

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

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AUGUST
2007 Edition

UPCOMING EVENTS

<u>AUG.</u>	11 Saturday, Club Breakfast	Hometown Buffet	9:00 AM
	22 Board Meeting Wednesday	Bob, W6OWH	7:00 PM
<u>SEPT.</u>	8 Saturday, VE Testing EV Free Church	700 Washington Ave., YC	9:00 AM
	11 Club Meeting , Winlink Program	St. Andrew PC, YC	7:00 PM
	26 Board Meeting Wednesday	Manna, KG6PNE, Residence	7:00 PM
<u>OCT.</u>	6 Cal QSO Contest? Great DX Fun	St. Andrews PC, YC	7:00 PM
	9 Tuesday, monthly meeting with Program	San Ramon Marriott	
	12 thru 14, Pacificon Ham Fest-Bigger/Better	Leo, K7PPM, Residence	7:00 PM
	24 Board Meeting Wednesday		
<u>NOV.</u>	3 Saturday, VE Testing @ EV Free Church	700 Washington Ave. YC	9:00 AM
	3 Saturday LOVER (Lake Oroville Ride)	Contact Paul, N6XVL	
	13 Second Tuesday, Election Of Officers , & Pie!	St. Andrew PC YC	7:00 PM
<u>DEC.</u>	11 Christmas Party Potluck & Prize Drawing	St. Andrew PC YC	6:00 PM
	17 Board Meeting Monday	Herb, W6HBU, Residence	

Weekly Activities:

Monday Night YSARC Net – 7:00 PM on WD6AXM Repeater. 146.085 (out), 146.685 (in) PL 127.3.
Wednesday Morning Gathering. Local eateries and arranged weekly during Monday night net.
Thursday nights YSARES Net at 7:00 p.m. on WD6AXM repeater.

Other Activities:

ARRL SECTION NET: Second Wednesday night each month, at 7:00 PM on WD6AXM repeater.
No-so-daily, 12:00 (noon-ish) – **Lunch Bunch**. Details arranged daily on WD6AXM repeater.

Remember to use 443.85+ repeater (PL 127.3), the Voice of the Sutter Buttes. See The Valley Ham News for updates.

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

YSARC BOARD MEETING- July 2007

Lee Sheffield's Residence.

The monthly Board Meeting was brought to order about 7:15 PM.

Officers in attendance: Bob McClard, President W6OWH; Don Fair, Vice President KB6RHJ; Manna Whelchel, Secretary KG6PNE; Clara Ansley, Treasurer KC6JPP.

Board Members in attendance: Ron Murdoch W6KJ; Herb Puckett W6HBU; David Wainer WD6SCD; Lee Sheffield KC6MCI and Steve Sweetman K6YCS.

Our interim Newsletter editor Leo was also in attendance. Herb will be replacing Leo as interim Newsletter editor.

New Webmaster: Also in attendance was Teeje Jamison who is our new Webmaster. Thank you Teeje.

The secretary Manna, read the minutes of the last meeting which was held at Steve's residence. Clara made the motion to accept minutes as read. Ron seconded. M/S/P.

Clara said the Treasurer's report balanced and we have about 95 members.

Repeater report: Ron stated that Dave Gartner went up to the repeater site and identified the possible source of interference. As soon as their 'commercial transmitter' was taken briefly off line the problem corrected itself when brought back up.

Field Day: Bob requesting comments re prep-day. All were in agreement that it was a perfect opportunity to eliminate all 'potential' surprises. Each felt it was very beneficial. Lee supplied his great trailer; Herb supplied his 6-meter beam. Bob is going to write a thank you to Mark Minkema for hosting the club Field Day this year.

440 Repeater/Pave Paws issue: Each repeater owner/trustee w/i 150 miles of BAFB has been requested to reduce output to 5W. So - no complaints to repeater trustee about coverage problems.

BPL System: In other parts of the country and possibly in Southern California - using wires to carry BPL results in interference to ham operators. HF bands are really affected (if power line is being used) . Check the ARRL.org site for latest information.

New Business: In August, our club Breakfast will be : Saturday , August 11th, at Home Town Buffet. All were very pleased with location and all conveniences at the June breakfast .

Clara would like to have blanket approval for reasonable expenses up to \$50.00, to repay minor newsletter/club related expenses (excluding the VE Program and the Repeater Fund) as they occur. Anything over \$50 will need to be brought back to the board for approval. Clara made this motion. Lee seconded. M/S/P.

Our September Club General Meeting has a special guest with a power point presentation to show us how we can use the Win System. Harry Miller, W6HFM ,will be here at 7 PM Tuesday, September 11, at St Andres Presbyterian Church. His topic will be the WINSYSTEM which has repeaters in the United States and in 3 countries. The system uses linked repeaters on the 70 cm band and the internet.

New Webmaster Teeje Jamison was brought up to date re mailing list of members and electronic email addresses. Much Club discussion with Teeje relating to newsletter format and type of work processing.

