



# THE VALLEY HAM NEWS

"The Voice of Yuba Sutter Amateur Radio Club"

A California Non-Profit Organization

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## Allen Hill, W6WPF becomes a "Silent Key"

Allen Hill, W6WPF, became a "Silent Key" on Saturday, June 16, 2012. Allen was a big part of the Yuba Sutter Amateur Radio Club since joining a few years ago. Besides serving on the Board of Directors, he was a 'regular' at the Wednesday morning breakfasts at the "2 Bits Cafe". He and his wife Marilyn were also at almost every club dinner, potluck, and meeting. Just recently, a group of hams, led by Lonnie, KI6ZYY and Lee, KC6MCI had volunteered to completely redesign and erect Al's ham radio station antennas to which Allen was extremely grateful. For those hams that were on Allen's email list, he was always good to sent many jokes and stories that would lighten your day.



North Butte Masonic Lodge in Gridley, CA. Wonderful eulogies were given by several friends and family in an overflow crowd of people. Larry Witcher, KE6LAW, a 40+ year friend of Allen's was chosen by Marilyn Hill to deliver the main eulogy which brought a tear to many on eye.

Here is a short poem read by Larry Witcher, KE6LAW in his eulogy to our dear friend Allen Hill.

### Thank You, Allen

*Thank you, Allen, for all the things  
That mean so much to me--  
For concern and understanding  
You give abundantly.*

*Thanks for listening with your heart;  
For cheering us when we're blue;  
For bringing out the best in us;  
And just for being you.*

*Thanks for in-depth conversation  
That stimulates my brain;  
For silly times we laugh out loud;  
For things I can't explain.*

*For looking past our flaws and faults;  
For all the time you spend;  
For all the kind things that you do,  
Thank you; thank you, thank you*

Rest in Peace my dear friend. You will be greatly missed

Allen's funeral/memorial service was held on Monday, June 25, 2012 at the

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95992

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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

July 11th - Wed. @6:00pm - **YSARC Meeting & Dinner at the "2 Bits Café" in Yuba City, CA**

July 18th - Wed. @7:00pm - **YSARC Board Meeting - Location - TBA**

### 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

# CLARA'S CALCULATIONS



## YSARC TREASURER'S REPORT - June 20, 2012

Checking Balance: May, 2012 \$3,760.82

Receipts Deposited: 6/2 Meeting Prizes: \$15.00 \$ 45.00

Radio Raffle: \$30.00

6/16 BATB Donation: \$245.80:

Dues: Kate van Eckhardt: \$20.00 \$ 245.80

MONTH'S RECEIPTS: \$ 290.80

TOTAL RECEIPTS: \$4,051.62

6/6 ATM Ink Cartridge (Lonnie Moore) \$ 42.85

CHECKING BALANCE: This date: \$4,008.77

### LESS SPECIAL ACCOUNTS:

Repeater: \$ 690.30

Drawing: 459.53

Memorial: 165.10

Office Supplies: 92.15

Prizes: 29.59

Store Sales: 242.41

\$1,679.08

Less: \$2,328.97

Submitted By: Clara M. Ansley N6VRH

## YSARC FIELD DAY 2012 AS NOTED BY LONNIE MOORE, KI6ZYY

Field Day began this year with your president showing up late, but I did make it with a pickup loaded with all kinds of gear. I've been moving from the walnut orchards into Williams. Since I have been so busy with that, I'd neglected to make sure all the necessary work got done. A few last minute phone calls and things were covered.

A special thank you to Meg, KI6TLS for letting us set up in and around her beautiful place at the north end of Live Oak. Larry, KE6LAW picked up Clara, N6VRH and the two of them picked up food for Saturday. Lee, KC6MCI set up a digital station using PSK31 on 20 meters out of his pickup. Sean, K6SCM set up a GOTA station on two meters using his vertical collinear and hooking up to the WIN system. Andy, KJ6IYM set up a 40 meter station using his new radio and a dipole. Bennett, K6CEL set up his station for 80 meters and we found setting up an 80 meter NVIS dipole over a metal fence just did not work without a tuner. A bit too much coupling going on we think.

We did run 3A, meaning no more than 3 stations operating at the same time (not including the GOTA station), but we also set up a 4<sup>th</sup> station for 15 meters and made sure only three of the four were operating at any given time. Solar panels? Yes, lots of them and lots of batteries and two generators just in case.

