

YUBA-SUTTER AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

February 1980

The Yuba-Sutter Amateur Radio Club meets at 7:30 P.M. the second Tuesday of each month at the American Red Cross Building, 144 Garden Highway, Yuba City. The next meeting will be on 12 February 1980.

The VSARC net meets every Monday evening at 7:30 P.M. on 146.58 MHz. Everyone is invited to participate in this net. If you are interested in the significant happenings of the club, check in and join the fun.

ARES/RACES ACTIVITIES - Ross WB6GFJ

This month has found me up to my ears in projects. There was no meeting in January, due to the sudden change in meeting locations, I found I just ran out of time to coordinate the change, the meeting, and the announcement. We will hold our next meeting in February, on Saturday, February 9th. Please note I have had to make a change in our meeting location. Due to problems that were not made clear to me before, it will not be possible to rely on the Red Cross Building for our ARES/RACES meetings, so I have moved our meetings back to the Conference Room, at the Sutter County Office of Emergency Services Building.

Next month, the start of the local planning for this years Bi-county Emergency Drill will begin. Cathy Hensel informs me the drill will again take place in May, however, details will be developed in the following meetings, and I'll keep you posted. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to call me on the phone at home, or the office, or of course on two meters.

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The following items have been donated to the club for our station set up at the Red Cross Building:

1. 6 element 2 meter quagi from Don, N6DM
2. 80-10 meter fan dipole from Ross, WB6GFJ
3. Antenna Tuner from Dan, WB4AZJ (Needs slight repair)
4. 2 element 10-20 meter quad from Jim, WB6ZZY
5. Cathy Hensel, Director of Sutter County Officer of Emergency Services is working to obtain a 40 foot tower for us. Details will follow soon.

In order to round out our basic set-up, we are looking for the following items. Please check your "junk boxes", spare supplies, etc., for anything the club can use. Needed parts are:

1. Lengths of coax (RG-58 or RG-8)
2. Coax connectors: PL-259s, SO-239; Barrel connectors
3. Antenna insulators
4. light rotors
5. Fair size sheets of plywood, and 2x4's to make our radio room more secure.
6. Guy wire

Once all of the above items are obtained, the club can have an antenna raising party to set up and tune our antennas. With what we have, the club will have antenna capabilities on 80 through 10 meters plus 2 meters. Our antennas will be

excellent for WORLD WIDE communications. To operate at the Red Cross, all that is necessary is to bring your rig in and attach it to the coax.

73's, Ross - WB6GFJ

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PROGRAMS

We had an outstanding program this last month. Clarence - W6GCM - brought in some "vintage" gear and gave an interesting talk on HAM RADIO - THE WAY IT WAS. You sure missed a good one if you missed it.

This month the meeting will consist of a "swap meet" so bring in your junk so they can be someone else's treasures. Good chance to get rid of some of that choice gear that you don't need any more.

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

It was a great year last year and this year promises to be even better. Things are getting busy. 1980 is only a month old and already things are beginning to happen. A new novice class is now under way, with WB6ZZY and N6AWI providing the guiding light to a bunch of hopeful hams-to-be. The club repeater is taking shape, having been heard on the air in the last couple of weeks. Now the process of debugging it is going on. The next meeting is nomination time for the new board of directors to be elected at the March meeting. Be ready to nominate. Its hard to believe its only 4½ to 5 months until field day. There is a lot of work to be done to get ready for the big weekend. We've got lots of antennas to get ready. Keep that antenna material coming in. Last but not least, bring your goodies along to the meeting next Tuesday for the flea market and swap.

73's Bob - N6AWI

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TUNE IN THE WORLD

Well we finally done it, started a novice class. I have never seen a more aggressive group of prospective hams. These people are really anxious to get their tickets and are working hard to do so. I also am finding out that I have forgotten a lot of things that are crucial to ham radio. I am having to re-learn a lot of the details so I can explain them to the group. We have had three sessions now and the class is progressing quite well. I keep wondering about what a lot of people have said about the class shrinking in size as we go along. This class has failed to do so during the first three meetings. Not only that but it has actually grown. We started out with a class of 18 and now we are up to 21. If you fellow hams are wondering what to do on a Monday or Thursday night around 7:00 P.M. come on down to the Red Cross Building and tell me what I am doing wrong. If you have a bug or electronic keyer (I have neither) bring it with you so we can give the class a demonstration. We will soon have some new hams we can recruit into our membership.

73's Jim - WB6ZZY

FOR SALE

Roy Baker - WA6AWB still has the following items for sale:

1. Drake Twins - with extra crystals - AC4 Power Supply - MS4 Speaker - and D104 Mic -- \$600.00
2. SB630 Station Console, Clock/Phone Patch/10 Minute Timer -- \$125.00
3. Ham-M Roter converted to Ham-3 - \$125.00
4. Heath HD-10 Keyer with HAMCO paddle (0-70WPM) -- \$70.00.
5. 60 foot aluminum tower (guyed) - \$250.00.
6. 300 feet of Beldon wire - 8 conductor/4 conductor/RG213 Coax -- \$100.00
7. 12 VDC Power Supply - 4 amp regulated -- \$25.00.
8. Low Periodic Antenna - 8 elements 7 thru 30 MHz, 47 Foot boom -- \$575.00.

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EDITOR'S WASTEBASKET

Well, not only is it the end of the month but well into February. I didn't get the newsletter out as early as I wanted too but the novice class kinda got me busy. Like I mentioned earlier, I am having to really review a lot of material that I just plain forgot about for this class. I have taken HAM radio for granted since I obtained my ticket that I just let a lot of the good info slide by without knowing it. But it is a lot of fun and a genuine learning experience for me. Will be much better when I get ohm's law straight again. We have a lot of sharp students in the class and I think a great many of them are sharper on the electronic theory than I am. Makes me realize just how lax I really am.

I have only been in the area for about seven months now so am still relatively new to the club. It seems to be a super organization and I am sure it will continue to be that way. We have the elections coming up in March as Bob has mentioned so be sure and think about who you want to run it when you come to the meeting. Lets make this year as successful as the last one. I, for one, am sure looking forward to field day. I was brand new to the area this last year so plan on making up for it this year.

Thats about it for this month. See you at the meeting, be sure and bring your goodies, I don't know what I need until I see it.

73's Jim - WB6ZZY



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