

VALLEY HAM NEWS

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NEXT CLUB MEETING AND PICNIC

The next regular club meeting will be the annual club picnic. This year, the event will be on August 25, from 11:00AM until ???, at the home of Pete Visalli in Dobbins.

More details will follow in later editions of the Valley Ham News and on the Monday night net

CLUB OFFICERS

President: Curtis Sylvester Jose, KF6VFP
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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

May 12, 2001

The meeting was called to order at the Lake Francis RV Park restaurant after breakfast. Officers present: President Curtis Sylvester Jose KF6VFP, Vice President Bill McJunken N6FAB,

NEXT BOARD MEETING AND CLUB BREAKFAST

The next Board meeting and Club Breakfast will occur on **SUNDAY**, June 10.

Location is the American Legion Hall in West Linda on Riverside Boulevard. Time is 8:30AM. The Board meeting will follow breakfast.

The Legion puts on a good meal. The price is right, the portions are ample and the fellowship the best in town.

We'll look for you there.

Incidentally, if you're an early bird, they start serving at 8:00AM. Come early and stay late.

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Treasurer Clara Ansley KC6JPP and Secretary Jean Knox KF6EIN. Board members present: Art Nelson KF6UEV and Russ Decker KB6YAF.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as corrected.

The treasurers report was approved. Checking balance 4-7-2001 \$2,675.30. Receipts deposited: \$556.94. Disbursements \$589.32. Repeater balance: \$651.00. VE balance: \$131.92. Club balance: \$1,859.95.

Herb would like suggestions for next year's "Bike Around The Buttes" with regard to late entries and color coding of routes.

Old Business

The next potluck will be held at Lindhurst High School on Tuesday, May 22, at 630 PM.

New Business

Paul wanted to know if insurance would be provided by the club if an officially sanctioned Field Day event was held. The board agreed that it would be provided.

The club picnic will be held on August 25, at the home of Pete Visalli in Dobbins. Time will be 11:00 AM until it's over.

The next club breakfast will be held on Sunday, June 10, at the American Legion Hall in Linda. There will be no breakfast in August.

The meeting was adjourned, and some of the officers and board members went to Pete's to check out his picnic area.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Knox KF6EIN, Secretary

THE PREZ SEZ

The last potluck was enjoyed by the few, all 6 or 7 of us. Great food, great company, great conversation.

Summer is almost upon us. Hope everyone enjoys their summer and the fires stay away. We are having a Doughboy Pool installed this week to

help beat the heat and high prices of power. Others are heading for the high country to enjoy the cooler weather. Don't forget that our summer picnic this year is at Pete Visalli's house in Dobbins - August 25th.

My wife and I plan on celebrating our 25th anniversary and my son's graduation from high school this year by a family trip to Hawaii, as well as a visit with friends we haven't seen in 7 years.

Sorry, no connector corner this month, busy trying to prep the area for the pool installation.

Until next time,

73,

Curt (KF6VFP)

EDITOR'S RAMBLINGS

The calendar may say otherwise, but Summer has visited the Yuba-Sutter area with a vengeance. The 100 plus degree days last week just about did the old Dad in. I find that as the years roll along, the heat and cold have an increasing effect on me. The last few days have been quite nice, and it is much appreciated.

Yeah, I know, I was supposed to be out of town up under the pine tree. I spent over a week up in the Chester area, where it was cold (not cool), and then went up to Oregon for the long weekend over Memorial Day. In Oregon, one night the low temperature was 29.5 degrees!! We enjoyed the company of our son and daughter and their families. It's always good to have the grand kids along, as they are a constant joy. One grand daughter was sporting a cast on her right forearm, from a minor broken arm (If there is such a thing as a "minor" broken arm!). The cast should come off tomorrow, June 5, if all goes well. Mother can't wait to get rid of it. Two camping trips and all the things kids do while playing, and the heat combine to make it a rather odorous situation.

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We had the HF gear along at Chester, but didn't make any contacts that trip. We did maintain almost constant contact with home via the 147.105 repeater near Willows. That machine has good coverage over the north valley, and while not strong, it covers most of the area west of Chester where the trailer was parked. We were able as usual to check into the 146.085 machine easily from "Radio Hill" near camp.

We took no radio gear along to Oregon except the mobile rig in the pickup. The 146.085 repeater was heard well north of Shasta Lake, though it was very weak until about the Redding area on the way home. We did not attempt to work any of the 7-area repeaters.

Future plans this summer include more time west of Chester, and there should be at least a 40-meter dipole up at the camp location. That will make possible daily check-ins to the Noon time Net on 7268.5 KHz. There is always someone who can copy a portable or mobile station on the frequency. This is a good thing to keep in mind if you do any traveling or camping in the Western states. The people on that net are very capable, and always eager to help where needed.

Some of the club members are talking Field Day this month. If you are interested, get hold of Paul, N6XVL. So often the short-notice events are the most fun. Think about it if you're in the area on June 23 and 24.

Please note that the VE Sessions in July and September have been moved to later dates than the usual first Saturday of the month. Hopefully, that will coincide with your Editor's wandering and allow me to be in town when they take place. In July, it's July 21; and the September date is September 15.

It appears that we will need a stand-in Editor for late June for the July newsletter, and for late August for the September newsletter. Your Editor will be out of town or out of state those dates. If we don't get a volunteer, we will not publish the newsletter those months. Please think about picking up the slack.

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NEEDED: NET CONTROL STATIONS

If you have checked into the Monday night net lately, you will have noted that Curt, KF6VFP, has carried the Net Control load for quite some time. Paul, N6XVL, has volunteered to give him a hand during the Summer, but Paul would like some assistance in the job. Please step up and be a Net Control Station once in a while. You, too, can be famous, and it's not really that bad once you've done it a few times.

Remember, the time to learn is now; not in an emergency when you're the only one there and the job has to be done. Been there, done that. It's no fun. Only a few sessions, and you're in much better shape.

With a dry summer ahead, it's a real possibility we could find ourselves working one or more forest fires.

Do it.

From an old friend via the Internet

A New York family bought a ranch out west where they intended to raise cattle. Friends visited and asked if the ranch had a name. "Well," said the would-be cattleman, "I wanted to name it the Bar-J. My wife favored Suzy-Q, one son liked the Flying-W, and the other wanted the Lazy-Y. So its called the Bar-J-Suzy-Q-Flying-W-Lazy-Y." "But where are all your cattle?" the friends asked.

"None survived the branding".