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NEXT CLUB MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, March 11, at the Red Cross Building on Garden Highway, Yuba City.** More information later in this issue.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next Board Meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, March 25, at the Red Cross Building on Garden Highway, Yuba City.**

Board Meeting Minutes

YUBA SUTTER AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
January 28, 1998

In attendance at the board meeting were :
Tony, KF6CXL; Barry, KE6LW; Clara, KC6JPP;
Barbara, KF6FBW; Herb, W6HBU; Ron, W6KJ;
Robby, N6PGK; and guests Betty, KC6LEB; and
Jack, KI4VP.

Clara presented the treasurers report for
review for the month of February. Balance at this
time is \$2959.21.

Twenty more new/renewal club members
were duly noted on the treasurer's report.

As talked about at the last board meeting,
Barry checked with the Red Cross

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
John Ellison, KE6ZIM
Herb Puckett, W6HBU

REPEATER LICENSE TRUSTEE

Dave Gartner, WD6AXM

about the use of their facilities on Garden Highway,
Yuba City. Barry and Robby did hear back from
them and are working out the details for the second
Wednesday and the fourth
Wednesday of each month, for the club and board
meetings respectively.

Barry did ask Robby to ask about keys.

**A motion was made by Barry to change the
day of the club meeting. It was seconded by
all.**

Don Johnson will be available for an ANTENNA
SHOOT-OUT, SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 1998.
Paul N6XVL, will verify the location (American
Legion) and time (8:00AM-1:00PM).

Bike Around The Buttes: Herb passed out a sign up
sheet, and we will go over it more during the March
meeting. The event takes place on April 4, 1998.

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On April 19th, the MS WALK needs sag people. Contact Clara KC6JPP for details.

Tony brought up field day. Clara will look into Spenceville recreation area as a possible site.

Barry let everyone know that the tour of the Appeal Democrat is a go on a Saturday morning (date to be announced).

Tony let the board know that Roger Reed informed him that the PAVE PAWS tour is on hold.

Clara gave Tony a \$25.00 gift certificate from Quad A, to buy the book "Now You're Talking".

Meeting adjourned at 8:00PM.

Minutes submitted by Barbara, KF6FBW

THE PREZ SEZ

I hope that everyone is staying dry and not letting the El Nino win the battle this winter! I know that I take advantage of every nice day that comes along to address all of those small projects that are forever cropping up around the house.

I want to remind everyone not to forget "ANTENNA SHOOT-OUT SATURDAY" coming this March the 21st. The location is going to be at the American Legion, located in West Linda. Time is from 8:00AM to 1:00PM (approximate end time).

It's never too early to start thinking "FIELD DAY" and with this in mind I wanted to share with everyone what we are in the midst of doing at this time. We are looking into the possibility of holding this event northeast of Marysville in the Spenceville area up in the foothills. This should be fun and relaxing if we can pull it off. More to follow as information becomes available.

Till next time, keep your batteries charged and your radio dry.

Tony, KF6CXL; President

CHANGES, CHANGES

As I hope you noticed in the meeting announcements above, there are changes in the wind for meeting locations.

We no longer have the Police facility available, so it is necessary to look for a new home. At present, it only remains for the Red Cross Board of Directors to formally approve use of their facility at 144 Garden Highway, Yuba City, for both club and Board meetings. Problem --- they will not meet until the night before our club meeting. Their staff people have approved our use of the building as well as use of a small room for permanent installation of a radio station if we wish. The Board (ours) is about 99.9 percent sure of getting the building. However, a negative outcome is always possible. For that reason, be sure to check the repeater or phone a Board member before you make the scene for the meeting.

Now for the meeting --- in addition to discussing Bike Around The Buttes, we need to have a cleanup party to get the place ready for our occupancy. There is no heavy manual labor required, just moving things around a little; so don't be scared off. There may even be snickerdoodles and such available for the workers.

Oh, yes. Directions to the building. It's located on Garden Highway just west and south of the BP Station in the same complex as the old Molly D's restaurant. (Across Garden Highway from the Fairgrounds). You will see a red building south of Garden Highway just west of the gas station. Take the street (alley?) that goes south between the gas station and the red building. To the south of the red building you will see a white building with a self-supporting radio tower near its southeast corner. Go in that building and you are there. If this has thoroughly confused everybody, there will be talk-in on the 146.085 repeater.

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EDITOR'S RAMBLINGS

Well, another hectic month is behind us. Thankfully, no water in the house here at W6HBU.

The station is still scattered throughout the rest of the junk around here. First things first --- the kitchen is getting put back together --- pots, pans, knives, forks, dishes, etc., etc. The new appliances all are working like a new radio right out of the box. The computer is still in the living room, but this is the last issue to be done in the crowded corner of that room.

There are things happening club-wise that will affect all of us since we will not be using the Police facility in Yuba City. Be sure to read the minutes of the Board Meeting and the note above. Note that we are only 99.9 percent assured of a meeting place this month. For a backup plan we have ---- nothing! The odds are good; however, that we will see you at the Red Cross building. One thing up in the air at this time is the VE session this month. Homer, KB6EJ, says **there will be a session**. Check with him and listen to the net for information.

We have some new members. Clara gave me the information, and strangely enough, I have lost it!! Hmmmmm --- maybe they'll fire me. Anyway, welcome to all of you who are reading this thing for the first time. It isn't usually this disorganized.

Bike Around the Buttes is coming up on Saturday, April 4. I will have last minute information by the meeting night. We will pass around the sign-up sheet then. If you can't make the meeting and want to reserve your place, call me on the land line. This is a very popular event, and we have a lot of fun, as well as getting some good training out of it.

Don't forget the antenna shootout Saturday on March 21. Don, W6AAQ, will do his best to be there to entertain and educate us. It is always a pure joy to listen and interact with this guy. His knowledge and expertise on antennas is legend. When Don talks you better listen. He literally wrote the book(s) on mobile HF antenna use.

Now about the shootout --- this will involve testing the output and efficiency of whatever HF

mobile antenna you wish to bring out for a look-see. Also, if you have a new VHF or UHF antenna, bring it along and share it with the others. In the past at these outings, we have built various types of antennas. If you're stuck on a construction project involving an antenna, here is a place to look for the answer.

Incidentally, Don was in line for surgery the last we heard, but he is hopeful that he will be recovered from that unpleasant experience by March 21. Good luck on repair of the "freeze plug", Don.

By the way, the shootout will take place at the American Legion parking lot in West Linda between 8:00AM and 1:00PM. Again, if you're lost, talk-in on the 146.085 repeater. Bring your own lunch, as the Legion won't be feeding us that day.

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