Next scheduled Board Meetings are: Wednesday, September 19, 2007, at Manna's place; Wednesday, October 17, 2007 at Leo's place. Wednesday December 17, 2007 at Herb's place. Thank you for hosting board meetings.

Clara made a motion that the Club start a Sunshine fund for hospital illness thoughts/cards. Motion seconded by Herb. M/S/P.

Joint meeting of Old Board and New Board on: Wednesday December 17th.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Manna Whelchel, Secretary, KG6PNE

FIELD DAY - 2007

From the Old Guy's Perspective

I've been on many a Field Day in my Ham career. I have seen temperatures over 100 degrees (think 2006 on Mooreville Ridge!), and cool days with cold evenings that required a good coat. I have seen the local critters come by, including a skunk that came through camp on a hill near Timbuktu in Yuba County, and I have slept on the ground in the fine red dirt up above Nevada City in the forest.

In later years, the rules have changed to make the event more of a public presentation to show off Amateur Radio to the passerby. Visits by local officials have been encouraged by awarding extra points for such visits.

Our most recent Field Day effort was neither in the red dirt nor in an area where the polecat resides. We went to the Sutter County Airport where there were motor homes and buildings available for our use, all with air conditioning. The weather cooperated, and while it was warm in the afternoon, there was no need to worry about heat stroke or dehydration. It was close to town and most members' homes where forgotten items could be readily brought to the site.

On Saturday evening we dined on barbequed hamburgers, corn on the cob, salads, cake and best of all, homemade ice cream courtesy of Clara, KC6JPP. Operation was suspended for the most part while we dined and THEN enjoyed live music by Jerry, N6LAI, and his fellow musicians including Russ, KB6YAF, who plays a mean guitar. We dined and danced and then after the festivities, returned to the mics and keys.

Pat, KI6ZX, pounded out the CW contacts while Ron, W6KJ, manned the GOTA (Get On The Air) station. Steve, K6YCS, and Sean, KI6BKL, spent most of their time manning the SSB station. In all these cases, other people also operated, but your reporter will not attempt to name operators. Just be assured that all who operated, helped with the food, worked on setup and tear down and entertained us are appreciated, even if you don't get your name in print.

I know we didn't set any records, and our contact count was low. We are presently tabulating the logs for transmission to ARRL, so no totals are yet available.

There are two types of Field Days. One is the "All Out Effort" to the exclusion of any socializing in the quest for points. The other is the "Social Event Field Day" where number of contacts and points take a back seat to fun, games, and food. It should be obvious that this field Day was in the latter category. I have been present at both types of efforts, and I can truthfully say it's a lot more fun to be laid back and just enjoy the fellowship and company of the good people in the club.

Herb, W6HBU

QST-QST-QST Check-in Monday Nights at 7:00 p.m. with YSARC!

Professionals at Work

It has been weeks now that the WD6AXM repeater has been back to its usual high level of performance. Most of us who use the repeater for all our casual local communications were very disappointed when de-sensing appeared again on our repeater. And, we knew, Dave Gartner would find the cause and help get it corrected.

You may recall several weeks in May and June when the repeater could not be accessed by portable (handheld) stations, or stations in a weak signal condition, whether fixed or mobile. Those with only portable radios must have felt really left out. But, our repeater trustee was able to get the problem corrected.

That happened because Dave was able to use his decades of experience and equipment to localize the source of the wide band noise, find the offending transmitter, direct professionals to the site, show them the problem, and let them fix it.

The offending equipment was an improperly operating power amplifier on a licensed FM broadcast band translator. The service personnel hired by the owner of the equipment fixed the problem and installed filters on the output of the translator to keep this from recurring.

It is worth noting that we have the site we have only because our trustee can do all the things he does. He is a trained professional as well as a dedicated amateur operator, and loves his work, so he is able. This was a case of pros working together. Not all of us have the background, or technical inclination, to do this kind of thing. We should be very grateful for Dave Gartner, WD6AXM, and the repeater we all enjoy.

73, Ron, W6KJ

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YUBA SUTTER AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
TREASURER'S REPORT
JULY, 2007

Due to an error on my part a mistake was made in the May calculations. A synopsis of the May Report, along with June's will show what the balances should be.

April Checking Balance:	\$2,559.08
May's Receipts Deposited:	266.00
5/19 Deposited should not have been noted (old deposit \$50)	<u> </u>
May's Total:	\$2,825.08
May Bills:	\$ 332.45
May Checking Balance:	\$2,492.63

June Receipts Deposited:	94.00
Total:	\$2,586.63
June Bills:	\$ 154.80
June Checking Balance:	\$2,431.83
The difference between the balance given last month and this one is \$17.00/	

JULY

RECEIPTS DEPOSITED:

7/6 Dues: WA6VJY (Getsla)	\$ 18.00
7/19 VE Session: \$84 Change returned: \$50	\$ 134.00
7/23 Dues: KI6IJI (Lovegren) Memorial: \$25	43.00
TOTAL:	\$2,626.83

