

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 December 9 at the American Legion Hall in Linda. This is the annual Christmas Dinner meeting. Remember the flyer in last month's Newsletter? Your reservation should be in by the time you read this. This again will be a fine feast. Hope to see you there.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next Board Meeting will occur on **DECEMBER 16** at 7:00PM somewhere. We don't have a location yet, but it should be available at the club meeting. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend. Come to the meeting to be sure that your voice is heard. **Note date change due to Christmas Holidays!!**

Board Meeting Minutes

YUBA SUTTER AMATEUR RADIO CLUB NOVEMBER 19, 1997

Present: President, Ron Murdock-W6KJ,
V. President, Barry Barnes-KE6LW,
Secretary/Treasurer, Clara Ansley-KC6JPP.
Board Members: Tom Galbreath-KB6WID, Robby
Robinson-N6PGK, Tony Ramos-KF6CXL, Herb
Puckett-W6HBU.
Guest: Barbara Ramos- KF6FBW.

The meeting was called to order at 7:15pm at Jerry's Restaurant in Yuba City.

Treasurer's Report: Checking Balance: 10-22-97
\$3,687.97. Receipts: \$321, Disbursements: \$512.52.
Checking Balance: 11-19-97 \$3,496.52. A motion

CLUB OFFICERS

President: Ron Murdock, W6KJ
Vice President: Barry Barnes, KE6LW
Secretary/Treasurer: Clara Ansley, KC6JPP

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Tom Galbreath, KB6WID
Jerry Whitney, WA6ZZK Lee Sheffield, KC6MCI
Tom (Robby) Robinson, N6PGK
Herb Puckett, W6HBU

REPEATER LICENSE TRUSTEE

Dave Gartner, WD6AXM

was made by Herb Puckett, W6HBU, seconded by Tom Galbreath, KB6WID, that this report be accepted. Motion passed.

Discussion took place on a Club Yard Sale and possible locations in which to hold it. If you have an idea or suggestions on this please let us know.

A motion was made by Herb Puckett, seconded by Barry Barnes that each first time candidate that takes a test at one of our V.E. Sessions will receive 1 free copy of the club newsletter; each first time licensee will receive a monthly newsletter for the balance of the calendar year. Motion passed.

Herb Puckett, will scan the club's by-laws and put it on a disc. We are planning to go over the by-laws to see if any changes are needed. After that is done,

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we will make a copy available to anyone that wants to find out for themselves what it states.

President, Ron Murdock, stated that the F. C. C. has released Part B (70 pages) of the RF regulation. All hams will have to be cognizant of this regulation when applying for their license renewal. Ron stated that he will try to get a copy and get it to Barry Barnes, who will break it down and put it on the B.B. S.

Those of you who have tried to get an O.E. S. I.D. card from Sutter County are urged to contact Tom Galbreath, KB6WID, and let him know. We need this information for a letter we want to send to Sutter County's O.E. S. Director. If you are willing to be called on to assist during any emergency, this card is important as it not only helps you get through to certain areas, but covers your gear and car, if used, with their insurance.

It is felt, by the Board, that our major effort should be in helping the Red Cross. We need to make it clear to them just what we are able to do to assist them. In turn, we need to know just what they expect of us. It was suggested that we recommend to them to come up with a packet that would be available to us, telling us what they require and what they need. We need to have training with them.

A motion was made by Clara Ansley, seconded by Barry Barnes that we purchase 4-\$25 gift certificates as gifts for our Christmas Party, 2 from Quad A and 2 from the Radio Place. Motion passed.

We will advance \$200 for food and supplies for the Christmas Dinner, \$60 for the American Legion and \$20 for dishwashers.

We will use the Legion's plates and utensils.

Being no further business, the meeting was closed at 8:25p.m.

