

VALLEY HAM NEWS

The Voice of the Yuba Sutter Amateur Radio Club
A California Non-profit Organization

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NEXT CLUB MEETING

The next Club meeting will feature a talk by Barry, KE6LW, on the local Packet Bulletin Board. Time and date are 7:30PM on April 12. The meeting will be at the Yuba City Police Department facility on Poole Boulevard in Yuba City. More details later in this issue.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next Board Meeting will occur on April 27 at 7:00PM at the Yuba City Police facility on Poole Boulevard.

All members are welcome and encouraged to attend the Board meetings. Be sure to let your officers and Board Members know your wishes and ideas.

Everyone is invited.

CLUB OFFICERS

President: Paul Johnson, N6XVL
Vice President: Nate Walls, KD6HNR
Secretary: Hugh MacDonald, N7OKM
Treasurer: Clara Ansley, KC6JPP

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

KB6YAF, Russ Decker
W6HBU, Herb Puckett
KB6WID, Tom Galbreath
KM6AM, Jerry Haley
N6XOP, Bob Anderson

REPEATER LICENSE TRUSTEE

Dave Gartner, WD6AXM

Minutes of the Yuba Sutter Amateur Radio Club Board of Directors Meeting March 23, 1994

The Meeting was called to order at 1902, March 23, 1994 by the President Paul, N6XVL.

Present were :

President : Paul N6XVL
Treasurer : Clara KC6JPP
Secretary : Hugh N7OKM

Board Members:

Jerry KM6AM, Tom KB6WID, Bob N6XOP, Herb W6HBU

Visitors:

Mike KC6VCB/7J6CCC, Patty KC6VCD, Ron WB5FIX, Robby N6PGK, Wade KN6WX, Homer KB6EJ (VE Rep), Kathy Mac Donald, Michole Fultz

Treasurers Report: \$1702.89 in the club account with \$107.40 in the VE Fund and \$50 from repeater donations.

Old Business:

Antenna Saturday; Mar 26 is still on. WB5FIX will be hosting a Breakfast for W6AAQ, Don Johnson.

Hospital Antennas; Proceeding slowly. KN6WX, Wade, will be working with the hospital remodeling crew and will coordinate the moving of the antennas and coax.

POC: Wade , KN6WX

April meeting will be on packet radio and will be conducted by Barry KE6LW. Bring your packet questions to the meeting.

Bike Around the Buttes (Apr 16); Volunteers are still needed. Contact

Herb, W6HBU, to sign up.
POC: Herb W6HBU

Repeater Operating Violations: A short discussion was held and the item tabled pending the attendance of the trustee, WD6AXM Dave, at a board meeting to discuss recent developments. The President is going to arrange a meeting with Dave.

POC: N6XVL Paul

May meeting; A potluck dinner is scheduled at the Colgate Campground. The club has the camping area May 20,21, and 22.

June Field Day; A volunteer is needed to take care of the lower site if the club is going to have one this year. Contact N6XVL to volunteer.

New Business:

Sutter Days, June 5th; The club has been asked to help out again this year for the Sutter Days parade and Bike ride. Approximately 4 to 5 volunteers are needed. Contact Lee KC6MCI to help out.

Hats; Robby N6PGK, turned over 20 hats to the club to be sold. They all have the club logo on them. Contact Paul, N6XVL, if you need a new hat.

VE Exam Schedule for May;

The VE Team advised that a Saturday exam will be held on the 7th of May from 9 until 12. Reservations are due in to Homer, KB6EJ, by the 3rd of May. The CW exams will start promptly at 9am and the written tests will be given beginning at 10am. Examinees who will take only written test are asked to remain clear of the testing site at the Yuba City police Dept until 10 am so as not to interfere with those taking the CW exam.

VE Exams on Tues nights; The VE team advised that members of the club have attempted to gain entry to the exam room while the exams were in progress. This is in violation of FCC rules as well as ARRL procedures for examinations. While the team will, as a rule, normally be done testing by 7PM occasionally an exam may take a few minutes longer. The team will be posting a sign on the door, but in any case, the Team and the Board of Directors, asks the membership to remain clear of the area while an examination is in progress.

