

VALLEY HAM NEWS

THE VOICE OF THE YUBA-SUTTER AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

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Next Board of Directors Meeting

The November Board Meeting will be held on November 29, 1989, at Ron Murdock's home. Time is 7:30 PM, and address is 998 Bogue Road, Yuba City.

Next Club Meeting

The next Club Meeting will be on November 14, 1989, at the Gray Avenue School in Yuba City. Time is 7:30 PM. Election of officers for next year is on the agenda. Nominations will be accepted from the floor. Be there to nominate and/or vote for your candidate. The club needs your input. Also, see the President's message. The Packet BBS is also on the agenda for this evening.

The Yuba-Sutter Amateur Radio Club holds a regular net for members and guests each Monday evening at 7:00 PM on WD6AXM/R, 146.085/685. See you there.

NET CONTROL STATIONS---NOVEMBER 1989

Once again this month, NCS duties will be by means of INVITATION, COERCION, SHANGHAI, or other means
See WB5FIX, KB6YAD or KB6YAF to volunteer.

CLUB OFFICERS

President: Ron Murdock, WB5FIX
Secretary: Russ Decker, KB6YAF

Vice President: Bud Peters, K6HDE
Treasurer: Jack Craig, K6ZMA

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Tom Pea, KB6YAD
Jim Giarde, WA6RZA
Dave Gartner, WD6AXM

Ron Nash, WD5HHF
Herb Puckett, W6HBU
Larry Badger, WA6ISR

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As we come to the end of another year, several things need to be wrapped up and put right. We have been blessed with a good group of active and enterprising people who keep things going, and we need to recognize the value of their efforts. Barry, KE6LW, runs a great Packet BBS. This benefits every ham and lots of non-hams by opening yet another path for communications. Barry puts in an incredible number of hours at no small expense--Thank you Barry, for your efforts there and in helping with Novice class materials, etc.

Dave, WD6AXM, has kept our 2 meter repeater performing fantastically. If you don't monitor all the traffic, you might be surprised how many hams passing through use it on a regular basis.

Bob, WA6OWH, has quietly taken care of refreshments at the club meetings, set up our Christmas Party for the last several years, and volunteered to help out in countless other ways. It is the last minute help and the volunteer spirit that underscores Bob's value to our organization, and I appreciate it.

I mention these three because they are not elected officers or board members (Dave is a permanent board member as chairman of the repeater technical committee) but they perform outstanding service to our amateur radio community. They have also made my year as president very enjoyable.

For 1990, your board of directors has put forward what we believe to be an outstanding group of amateurs, old? and new, to lead the club in the new year. I hope you will give them even more support than you have this past year, and that any criticism will be offered with a promise to help out

on occasion.

CHRISTMAS PARTY--As we did last year, we have reserved Ruthy's Restaurant in the Hillcrest Shopping Center on the evening of our regular meeting in December for our annual party. The cost is the same as last year and the meal is just about the same. We even have another 2 meter HT as a door prize, although with advances in technology, this year's HT is about half the size of the one Jim, WA6RZA picked up last year. We have some seats available, so get your check in to Bob, WA6OWH, before the deadline. There are more details elsewhere in this newsletter.

NEWSLETTER--Herb, W6HBU, is doing a superb job producing a first rate monthly club bulletin for us--sometimes without a great deal of help. As a board member, I left Herb off the short list above (those who deserve special credit) but his efforts should not go unnoticed. The good humor and patience of this fine gentleman are an example a lot of us could stand to emulate. Let's not try his patience too much however. If everyone submitted just one article during the year, Herb would have a lot more to choose from. Lets give him a hand.

ELECTIONS THIS MONTH!

Come on down and vote for the person you want in a leadership position for the coming year. We want you to participate, and nominations will be open from the floor. The slate of officers will be presented, but other nominations are welcome. Normally, only 20 or so

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people show up to vote, yet we have more than 80 paid members. So let your voice be heard. Vote!

Remember, the club has the new ARRL Tune in the world packages--books and code tapes--for sale to those who don't get to Sacramento very often. Check with me if you have a person interested in the Novice course. We will start again in January.

On 31 October, we had successfully passed all six Novice students on theory and regulations, and three of these had passed the 5 WPM code test as well. Lori Kaufman, Bob Anderson, and Elnora Santini were the first three to pass both elements. CONGRATULATIONS! Rick and Ellen Shirley, and Jaylene Santini all passed the theory/regs portion and will shortly pass the code test. They have all worked hard.

