

# The VALLEY HAM NEWS

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

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## **CLUB OFFICERS**

Pres.: Curtis R. Sylvester-José, KF6VFP  
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Treasurer: Clara Ansley, KC6JPP

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Leonard Wilkerson, KG6PND  
Manna Whelchel, KG6PNE  
Lee Sheffield, KC6MCI  
Paul Johnson, N6XVL  
Ron Murdock, W6KJ

## **REPEATER TRUSTEE**

Dave Gartner, WD6AXM

## **LIASANS**

ARES: Mike Colvin, W6CUJ

## **Technician Class.**

Second Wednesday of each month at  
7:00 p.m. – the ARRL Sacramento Valley  
Section (UHF) Net.

Thursday nights at 7:00 p.m. – weekly  
ARES net.

## **NEXT BOARD MEETING**

The next Board Meeting will be at the  
potluck, Lindhurst High School in Olivehurst. We  
will be looking for volunteers to be on the  
committees (1 to 3 people to a committee) to  
plan the club fox hunt in May and field day  
participation in June. Also come meet the  
students in the technician class.

Bring a dish to share and your own plates  
and silverware. The club will provide drinks –  
coffee and sodas.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Feb 10, 6:00 p.m. – Potluck and Board  
Meeting.

Mar 6, 9:00 a.m. – VE Session.

Apr 3 – MS Walk-A-Thon

Apr 17 – Bike Around the Buttes.

May 11 – Potluck

May 14-16 – Dayton Hamvention

May 22-23 – EMCOMM West

Jun 19 – Kids Day

Jun 26-27 – Field Day

Monday nights at 7:00 p.m. – weekly  
net with swap shop and help sessions.

Tuesday, Thursday at 7:00 p.m. starting  
January 6, 2004 until February 26, 2004 –

## **VE EXAMS Results**

We had two people test with two  
elements taken. There are now two new  
technician hams, one who lives in Meadow Vista  
and one who lives in Carmichael.

Herb Puckett (W6HBU)

## **WORD SEARCH**

Can you find the following words:  
Alligator, APRS, ARES, Beam Antenna, Busted  
Call, CTCSS, Dipole, DTMF, Dummy Load,



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Dupe, Dxpedition, Earth-Moon-Earth, EchoLink, Elmer, IRLP, Mag Mount, Meteor Scatter, Packetcluster, Pileup, Q Signals, Shack, and Yagi.

Solution later in this newsletter.

E Q S D T M F P Z X E P U D  
P A L L I G A T O R L C V U  
A P R S G P M B N R K M L M  
C R L T B N O A I N S M A M  
K A E L H U I L I D A F N Y  
E Z X S A M K L E G G H G L  
T W E F Y C O H M J K K I O  
C T C S S H D O K C A H S A  
L Y D V C J U E N L Q W Q D  
U A C E H N O E T E L M E R  
S G R T T M L R T S A Y U W  
T I P I L E U P I O U R P Z  
E A N N E T N A M A E B T Q  
R D X P E D I T I O N X W H  
M E T E O R S C A T T E R A

## BOARD MINUTES

There were 21 in attendance for the first board meeting of the year. The meeting was called to order at 9:16 AM, and the minutes from the previous meeting were accepted.

We started off with an ARES report from Mike (W6CUJ). Preparations are being made for the picking up and delivery of the new emergency vehicle. Plans are being made to use its being drove back to California as a special event station and making contacts while on the trip. For more information contact Mike.

The update on the vehicle being renovated by Robert Cross was it is getting close. The question was asked if there were any needs or assistance that were needed, the reply was a possible soon.

Old business----- The LDS group that had requested the use of the repeater for nets have gotten permission to us the Willows repeater. They would like to be able to keep our local repeater in mind for an emergency back up.

Dave (WD6AXM) has asked that they still clarify what they would be doing in their nets, before the need arises.

New business----- The club's number of

donated rigs is getting to large to manage. Most will be brought to the next potluck to donate some to the new up and coming Operators and the others will be available to be viewed and will be up for sale on the Mon. night nets. This motion was made by Paul (N6XVL) and seconded by Ron (W6KJ) and passed unanimously.

Lee Sheffield suggested the club hold a fox hunt this year. Motion was made by Clara (KC6JPP) to have some foxhunts as club activities this year. It was seconded by Manna (KG6PNE) and passed unanimously. It is hoped to have the first one sometime after April.