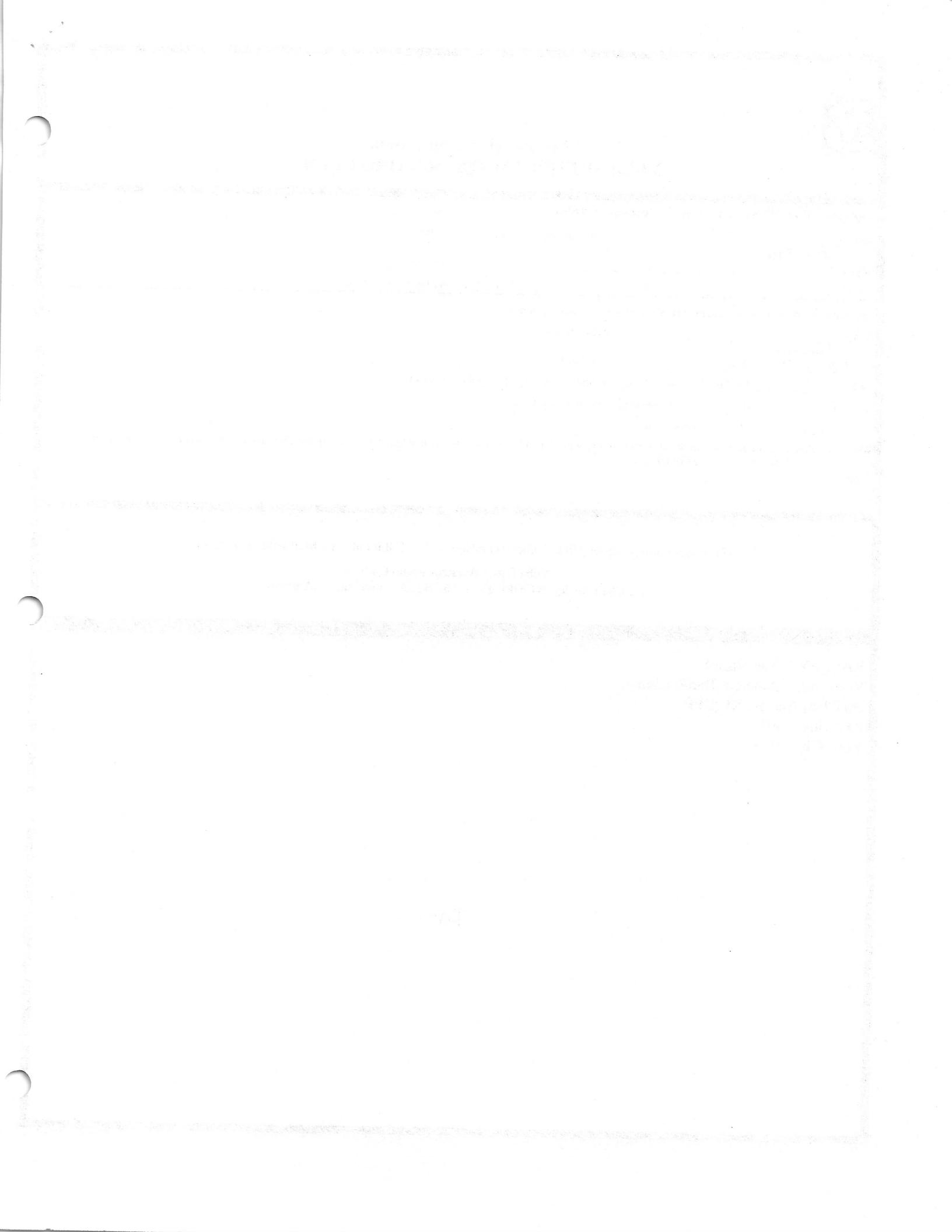
BILLS:

1094	Cash for VE Session	\$ 50.00
1095	ARRL VEC	\$ 84.00
1096	Bob McClard ink cartridge	\$ 34.31
TOTAL:		\$ 168.31
Checking Balance: Bank Statement/Checkbook agrees:		\$2,458.52

Less Repeater Balance:	\$690.80
" VE "	125.10
" Memorial " (McJunkin)	25.00
Total:	\$840.90
CLUB BALANCE:	Less: 840.90 \$1,617.62

Submitted By: Clara M. Ansley KC6JPP







Membership Application: YUBA SUTTER AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

Application Type: (Check one) ?New ? Renewal Call Sign: _____ Class _____

Name: _____ ARRL Member? ? Yes ? No

(Please Print) Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

E-mail: _____ Phone: _____ List in Directory OK? ?Yes ? No

Associate Family Member Information (Living in the same Household only)

Name: _____ ARRL Member? ? Yes ? No

(Please Print) Call Sign: _____ Class: _____ e-mail address: _____

Dues: \$ _____ (\$18 per Year or \$36 for 2 yrs and saving your officers lots of work)

\$ _____ (Associate Dues: \$4.00 per year or \$8 for 2 yrs)

\$ _____ Total ? Check ? Cash

Would you Prefer electronic e-mail link notification of the Valley Ham News and printing it at home, thus saving the club about \$1.00 per issue or about \$12.00 per year? ? Yes(Thanks) ? No (Thank you)

Signature: _____

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