LeRoy, KJ6DKM brought one of his 45 watt panels with a really neat twist. He made a nice panel rack that folds out to hold the panel in the sun. It folds back on itself to protect the panel during transport. Got the idea from a nice article in the QST. Have a look.

Don, KC6PPX showed up with his portable griddle Saturday morning and turned out a pile of pancakes for the set up crew. He flipped burgers and repeated the pancake thing Sunday morning. Don also got to spend some time on 15 meters in the shade of one of Meg's mature English Walnut trees.

Sean, K6SCM let the news people know about what we were about to do with Field Day. Since he gave them my number, they called to see if they could come out. I suggested they show at 08:30 so they could get a feel for how we set up our gear. Sure enough, Ashley (A-D reporter) and Nate who took such great pictures, showed up early. Nate carried a neck full of cameras, using each of them while Ashley watched the proceedings and asked questions. They left just before our noon meal, asking me to call them around 5 pm with news of special contacts and such. Ashley did a great job of compiling all the information she had gathered and Nate's work made for a nice front page spread in the Sunday edition of the Appeal Democrat.

Just about everybody got in on the action as we raised the club's tower and assembled the TA-33 tri-band yagi atop it. Curtis, KF6VFP found himself in one of the pictures on the front page as he worked to mount the driven element on the boom.

Lots of people showed up to help and look or ask questions whose names and call signs escape me. My apologies for that. Lots of people new to the world of ham radio showed up thanks to Sean's efforts with the press. Many were excited to learn we will be holding another Ham Cram/Review soon for the Technician class.

Not one of us stayed up through the night, preferring to get a little shut eye, but when 11:00 rolled around Sunday morning, we had all three stations going and had to shut each one down. Plenty of help was at hand as we took down a 30' irrigation pipe (used to hold the far end of several dipoles) followed by the tower and yagi.

Many of you have heard me say that Field Day is my favorite holiday of the year. A few feel a need to take me aside to explain that Field Day is not really a holiday. One or two try to do this publicly on the repeater in an effort to embarrass me. Now really, holidays are a time to celebrate. They bring people together. We look forward to them all year long and have a lot of fun when they finally come around. So, what is to explain? Field Day is my favorite holiday of the year! Hope you can make it next year.

73, Lonnie KI6ZYY



Andy, KJ6IYM and Chris, KJ6VCG work the 40m station for Field Day. They were using Andy's Icom 746 on a resonant dipole as their antenna.

To the right we see a nice photo of the club's tri-band beam mounted on the YSARC trailer. These photos were provided by Sean, K6SCM



# More Field Day Photos of the 2012 YSARC Field Day

These photos provided by Sean, K6SCM



Bennett, K6CEL and Curtis, KF6VFP at their FD Station





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Andy, KJ6IYM with his new solar panel



Lee, KC6MCI works PSK31 in his mobile. Don't worry, he was parked at the time!



Andy, KJ6IYM works his Icom 746 searching for stations to contact on 40 meters.



Andy, KJ6IYM chats with Herb, W6HBU at the 40 meter FD station

# Field Day Photos of the 2012 YSARC Field Day

These photos provided by Andy, KJ6IYM



Andy, KJ6IYM drives young Ashton (Larry's grandson) around.(top left) - A Mountain Dew can helps the grounding of the 40m station (top right) - Don, KC6PPX and Bennett, K6CEL works on their FD station (bottom left) - It takes many people to set up for Field Day (center right) - Herb, W6HBU is being interviewed by Appeal Democrat reporter, Ashley Gibb while Lonnie, KI6ZYY looks on.

The Yuba Sutter Amateur Radio Club wishes to thank Meg Burgin, KI6TLS for her generosity in having the 2012 Field Day Operations at her QTH in Live Oak, CA. She is shown here holding her HT as she motors around on her John Deere 110 Tractor!



*Photo by Andy, KJ6IYM*

# Fun Photos !!



Yes, you can train your cat to yak on ham radio!!

Do you have extra wire ties? Here is an idea !!



From Anna, KG6ZOA....

