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NEXT CLUB MEETING

The next Club meeting will be the annual Christmas Dinner at the Legion Hall in West Linda. Date is December 14, and the time is 6:00 PM. See the notice in this issue for more details.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next Board Meeting will occur on December 22 at 7:00PM at the Yuba City Police facility on Poole Boulevard.

All members are welcome and encouraged to attend the Board meetings.

The new officers will take the helm at this meeting. Everyone is invited.

CLUB OFFICERS

President: Bob Anderson, N6XOP
Vice President: Randy Smith, KC6MUS
Secretary: Hugh MacDonald, N7OKM
Treasurer: Clara Ansley, KC6JPP

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

KB6YAF, Russ Decker
KC6OXX, Bob Mulcahy
KB6WID, Tom Galbreath
N6XVL, Paul Johnson
N6PGK, Robby Robinson

REPEATER LICENSE TRUSTEE

Dave Gartner, WD6AXM

MINUTES OF THE YUBA SUTTER AMATEUR RADIO CLUB BOARD MEETING

24 NOVEMBER, 1993

The meeting was called to order at 1903 in the training room of the Yuba City Police Department by President Robert Anderson, N6XOP.

Present were:

President: Robert Anderson, N6XOP
Vice-President: Randy Smith, KC6MUS
Treasurer: Clara Ansley, KC6JPP
Secretary: Hugh Mac Donald, N7OKM
Repeater Trustee: Dave Gartner, WD6AXM

Board Members:

Paul Johnson, N6XVL, Tom Galbreath, KB6WID, Bob Mulcahy, KC6OXX, Tom Robinson, N6PGK.

Visitors:

Jay Hobbs, KE6CTU, Nate Walls, KD6HNR, Wade Fiske, KD6DFZ, Homer Oliver (VE REP), KB6EJ/AE, Herb Puckett, W6HBU.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as published.

Treasurers Report: We have \$421.16 in the bank and no major bills are in sight other than for the Christmas Party. The situation has improved. \$103.20 is held in the VE account.

Old Business:

Christmas Party set for 14 December in the Linda American Legion Hall where it was held last year. Two turkeys have been purchased and an additional ham will be acquired. The women are to meet and discuss food preparation.

There was no mention in the previous minutes of cost but cost will be under \$150.00. The Board approved a \$50.00 door prize for the party. Members and guests are to bring their own table service if they don't like plastic spoons and paper plates.
POC: Clara, KC6JPP, and Paul, N6XVL.

The Secretary was directed to pass the new club officers for 1994 to Jettie Hill, W6RFF, ARRL SM. They are: President: Paul Johnson, N6XVL; Vice President: Nate Walls, KD6HNR; Secretary: Hugh Mac Donald, N7OKM; Treasurer: Clara Ansley, KC6JPP. Board of Directors: Herb Puckett, W6HBU; Jerry Haley, KM6AM; Russ Decker, KB6YAF; Tom Galbreath, KB6WID.

Repeater Equipment and up grades: Dave, WD6AXM, showed the board the new repeater controller and cabinet. He advised that the channel elements had been installed to upgrade the voting system and antenna repairs were made for \$83.61 which was \$16.39 under the budgeted amount. The new repeater controller will be installed after the first of the year and will allow the control operators more control of the machine. The voting system will be back on line by mid December and contains some donated equipment.
ITEM OPEN
POC WD6AXM

Radio Place Advertisement:

The Radio Place in Sacramento advised that they do want to continue their ad in the Valley Ham News. They want an invoice type bill for 93/94. One will be sent to them.
POC Clara KC6JPP

New Business:

Fund Raising: Tom, N6PGK, advised the board that Mr. Al Kessler has donated some Dinnerware, Baskets, and Napkin Rings to the club. These are surplus items from his import business and can be sold or raffled off by the club to help our treasury. It was decided that some of the items will be used as Raffle/Door Prize items at the Christmas Party, and others will be sold at a yard sale TBA. We have 6 to 10 Cases of items. ITEM OPEN
POC: Tom N6PGK

Bob expressed the appreciation of the club to Tom for a recent Appeal Democrat article.

