

VALLEY HAM NEWS

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NEXT CLUB MEETING

The next club meeting will occur on January 13 at 7:30 PM at the Yuba City Police Facility on Poole Boulevard in Yuba City. The main topic will concern RF Exposure. This subject is now a part of the license requirements for every grade of license. It is therefore an important part of the operation of your station.

We should also see an example of a Web Page for the Club.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next Board Meeting will occur on January 28 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.

Board Meeting Minutes

YUBA SUTTER AMATEUR RADIO CLUB DECEMBER 17, 1997

The meeting was called to order by President Ron Murdock, W6KJ, at 7:00 PM. The meeting was at Jerry's restaurant in Yuba City. In attendance were the following:

Robby, N6PGK; Tony, KF6CXL; Herb, W6HBU; Johnny, KE6ZIM; Jerry, WA6ZZK; and guests Barbara Ramos, KF6FBW and Dustin, KE6OBK.

Robby read over the Treasurer's report in the absence of Clara, KC6JPP, giving the checking balance as of December 17, 1997, as \$2,609.10. Tony and Ron submitted to Robby dues paid by Roger Reed and Scott Roger.

Tony talked to the group a little about the upcoming programs for 1998, including the

CLUB OFFICERS

President: Tony Ramos, KF6CXL
Vice President: Barry Barnes, KE6LW
Secretary: Barbara Ramos, KF6FBW
Treasurer: Clara Ansley, KC6JPP

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Ron Murdock, W6KJ
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Dave Gartner, WD6AXM

possibility of a tour at Beale Air Force Base at the PAVE PAWS site. This had been initiated by Roger Reed, and he will try to coordinate a tour, possibly on a Saturday. This has yet to be finalized, and further updates to this will be forthcoming. The program for January will be an RF Exposure demonstration.

Guest Dustin, KE6OBK, asked if the club would like to have a web page accessible on the Internet. He offered to maintain the web page with current club events and information. He was asked to bring to the next meeting a demonstration for all interested members to view prior to any decision being made on the matter.

The possible need for a new location was mentioned by Ron and he suggested that we may want to look into the situation further. The Red Cross building was mentioned as a possible location, and this will be investigated for feasibility.

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Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Ramos, KF6FBW

THE PREZ SEZ

I hope that everyone had an enjoyable holiday season. I certainly did and as usual participated a little more than necessary in the food eating department. I can usually attribute this increase in appetite to the woes of the Xmas efforts (hanging up lights and decorations); however, that was a little harder to do since this year I did manage to get these items out of the shed but not quite to their annual resting places till just before the big day.

For those of you who were able to make the Christmas dinner I want to thank you for making it a memorable one and an outstanding way to exit the year. The food as always was fantastic and the service was excellent. A special thanks to Robby, N6PGK, and his lovely wife Betty, KC6LEB, for hosting the evening's affair. If you were unable to make the dinner perhaps you'll make the next one. It is a special event and friends from all around come together for a feast of fine food and good company.

My inauguration to this new assignment was one that I will not soon forget, and I want to thank Ron for allowing me the opportunity to let my jaw hit the floor. I'll set the scenario for those of you who were not able to attend the dinner. Ron, W6KJ, calls for the attention of those at the dinner and once having their attention calls me to the front of the hall and introduces me to everyone. Front stage, I am handed the gavel and presented to the members attending. I was then informed, "It's all yours now." Ron promptly stepped back to his seat, and I am left to fend for myself in total shock. Unable to dig a hole in the floor and seeing no clear path to the door I surmised that in fact I had, "BEEN HAD".

THANK YOU RON.

I hope that I can continue the spirit of the amateur radio community with my efforts in the coming year and will encourage the participation

from every club member in seeing that we offer items on the agenda for the club meetings that are of interest to everyone. If you have ideas I fully encourage you to feel free to contact me with and present them. Without the ideas from everyone we cannot operate as effectively as a whole. Please try to make the club meetings and note that everyone is welcome to attend the meeting of the board of directors as well. Come and see how we operate; your ideas and input are always welcome.

We have a sizable number of members and I am sure that you all have ideas on interesting subjects that can be presented for club agendas. If you do not come forward and tell us though, it is hard to zero in on those ideas. Your active participation is strongly encouraged.

On a more somber note, I want to wish Clara, KC6JPP, a speedy recovery from her recent surgery and to let her know that our well wishes go to you and your family.

73, from KF6CXL Tony

Editor's note: More from our new President:
(We'll have more of these next month.)

TOP SIGNS THAT YOU MAY NEED AN ELMER

Your friend tells you that he has a new two meter radio and you figure one of the meters must be for SWR and the other for POWER OUT.

You're thinking about joining your other HAM friends in the local ATV group because you own a four wheel drive vehicle that will go about anywhere.

You wouldn't mind getting into packet radio but no matter how hard you practice you can't seem to get the hang of sending those beeps and braps with your keyer.

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EDITOR'S RAMBLINGS

Greetings to all from the W6HBU ZOO.

The holidays are now over and it's time to think about things mundane, such as getting the Newsletter out.

It is indeed a zoo around here, as the kitchen remodel is now in full swing. That means that I can't find anything, and while I think I know where the 2-meter handheld is, I can't get at it. All the other gear is at the far back end of the old shack out in the garage behind a room full of stuff and then a large pile of boxes in front of the door. Please --- no emergency for awhile.... For those of you who have been in our home, the current condition is that the four rooms at the East end of the house (kitchen, shack, sewing room and dining room are totally bare and their contents are in the living room, garage, old shack and the RV trailer.) We are cooking and eating in the trailer and I am working at the computer in a corner of the living room, where you have to climb over stuff to get to it. The kitchen cabinets are done and the painters have finished walls and ceilings of all four rooms. That leaves counter tops, new kitchen floor, electrical work, plumbing and refinishing the floors of the other three rooms.

I talked to Clara this morning (Sunday), and she is doing very well. She says she still has a bit of a cough, and the incisions are still sore. She is walking and following doctor's orders. Ed is doing a terrific job on the cooking and house work. It sounds like she may put him on steady -- HI.

For those of you who haven't heard, Clara had heart bypass surgery in December, the day before the Club dinner. Robby and Betty took over and made the dinner happen. Thanks, Robby and Betty, and all those who helped.

This month we welcome our new President and other officers and Board members. Ron kinda dropped it on Tony, but like a real pro, Tony rose to the occasion and we are now on our way.

Go back and reread the President's message. There are some good thoughts there, and he really does

need the help of all of us for the club to continue. Remember, he can't do it alone.

We need some more Board members. If you're even remotely interested, PLEASE CONTACT AN OFFICER OR BOARD MEMBER. It's not a bad chore, and here lately, the meetings have been accompanied by coffee and pie at the restaurant. Who could complain at that??

Note that the club meeting will address this thing about RF exposure. I know we have been harping on it a lot, but when you next upgrade or renew your license, you will certify that you have done certain surveys. I think it would be kinda nice to know what these requirements are, and how they will affect my station operation.

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