As I see it, you can go to either of the links below and watch wonderful videos or go to [www.hamband.com](http://www.hamband.com) as a search. There are wonderful links listed along the right margin of the youTube page. I might even learn some Morse if I listen enough. HI HI. And thanks to our BCARES Training Officer for these links.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p8TXmwOpjJs&feature=g-vrec&context=G22530faRVAAAAAAAAAAw>

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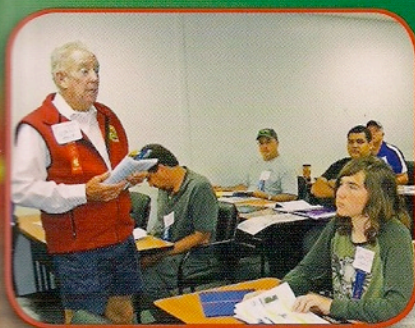
# More Photos of Allen Hill, W6WPF (sk)



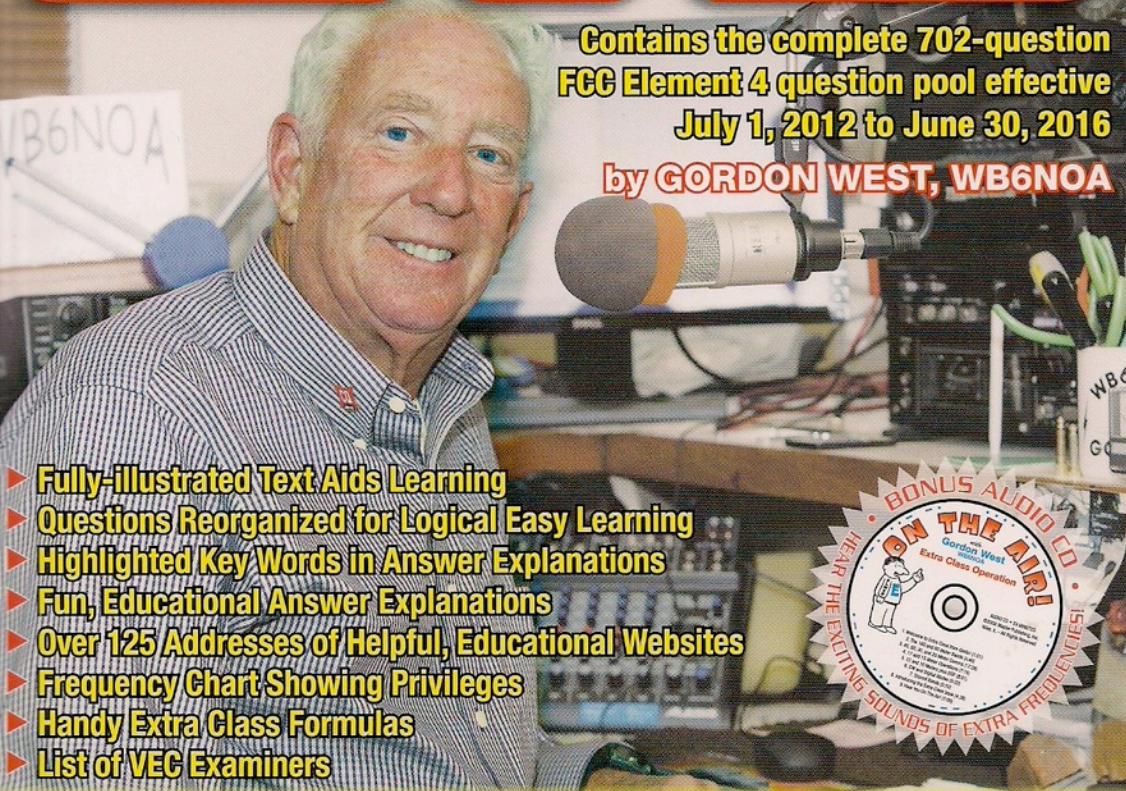
This Editor wishes to thank Gordon West, WB6NOA for using two of my photos for the front cover of his new "Extra Class" License Class Preparation Book. Note the small center photo showing Shari, K6AVW standing next to her VW Bus, and myself at the HF Radio with microphone in hand. I strongly urge you to buy this book if you are planning on an upgrade to Extra Class!! Go to: [www.w5yi.org](http://www.w5yi.org) or call the W5YI Group at 1-800-669-9594.

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