Antenna Masts:

Paul, N6XVL, showed the board an emergency antenna mast kit that he had purchased. The kit is small-pickup transportable and contains necessary items for a 40-foot vertical antenna or mast. The club can purchase 8 of the masts for \$40 each. It was decided that 2 could be used directly by the club for our Field Day/Emergency Kit and it was hoped that club members would

purchase the rest at that price. The Board authorized an \$80 expenditure if the deal could be made. Paul would be re-imbursed in January should the deal go through. (On the following Friday several members went out to the yard and attempted to make the combined purchase. The owner said he only had 5 and attempted to increase the price from the original \$50 asking price. None were purchased.)

Emergency Preparedness:

A discussion was held regarding an emergency pack-up kit for the club. A fly-away-kit box is needed to store items that the club owns ie: a TS520 and antennas. More items will be acquired via donations or purchases.
ITEM OPEN

Club Equipment:

Wade, KD6DFZ, asked when the last inventory of club owned equipment had been taken for insurance purposes. The Board decided one should be done and the paper work updated. Item Open
POC: Dave WD6AXM, for the Hill, Hugh N7OKM for other equipment

"Thank you, Prez." was expressed by Bob, KC6OXX, to outgoing president Robert, N6XOP. Robert expressed his thanks to the outgoing Board Members and welcomed the incoming Board who will take office in December.

Clara, KC6JPP, advised that her OM, ED, N6VRH, is home and convalescing well. There was no cancer present and he is expected to have a complete recovery. She also advised that the phone and radio are within his reach.

The meeting was adjourned at 2003.
Respectfully,
H.G. Mac Donald N7OKM

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This is will be my last message for the year, and as the President, I want to

thank all of the members for their support and help.

Our last meeting of the year will be our Christmas party on December 14 at the American Legion Hall in Linda. If you like good food and fun don't miss it. At the next Board Meeting on December 22, the new officers will be installed. Paul, N6XVL, will have to do the next president's message.

Betty, KC6RNY, and I wish to you and your family a very MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR from our house to yours.

73, Bob N6XOP

MORE ON THE CHRISTMAS PARTY

As noted in the minutes of the Board Meeting, the Christmas Party/dinner will be on December 14 at the same location as last year. If you weren't there and need directions, talk in will be on the 146.085 machine.

The dinner committee is well on the way to a magnificent feast as this is written. Clara, KC6JPP, has requested that if possible, half of us bring a vegetable dish and half bring some sort of salad. The club will provide the turkey and fixin's and such. PLEASE CALL CLARA IF YOU ARE NOT ON THE LIST!! She also needs to know what you're bringing (vegetable or salad).

If you prefer not to use the Club-provided paper plates and plastic utensils, please bring your own table service.

The dinner last year was a fine feast, and this year looks to be a repeat. Hopefully, this year will be somewhat drier than the rain storm we had last year.

The Club has allocated \$50.00 toward a door prize for the evening. This is not

kets to have a chance.

We look forward to seeing you there.

EDITOR'S RAMBLINGS

Once again, it is that time of year. The holidays are upon us, and it is Good Will Toward Men, and Peace on Earth. Soon, the old year will give way to 1994, with all its promises and challenges. While we think of it, your Editor and his better half along with all the staff and management of this fine periodical wish you and yours a Merry Christmas and a most prosperous and Happy New Year. May the good Lord take a liking to you!

The December Board meeting will see ul, N6XVL, and the other new Officers and Board Members take over their jobs. The same old thing still applies: They can't do it without you. Please be sure to give all of them all the help possible. That's what makes things go, and that's what makes their jobs just a little easier.

We are putting this issue together on the new computer and the old monitor. Therein lies a real story too long for these pages. Suffice to say, when you deal with a large entity, public or private, the wheels move very slowly!! We expect to have the new monitor (that will work with this computer!)

