

# THE VALLEY HAM NEWS



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## LOCAL AMATEUR RADIO OPERATORS GIVE HAM RADIO DEMONSTRATION TO BSA PACK



Lonnie, KI6ZYY prepares to send Morse Code to the BSA in emergency communications.

Post 705 of the American Legion sponsors Boy Scout Post 705, and on May 6, 2010 the leader of that post invited me to give an amateur radio presentation to the boys. Others quickly and eagerly responded to my call for help. Just twelve days after receiving the invitation, five other hams joined me to discuss and demonstrate the joys of ham radio to the group of boys. After basic introductions and starting comments, each team member did their part.

Nancy, KI6INC did an excellent job of defining ham radio to the scouts.

Adam, KB8VOM though pressured by a time restraint caused by a later than expected start and a 7 p.m. opening of net deadline, did a masterful job of an edit-on-the-fly presentation of the importance of amateur radio

Lonnie, KI6ZYY sent the names of all the scouts and their leaders in Morse Code while Lonnie copied and called out their names. Eleanor, KI6CSO assisted Lonnie with receiving names and calls of those who checked into the net. After the meeting was over, the boys continued to ask questions and looked at some of the items we brought to display. Each tried to learn how to send their name in Morse Code.

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### MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

1st Wednesday: Club Meeting  
3rd Wednesday: Board Meeting

(Check the minutes for details on the Club and Board Meetings)

All newsletter submissions are due on or before the 4th Wednesday of the month

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**JUNE 26-27 - FIELD DAY AT MEG BURGIN'S**  
Sat. Breakfast - Waffle House - 7:30a

July 7 (6 PM) - **Club Meeting - Dinner Meeting**  
at the Black Bear Restaurant in Gridley - *Bring your appetite !!*

July 21 (7 PM) - **YSARC Board Meeting**  
at Clara's QTH - N6VRH

### CLUB ACTIVITIES

Monday Night Net - (7 PM) - Weekly net w/swap shop  
(146.085 + PL 127.3)

Monday Night Net - (8 PM) - Butte Co. ARES Net  
(146.850 - PL 110.0)

Tuesday Night Net - (7 PM) - YSARC ARES Net  
(146.085 + PL 127.3)

2nd Wednesday - (7 PM) - ARRL Sac Valley Net

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## MANNA'S MINUTES

### YSARC BOARD MEETING - WEDNESDAY June 16, 2010 - KI6TLS Residence, Live Oak, CA

The meeting was called to order at approximately 1905 hours by President Russell Decker.

The Club started the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:** President Russell Decker, KB6YAF; Vice President Lonnie Moore, KI6ZYY; Treasurer Clara Ansley, N6VRH; Secretary Manna Whelchel, KG6PNE.

**BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Barry Barnes, KE6LW; Paul Johnson, N6XVL; Nancy Strong, KI6INC.

**BOARD MEMBERS UNABLE TO ATTEND:** Herb Puckett, W6HBU; Teeje Jamison, NE1CQ.

**Guests in attendance:** Meg Burgin, KI6TLS; Lee Sheffield, KC6MCI; Ramona Traub.

**Secretary's Report:** Manna read minutes of meeting of Wednesday, May 19, 2010. Lonnie made the motion that these minutes be accepted as read. Russell seconded. Approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Clara read the Treasurer's report. The club balance - April 14 - June 16, 2010, is \$2,110.86. Barry made the motion that the Treasurer's Report be accepted as presented. Lonnie seconded the motion. Approved.

**Old Business:** for FIELD DAY:

1. Secretary Manna was requested to submit a notice to the Appeal-Democrat pertaining to the upcoming "Field Day" activities taking place on Saturday June 26 through Sunday June 27, 2010 at Meg's residence, and stating that the public is welcome. (See attached).

In reference to the Field Day festivities: There has been \$100.00 allocated for the basic BBQ supplies. Russ will take care of burgers; 'dogs' and buns and ice.

Lonnie noted that we should acknowledge and extend our thanks to Lee, KC6MCI for his excellent program on PSK-31 and a wide variety and history of other types of similar communication that he put together for our Club meeting last month.

Field Day set-up time has been set for 9am on Saturday June 26. Breakfast has been set for all interested parties, at 7:30am at the Waffle House in Live Oak, for a pre-festivities breakfast.

For stations operating: a tower represents 1 station; If a ham, bring own HF rig; communications will be on HF; 40M; PSK 31; and 20M during the day.

2. Antenna Saturday: Discussion pertaining to suggestions:

- a) Going to the house of the person who has a request or a need; or,
- b) Go to a general meeting place where individual antennas can be made.

TBA on Monday Night Net to see who might have a need and or questions.

Clara volunteered to be the phone contact for "help needed" relative to an antenna situation. Paul stated that he will be the back-up contact person.

