

# THE VALLEY HAM NEWS

The Voice of the Yuba Sutter Amateur Radio Club

January 2005

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## LIAISONS

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

January 8 - Board Meeting

January 11 - First session of the Technician Class

January 15 - VE Test Session

Followed by VE Seminar

Monday nights at 7:00PM - Weekly Club Net\*

Monday nights at 8:00PM - Butte County ARES  
net on the Chico repeater

Second Wednesday at 7:00PM - The ARRL  
monthly Sacramento Valley Section Net\*

Thursday nights at 7:PM - Weekly ARES Net\*

\* On the WD6AXM Repeater; 146.685 in, 146.085 out  
- 127.3 PL

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## NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next Board Meeting will occur at the  
Kalico Kitchen in Live Oak on January 8, 2005. Time  
is Breakfast at 8:00AM followed by the Board Meeting.  
This will be the first meeting for the new officers and

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Board members.

Visitors are welcome. Breakfast is a family affair.

Bring your ideas, gripes and suggestions. You will be heard. Remember that the Board of Directors really runs the club. They will listen to your ideas and work with the officers to keep the club running.

See you there.

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## EDITOR'S MESSAGE

After a two and one half-year rest, the old guy is back at it as the editor of this fine publication. It is fitting, perhaps, to discuss a few things at this time concerning the Editor's job and responsibilities.

First, the Editor serves at the pleasure of the Board of Directors of the Club. They are the boss, and the Editor can be fired at any time.

Now some ideas from this Editor:

I will never publish any anonymous work in the Newsletter. If it's published, your name is on it. The only exception that comes to mind is something that has been in the Public Domain for a long time, and the author is unknown.

I will never knowingly publish or allow anything to be published that puts a person down or makes fun of someone, member or not.

I will never knowingly publish a rumor or anything in the form of gossip. If we can't substantiate it, we won't publish it.

If there is a difference of opinion between the Board and the Editor which cannot be resolved, it will be time for a new Editor.

Until replaced, I reserve the right to set the format and general tone of the Newsletter.

Other than the above items, it's a wide open game.

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## EDITOR'S RAMBLINGS

Well, now you have the message, lets do some rambling.

As this is being written, it is cool (make that cold) and FOGGY!! I only hope the weather will change tomorrow, December 17, as we have family members driving up from Merced. If it's too bad, perhaps they will wait and make the trip Saturday AM. The weekend of December 18 is family Christmas here. That's when all the kids and grand kids get together and feast, eat, open gifts, eat and then have dessert. The diet will go down the tubes. Of course, it's in a shambles now with the Club Christmas Dinner and another potluck the next evening at the Colusa Quilt Guild Christmas Dinner Potluck.

If you didn't hear W6HBU on the air over the weekend, don't despair. Think of turkey, ham, pumpkin pie and all the trimmings.

We had a great time at the Club Christmas Pot Luck dinner. It appeared that everyone else also had a fine time. A tip of the Valley Ham News hat to Ed, N6VRH, who prepared and cooked the prime rib. It was, as always delicious. Also don't forget Bill, N6FAB, who did the honors at the cutting board. We had a good turnout, and I know everyone went away waddling and happy.

Don't forget that the annual Technician Class starts in January. If you know anyone who might be interested, by all means get them to come and try it out. Check out the blurb elsewhere in this issue.

Our congratulations to the new officers and Board members. We have a new president who will be feeling his way along. He will need a lot of help and support. This is an unusual organization in that the Board of Directors runs the show, and the officers carry out the directives and provide ideas and suggestions to the Board. That is why it's so important to have new blood from time to time. We need the new ideas.

The latest Amateur Radio effort at W6HBU is a "Windom" off-center-fed antenna for 80 and 40 meters. It came with very high recommendations and was supposed to work on all bands. Hmmmmmm. Once again Murphy strikes. I guess it must be higher and straighter than was possible here. At any rate, it doesn't work on 80, and no better than the dipole on 40 which we took down. To add insult to injury, Ron, W6KJ, put one up, and his effort seems to work. Oh, well, we can

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always put the 40-meter doublet back up and forget about 80 meters. The doublet worked very well on 40 meters, so I guess we weren't meant to be on 80 meters.