Submitted By:

Clara M. Ansley, KC6JPP, Secretary/Treasurer

THE PREZ SEZ

We came to Yuba City in 1983. I joined the club within a few weeks of coming here. I was in the Air Force at the time, at Beale AFB, and pretty busy with that. Within a year, I'd been to Panama, stopped back by the Dayton Hamvention on the way home, and become president of the club for the first time. Yes, the first time. Since coming here I have served as president of the radio club on three separate terms.

One thing I have learned about radio clubs--they are as different as the people in them. I first joined a radio club in high school. The idea was to get my ticket, but Sputnik was launched, and the hams there (all high school freshman and sophomores) lost all interest in helping the prospective hams, so they could concentrate on getting a 2 meter converter built.

My next club, in Oscoda, Michigan, had a few more members (12), and lots of help. I got my novice ticket, then my conditional a year later. We did a lot as a club, and everyone in it was active. We put on a hamfest with all 12 of us working, and larger clubs in Michigan sent representatives to talk to us to find out how we did it.

In Riverside, California, my next club membership was two days long, right at the end of our tour there. It was field day, and I had a ball up on Box Springs Mountain with the W6TJ club, and then we went to Abilene, Texas, and a new radio club. I was vice president, but got sent overseas almost immediately to bomb the godless commies back to the bargaining table. When I came back, I was president of the club for a year before going to Maryland via San Angelo.

In Maryland, I was president of the Free State ARC, a club on Ft. Meade. I was stationed there with a government agency, and we had the largesse of the Federal government to draw upon, and we did. With over 50 active members, we did all sorts of

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things, including but not limited to field day, eme, vhf contests, satellites, dx, and lots of new ham training. From Maryland, we moved to Omaha, NE, and once again I joined and was president of the Bellevue ARC. Here the club was primarily social, with help for projects and new ham training. We met for "doughnuts" every Friday night at 9 PM, and 12 hours later, for breakfast at 9 AM on Saturday morning. This same group is the one I talk to every Sunday morning on 20 meters.

When we came here, I was an active ham. I want to continue to be active, but I need a rest from being president. In 30 plus years of hamming, I have been ham radio club president for about 10 of those years. It is time for someone else to have a chance. Luckily we have Tony Ramos, KF6CXL, to take his turn. If he feels like I did the first time, the prospect of his year or more as president must be daunting. I will give him my full support and I can only hope that you will too.

I thank all who have helped OUR CLUB to success in the last few years. There are the stalwart ones who never miss a meeting or a net. These same few are the first to volunteer for events and emergencies. Without them we would not have a club. For those of you who think it is too much work, just volunteer for one, or two, things during the year. Then the job of president or committee chairman won't be so lonely, and slowly we may get more people into the active column.

73, Ron, W6KJ

EDITOR'S RAMBLINGS

Well, it finally happened. Friday evening, November 28, the W6HBU computer crashed and blew its mind. The XYL could get nothing out of it and shut it down that night.

Next morning, black screen, no boot-up, no nothing. Bad news -- the newsletter is due in a few days, we

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got grandkids in the house eager to "play the computer", and our daughter can't check her E-Mail on AOL.

Saturday morning --- not to worry; we got backup tapes and lotsa stuff written down. Hmmmm -- backup software runs under Windows 95 (the long filename thing, you know.) Since the system is an upgrade from Windows 3.1, we gotta load DOS and Windows 3.1, then Windows 95, then the backup software, then do the restore. It turns out that the only drive badly clobbered is C:. Whoopee -- I don't have to restore the other three drives.

Hah!!! no such luck. Everything that could go wrong went wrong. It is now Sunday evening, and if it'll hold together for only a few more lines, I've got it made.

Stay tuned for more of the saga later. We hope to see you at the Christmas dinner. Ed and family have gone all out, and it'll be a real bash. Now if the weather will just cooperate----- we made it !!!!

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Type: New _____ Renewal _____

Member Information: (Full voting rights and privileges)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

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Dues: \$ _____ (\$18.00 per year) Mail to: Yuba Sutter Amateur Radio Club

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Signature: _____

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