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Samuel E. Ansell

sometime about the middle of December. We are using a new version of the same software with many new capabilities. It is just different enough to give us a problem now and then. No excuses, but if strange things get past us this month, that's probably the reason. The new machine is lightning fast compared to the old one, and with the CD ROM drive, there are many new toys to play with and learn. That's one reason we have not been on the radio much lately. One thing at a time. Another reason is that we have been double-dipping from time to time. I'll never know how I held down a full-time job!

If everything works out, we will include in this issue a copy of the "Ham's Christmas". We have published it before, but it brings back many memories of the past, and we thoroughly enjoy reading it each year. I hope you also can find a memory or two in the poem. If you're a newcomer and it doesn't make sense, ask one of the old timers. I'm sure you'll get a long

explanation of the meaning of "filaments", "Collins" and many other things from long ago.

ED IS HOME

We are happy to report that Ed, N6VRH, is home from the hospital, where he had surgery. Clara reports that the pathology report indicated there was no malignancy.

The doctors figure Ed will regain just about the full use of the leg. He is now waiting for things to heal up so he can begin the road to complete recovery.

Ed can be found on either the 146.085 machine or on 146.570 Simplex just about any time. Give him a call there.

It looks like we might make the wilds of Nevada and/or Idaho again next year, Ed. Have a good recovery.

SEE YOU AT BREAKFAST

The Club has decided to reactivate the Saturday morning breakfast get-together. The next one will be on December 11, at the PEACHTREE RESTURANT. Time will be about 8:00 to 8:30 AM. Note the new location. This is on North Beale Road near the traffic light at Feather River Boulevard. We'll look forward to seeing you there.

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Editor's note: The following was downloaded from the local Packet BBS.

A Ham's Christmas

By Walker A. Tompkins, K6ATX

Twas the Night before Christmas, and in the Ham shack
was the warm glow of tubes in the transmitter rack
The logbook was brought up to date with great care
In case the FCC might someday be there.

XYL and harmonics were snug in their beds
(No Tennessee Indians to addle their heads)
I plugged in the mike and my new VFO
Getting all set for a nice QSO.

When from the relays there rose such a clatter
I yanked the big switch to see what was the matter.

Then up on the roof by the two meter beam

There came QRM like a heterodyne scream:
"On Gonset, on Babcock; On Viking and Elmac!
On Ranger, on Collins! On Heathkit and Eimac!
Bias to the grid and volts to the plate,
Just watch that S-meter while we all modulate!
As I turned on the rig and reached for a dial
From the antenna tuner Santa slid with a smile.

An RF choke he held tight in his teeth
And coax encircled his head like a wreath.

A bundle of Hamgear he had flung on his back -
Was that my name on a new power pack?

He had a stub nose like an egg insulator
And his cheeks glowed bright red like a hot oscillator.
He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work
Laying out all the gear, then turned with a jerk

And, laying a wavemeter alongside his nose
said "Ps QSL?" and up the feeders he rose.

He climbed up the dipole, to his team gave a whistle
and away they all flew like a jet-propelled missile.

But I heard his last signal from the ionosphere:
"Seventy three; Eighty-eight! And a Merry Xmas!"

Walker Tompkins^{SK} is the fellow who wrote those marvelous juvenile adventure novels that feature ham radio in the plots. A couple that I enjoyed as a youngster were "DX Brings Danger" and "CQ Ghost Ship", which took place on the Washington coast and the Olympic Peninsula.

Merry Christmas!

73. Tad
KT7H @ WS7M

Membership application: Yuba Sutter Amateur Radio Club

Type: New Renewal

Member Information: (Full Voting Rights and Privileges)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone: () _____ ARRL Member? (Y/N) _____

Callsign: _____ License Class: _____

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Name: _____ Callsign: _____ License Class: _____

Dues: \$ _____ (18.00 per year)

Associate dues: \$ _____ (4.00 per year)

Total:

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