That's plenty for now. See you at the meeting if not before.

73, Ron, WB5FIX

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Meeting: Yuba Sutter Amateur Radio Club Board of Directors/Officers

Date: 25 October 1989

Place: Herb Puckett, W6HBU, Yuba City, Ca.

Time: 7:30pm

Members/guests present:

Ron Murdock, WB5FIX

Jack Craig, K6ZMA

Bud Peters, K6HDE

Jim Giarde, WA6RZA

Russell Decker, KB6YAF

Tom Pea, KB6YAD

Herb Puckett, W6HBU

Treasurer's report:

Jack reported a total of \$721.00 in

the club treasury

Old Business

1.) Slate of officers - 1990 - The slate of officers for the coming year is complete. We will vote on the following at our November meeting: for President, Russell Decker, KB6YAF; for Vice President, Kristin McClard, KB6RHL; for Treasurer, Jack Craig, K6ZMA; for Secretary, Bill Corey, N6VPI; for Board Member, Tom Pea, KB6YAD; Bob McClard, WA6OWH; Jim Giarde, WA6RZA; Herb Puckett, W6HBU; Dave Gartner, WD6AXM; and Ron Murdock, WB5FIX. Nominations will also be taken from the floor.

2.) Special events/ideas committee report - Herb, W6HBU, and Russell, KB6YAF, met to discuss future events and new ideas for the coming year. The following is a list compiled from the 'brainstorming' session.

'Possible activities and/or events'

- A. Some kind of booth at the new mall.
- B. First Saturday of the month breakfast.
- C. Friday evening activity.
- D. Alternate to a Friday night gathering - after club meeting refreshments at a local restaurant.
- E. One/two day camping outing along the lines of 'field day' but for the purpose of 'R&R' - family style' with radios and antennas!
- F. At the new mall, have a booth display on a weekend event such as a craft faire or public relations theme, etc. To give more visibility to the public.
- G. Transmitter hunt - led by Bud Peters, K6HDE, on a weekend.
- H. Have a picnic during the summer months.
- I. Have a multi-club picnic.
- J. Have a 'W6AM' weekend at the

campfire girls campground with rhombics hung from the trees.

K. Have 'shack night' where members' hamshacks are the feature.

L. Have a potluck dinner in February or March.

M. Have an antique rig night or 'oldtimer's' night.

N. Have a reciprocal club meeting night with another club(s)

O. Have a '10 least livable places' event station.

P. Have a 'no longer last' special events station.

Also discussed was the possibility of making available for purchase: club jackets, t-shirts, hats, etc. with the club logo imprinted on them.

New business

1.) 1990 Callbooks - agreed by the Board to purchase the new 1990 callbooks for the club use. The 1989 callbooks will be given away as a door prize at the Christmas dinner at Ruthy's.

2.) November meeting - elections of officers will be the order of business at the November meeting. Barry Barnes, KE6LW will be asked to continue his demo on packet radio.

Next club meeting: 14 November 1989 at 7:30pm - Gray Ave. School, Yuba City

Next board meeting - Ron Murdock, WB5FIX, 998 Bogue Rd. Yuba City. - 29 November 1989 at 7:30pm

Meeting adjourned: 9:15pm

Respectfully submitted, Russell Decker, KB6YAF

EDITOR'S RAMBLINGS

We have several things going this month to make it somewhat out of the ordinary. First, we congratulate the new Novices and the about-to-be new Novices. We are especially proud of the fact that our daughter, Lori Kauffman, is among the group. Lori advises us that it was not a 'piece of cake'. Everyone worked for it. Many thanks to Ron, WB5FIX, for his efforts as instructor.

We have come out of retirement in part as we are now working part time at the old job as a 'retired annuitant', whatever that is. This is cutting into our hamming and relaxation efforts drastically, and the log shows no new country entries since we started. The hobby and the retailers will benefit, however, as some of the resulting extra wealth will fund some more radio gear. A short session with the advertisements shows desires still will far outstrip funds, so once again priorities will rule the day.

Welcome to Russ, KB6YAF, our newest member of the Packet fraternity. We received the Board meeting minutes from Russ this month via the BBS. Your Editor is certainly among those who appreciate Barry's efforts in keeping the BBS going, as it has significantly reduced the workload here at the newsletter.

