

Yuba-Sutter Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

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The Yuba-Sutter Amateur Radio Club, Inc., meets every second Tuesday at the Red Cross building, 144 Garden Hwy., Yuba City, at 7:30 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, August 11, 1981.

Officers include: Jerry - N6DDP - President
Howard - N6CCS- Vice President
Ruth - KA6CQH - Secretary
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Board of Directors are: Dennis - KB6MD
Bill - WD6BFR
Tom - WD6CEM
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WHOS--This month's WHO activity was a pot luck picnic held on July 21st at The park on Ellis Lake. None of the husbands seem to mind this little added bonus of sharing their hobby. There is always an abundance of food. The women decided to have an extra activity this month and met for lunch one day last week at The Silver Dollar Saloon. This may become a regular thing.

UP-GRADES--Has upgrading been in the back of your mind for several months? "Well, someday I will, but not right now. Later, when I have more time." Sound familiar?

You finally make the BIG decision and decide o.k. on a certain day, I'm 'gonna' make the trip to S.F. and try for it. Its study, study, study. The book goes to bed with you and gets up with you. It goes everywhere you go--to the store, to work, into the bathroom, to the table..... Stay away from anyone who is studying to upgrade. All the attention you will get from them is a grunt or mumble as they walk around with their mind full of capacitive reactance, full power, modulation index and all sorts of ratios that get all jumbled up together and don't make any sense after a while.

The night before the big trip, you get to bed at a fairly decent hour. Strange how you never noticed the clock strike so much before. Twelve dongs for midnight, one dong for 1 a.m., still not asleep, 2:30--Why doesn't that fool thing shut up? Finally around 4:30 the alarm goes off. Stomach is too nervous for breakfast, have your shower, and into the car to get an early start to avoid all the rush hour traffic. The closer you get to the bay area, the havier the traffic. You look at your watch. Right on schedule, plenty of time, then the rush hour starts and you slow to a snail's pace. Am I going to get there in time? Finally traffic thins a little and you are on your way. Now which off ramp was that I was supposed to take? There's the garage that is right across the street from 555 Battery Street. Oops! Clearance 6'6"; this van will never fit in there, so around the one way streets you go to an open parking lot three blocks away. Sorry! We take only little cars. You'll have to go down two blocks, past the freeway to the garage down there. They will take you. Same price.

You finally get parked. Brrrrr. You forgot to bring a sweater. It was 103 degrees yesterday at home. How come its only 55 down here? You find

the right building, make that important stop on the 2nd floor and up to the third floor. Hey wait a minute! This doesn't look quite right. "Are you looking for the F.C.C.?" a kind man speaks from a nearby doorway. "They moved upstairs to the fourth floor."

You finally get to the right place just in time. Hey, there's somebody from home! That code machine sure echoes. I can't tell a dit from a dah. "Now listen self, straighten up or you're 'gonna' muff it all." You wait for the unsmiling gal to finish correcting your paper. Is it the sick weight in the bottom of your stomach or the relief of "YOU PASSED"? Then its the same thing over again with the written part of the test. Oh man, what a feeling to come out of there with that little slip of white paper with INTERIM S.F.

There are a few in the club who can give you a first hand idea how it feels to get the Interim S.F. Just ask one of them. Some of the latest ones are Jan N6DDO, advanced; Jerry N6DDP, advanced; Dennis KB6MD, extra; and yours truly Marjorie N6COQ, advanced. Good going us! DX here we come!

DX CORNER--Tanzania, Pat-5H3AA should be heard near 14.280, 21.280, or 28.580 about 1100 and 1900 UTC daily. New Guinea, P29JM between 14.325 and 14.332 at 1000 through 1200 UTC. There is a new DX repeater in the area. Just listen in on 146.685 and you'll hear ham fans announcing what new DX is on the air and also the frequency where they can be found.

SPECIAL CERTIFICATE--Special Voyager II Commemorative QSO contact with W6VIO between August 15 and 30th will bring a special certificate. I don't have a special band or time, so if you hear that one in there, make a try for it.

HAM FEST--There will be a ham fest at Sonoma Community Center, East Napa St., Sonoma, CA Breakfast from 9 to 12. \$3.50 for adults, \$1.75 under 12. Admission to ham fest \$1.00 with YLs and children free. See you there on August 9.

NEW ASSIGNMENTS--Howard N6CCS is the new Emergency Coordinator of the club. He will be working with O.E.S. in Yuba and Sutter Counties. Jan, N6DDO has received the appointment of Assistant Director Pacific Division of ARRL. Ross, WB6GFJ is the new Vice Director Pacific Division under Bill Stevens.

Ross can also be contacted from Tahiti almost any evening. His call is FOØFB. He will move to any band so that Novices have just as good a chance to make a contact as the other levels. He sends a pretty wild QSL card too. Ask Emery WD6EEC or Jerry N6DDP for a schedule.

