

# 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 next club meeting will occur on January 14 at the Yuba City Police Building on Poole Boulevard at 7:30PM. This month, the subject is "Show and Tell" and discussion of the flood operation. Bring your ideas or tall tales such as the "Rare One" you just worked. If you have a new toy of interest to the members, bring it for show and tell. No ideas or toys? Then come anyway and we'll just talk.

## NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next Board Meeting will occur on January 22 at 7:00PM at the Yuba City Police facility on Poole Boulevard. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend. Come to the meeting to be sure that your voice is heard.

## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

December 18, 1996

Officers Present: President: Ron Murdock-W6KJ; V.Pres: Tom Galbreath-KB6WID; Secretary/Treasurer: Clara Ansley: KC6JPP.

Board Members: Robby Robinson-N6PGK, Jerry Whitney-WA6ZZK, Ken Taylor-KN6WZ, Barry Barnes-KE6LW, Repeater License Trustee: Dave Gartner-WD6AXM.

Guests: Herb Puckett-W6HBU, Betty Robinson-KC6LEB, JoAnne Murdock-N6YLO, Melinda Whitney, Sandy Barnes and Ralph Alves.

Met at Molly D's for a dinner meeting. The meeting was called to order by President Ron Murdock-W6KJ at 7pm.

Treasurer's Report: Checking Balance 11-20-96 (correction) \$5,224.64. Receipts: \$555.58, Disbursements: \$401.29. Checking balance: \$3,378.93; less Repeater Balance of \$439 and VE Balance of \$187.31 for a total of \$626.31. Club balance is \$2,752.62.

After much discussion, it was suggested that whenever interference occurs on the repeater, that all contacts be short. DO NOT

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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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## REPEATER LICENSE TRUSTEE

Dave Gartner, WD6AXM

converse with the individual causing the interference, as it just "fuels" him for continuing the interference.

A motion was made by Herb Puckett-W6HBU, and seconded by Jerry Whitney-WA6ZZK, that the club use the repeater fund, plus whatever amount it may take from club funds to purchase a portable doppler unit. Motion passed with 1 opposed.

The January 14th meeting will be held in the Training Room of the Yuba City Police Station at 7:30pm. This will be "Show and Tell". If you have something new in the way of ham gear or have made a special antenna, please bring it to this meeting and share it with others.

The February 11th meeting will be our annual potluck meeting, but the place for this event has not been settled as of this date. It will be so noted in the next bulletin, and you can listen in on the Monday night nets.

A reminder was made that we need to get our article, concerning our Swap Meet, into the appropriate publications. Flyers will be prepared to send to other clubs also.

Club Officers for 1997 are: President: Ron Murdock-W6KJ, V.President: Barry Barnes-KE6LW, Secretary/Treasurer: Clara Ansley-KC6JPP. Board Members are: Tom Galbreath- KB6WID, Robby Robinson-N6PGK, Jerry Whitney-WA6ZZK, Keith Owen-KI7IX, Lee Sheffield-KC6MCI and Herb Puckett-W6HBU.



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REMINDER!!! Club dues are now due. If your 1997 dues are not received by January 31st you will not receive a newsletter in February. It costs the club over \$50 each month on the printing of the newsletter, plus the cost of postage.

We hope to see you at our next meeting.

Submitted by Secretary, Clara Ansley-KC6JPP.

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## ***PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE***

Greetings from the end of the millennium:

I heard today that there is a controversy regarding when we should be celebrating the new millennium, the year 2000, and all of that. Some say that because the Gregorian calendar starts with the year one, rather than the year zero, that we can't properly celebrate the millennium until 2001.

Oh well! If we have nothing else to do before the end of 1999, maybe we can sort that one out. As for me, I have better things to do...like, getting a program for each meeting this year. (Is this the third time in as many months I've mentioned this?) January's meeting is show and tell. If you have built, bought, or otherwise quired a neat piece of gear bring it to the January meeting and share it with us.

It seems that every time the wind blows over 40 knots, my yagi gets one or two elements out of line. The KLM KT34a has the boom to element clamp that is a big stainless steel hose clamp. Though I tightened them to the limit before putting the antenna up, combinations of rain and wind undo all my fine alignment and the elements shift from the horizontal. A few minutes with an aluminum pole up on the tower and things are easily put right, but in the meantime, it looks like the devil.

To continue with the subject of antennae, the 40 meter rotatable dipole mounted above my yagi (at a 90 degree angle, in line with the boom) works really well. So well, in fact that I would not consider another yagi without 40 meters built in. This used to be an add on option for some antennas, but now several are available with the 40 meter band built in.

This is important if you do any serious work on 40, like DX or keeping track of our traveling nomads. I have been using mine for a few years now, and I heartily recommend having 40 to rotate as well as 20, 15, and 10.