Dave (WD6AXM) brought to the meeting information on the current interference problem. It has not been determined yet what the cause is, but it appears to have a sweeping nature making it more difficult to track down the cause. It is not at this time believed to be malicious or intentional.

Motion was made by Art (W6ARN) to have the next board meeting at the up coming potluck. This was seconded by Clara (KC6JPP) and passed unanimously. The potluck is Feb. 10, 2004 and is planned to be at Lindhurst High School.

For the May Potluck there has been a request for a demonstration on the repeater. If schedules allow this demonstration will happen.

Meeting closed at 9:50 AM

Submitted By,  
Tricia Wilkerson, (KG6PNC) Secretary

## TREASURERS REPORT

12-9-03	Checking Balance	\$1875.85
<b>Receipts Deposited</b>		
12-11-03	Dues: N6FAB/N6JEY, KC6OXX, K7XE, KB6YAF, N6XVL	\$100.00
12-29-03	Dues: W6LSD, W60BC, KG6PNG, W6GPK	\$99.00
1-05-04	Dues: KD6LOK, KG6KJE, KN6WX	\$56.00



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1-12-04 Dues: KE6VUC, \$157.00  
KN6VB, KO6TVT,  
K06GR/X6L - \$76.00  
ARRL-VEC - \$16.00  
TECH Class - \$65.00  
**Total:** \$2287.85

The club is getting off to a good start with a lot of activities being planned. Hopefully, some of them meet your interest. If not, let me know what you would like to see the club do.

73's  
Curtis (KF6VFP)

## Bills

857 Cornerstone Evangelical \$50.00  
Free Church - Donation  
(VE)  
858 PIP - Newsletter \$15.17  
859 Postmaster - Olivehurst - \$11.10  
30 stamps  
860 ARRL VEC \$16.00  
861-867 VOIDED  
868 Ron Murdock - Materials \$160.56  
for Tech Class  
**Total:** \$252.83  
  
**Checking Balance** \$2035.02  
  
Less Repeater Balance \$677.00  
Less VE Balance \$106.56  
(\$148.56+\$8.00-\$50.00)  
**Total:** \$783.56

## Club Balance

\$1251.46

Submitted By,  
Clara M. Ansley, KC6JPP  
Treasurer

## ARES NEWS

The latest news is that the crew of ARC ECRV-4712 will be driving it from Falls Church, Virginia to Sacramento, California sometime in February. They are planning to be on-the-air (HF and VHF) operating as "ARC EXCURSION WEST" (tactical); amateur call: K6OG). Watch the ECWB for updates. View ARC ECRV-4705 (a sister unit that is stationed at Grand Canyon Chapter Phoenix, Arizona) at: [www.emcomm.org/red\\_cross/index.html](http://www.emcomm.org/red_cross/index.html)

## TECHNICIAN CLASS

The technician class has about 7 students this year. They are all doing well and are passing the practice exams. Come and meet them at the potluck coming up.

## WORDSEARCH SOLUTION

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P A L L I G A T O R L      U
A P R S      P      R K      L M
C R L T      O      I N      M A M
K      E L H      L I      A      N Y
E      S A M      L E G      G L
T      C O      M      I O
C T C S S H D O K C A H S A
L Y      C      U E N      Q D
U A      E      N      T E L M E R
S G      T      S A
T I P I L E U P      U R
E A N N E T N A M A E B T
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M E T E O R S C A T T E R
    
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## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for volunteers to help provide communications during the MS walk on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. If you can help please contact Paul Johnson (N6XVL).

We are also looking for volunteers to help during the Bike-Around-the-Buttes on April 17<sup>th</sup>. We need about 20 people for the net control, rest stops and SAG vehicles. Those wishing to assist contact Herb Puckett (W6HBU).

## PRSIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hope everyone had a fun Christmas and Happy New Year. My arm is healing fine and I have started therapy to restore motion.

Membership Application: **YUBA SUTTER AMATEUR RADIO CLUB**

Type: New \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_

Member Information: ( Full voting rights and privileges)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ ARRL Member? (Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_ ARES Member? (Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_

Call Sign: \_\_\_\_\_ License Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Associate Family Member (Living in the same household only) ARRL Member? (Y/N) \_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Call Sign: \_\_\_\_\_ License Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Dues: \$18.00 (\$18.00 per year)

Associate Dues: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$4.00 per year)

Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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By selecting this option you'll receive an email telling you the new newsletter is online.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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