

YUBA - SUTTER AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC.  
A CALIFORNIA NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION  
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June , 1983

NEW BOARD:

Barry KE6LW  
Marjorie N6COQ  
Ruth NR6M  
Margaret N6IBE  
Emery NG6L

NEW OFFICERS:

Clarence W6GCM - President  
Jerry N6DDP - Vice President  
Lenore KA6UBI - Secretary  
Char KA6LIJ - Treasurer

The general meeting for the club will be held Tuesday, June 14, at the Red Cross building on Garden Hwy, Y.C., 7:30 p.m. Don't forget to join in on the net Monday evening, 7:30 p.m. on 146.685.

CONGRATULATIONS: Carol N6HAQ is a brand new Extra Class ham! She says the hardest part was passing the 20 wpm code test. Congratulations Carol. I know it wasn't easy.

FIELD DAY: Be sure to come to Field Day the weekend of June 25 & 26. It will be held on the Spoto property above Nevada City. Drive east of Nevada City on Hwy 20 to mileage marker #28 and make an immediate turn to the left off the highway and into the trees. There will be a sign there to show you where the driveway is. Plan on a pot luck dinner around 6 p.m. or so and bring your favorite contribution of food. There is plenty of room for tents, trailers, or what ever you have so you may spend the night. Field day begins 11:00 a.m. on Saturday and stops 11:00 a.m. on Sunday. The call we will be operating under belongs to Ruth NR6M.

Plan to come to the meeting Tuesday and let us know what equipment you have that can be used. There are usually about 4 HF rigs and it would be beneficial for point making if we could use some solar power for at least one contact and also extra points if we go through the satellite on some contacts. Bring your ideas and suggestions Tuesday.

PROGRAM: The program this month will be presented by Mark Schmidt on Civil Air Patrol. He will bring a film and explain what this service is and how the amateur radio operator can become involved.

WHOs: The next pot luck for the WHOs will be at Lenore's KA6UBI, on Sunday, June 19 at 12:00 noon. Bring a lawn chair and something potluck for a picnic.

WHAT IS A WHO? Any of the ladies who have an Amateur Radio Operator's License can join in the fun. Once a month they get together at a member's home for a pot luck. There have been camping trips and a boating trip in the past. One of the most fun was a progressive dinner at Christmas time. If you think you might be interested in joining in the fun, please contact Barry KE6LW. He will be giving a class soon and will see you through the Novice theory and code of 5 wpm and will coach you on the Technician theory. Its not hard and takes about 6 weeks. If you stay with the class for the full time and do your homework, Barry says he can almost guarantee you will pass the test. He will make sure you are given the proper preparation material. WHO stands for WOMEN HAM OPERATORS and if you are interested in joining, call Barry for help. Your O.M. gets to come to the pot luck activities, too.

TREASURY: The club treasury is getting low. What are your feelings on having a yard sale? Do you have any other suggestions? Bring your ideas

to the meeting Tuesday.

**SAFETY:** It has recently been brought to our attention a previously unknown phenomenon of serious magnitude.

1. A worker at an electric plant threw an electrical power switch into the closed position causing a short-lived electric arc.
2. An employee of U.P.S. flipped open the colored lense of his welding goggles to better position the welding rod. He accidentally struck the metal to be welded and caused an arc.

Both of the above individuals had one big thing in common. They were both wearing contact lenses. On returning home from work, they removed the contact lenses and the cornea of the eye was also removed along with the lenses.

Result: PERMANENT BLINDNESS!!!!!!

The electric arc generates micro waves that instantly dry up the fluid between the eye and the lense, causing the cornea to be bonded to the lense. This trauma is painless and the operator never knows an injury has occurred until removing the contacts.

Please assist us in getting this information to the trade as quickly as possible. Signed T.M. Fraser, General Sales Manager, NAPA Battery Chargers & Welding. (courtesy of Barry KE6LW)

**ARRL CONVENTION:** Don't forget to make plans to attend the ARRL 1983 Pacific Division Convention at MGM Grand Hotel, Reno, Nevada, August 19-21. Special banquet speaker will be Roy Neal, K6DUE, NBC news science editor. Pre-registration postmarked on or before July 15th is \$7.50 each or if you want to attend the banquet too, \$35.00 each.

Registration at the door \$10.00 and with banquet \$37.50 each. Better get your reservations in early. Room reservations should be made direct to the MGM 800-648-5080 toll free. Be sure to mention you are attending the Ham Radio Convention for a special rate. RV and camper space is also available.

**FROM THE EDITOR:** See you at the meeting Tuesday and FIELD DAY June 25 & 26. Don't forget the potluck on Saturday night June 25th.

