

VALLEY HAM NEWS

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NEXT BOARD MEETING AND BREAKFAST

The next Board Meeting and breakfast will be on October 13 at the Kalico Kitchen in Live Oak. Breakfast will be 8:30AM, followed by the Board meeting.

Board members, if you value your club, please make this meeting.

NEXT CLUB MEETING AND POTLUCK

Our next regular meeting will be the annual November election meeting. The date is Tuesday, November 13. The location is the Lindhurst High School cafeteria in Olivehurst. Be there about 6:00PM, and we will start eating at about 6:30PM. Bring your own table service (BIG plate, knife fork, spoon, etc.) And your favorite dish for sharing. The club will furnish coffee and sodas.

We need nominees for officers and Board members. If you haven't been contacted, please let an officer or Board member know that you will serve next year. Without you, the club is in danger of ceasing to exist.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

There was not a quorum at the September breakfast, so there was very little business conducted.

Those present did make a few decisions, however.

The Christmas dinner and party will be December 11. The reservation cost this year will be \$3.00. Please get your money to Clara by Monday, December 4, to assure your place at the table.

The October Board meeting and breakfast will be on October 13 at the Kalico Kitchen in Live Oak.

There was no indication that we have any volunteers for any office or Board position as yet.

These things decided, the members called it a day, and headed home.

THE PREZ SEZ

Before I get too far along I'd like to express my thanks to Paul (N6XVL), for acting as net control while I was off working this summer. Also, thanks to Paul who acted as Net Control during the Poe Fire. Paul was Net Control from his home until the fire shifted and he was unable to reach a repeater that covered the fire area.

Hope everyone had a good summer. I know we did. After school ended Marsha, the kids and I and a friend of my daughter went to Hawaii. We celebrated my son's graduation from high school, our 25th anniversary (early, since it's actually 16 October) and visited with friends we left 7 years ago. It's amazing how fast kids grow, especially when you haven't seen them in awhile.

Michelle saw a sea turtle while snorkling at Hunama Bay, an extinct volcano near Diamond Head. Very unusual to see one swimming in that area. She even got some underwater pictures of it.

Given all that has happened since Sep 11, I want to encourage, badger, beg, plead, whatever it takes -- we need net control volunteers. Please step forward and get the practice now. For the new hams, now is the time to practice. Keep in mind that we are automatically a reserve group of communicators that our nation can call upon to help during times of crisis. So please, PLEASE, volunteer now.

Elections are coming up. A new President is needed. I've served for 2 years now and it's time for me to give someone else a chance. It can be a fun job. Who wants to take the ball and run with it?

Now's the time for me to get down off of my soap box. I'll see you at the

breakfast, on the Monday Night Net or the repeater.

73

Curtis (KF6VFP)

EDITOR'S RAMBLINGS

Once again the old dad is back from the mountains and in harness. My thanks to Ron for filling in while I lollygagged under the pine tree. He does such a good job. My thanks and appreciation, Ron.

I don't need to tell you that it's been HOT in the valley these first few days of October. Records are falling up and down this part of the state. Hopefully, we are past the hottest part of the weather system responsible. It is enough to make one think about leaving and going back to the camp spot in the mountains.

I hate to sound like a broken record, but perhaps we should talk a little about the condition of the club from the perspective of your Editor. I hold three jobs in the club. Of course, I edit this fine publication monthly (almost). I am on the Board of Directors. I am the liaison person for the local Volunteer Examiner group.

Any one of the three can be a full time job at certain times. When the busy time for more than one comes along, it gets rather interesting.

I have thought a lot about the club recently, as we see Board meetings without a quorum, and no Net Control Volunteers, and then no apparent interest in any of the positions that will be vacant come the end of the year. This is my second go-around with this club. I'll bet most of you didn't know that there was a local club in the late 50's and early 60's. There are very few of us left who belonged in those days. That club died due to -- guess what? -- nobody came forward to take an office. The sitting president, being a rather impatient person, graveled the club into death when he could get no volunteers. I hope that I don't see that happen again. It is not pretty.

Now back to the three offices — for some strange reason, I'm getting a little tired. More than anything else, I believe that most of the problem arises when club activities conflict with family activities. As an example, I have not seen my grand children from Merced in almost six months. They will be here for the weekend on — yep you guessed it — October 12 through October 14. I am now torn between my obligations to the club as a Director, and my wish to spend as much time as possible with my Son, Daughter-in-law and grand kids. I think I know who is going to win. If I were sure I would not be needed for a quorum this time, there would be no problem. As it is, if mine is the vote needed to make a quorum and I'm not there, I am sad.

Please don't make me sad.

In an ideal world, there would be people knocking down my door to take a couple of these jobs. Right now I would happily turn over the Directorship and Editor's position to some eager person willing to work for no pay and little recognition until he or she goofs with the Newsletter. That's when we find that the members do really read the thing.

I'm not really ready to quit, but it would sure be nice to hear those oh so wonderful words, "I volunteer."

On a different note, how many of you remember Hugh, N7OKM? I ran into him at the Ford garage in Gridley this morning. He was an Officer and Board member in the club until he and XYL Kathy moved to Oregon, then to Washington. He stated he had heard Paul, N6XVL, on HF and that he talks with Ron, W6KJ, almost daily. Hugh sends "Hello" to the club members.

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CHANGES, CHANGES

Most of the members received an E-Mail from yours truly recently informing them of a change to the address for the Club Web Page.

It seems that our ISP was purchased by Earthlink, and that caused quite a few changes, including a new address. The address thing is easily handled, but another change is more troubling. The price went up almost to twice what we now pay. Since we pay yearly, we are OK until next Spring. In the meantime, we will be looking for either a new ISP or possibly a domain of our own. I can't say now how it will shake out, but we will keep you posted. It is my feeling that the Earthlink service is too expensive for the club to handle, though there are a few new services we do not now have.

By the way the new address is:

<http://pweb.jps.net/~ysarc/index.html>

Be sure to make the appropriate change in your browser.

BISCUITS AND HONEY

Once again we have space and no material, like running out of honey with biscuits left or vice versa.

For some reason the brain is a total blank here this evening, and we still have space to fill. Maybe it's the heat of the last few days.

I just talked to Russ, KB6YAF. He confirmed that the Lindhurst cafeteria is a go for the November meeting.

I notice the keyboard is sure loud this evening. I guess it's the new hearing aids. Wow, anybody had to buy hearing aids lately??? They cost more than a REAL good transceiver!!! Just like teeth and glasses, you gotta have 'em or get lost in the shuffle. In the case of teeth, you buy them or go hungry or eat mush and lotsa soup.

Well, I see the bottom of the page, so the end is in sight.

73 until next month, and have a good one.