEMBER. I guess I have always been a member of some organization. I retired from the Navy in November of 1990 after 21 yrs, 4 months, and 29 days but who was counting? I was first licensed in March of 1990 and became a member of a great fraternity, the Amateur Radio Fraternity. I have met many fine people since being licensed and have even had the pleasure of meeting some of them in person!

I remember my Elmer, Rich, WA6NKQ (some of you might know

him) saying in his classes that one of the things an Amateur should do is support his local repeater and club. This has always stuck with me and I have tried to impress this on all those that I have taught and been an Elmer to. One of the reasons that I joined the club was that it supported and sponsored one of the best repeater systems in the Northern Sacramento Valley. I planned on using the 146.085 as my home repeater and found that most of the folks were very helpful and congenial. The other reason was the way I was treated at my first Field Day down here. I was invited to participate as a CW operator and this was before I discovered PACTOR and AMTOR. I was made to feel welcome, had two people logging the contacts for me, and in general had an outstanding time.

Later members of the club came up and helped me set up a decent antenna system and most recently Paul, N6XVL, Robby, N6PGK, Ken, KN6WZ, Dave, KE6HRO, and Lee KC6MCI, Ralph, KD6YNY who helped me with my concrete. This is part of what membership means, helping other members of the group as well as working together to accomplish a common goal. The goal that I feel we as members of the Yuba Sutter Amateur Radio Club should have is to make this the best Darn club and repeater system in the Valley! If we stagnate and don't move forward we will cease to exist.

Recently I have heard griping from some quarters that "there is a CLIQUE that controls the club and if you aren't a member of it nothing that you suggest will come to pass." I personally think that this is hogwash. I know there is a group in the club who are doers". They are the folks who step up and volunteer to take over a function and make it happen! I also know that they are the ones who will listen to some one

else and are always looking for a better idea and better way to support the club. I also know that some of them are

getting tired and would like other folks to step forward and assume some of the responsibility. Recently Jim, KE6KMD, stepped forward with a good idea for me to present to the Board. Jim's idea was to start having a Hamfest or swap meet in our area. This idea has spawned a plan to have TWO swap meets in the Valley a year. One sponsored by GEARS in Chico and one by OUR club in the Yuba City Marysville area. We would help GEARS and they in turn would help us. Think about having a yearly fundraiser that would help us pay the bills for the repeater and EXPAND OUR system.

Unfortunately no one has come forward to be on the committee to meet and work with the GEARS group. Are we waiting in the wings so we can sit back and take pot shots at what is finally worked out, are we going to be upset because the final plan will be something that doesn't meet with OUR UNSPOKEN IDEAS?

Recently the club has seen a decline in the membership coupled with an increase in the usage on the repeater INCLUDING FORMER MEMBERS OF THE CLUB WHO NO LONGER SUPPORT IT OR THE REPEATER. The time has come for those who support the club and the repeater to apply a little PEER pressure to bring the others back into the fold or at least help pay the bills. The Board has come up with some steps that can be taken to apply gentle pressure but the support of the membership is also required. The Board welcomes ideas and suggestions on how WE can improve OUR club. All a member has to do is attend a board meeting and discuss their plan or idea. Are you a member and doer or do you prefer to sit back and let others do the work then complain about the results?

73
Hugh

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Membership Application: Yuba Sutter Amateur Radio Club

Type: New Renewal

Member Information: (Full Voting Rights and Privileges)

Name: _____

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Name _____ Callsign: _____ License Class: _____

Dues: \$ _____ 18.00 per year

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Associate Dues: \$ _____ 4.00 per year

Total Enclosed:

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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