

VALLEY HAM NEWS

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NEXT CLUB MEETING AND POTLUCK DINNER

The next regular club meeting will be the annual February Potluck Dinner and meeting. Date will be February 13, 2001, the second Tuesday of the month. Time, like always, is "Show up at 6:00PM, we eat at 6:30PM". Location is the Lindhurst High School Cafeteria.

We are presently working on a speaker or other program for the evening.
Stay tuned for final information.

CLUB OFFICERS

President: Curtis Sylvester Jose, KF6VFP

Vice President: Bill McJunken, N6FAB

Secretary: Jean Knox, KF6EIN

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**Art Nelson, KF6UEV Ernest Royat, KB6VHW
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Lee Sheffield, KC6MCI**

NEXT BOARD MEETING AND CLUB BREAKFAST

The next Board Meeting and breakfast will be at the Kalico Kitchen restaurant in Live Oak on Saturday, January 13, 2001.

Breakfast is at 8:30AM, and the Board meeting will convene at approximately 9:30AM after breakfast.

We will continue the process of planning the club activities for the year at this meeting. We would appreciate your thoughts and input.

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Dave Gartner, WD6AXM

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

5 DEC 2000

As a result of an injury sustained by our club president, Curtis, the board meeting was moved to W6HBU. Board members present were Herb, W6HBU, Lee, KC6MCI, Art, KF6UEV, Bill, N6FAB, and vice president Russ, KB6YAF. Ron, W6KJ, attended also and took the minutes of the meeting.

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Vice President Russ opened the meeting at 6:47 PM. The first item discussed was the Christmas party, which is scheduled for Dec. 12, at 6 PM, at the American Legion Post in Linda. Ed, N6VRH, will be the buyer of the prime rib and will with some help from Bill, N6FAB, do the cooking Tuesday before the party. Decorations are to be up from a previous legion party. Entertainment will be by Russ, KB6YAF.

The next item discussed was the technician class to be held in Yuba City, at Gray Ave. School on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7 to 9 PM. Starting on the second Tuesday in January, the class will be instructed again by Herb, W6HBU, Barry, KE6LW, and Ron, W6KJ. This year the instructors will order textbooks from the Radio Place once we know how many will be needed.

The February Potluck dinner will be on Tuesday, February 13, at the Lindhurst High School Cafeteria. There will be a program on the subject of Emergency Preparedness.

Our annual swap meet will be held March 10 at the American Legion Post in Linda. Ron will send notices to all the major ham radio magazines, the local newspaper, radio and cable TV stations, and this year, for the first time, we will place an ad in the newspaper.

On January 6, there will be the first VE session of 2001, at the Yuba City Evangelical Free Church across the street from W6HBU. The board agreed that the VE group could donate \$50 to the Christmas charity effort of the church in recognition of their support of our testing sessions. The money will come out of excess VE funds.

On January 13, the next club breakfast will be held at the Kalico Kitchen in Live Oak. The time is 8:30 A.M.

As Clara, KC6JPP, our treasurer and all around angel was away on a much-deserved trip, there was no treasurer's report. Jean, KF6EIN, secretary, was at a previously scheduled meeting in Brownsville.

Vice president, Russ, adjourned the meeting at 7:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Ron, W6KJ.

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Editor's note:

Our president was at the Christmas dinner well on the road to recovery. He had a sore back, but apparently suffered no permanent damage from a fall off a ladder.

THE PREZ SEZ

Mele Kalikimaka (Hawaiian), Felice Navidad (Spanish), Frohe Weihnachten (German), Merry Christmas to each and every ham. I hope all of you have had as good a Christmas as we did. The kids are home from school, the cooking was excellent and a good time is being had by all.

Thanks to all of you who prayed for me and wished me a speedy recovery after my fall from a ladder. Safety pays, and I wasn't being safe that day - should have had an assistant holding the ladder. Fortunately no broken bones or serious injury, just cuts, bruises and scrapes. My back will be sore for awhile, but, thankfully I wasn't seriously injured or killed.

One of the reasons we exist is to foster good relations around the world. When we communicate internationally, it is usually via HF bands (10m, 20m, etc.). Would you like to communicate with friends in other countries (remember, a new friend is that person you haven't met yet)? Then, upgrade to a general class license if you haven't yet.

Our next VE session is Jan 6th.

If you know of friends, kids that are interested in making new friends, locally or worldwide, talk with them about the upcoming Technician Class we'll be starting on Jan 9th. They will be held every Tuesday and Thursday evening at Gray Avenue School in Yuba City. Stop by the class and adopt a new ham - help them get started in their new hobby and make a new silver friend or an old silver friend a new gold friend.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

73,

Curt

A LAST GOODBYE

As the song goes "'Tis the Season to be Jolly", but in real life Death takes NO holiday. And with a heavy heart I write this in memory of a Dear Friend. The loss of a loved one is never pleasant, but we must pick up the pieces and move on.