Bob N6AWI has promised to make some contacts with us from Okinawa, so as soon as he gets there and gets his station set up, we will be hearing from him.

SWAP SHOP--Vic Vonhartmann, W6YPW has some teletype gear for sale. He has a tape perferator among other items. Give him a call 742-1685 if interested.

DUES--There is a list of paid up members included with this newsletter. If your name does not appear, this may be your last newsletter. Dues are only \$5.00 per year. Get that money in so you don't miss any issues.

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GETTING ACQUAINTED--I had the pleasure of visiting with Bill Harriman W6RFB who lives on Hedger Road just west of Live Oak. He was born in San Francisco February 1921. He grew up in San Pedro, lived in town and walked to school with everyone else. The school district had only one bus and it was used for the kids who lived about 5 miles away in another area.

He got interested in ham radio at the ripe old age of 11 and built his first receiver at 12. It was a 2 tube job. Nothing was available to buy so he built his own from scratch. He drifted into it by himself. His mother was born in Nova Scotia. His father was a sea captain and worked for Standard Oil. Bill loved the sea but just couldn't make a good enough living to stay with it. He has a Radio Engineering Degree which he earned the hard way by getting pieces here and there through night schools with odd jobs to support himself and pay expenses. He graduated from the University of Southern California.

He was a little slow in making his move to find a wife. He had 2 aunts living in Victoria, British Columbia. He went to visit them and met Kathleen Scott but took nearly 10 years before he convinced her to marry him. She has never taken out her citizenship papers for the U.S. and still has a loyalty toward Canada.

Bill and Kathleen have two children, a son who works on an oil tanker near the Panama Canal and a daughter, who is studying to be a speech therapist at Chico University. Bill worked for the California Highway Department for thirty years before retiring five years ago. The first 5 years were spent in southern California and the last 25 were in the Marysville office. They have lived in Live Oak for 30 years. They are planning a trip soon to New Zealand where they will meet friends they have known for years over the air. They have met many people through his hobby. Some have visited their home from Australia, New Zealand, Canada, and various states. Bill enjoys his hobby very much. He had some sort of a big impressive piece of equipment sitting in his ham shack. He was in the process of building it and said it had something to do with RTTY, which is his favorite part of ham radio. He has several pieces of equipment that is home brew. The outside area surrounding his home is a mass of antenna wires. It would be a special accomplishment for any bird to fly through there without hitting wires or antennas.

They have a nice garden filled with vegetables. They loaded us down with squash, grapes and tomatoes. It was a pleasurable visit that we had with Bill and his wife, Kathleen. If you need any information on how to build something, I'm sure he would be able to fill you in. At least his home brew equipment certainly indicates that he is a walking book of knowledge.

If you have a chance to visit Bill and Kathleen, I'm sure you will enjoy yourself for they have had a lot of experience and travel a lot. Bill taught himself to speak Spanish fluently. He subscribes to Spanish newspapers printed in Spain. His Spanish was handy when they visited Mexico several times. Can you imagine his household with two teenagers playing their teeny-bopper music and Bill playing his Spanish speech records? Kathleen, how did you keep your sanity?

NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT'S HAM SHACK--QRL....QRZ....QST....HELLO??? A Special thanks to all who helped Jan & I put up our tower last week. Thanks to all your efforts, we have now been able to enjoy HF-DX. I am sure that our TV-watching neighbors would also like to pass on a few words about that, but thats another story--Hi HI. Seriously, we have now been able to experience the thrill of a distant contact, the joy of a solid 5-9 report, and of course,

the disappointment of not being able to even break through the pile-ups. All this is a part of Ham Radio. Once again, a very hearty THANKS.

I was really thrilled to report to our QST contact about all the recent up-grades from our club. It looks like our club is really going places, especially with the gals. Sort-of looks like the guys will now have to share the position around here, but really happy for all of them! A lot of work & worry goes into up-grading, and its not easy for anyone, but--congratulations! Look for your names in future QSTs.

I sure am sorry that we are losing 3 of our active members to USAF rotation, but I know that we'll keep in touch and with ham radio, we won't be that far away I'm sure. Best of luck to Jim, WB6ZZY, Bob, N6AWI, and Rick KALBFJ. We'll look forward to lots of QSOs in future days. As information is received, I will announce it to the net.

We have still been keeping contact with Ross, WB6GFJ/FO0FB in Tahiti. He will be there until Sept. 4, and is still looking for "6's". If anyone wishes to QSO and QSL to Ross, just contact Emery, WD6EEC, or Me, and we will handle a sked. Ross is set to handle anything from 8 wpm CW on novice bands, up to include all advanced phone bands.

Enough said--See u all at the meeting or on net. 73's N6DDP Jerry.

EDITOR'S NOTES-- Hope you enjoyed this month's newsletter as much as I did in writing it. I will have the assignment again next month and then Bill AJ6M will be home to take over again. If you have any news item or poems etc., please call me. I can use all the help I can get.

73's and 88's N6COQ Marjorie



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