We are approaching the end of the year, and this month and next, I suppose it is appropriate that we take stock of the year past and the year upcoming.

The club has grown in the past year, and we have new members (and some older 'retreads') working to make it an even better organization in the future. It is your Editor's opinion that most of the credit should go to Ron, the club president. He has provided the leadership and inspiration to keep the

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thing going. Next year's president has a tough act to follow. Thanks, Ron, for all your effort, and especially for reminding us so often that "Remember, its a hobby!" and "Are we having fun yet?". A couple of times that made the difference between chucking the whole thing or going back into the melee for more.

Incidentally, about those new Novices---don't forget that these people are usually starting on a shoestring. That means that if you have some usable equipment gathering dust or otherwise being unused, maybe we can find it a new home. Let an officer or Board member know if you can help. Also, don't forget that there may be antenna-raising parties or station-assembling sessions for some of the newcomers. Let's make sure these people are not forgotten and left to flounder on their own.

BULLETIN BOARD UPDATE

KE6LW-1 BBS is now running the G8BPQ software along with RLI V11.2 of the mailbox. This new software allows up to 3 users to access the BBS at the same time. The BPQ code also allows the computer to act essentially as a NET/ROM node. The callsigns are as follows:

BBS: KE6LW-1
BBSALIAS: YCBBS

NODECALL: KE6LW-4
NODEALIAS: #YCNOD

You can access the BBS using either KE6LW-1 or YCBBS using the normal connect commands. Connecting these calls will put you direct into the BS.

Connecting KE6LW-4 will connect you to the BPQ switch which is the node. It uses standard NET/ROM com-

mands. Sending a ? will list the commands for you. While connected to the node sending a BBS command will connect you to the BBS through the node. You cannot connect #YCNOD. The # attached to the call identifies it as a "HIDDEN NODE" to other nodes in the system. A hidden node is one that will not be listed using the normal N command to get a listing. The other nodes know it is there and how to reach it but it is not used in the normal user path. Your TNC will not recognize #YCNOD as a valid callsign. The KE6LW-1 BBS is still forwarding mail to WB6MIF in Paradise on 145.070. He is having path problems getting into the 220 backbone. The new multi-access system should help reduce the "Busy" signals from the BBS. Keep in mind that if there are two or three users in the BBS at the same time responses will be a little slower as the frequency time is also being shared by all users. You should see things with a couple of users on the system and mail forwarding taking place on the 223.600 port all at the same time. Pretty busy little computer.

KE6LW-2/YUBA Digi Update

The KE6LW-2/YUBA system on the Sutter Buttes is now a The Net NET/ROM Node. It is running The Net V1.0. You can no longer use the VIA YUBA or VIA KE6LW-2 commands to digi through the system. You must first connect YUBA or KE6LW-2 and then connect your intended call. The whole purpose of THE/NET NET/ROM is to find the best path from one point to another. When you connect a NET/ROM then command it to connect another node or system such as the BBS it will find the quickest most efficient route for you. Just connect it and let it do the work.
PLEASE do not use the node

system on 145.070 for keyboarding. It is intended for BBS use and access. It may be used to make contact with a user on a keyboard frequency and move to a keyboard frequency that is accessible to both users. Do not use it for QSO's.

73 and Enjoy
Barry
KE6LW

food and a fine door prize. You just can't hardly go wrong.

I guess we might beat the drums a bit for the program committee for next year. If you have an idea for a special event or for a weekend activity we might consider, please contact KB6YAF or your Editor. We need your input to make the year a little more of a group effort. Anyway, your ideas may be better than ours, who knows.

By the way, note the advertisers shown on this page. Remember that they pay a small amount of the cost of putting out the newsletter. When you are in the market for gear or whatever, you might think of them. We'd appreciate it.

Bits of trivia-----I think next month starts our fourth year as Editor of this fine publication. We blushingly acknowledge Ron's kind words in the President's message this month, and we will strive to merit more of the same. If you have a gem or two for the newsletter, we would like to receive them. We need all the help we can get.

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BISCUITS AND HONEY

Here we go again, with a mismatch of the available space and Newsletter content. This is, of course, the old problem of never having the biscuits and honey come out even. We are thinking of a permanent department in the newsletter to take care of the problem.

This month, we can talk about the upcoming Christmas dinner in December. Be sure to get your tickets before Bob, WA6OWH, runs out of them. Lots of good fellowship and

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