On December 20th, after 57 plus years of marriage, Marv Lemburg, KE6JNT, held the hand of his beloved Wife Mrs. Betty and said his last good byes. Her face, wrinkled with pain, seemed to recede into almost a smile of relief, as the machines attached to her to read her vitals went from highs and lows to the bar line. Mrs. Betty slipped off at 5:30pm into complete relief from the pain she had been suffering for the past 24hours.

At a time like this you wonder "What's a person to say?"; then you realize there just isn't anything you can say to make things different than they are. A loss of a Dear One is a great loss and nothing any one says can change that or make it easier. So to Marv and his children Tim and Nancy we express our deepest Sympathy for the loss of Mrs. Betty.

A Cremation and Family only Rites have been done; there won't be a public service. Those that wish to may send a card to: Marvin Lemburg at 5 Romo Road, Oroville, Ca. 95966.

Robby, N6PGK

EDITOR'S RAMBLINGS

The Editor hasn't rambled for about two months now; we ran out of room. This month is different; we'll make room.

First, our thoughts and prayers are with Marvin, KE6JNT, up Bangor way. I can't add anything to Robby's comments. He said it so well. I know it came from the heart. Keep the faith, Marvin.

At the start of a new year, we look forward to 2001 and take stock of the year just past. The club had some good times last year, as we weathered the frantic testing and filing that came with re-structuring of the Amateur Radio Service. I haven't counted the elements or upgrades, but I know it's a big bunch of both. The VE group gave a good account of itself, and I am proud to have had a little to do with our accomplishments.

We turned out a few new Hams as a result of the Technician class that started in January. That is to repeat again in 2001.

We had a good time at the Swap Meet Saturday in March, and that, too, will repeat again in 2001. We didn't make a big bundle of cash, but we had a good time, and pigged out on the breakfast served by the Legion. The Swap Meet always seems to bring out the people we haven't seen in years. It's good to swap stories and to see what people have been up to.

In April, we worked Bike Around the Buttes once again. For the first time, we had a real medical emergency. Dennis, KD6DFY, was on the hot seat as a lady experienced chest pains and needed an ambulance ride to emergency. This was Dennis' first time for the event. What an initiation!! He did well, and the system worked exactly as it was supposed to. Incidentally, the lady went home from the hospital the following day. The attack was minor, and to our knowledge, she recovered fully.

I understand the picnic in August was enjoyed by all who attended. Your lollygaggaing Editor was off in the woods communing with nature; so we missed it again this year.

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Once again the November general meeting and potluck was well attended, and we elected a fine slate of Officers and Board members. Thanks to Curtis for putting the bell on the cat as president again this year.

What can I say about the Christmas party and feast that hasn't already been said? Ed, N6VRH, once again cooked a main course fit for kings, and with able help from Bill, N6FAB, it was served up in real style. I know Ed was a highway engineer by trade, but somewhere down through the years there must have been a stint as a gourmet chef.

Again this year, Russ, KB6YAF, entertained us with his guitar as we sang Christmas carols.

There are pictures of the bash in this issue, courtesy of Ron, W6KJ. Your forgetful editor got the digital camera all ready, and then left it home. Oh, well, another senior moment.

So there you have it; we ate, we served, we learned and we grew. The club cooks met or exceeded all expectations, and we all gained weight in the process.

Along with the good things, there were the darker moments. We lost Ken, KN6WZ, to lung cancer, and we lost Marvin's XYL just a few days ago. Life is full of joy, but there are times of sadness, too. Let us not forget those who are no longer with us.

There are some changes to the club roster in this issue for your information. There will be a complete new roster published in February or March, after Clara has enticed more people into paying their 2001 dues. See the blurb elsewhere in this issue.

Several of the members have agreed to have the newsletter delivered electronically rather than by mail. That saves us some money, and the members get the thing a few days sooner. Also, the pictures look a whole lot better on the Web Page.

If you have Internet capability and haven't checked out the Club Web Page, please do so soon. The address is on Page One of each issue. Let your Editor know what you think. We have money invested in the site, and we should make all

possible use of it. Your E-Mails, both pro and con, will be appreciated.

DUES ARE DUE

Yeah, it's that time of year again. Clara says a very few of our precious members have not paid their dues for year 2001.

Tsk, Tsk, Tsk. Please do it now. The club needs you as much as you need the club.

Clara looks forward to hearing from all of you very soon.

BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

Rosemary, KI4VO	01
Robby, N6PGK	12
Charles, KC6ARU	22
Herb, W6HBU	23
Nancy, KE6JJZ	27
John, KR6A	31

Happy birthday to all. If we missed you, or if the information is incorrect, let the Editor know. The data is from the QRZ data base on the Internet, thanks to Robby, N6PGK.

ROSTER UPDATES

Scott, KF6VFN is now N6SDM.

Bill, WO1R is now W7DZ.

Edith, KF6GND is now K7GND.

Bill, KK6GR, is now N7OQ.

Mertis, KC6PFT, has a new address:

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