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NEXT CLUB MEETING AND POTLUCK DINNER

The next regular club meeting will occur in May, though the date is up in the air. It seems that the cafeteria is not available on the date set by the Board on March 10. The Board will re-schedule at the next Board meeting in April.

Stay tuned for the latest scoop.

NEXT BOARD MEETING AND CLUB BREAKFAST

The next Board Meeting and breakfast will be at the Willow Glen Cafe east of Marysville. Date is April 7, and time is 9:00AM. We'll shoot for breakfast at 9:00AM, and the Board meeting will convene 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.

We will set the date for the May club meeting and potluck dinner at this Board meeting.

CLUB OFFICERS

President: Curtis Sylvester Jose, KF6VFP
Vice President: Bill McJunken, N6FAB
Secretary: Jean Knox, KF6EIN
Treasurer: Clara Ansley, KC6JPP

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Art Nelson, W6ARN **Ernest Royat, KB6VHW**
Herb Puckett, W6HBU **Russ Decker, KB6YAF**
Lee Sheffield, KC6MCI

REPEATER LICENSE TRUSTEE

Dave Gartner, WD6AXM

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

March 10, 2001

It was decided that we would have our Board Meeting outside.

Present: President Curtis Sylvester-Jose, V. President Russ Decker, Treasurer Clara Ansley, Board Members

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Herb Puckett and Art Nelson. Member Bob Coykendall and Guest, Debbie Decker.

Secretary Jean Knox and her husband Gary were on their way to the Swap Meet, when they had a collision with a turkey. It shattered their windshield, making it impossible to finish the trip. Gary had to put his head out the side window in order to see where he was going. We are so thankful that neither one of them was injured; just "All Shook Up".

Treasurer's Report:

Checking Balance: 2-10-2001; \$2,823.93.

Receipts: \$300.00. Total \$3,123.93.

Bills: Checks #715-#721 Total \$432.51.

Checking Balance: \$2,691.42. Less Repeater Balance of \$633.00 and VE Balance of \$131.97.

Total: \$764.97. Club Balance: \$1,926.45.

Undeposited Check: Eric Bayer, N6PSC-dues.

Submitted By,

Clara M. Ansley, KC6JPP, Treasurer.

Motion was made by Art Nelson, seconded that the Treasurer's Report be accepted. Motion passed.

Our next breakfast/Board Meeting will be held on April 7th at 9 a.m. at Willow Glen Restaurant.

We will have a Potluck Dinner at Lindhurst High School on May 15th.

It was agreed that an article, each month, on Curtis's Connectors will be included in the Newsletter. There is too much to put into the Newsletter all at once.

President Curtis reported that a local motorcycle club is planning on taking foreign students on a ride around the Buttes on the same day as Bike Around the Buttes will be held. He will inform the motorcycle club as to this fact at their next meeting.

VE Liaison, Herb Puckett, W6HBU, reported on the successful VE session we had on the 3rd of March. We did have some problems however. He will attempt to alleviate problems by making changes to information on the VE session on the Web Site.

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Herb Puckett, W6HBU, will be looking for volunteers for Bike Around the Buttes beginning in April. Clara Ansley, KC6JPP, will be looking for people to work the MS Walk in April.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Clara M. Ansley

THE PREZ SEZ

(Sung to the tune of Here We Go Round The Mulberry Bush)

Here we bike round The Sutter Buttes,
The Sutter Buttes,
The Sutter Buttes.

Here we bike round The Sutter Buttes,
All the day long!

Yes, it's that time of the year again. The Bike Around the Buttes will be April 21st. Be sure to sign up with Herb, W6HBU the first Monday in April if you plan to participate.

Last year we had our first emergency during all the years we've supported the Bike Around the Buttes. Let's all pray it doesn't happen this year; but, if it does I know we'll be ready, willing and able.