## **TECHNICIAN CLASS PLANNED IN JANUARY**

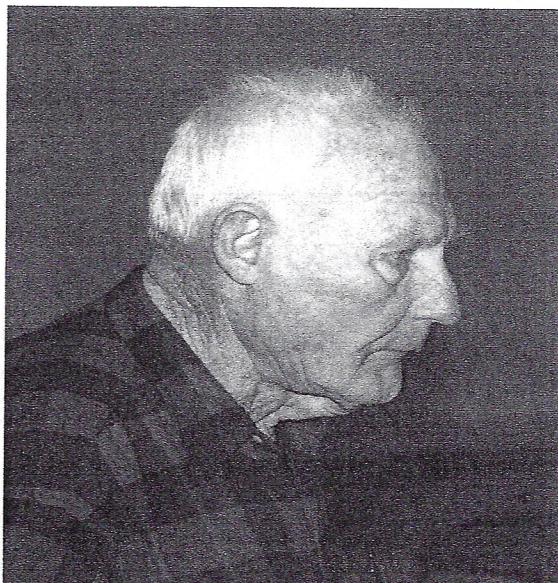
Once again the Club will run a Technician class in January and February. The location is once again the Red Cross facility north of Queens Avenue in Yuba City on the Highway 99 Frontage Road. Classes will meet twice each week on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 7:00PM.

The text will be "Now You're Talking" published by ARRL. There will be no cost for the class, but the text book will cost approximately \$20.00.

The last session will be the FCC test for Technician. The test fee for 2005 has been set at \$14.00. In past years, we have had almost 100 percent of the students passing on the first effort.

For more details or questions call Herb, W6HBU, at 530-674-3648; or Ron, W6KJ, at 530-674-8533

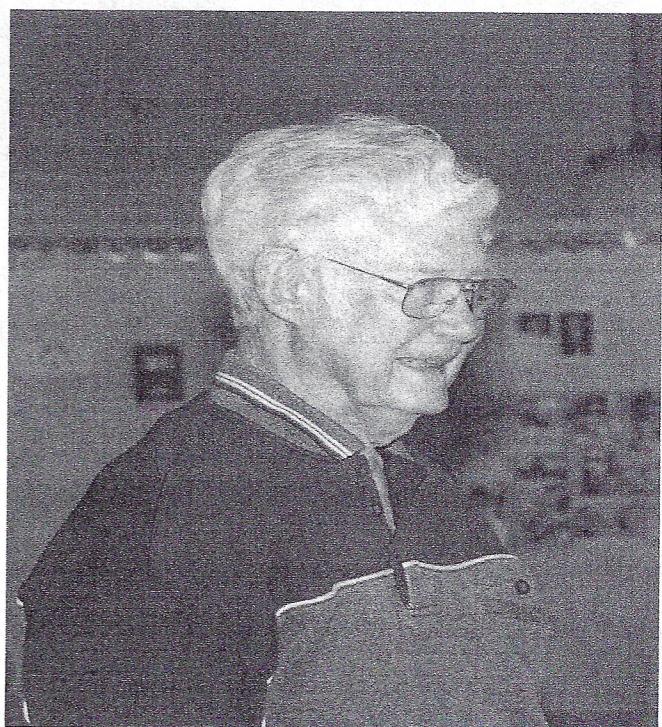
## **PICTURES FROM THE CHRISTMAS PARTY**



Marvin, KE6JNT, in deep thought



Manna, KG6PNE. What was the joke?



