

**The VALLEY HAM NEWS**  
**The Voice of the Yuba Sutter Amateur Radio Club**  
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**Herb Puckett, W6HBU**  
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**Howard Fairchild, W6AIL**  
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## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Monday nights at 7:00 p.m. - Weekly net with swap shop and help sessions on the local repeater.**

**Monday nights at 8:00 p.m. - Butte County ARES net on Chico repeater.**

**Every Wednesday except the third Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. - Coffee and donuts get together. Location changes weekly.**

**Third Wednesday of each month, Breakfast at the Country Waffle Restaurant in Yuba City. 9:00AM**

**Second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM - the ARRL Section Net on the local repeater.**

**Thursday nights at 7:00 p.m. - weekly ARES net on the local repeater.**

**July 15, 2006 Amateur License Exam VE Session – 9 a.m. @ Cornerstone Free Evangelical Church in Yuba City.**

**Contact: Ron W6KJ prior to July 15 for additional information & appointment scheduling.**

**July 19, 2006 Oroville Ham Luncheon – 12 noon @ Gold Country Casino, Oroville, CA (Instead of morning coffee & donuts).**

**August 23 Board Meeting - 7 p.m. at the home of Howard Fairbanks in Oroville.**

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## **UPDATES AND ADDITIONS TO ROSTER**

### **ADDITIONS:**

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**CHANGES: None**

**YUBA SUTTER AMATEUR RADIO CLUB**

**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING  
JUNE, 2006**

**NO MINUTES FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE WERE PROVIDED AT TIME OF PUBLICATION**

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Like everyone else, I enjoy a vacation now and then, and this summer after 38 years of marriage Jeanne and I took our first cruise up the Inland Passage to the Hubbard Glacier, Juneau, Alaska and the Mendenhall Glacier. I was worried about being bored on the 7 day trip. Well, on a ship like the Westerdam there is no chance of that with: chatting with 3 other hams, dancing, shows, fantastic ocean views, computer classes, photo classes, piano concerts, sunsets at 11 PM and sunrises at 4 AM, contests, and the finest dining in the world. We recovered in Seattle for 5 additional days of sightseeing before flying Alaska Air to Sacramento. Overall it was a great trip and a life changing experience for both of us...I even lost 2.5 pounds along the way. Jeanne is ready to go somewhere by ship next summer. I would like to visit the Seattle area some more as the town has undergone a metamorphosis since I was there in 1962 for the World's Fair had lots to see and do.

Field day was lots of fun. The heat did not stop a hardy group from our club traveling up to Mooreville Ridge on June 23-25th. Lee headed up the event and guided us in with signs along the way. We operated two stations using CW, SSB and PK31. The bears were frightened away by all the noise. Hope to see you next year.

On Wednesday, July 19<sup>th</sup> at high noon, lets skip the donuts and head up to meet with the friendly hams of the Oroville Area at the Gold Country Casino.

The Great Raffle for prizes continues with Dave showing fine marketing skills. So, bring some spare change and take a chance on one of the many prizes. All tickets are pooled until the December Christmas Party with many smaller drawings along the way. Some have even won twice! The Grand Prize is a new easy to program Yaesu FT-1802 50 watt 2 meter transceiver. If you are thinking of a new rig give this one a look on Eham.com. The happy reviewers are giving it a 5's so far. See it on the next page.



**Yaesu FT-1802 2m Mobile – YSARC Christmas Party Raffle Grand Prize**

Have you ever turned on the rig and just left it on the repeater waiting for someone to just give out a call? Why not just throw out your call and say you are listening. It is a little like Tennis and you just served the ball. When someone else jumps in the ball is caught and tossed back to you for comment. If someone keeps the ball the game ends and in the same way if one person just responds and doesn't try to hit the ball/conversation back to the other person the conversation just dies. That is not fun for you or all the rest of the listeners out there from Redding to Lodi. Pass the conversation around like serving a ball and all will have fun. Keep it moving and remember to pause just a little after the other station un-keys to give someone else a chance to break.

**Board members, remember our next board meeting is at Howard's W6AIL, in Oroville on August 23rd.** Stay tuned for directions and we can car/van pool up there as well. He has a great hill side location next to a famous landmark.

73 and keep talking,  
Bob W6OWH

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#### **EDITOR'S RAMBLINGS**

##### **And away we go...**

My humble apologies for events that are listed herein that are late notice as of now. This issue waited on submissions before going to print. I think a deadline for newsletter submissions of one (1) week prior to the beginning of a new month is reasonable, prudent and how I shall proceed forth hereafter. Onward we go. Please feel free to contact me if you have submissions for the newsletter or the YSARC website.

It's mid-July and it's very hot. Here's hoping that this writing finds all of you cool, safe and enjoying summer's fun in the sun. The passing of 4<sup>th</sup> of July with no

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major fires in the foothills was a plus! Field Day on Mooreville Ridge was a great experience. Yes it was hot and not so comfy at 5200' elevation, but those who attended came away better for their efforts and the experience. Many contacts were made and many lessons were learned. I found the experience of working crystal clear and absolutely electrically quiet HF DX on 10W with Bob W6OWH, very interesting. I am looking forward to the California QSO party and Pacificon events.

I guess I should probably include some autobiographic info for those who don't know me well as of yet. I'm happily married to Valerie KI6CSM. I am 41 years young and employed by Securitas as a Physical Security Manager at Hewlett-Packard in Roseville and have been engaged in my Protective Service career since 1987. I've lived in Sutter County for about six (6) years now, but I am no stranger to the HUB. Before living here I visited often in childhood with relatives living here, spending long hot summer's in Marysville and Yuba City. A few years after High School and some time in College I made the decision to head West and settle in Sacramento in 1986. I have been interested in electronics and radio since I was about nine (9) years old. I owned my first 11m two-way radio and crystal-controlled scanner at age 10. I have experienced everything up to now that radio has to offer, both personally and professionally. I am an Avid SWL and Scanner enthusiast. I finally decided to take the plunge and get my Tech class ticket last year in August. After a few months of self-study and preparation I walked into a YSARC VE Session in November of 2005, took my test and got my ticket. Now on the airwaves for almost a year, I have made many friends, participated in many events and really enjoyed the fruits of the amateur radio hobby. I hope to keep moving forward to my General and Extra as time permits and work and life allows. I am a proud member of YSARC and the ARRL. I hope to talk to you on the air sometime, or see you at one of the club's events.

Vy 73, de Sean KI6BKL

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### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

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