73,

Curt (KF6VFP)

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CURT'S CONNECTOR CORNER

Welcome to the first installment of the Connector Corner. In this installment we'll look at power connectors. There are two main types in use: NEMA (Fig 1) and IEC (Fig 2). Both are wired the same: Black wire to the brass screw, white wire to the silver screw and green wire to the green screw. The black wire is the hot wire, the white is return (Neutral) and the green is the safety ground.

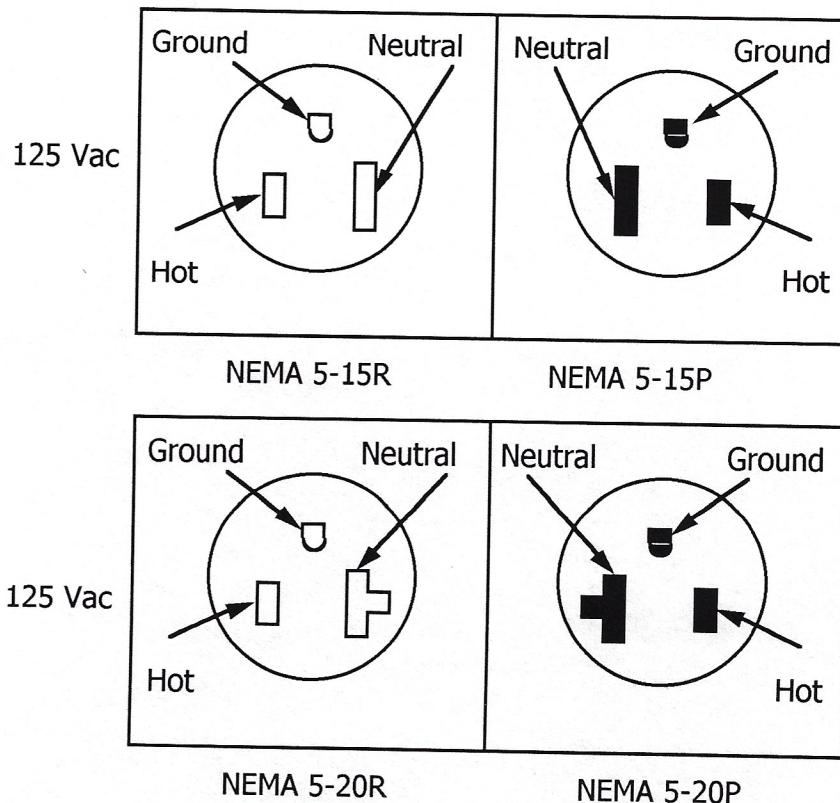


Figure 1
NEMA Plugs and Receptacles

NEMA stands for National Electronics Manufacturers Association. The 15 and 20 indicate the amperage the plug or receptacle can handle. P stands plug, R stands for receptacle, and 5 is the configuration.

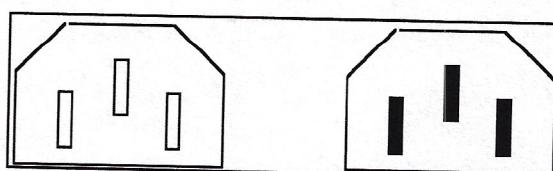


Figure 2
IEC Plugs and Receptacles

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ROSTER UPDATES

Please make the following changes to your roster.

New Members

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New E-Mail address for Bruce Witwer, W6WFW:
Evelbru@worldnet.att.com

This one got lost in the shuffle. My apologies, J.J.

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APRIL BIRTHDAYS

GEORGE SAWAYA	WA6LJY	01
MARVIN LEMBURG	KE6JNT	14
DEANE COATS	NR6A	16
JAMES BARNES	KD6LIL	21
RUDY SMITH	KC6MUR	27

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.

Please note: If you are a new member, we may not have your birthday. Please get the month and day (not year) of your birthday to the Editor. You, too, can see your name in print.

EDITOR'S RAMBLINGS

Spring has sprung!!! What beautiful weather! The sun is out, the sky is blue and it feels like outdoors weather.