Art, W6ARN

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## **YUBA SUTTER AMATEUR RADIO CLUB TREASURER'S REPORT JANUARY, 2005**

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Receipts Deposited:

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KN6VB

\$152: DINNER: \$7	\$159.00
12-17-04 Dues: KB6VHW-W6ARN/KF6VBT	
N6FAB/N6JEY-KG6UZC: \$80	
Sale items:\$50;	
Dinner; \$120	\$250.00
 TOTAL:	 \$3,351.55

### Disbursements:

897 Copy City: Newsletter	\$18.45
898 Postmaster, Olivehurst:	
40 Stamps	\$14.80
899 Roger Reed: returned	
dinner Fee	\$14.00
900 Clara Ansley: reimbursed	
for meat:	\$189.89
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Submitted By:  
Clara M. Ansley, KC6JPP, Treasurer

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

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strong, knowledgeable, and ready group...but even in our current state what can be done to better ourselves? I hope you will take some time and ponder these questions because though a hobby, we provide a service to our community and we do it well- but there is always room for improvement. With that said I would like to wish you and yours a Healthy, happy and safe new years.

Please remember the board meeting at the Calico Kitchen on the 8th of Jan 2005 at 0800. Once again the best to you and yours,

Chris Levi, President

## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

There was very little business conducted at the December Board Meeting. It was held after the Christmas Potluck at the Methodist Church in Marysville.

The new officers and Board Members for 2005 were handed the gavel. All new officers and Board members were present except Howard Fairbanks, W6AIL.

The only New Business was setting of the date and location of the January Board Meeting and breakfast. It will be at the Kalico Kitchen in Live Oak on January 8. There is a change in the time to 8:00AM for breakfast, followed by the Board Meeting.

Under old business, reports were received on the upcoming Technician Class and the changes in scheduling of the VE Seminars. There will be only seminar, which will follow the Exam session on January 15.

Submitted by Herb Puckett, W6HBU

## BISCUITS AND HONEY

How many of you enjoy biscuits and honey as part of a leisurely breakfast on a lazy week-end? For those of you who can resonate with this thought, the

idea of making the biscuits and honey come out even should strike a chord.

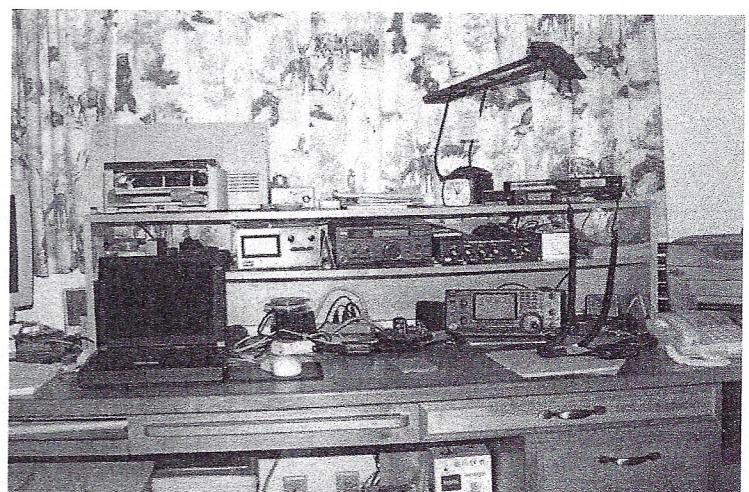
Here we have space left in the newsletter, and nothing to fill the white space. It's just like the situation where there is always either left-over honey or a big piece of a biscuit. We can't let it go to waste, so back we go to make up the difference. In our case here, we need to think of something not too boring to fill up the remainder of this page.

There are lots of jokes around the internet, but a lot of them wouldn't be suitable for such a fine publication as this. There cartoons and drawings also, but I have seen none lately that involve amateur radio.

There is one thing that comes to mind. I intend to do some badly needed work on the Club Web Site on the internet. One of the things bothering me is the amount of space being taken up by all the back issues of the newsletters. Remember that not only the newsletter itself, but all the pictures and such that were published have to be included on the site. I would very much appreciate each of you letting me know whether you have used the back issues from the Web Site. Please E-mail me at [firtree25@aol.com](mailto:firtree25@aol.com) or on the repeater or even by snail mail. Thanks in advance.

If you have an idea pertaining to the Web Site, let me know. I can't guarantee we'll make all the changes, but we will appreciate your input.

By the way, if you never use the Club Web Site, I'd like to know that, too.



Part of The Shack at W6HBU

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) \_\_\_\_\_

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

Associate Family Member (Living in the same household only)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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