

VALLEY HAM NEWS

The Voice of the Yuba Sutter Amateur Radio Club
A California Non-profit Organization

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NEXT MEETING

The next combined Club and Board meeting will occur on June 10 at the Yuba City Mall in Yuba City. See the President's Message in this issue.

We now have a permanent meeting location (until the space is rented) in the Mall. Finally!!!

We'll be discussing Field Day at this meeting. Possible locations, etc. will be the subject.

YUBA SUTTER AMATEUR RADIO CLUB BOARD AND MONTHLY MEETING

MAY 13, 1998

Present:

Board members; Ron Murdock-W6KJ, Herb Puckett-W6HBU, Clara Ansley-KC6JPP, Thomas Robinson-N6PGK, Russell Decker-KB6YAF, Bill McJunkin-N6FAB and Jean Knox-KF6EIN
Members; John Ellison-KE6ZIM, Barry Barnes-KE6LW, Gary Knox-KF6CIT, Paul Johnson-N6XVL, Jerry Whitney-WA6ZZK and Bob McClard-WA6OWH
Guests; Julia Robinson-KC6OMX

CLUB OFFICERS

President: Ron Murdock, W6KJ
Vice President: Barry Barnes, KE6LW
Secretary: Jean Knox, KF6EIN
Treasurer: Clara Ansley, KC6JPP

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Dave Gartner, WD6AXM

The meeting was called to order by President, Ron Murdock-W6KJ at 7:10 PM at the Red Cross building.

New business:

The location of the monthly meeting will be changed to The Mall at Yuba City. We will be using one of the rooms between Sears and Gottschalks. The time will be 7 to 9 PM, except for odd months, when there will be testing from 5 to 7 with the meeting following.

There was some discussion about setting up an exhibit for the Sports and Recreation Show to be held on June 13 and 14.

The club-owned TS520 will be disposed of for approximately \$325.00.

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Field Day was discussed, with a possible location being Lindhurst High School, and the American Legion as a backup.

Julia Robinson, Net Control coordinator, reported that there has been a good response from members for net control volunteers.

Old business: The potluck will be held at the Charles Lynds Hall in Forbestown, on August 8. Details will be supplied in the July issue of the newsletter.

Treasurer's report:

Balance April 1998 \$3,551.00. Receipts \$46.00, Disbursements \$156.69, Checking balance \$3440.31, Less repeater balance of \$479.00 and VE balance of \$219.86 for a total of \$698.86. Club balance \$2,741.00

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Jean Knox-KF6EIN, Secretary

THE PREZ SEZ

Just before I left for the Dayton Hamvention, we had a club meeting. I'd been in personal contact with Christy Rhodes, in the management office at the Yuba City Mall, and had been told that we could use a room there for our meetings. At that point, the second Tuesday night each month seemed agreeable to them and us. Just after returning from Dayton, I again visited Ms. Rhodes at the Mall, and she said we could use the room on the second Wednesday of the month, as Little League uses it the second Tuesday.

I only impart this minutia because it appears that there will be several changes ahead for us at the Mall. It could be that we use the same room for years, or just this month, before changing the location. This room is a small-unrented shop between Gottschalk's and Sears next to the portrait

gallery. Until further notice we will have our meetings there. We will start at 7 p.m., have a brief business meeting, and then discuss Dayton Hamvention and Field Day. Field Day this year will be at (1) Lindhurst High School, or (2) the American Legion Post in Linda--where we have had the last three or four Field Days. We will know by meeting day, I hope.

The Mall may be a good place to do several things besides club meetings. With sufficient planning and preparation, we could hold training classes for new hams, and present ham radio demonstrations during events like the upcoming sports and recreation show the Mall is hosting.

For those of you who wonder why we aren't meeting at the American Red Cross, perhaps a few groups on that subject is in order. Some years ago we met at the Red Cross building on Garden Highway in Yuba City. It is an old building with just enough room for all the functions Red Cross used to perform. In the evenings we were able to use it one day per month for meetings. Then scheduling conflicts arose--which always resulted in the club not having a place to meet and not knowing about it until the last minute. So we migrated to several locations, finally settling on the Yuba City Police Department's new headquarters training room on Poole Blvd. That worked well for about five years. But we were there on the calendar when they wanted to schedule training a few times too often. We had to find another place. Red Cross seemed to beckon.

We always function as a Red Cross auxiliary during emergencies. Donna Zwald, local Red Cross director, always supported us and said Red Cross acknowledged they couldn't function during emergencies without us. So we tried going back to the Red Cross Garden Highway location for meetings. We were in someone's way in April as a result. Our last "meeting" was superseded by a five person Red Cross training activity. We sat in the anteroom while Red Cross training took priority. So--nothing had changed over the years.

Last year I gave up trying to be president of this club. Too few people stepped forward to help. Too

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few would take any responsibility. Too many times "did it myself" rather than find someone else to take on some task or other. That burned me out and burned others up (I'm sure) because they never got to "do" anything. The situation is a bit better now. Thanks to an expanded corps of regulars, we have a full slate of officers and board members. If you are a "bored member", looking for a more exciting club, and you haven't let it be known what you'd like to contribute, you have only yourself to blame. I call on each and every member to join us for Field Day, or present a program, or even suggest one. I would really like to see more member articles in the newsletter, and I know the editor would too.

73, Ron, W6KJ

OLD GUY'S RAMBLINGS

Drip, drip, drip, drip. That's the rain falling off the roof. Hmmmmmm --- hey, Mr. Weatherman, this is nigh onto June. Summer is less than four weeks away as this is written. We are breaking records again this year. El Nino may be the culprit, but that doesn't make it any dryer or warmer under the W6HBU pine tree!!!

I was up at the camp spot recently, and there was no snow, though things were cool and quite damp. Plans were to be there by the first day of June. Now it may be the first day of July, the way things are going weatherwise. Oh, well. We will wait some more.

One thing to come out of this mess is that we will get to give the interim Summer Editor a little help getting up and running. Incidentally, the first one to complain about the Summer editions of the newsletter will be appointed the new editor. Kinda like complaining about the camp cooking. Anyway, Nancy, KE6JJZ, has consented to put the bell on the cat and do the newsletter while the old guy is out and about lollygagging away from civilization. She will need your support and encouragement. If you

have a tale to tell or a happening to write about, get her the details. Better yet, write an article about it. Good Luck, Nancy!!!!

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THE ED SEZ

It is always exciting taking on new endeavors and I'm thrilled to be a part of the information highway. Besides, I have to find something to do inside with all this rain. I'm looking forward to working on the newsletter for the summer, even though El Nino doesn't want to cooperate and wants us still to think it's winter!

Editor, Nancy Barlage, KE6JJZ

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Membership Application: YUBA SUTTER AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

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