Your Editor is the proud owner of a new (to him) rotor and a refurbished 40-meter antenna, thanks to Ron, W6KJ and Bob, AD6VU. We held an "Antenna Saturday" recently, with Ron and Bob on the roof and the old dad supervising from the ground. Many thanks to Ron and Bob. It's much appreciated.

Now all that remains is to get the HF rig fixed and get some cables under the house into the shack from outside. Yes, the 725 Transceiver gets bad audio reports on transmit. It seems that something is wrong in the speech amplifier string somewhere. Oh, well, it's always something. Concerning the cables, the old cable to the 2-meter J-Pole needs replacing, and I want to try a DK-3 antenna in the back yard.

We still don't have an Editor for the months I will be gone. It now looks like it will involve the July and September issue with a possibility that I will not be in town for the August issue. Surely someone out there needs the fame, notoriety and glory associated with editing this fine periodical.

Speaking of not being in town, the pull of the pine tree increases each day. We are considering a trip to the Chester area to assess the snow situation and either make plans or get it out of our system for

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another month or so. I was ready to go a few days ago, and then it rained here. That means snow at the camp area. The only thing to consider is "How deep? Is it inches or feet?". That inspection trip will take place the week of April 2, possibly.

BIKE AROUND THE BUTTES

Don't forget Bike Around The Buttes on Saturday, April 21. We understand that the course will be just like last year except for an addition including the new bike path in toward Yuba City from Sutter. This will entail one more rest area, but we won't be running sag vehicles on it. If you haven't already done so, please sign up on the Monday night net or via telephone or E-Mail to your Editor. See the front page of this newsletter for the phone number and E-Mail address. For you new members, the thing will go from about 7:00AM to mid-afternoon. Most years, the last bike is off the course by 3:00PM. I am in the process of making up a packet of information for new people. Let me know if you want a copy. This will include maps and a writeup of what happens on one of these events.

MS WALK.

Clara, KC6JPP, will be looking for people to help on the MS Walk in Yuba City again this year. Details are sketchy at this time, but listen for Clara on the Monday Night Net. She will have more details and will accept volunteers. The event usually requires only three hours or so, which makes it a good weekend morning activity.

A REQUEST FOR HELP

We received a note from J.J., KQ6GW, that contained a letter from a ham in Germany. It seems that the fellow will be in this area in May, and, I believe, would like to contact his home via ham radio while he is here.

The following is his letter in his own words. Maybe someone will write him or contact his relative in Yuba City.

Dear Mister Jurkiewicz,

My name is Mike. I am from Berlin Germany. My wife is a cousin from the Lewis family, in the Pepperwood Drive Number 2391.

I visit Yuba, in the month of May, also with my radio. My question to you is?

Have Yuba City a club station, maybe I have a sked with the ham's in my holiday? I work only on QRP, the most of the time in CW. My station is a TS50, antennas are some of wire's maybe a little delta loop. Also I come, with a fishing stack 10 metres high.

So dear Mister, Jurkiewicz just all for now. Please, I hope you answer me? Many thanks for your help!

Bye from Berlin and best 73, to you and your family.

--- DE DL7AFY-QRP!

The mailing address is:

DL7AFY/ M. Kelling
Dickhardt STR.36
12161-Berlin
Germany

Perhaps he could make the May Club Meeting and Potluck Dinner.

I will call the Lewis family and get the date and details of his visit.

So -- if you can work Germany, drop Mike a line and make a schedule.

READ THE INSTRUCTIONS!!

We've had numerous problems at the Exam Sessions with people who do not bring a copy and the original of their license and/or CSCE forms.

Henceforth, if you don't have these forms, we cannot issue an upgrade CSCE at the session. This means you wait while we verify your license or you get us the CSCE original and copy. (We then return the original to you and the copy goes on to ARRL.)

This has added a week to the time between the test and issuance of the correct CSCE form. It has also caused quite a bit of extra paper shuffling by your VE Liaison person.

Thanks for your help. It's appreciated.