Meg served refreshments of wonderful ice cream floats, with the assist by Ramona. Very delicious and refreshing.

**New Business:**

1. Our July Club meeting is to be a dinner meeting on Wednesday, July 7, 2010. Everyone is welcome. Come to the **Black Bear Restaurant** in Gridley and arrive by **6pm**.

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## MANNA'S MINUTES - CON'T

2. Our next Board meeting will be on Wednesday July 21, at Clara N6VRH residence.

3. Club Store Expenditure: A discussion followed relative to what to keep in the store: adapters, which can get expensive; Lee can contribute coax; patch cords 2-3' size; spool of feed line - Lee; Power poles - Barry; wire and wire ties. Lee is to research coax.

Barry made a motion to set aside and allocate \$500. for initial capital outlay re the purchase of supplies for the members' store. Lonnie seconded the motion. After some discussion the motion was approved.

If a member of the YSARC, the club store will be available at meetings. Products and prices will be published on the net. Date when: TBA.

There was discussion about groups using the repeater in emergency disaster situations. Much concern was stated that the groups use proper "net procedures". The YSARC will be happy to assist organization in times of emergency. It was discussed that there is a right way in which these emergency disasters are handled over the radio. Remember, proper procedures must be followed!

As there was no further business the meeting was adjourned at approximately 2102. As stated above, our July Club meeting will be a dinner meeting held at the Black Bear in Gridley. And also as stated above, our next Board meeting will be held at Clara's QTH.

Respectfully submitted, Manna Whelchel, Secretary, KG6PNE

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## ANTENNA ASSISTANCE

It has come to the attention of the board that we have some club members who need assistance with their antennas. This would include helping erect new antennas, repairing existing antennas and feedlines. Of course this is limited to the ability, resources and time of those helping out. If you are one who needs help with your antenna(s) please contact Clara, N6VRH at (530) 742-2674. She will make arrangements to have a team of people come out to your QTH and help with your antenna project. If you have the skills and ability to help repair antennas, etc. and would like to be a part of the "Antenna Assistance Group", please contact Clara and let her know that you are interested in volunteering!!

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## YSARC FIELD DAY

AT  
MEG BURGIN'S QTH  
11476 LARKIN RD  
LIVE OAK, CA

### JUNE 26 - 27

WE WILL BEGIN WITH A NO- HOST  
BREAKFAST AT THE WAFFLE HOUSE  
ON HWY. 99 IN LIVE OAK AT 7:30AM

FIELD DAY SET-UP WILL START  
AROUND 9:00AM. THE EVENT  
OFFICIALLY BEGINS AT 11:00AM

A POTLUCK DINNER WILL START  
AROUND 5PM, SATURDAY. PLEASE  
BRING A SIDE DISH OR DESSERT. THE  
CLUB WILL PROVIDE THE BURGERS  
AND HOT DOGS.

OF COURSE WE WILL HAVE 2 STATIONS SET  
UP. STAY AND OPERATE AND HAVE FUN !!!!

Well, the quest to finding a suitable tow vehicle for our "Big Silver Twink" is over. We now have a more than adequate truck, the Dodge Diesel 2500 4x4 Quad Cab. To test the towing capability of the



Dodge, we towed the Airstream east on Hwy 20 to I-80 to Reno, NV, then north on Hwy 395 to my son's home near Stead Field. I was pleasantly surprised to have all the power and torque I needed to pull those big grades over the Sierras. In fact, there were many times I checked my mirrors to be sure the Airstream was still in tow!! Now, with a new truck comes the arduous task of figuring out where all the radios and antennas will be installed. The biggest task is figuring out how to mount my DK3 HF Antenna. I took Lonnie's suggestion and made a template out of old cardboard that I will use to manufacture one out of steel. The next task is how to run the coax and motor wires under the truck and into the cab. I do want to take this opportunity to thank Lee, KC6MCI for his help and expertise in manufacturing a beautiful fibreglas cover for the DK3 coil. With a little primer and blue paint, it is

ready to be mounted on the rear of the truck as soon as the mount gets installed.

Below is a photograph that shows my DK3 with afresh paint job to match the truck with Lee's fibreglas coil cover installed.

73 for now, Russell, KB6YAF



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## HAM STUFF to BUY, SELL, or TRADE

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I'd like to start a new column in the monthly YSARC newsletter for its membership that would give a placed to list HAM-RELATED STUFF to buy, sell, or trade.

**Here are the rules:** Any YSARC member can list a ham-related item(s) to sell, buy, or trade. Give a brief description of the item(s), an asking price, and a way to contact you (email address would be a good way).

Please limit the amount of items to (4) per month. The items will be run in the next edition only. Please submit your listing on or before the 4th Wednesday of the month.

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