

The VALLEY HAM NEWS

**The Voice of the Yuba Sutter Amateur Radio Club
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County ARES net on Chico repeater.

Wednesday ay 9:00 a.m. – coffee and donuts at the Donut Shop corner of Gray Avenue and Bridge Street in Yuba City.

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

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

NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next Board Meeting will be at the held during the Barbeque at Pete's home in Dobbins. Bring a meat to cook, a dish to share and you own service (plates, silverware).

Bring your suggestions, gripes and offers to help as well as your appetite.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jul 10 – VE Test Session

Jul 17, 11:00 a.m. till whenever – barbeque at Pete Visalli's (W6HKB) home in Dobbins.

Sep 18 – Satellite TV demo.

Oct 22-24 – Pacificon.

Nov 6th – Communications Support for LOVER (Lake Oroville Vista Endurance Ride).

Nov 9th – Potluck and election of officers.

Nov 11th – Communications Support for Veteran's Day Parade.

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

Monday nights at 8:00 p.m. – Butte

VE EXAM

The next VEC session will be July 10th at the Cornerstone Free Evangelical Church in Yuba City starting at the usual time of 9:00 a.m. Four to five VE are needed for the testing. Contact Herb (W6HBU) if you can help out.

Please note: the new General Class question pool begins July 1st.

Please pre-register with Clara Ansley (KC6JPP) if you are going to test, or if you know of someone who is going to test have them pre-register. As always, walk-ins are welcome, but those who pre-registered will be given priority.

Herb Puckett (W6HBU)

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FOR SALE BY CLUB

Dipole Antennas -10, 15, 40 and 75 m (\$20.00 each).

HusLer antennas - 10 m and 40 m (2 each) (\$20.00 each).

Dipole HF antennas - 3 each, not labeled. (\$15.00 each).

Heathkit Hybrid Phone Patch, Model HD-15; with manual. (\$15.00).

Heathkit 2-meter Amplifier, Model HA-201; with manual. (\$20.00).

Heathkit μ Matic Memory Keyer, Model SA-5010; with manual. (\$30.00).

Book - *Surplus Radio Conversion Manual*, Vol. 2, 1948 by R C Evensen and O R Beach. (\$2.00)

FT-207R Manual (3 each). (Free to a FT-207R owner).

FT-208R Radio Manual . (Free to a FT-208B owner).

Book - *Golden Classics of Yesteryear* by Dave Ingram, K4TWJ. (\$1.00)

Book - 1934 *Official Short Wave Radio Manual, Complete Experimenter's Set-Building and Servicing Guide*. (\$2.00)

TR-2400 Manual. (2 each) (Free to TR-2400 owner).

TR-2400 Service Manual. (\$2.00)

If interested in purchasing any of these items please contact Curtis (KF6VFP) at 743-3003 or preferably via email at kf6vfp@arrl.net.

BOARD MINUTES

Reports ---

The secretaries and treasurers reports were accepted as written in the June newsletter. There was no ARES report.

Curtis (KF6VFP) was invited to a meeting by the Animal Disaster group. They had an interest in the possibility of getting a few more licensed operators among them and wanted to learn more about how to attain the licenses. Curtis suggested that they could attend the class that the club does every year in Jan. This is being considered. The question of being able to use the repeater for practice nets and drills was asked, which will need to be addressed at a later time by the trustee.

Old business ----

The annual BBQ is on July 17 at Pete's (W6HKB), Bring your own meet (enough for your family) and a favorite side dish, desert, etc. to share.

Marysville Methodist Church has said the club may use their facilities for potlucks. This was discussed and a motion was made by Ron (W6KJ) and 2nd by Manna (KG6PNE) for using the facility. This motion passed unanimously. Plans are being made to use the facility for the Nov. 9th potluck/election as well as possibly the Christmas dinner.

The Satellite demo that will be given by Jerry (KG6FDM) is tentatively scheduled for Sept. 18 at his home, further details will be given on the net, as the time gets closer.

We are in need of a few more V.E.s especially during this time of year when there is a lot of vacationing.... If you are a V.E. and are interested in helping out with the testing or if you would like more information on becoming a V.E. contact one of the board members. Keep in mind in order to be a V.E. you must be at least a General.

New Business ---

Election day potluck/election is Nov 9th, so be thinking about who you feel could make a good club officer or board member and nominate them when the time comes. The Christmas party is planned for Dec. 14.

July and Aug. newsletters will be hard copies for everyone, due to the vacationing season, so be watching the (snail) mailbox for them. The website copy of the newsletter may not be updated until Sept.

There has been quite a bit of noise, kerchunking and such on the repeater recently. If you have any information on the possible cause contact a board member. If you hear the interference or kerchunking try to get a direction on it and contact Ron (W6KJ) with the direction and your location at the time.

Submitted By,
Tricia Wilkerson, (KG6PNC) Secretary

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Do you love animals. Want to help rescue them. The Disaster Animal Rescue Group is looking for some hams to assist them during disasters by providing communications.

On June 9th I had the opportunity to meet

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with their board to discuss how ham radio could help them during disasters. We also discussed FRS and GMRS (Family Radio Service and General Mobile Radio Service) radios, CB radios and scanners. It looks like they may plan on using FRS/GMRS radios for short distance (i.e., within the animal shelter) and possibly some of them may get their license so they have a built in capability during a major disaster such as a flood or a multi-county fire. They currently have two members who are hams and would like some more to help them and act as Elmer's.

73's
Curtis (KF6VFP)

YOU MIGHT BE

You might be a ham operator if you spell your name charlie uniform romeo tango india sierra.

You might be a ham operator if you get all tingly over the latest electronic amateur radio gear.

You might be a ham operator if your vehicle looks like an insect from all the antennas.

You might be a ham operator if your ears perk up whenever they hear QST, QST, QST.

You might be a ham operator if the family is always saying, turn off that **** radio.

You might be a ham operator if you wife says W6HBU called today.

You might be a ham operator if you grab the mic instead of the telephone to make a call.

You might be a ham operator if you talk in strange Q-codes.

You might be a ham operator if you refer to your spouse as your XYL or OM.

You might be a ham operator if your vanity license is NE1CQ.

You might be a ham operator if your idea of a farm is an antenna farm.

You might be a ham operator if you refer to your home as your QTH.

You might be a ham operator if camping means Field Day.

You might be a ham if you've known someone for over 20 years yet have never met them face to face.

You might be a ham if your radio equipment is worth more than your vehicles.

You might be a ham if you have more

antennas than your local cable company does.¹

You might be a ham when your neighbors walk out and look at your antennas and just shake their heads.²

You might be a ham if your backup power supply is bigger and better than the local hospitals.³

Yeah – you might be.

BARBEQUE

The next get together is at Pete's home. to get there:

From Marysville take Highway 20 east 11.7 miles towards Grass Valley. Turn left on Marysville Highway (M21) and proceed 11.3 miles to the Willow Glen Restaurant. At the Willow Glen Restaurant, turn right and continue 7.3 miles on Marysville Road to Dobbins. Just after you go under the overpass turn left onto Merriam Road. Pete's house is the second on the left.

Come join us for great food, great friends, great fun.

¹ <http://www.n9vxq.org/humor.html>

² *ibid*

³ *ibid*