73s and 88s  
Marjorie N6COQ

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General meeting of the Club will be held Tuesday, July 12, 1983 at the Red Cross building on Garden Hwy, Y.C., 7:30 p.m. Don't forget to join the net Monday evenings 7:30 p.m. on 146.685.

**FIELD DAY:** Many thanks to the many who helped with Field Day. The full page publicity complete with pictures and story in the Appeal Democrat newspaper helped to add points as well as the Solar powered station.

Here is the last official count as it will be turned in to ARRL.

10 meters: Phone 50  
CW 0

15 meters: Phone 185  
CW 41

20 meters: Phone 217  
CW 95

40 meters: Phone 276  
CW 77

80 meters: Phone 141  
CW 68

40 meters:  
Solar CW 8

Total Points 1158

Take the total points and add extra for CW, Solar, Publicity, Portable power, etc. and come up with a grand total of:

3202 points

Last year's score: 3116

**PROGRAM:** Next Tuesday's meeting should be a good one. Jerry N6DDP has made arrangements for Cynthia Allen, Sutter County's Office of Emergency Services, to show a film on earthquakes and the operations of Emergency Services in a disaster.

**REPEATER:** Dave Gartner will lead the repeater committee to the tower over the Police Department this Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to change the coax on the antenna. If you can be there to offer some help, please come. You won't have to climb the tower. There will be plenty to do on the ground. Every bit of help will be appreciated.

**GARAGE SALE:** The board has decided to go ahead with a garage sale, yard sale or whatever you want to name it on August 13 and 14. We need all the "stuff" we can get for the sale. It is a good way to fatten up the treasury. Everyone has some junk that they don't want. The sale will be held at Clarence Bush's home 1670 Stabler Lane in Yuba City. If you can't bring it to the sale site, give us a phone call and someone will pick it up. **SO PLEASE DIG THROUGH YOUR CLOSETS FOR SOMETHING WE CAN SELL AT THE YARD SALE. ALL DONATIONS WILL BE APPRECIATED.**

HI HI: The following story was from the courtesy of Deane Coats, who took it from the North Hills Radio Club Newsletter. After reading it, see if you can sympathize with the poor guy. Some people have all the luck.

This ham is sitting at his desk answering a letter from his insurance company.

I am writing in response to your request for additional information in block number three of the accident reporting form. I put "poor planning" as the cause of my accident. You said in your letter that I should explain more fully, and I trust that the following detail will be sufficient.

I am an amateur radio operator. On the day of the accident I was working alone on the top section of my new 80 foot tower. When I had completed my work, I discovered that I had, over the course of several trips up the tower, brought up about 300 pounds of tools and spare hardware. Rather than carry the now un-needed tools and material down by hand, I decided to lower the items down in a small barrel by using a pulley, which fortunately was attached to the gin pole at the top of the tower.

Securing the rope at ground level, I went to the top of the tower and loaded the tools and material into the barrel. Then I went back to the ground and untied the rope, holding it tightly to insure a slow descent of the 300 lbs. of tools. You will note in block number eleven of the accident reporting form that I weigh only 155 lbs.

Due to my surprise at being jerked off the ground so suddenly, I lost my presence of mind and forgot to let go of the rope. Needless to say, I proceeded at a rather rapid rate of speed up the side of the tower. In the vicinity of the 40 foot level I met the barrel coming down. This explains my fractured skull and broken collarbone. Slowed only slightly I continued my rapid ascent, not stopping until the fingers of my right hand were two knuckles deep into the pulley.

Fortunately, by this time, I had regained my presence of mind and was able to hold on to the rope in spite of my pain. At approximately the same time, however, the barrel of tools hit the ground and the bottom fell out of the barrel. Devoid of the weight of the tools, the barrel now weighed approximately 20 pounds. I refer you again to my weight in block number eleven. As you might imagine I began a rapid descent down the side of the tower. In the vicinity of the 40 foot level I met the barrel coming up. This accounts for the two fractured ankles and the lacerations of my legs and lower body.

The encounter with the barrel slowed me enough to lessen my injuries when I fell onto the pile of tools and, fortunately, only three vertebrae were cracked. I am sorry to report, however, that as I lay there on the tools in pain, unable to stand, and watching the empty barrel 80 feet above me... I again lost my presence of mind. I let go of the rope.

**SAFETY:** Last month's newsletter carried a safety precaution. Deane sent me a follow up on it.

Stan's Sacramento dated 6/9/83. Practical jokes are one matter, but things that play upon human fears are quite something else. That includes the so-called "Safety Alert Bulletin" which has been posted all over the county--including at The Bee--warning contact lens wearers that electric sparks or arcs in the vicinity can "weld" the lens to the cornea of the eye. Thus, when the lens is removed, the cornea supposedly comes with it, resulting in instant and permanent blindness.