What about the newer HF bands? I have not spent much time on any of them, because my activity level has ranged between satellite work and weekly skeds with old friends. But some of the newer yagis do have provisions for all the newer bands and 40 meters too.

I'm waiting for the collector to come along who really needs the GI Joe Limited Edition F-15 pilot I got for Christmas. (What do you the guy who has everything?) Also got a couple of neat books, couple of computer games, and two nice cardigan sweaters--though not from the store where the salesman asked my wife if the sweaters were for an OLD MAN. We always go to San Francisco for

Christmas, sometimes going downtown on Christmas eve to watch all the interesting people. We rarely see other hams there.

If your holiday was as nice as ours, then you had a good one. I hope we have a good year without any major disasters, but the next one is just around the corner. Keep your battery packs charged. Make sure your portable antennas are ready, and that you can get away to help us in case we are called out. And stay safe and healthy.

73, Ron

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## ***REPEATER OPERATION GUIDELINES***

Here are some common sense repeater operation guidelines. These were discussed and approved at the board meeting in December.

1. Do not jam the jammers. This only adds to our problem of trying to get a "bead" on these idiots.

2. Do not cease using the repeater because someone is maliciously interfering with your communications. Control is what they want, and we must not give it to them.

3. Keep transmissions short and leave a break between transmissions. This is important so that we have a clear shot at the jammers.

4. VERY IMPORTANT! Do not acknowledge the jammers. Don't talk about them on the repeater, don't give them any indication of the effectiveness of their interference. They are conducting illegal operations. We must be effective and within the rules in our response to this situation.

Thanks in advance for your support.

73, Ron, W6KJ

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## **EDITOR'S NOTE:**

Roger, W5VKU, advises that he has the instruction book for the small calculator that he provided as a gift at the Christmas dinner. If you are the happy recipient of the calculator, please contact him either at the next meeting or by landline at 755-2936.

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## **HONOR ROLL**

During the recent flood disaster communications, the following stations took part in several days of volunteer effort supporting our communities.

1997 YUBA / SUTTER COUNTIES FLOOD DISASTER

## **VOLUNTEER HAMS**



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COLUMN ONE: YSARC OR YUBA-SUTTER AREA  
AMATEURS PROVIDING DIRECT SUPPORT

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NEVADA, ETC. COUNTY AMATEURS WHO PROVIDED  
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THESE STATIONS/OPERATORS WERE INVOLVED IN  
DISASTER RELIEF OPERATIONS JAN 1 - 5, 1997.

## LOCAL HAMS      OUTSIDE HAMS

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KA6FFM	K6QIF
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KB6WID	KA6LNC
KC6JPP	KB6SX
KC6MCI	KC5LUB
KC6OMX	KC6NXG
KD6DFY	KC6RUO
KD6DHR	KD6EVS
KD6HNR	KD6PSZ
KE6AX	KD6RXX
KE6BEK	KE6DJE
KE6BLL	KE6EOB
KE6EY	KE6KKT
KE6HLU	KE6LGG
KE6JNT	KE6LRI
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KE6LW	KE6TWR
KE6VUC	KF6IDO
KF6CXJ	KM6RH
KF6CXL	KO6JQ
KF6EIN	N6CVF
KF6FBW	N6SML
KN6WX	N6YYK
KN6WZ	W6GFK
KO6GS	W6LTI
N6DDP	W6SIG
N6PGK	WB6HNC
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N6ZCG	
NG7X	
W6BBC	
W6GCM	
W6HBU	
W6KJ	
WA6ZZK	
WB6GCL	
WD6AXM	

## EDITOR'S RAMBLINGS

It was a coming together. It was a time of no rest, confusion, devastation, sadness, relief, and so many other things that defy description via mere words. Now as the crisis winds down and the adrenalin subsides, it is a time of taking stock. For those who were spared, there is compassion and sadness for those who bore the brunt of the water from Flood 1997. For those whose homes were destroyed, there is still relief that human life was spared, and the losses were limited to material things. Now the rebuilding of homes and lives begins, and we can still help in many ways. While you give thanks, perhaps you can give material help to one less fortunate.

The names above tell only a part of the story from the standpoint of the Radio Amateur. There will be more telling at the club meeting and the critique that will follow. More of the story will be told next month in this newsletter, and any calls that were missed this time around will appear then.

There has been talk of a club breakfast this month, but for obvious reasons, things are a little hazy about that. If you receive your newsletter before the breakfast, check the repeater from time to time for details. Same goes for a critique of the flood operation.

One reminder -- this is only the first week of January. We have another two or three months of high water possibilities!! Keep the batteries charged and cross your fingers. While we wouldn't expect a double shot of it in one year, it is entirely possible. Another bunch of record breakers in the rain department would be the proverbial straw. Go back and reread the President's comments. I'm sure that Ron had no inkling of how prophetic his remarks were to be!!!

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