Small Loan to VE Team; A motion was made by N7OKM Seconded by KB6WID, to loan up to \$43 dollars to the VE Team to purchase a Tape Player and headset splitter to use in giving better quality CW audio during exams. The unit is self contained and available through Radio Shack for \$130 to \$150. The money will be paid back to the club through exam fees.

Possible October Meeting night Change. Paul requested input from club members on the feasibility of changing the meeting night in October. This would be required if we can get one of the guest speakers up for our meeting from the PacifiCon. Contact Paul with your comments.

Insurance Coverage for Guests at Club

Events:

The question was raised regarding insurance coverage for our guests at club events. While it was felt that the club members would be covered regarding liability for guests actions it is felt that any of our Guests who are participating at a function would not be. Clara is to research this further. The Secretary was directed to write the Insurance company and ask that a copy of the policy be forwarded to the Yuba City Unified School District.

The meeting was adjourned at 2015

Submitted by Hugh, N7OKM

BRING YOUR PACKET QUESTIONS

This month's Club meeting program on Packet radio will be primarily a question and answer session. We'll try to help you solve any problems you might be having with packet contacts and usage of the packet BBS or nodes systems. Some of you may be having problems with computer setups for packet radio too. Bring your questions and problems to this month's meeting and we will try to help you solve them.

73, Barry / KE6LW

ROSTER UPDATE

New Members

Nancy Street
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Gerold (Jerry) Whitney, WA6ZZK
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Lincoln, CA 959648

Mark Wierschke, KD6YNY
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Paradise, CA 95969

Ken Tuel, KE6CVX
4859 Arboga Road
Olivehurst, CA 95961
742-5243

Nevio Renzullo KA6UBK
650 Darrough Drive
Yuba City, CA 95993
674-9594

Scott Smith, KD6QDP
759 Orange Street
Yuba City, CA 95991
751-1739

EDITOR'S RAMBLINGS

It looks like Spring is truly here to stay. The sun seems to be winning the race with the clouds, and the days are getting warmer and longer. It is that time of year when we think of vacations, camping, Field Day and other such easy days. Your Editor is no exception, and our "Heavy Social Calendar" is filling up with dates and places to go and things to see. If all goes as planned, this could be our last Newsletter until October, with the possible exception of the August issue. Even that one is on the doubtful list. (We may get a better offer!) This is not to say that we will be gone the whole time. It is only that we will be out of town enough that production of the Newsletter would suffer. We have therefore prevailed upon Randy, KC6MUS and company to handle the chore for awhile. We would appreciate your giving him your tidbits and other grist for the mill.

Along the lines of warm and sunny days, we were in the Sierras on April 2, and the lack of remaining snow pack is frightening. While it will make for an early summer, the summer will most likely be a hot and dry one. A dry forest goes along with higher fire danger. The favorite pine tree up near Chester may be off limits if things get really bad, and that we do not like to contemplate. Anyway, it appears that within three to four weeks the whole Sierra will be available except for the highest elevations. That will, indeed, mean an early start on the summer.

Club activities are moving along under the hand of Paul, N6XVL. Antenna Saturday was a success, we are told. Your Editor had family commitments and missed the event. We did, however, enjoy breakfast with Don Johnson, W6AAQ, and friends.

I guess the next thing coming up is Bike Around the Buttes on Saturday, April 16. We still need a few volunteers for the event; so we'll be looking for a few good hams at the next meeting. 'Course, you can also volunteer on the Monday night net or on the air when you hear either your Editor or Russ, KB6YAF.

The club potluck and campout is coming up in late May. This should be a real fun event. It is also a new endeavor for the club. Think about staying a night or two up at Colgate near Dobbins. The facility is a good one with RV Parking and picnic areas for our enjoyment. Maybe a mini Field Day could be worked out. Paul, N6XVL, and Ernie, WB6VHW, are working on this one.

As usual, Field Day occurs in late June again this year. The club at last word was still looking for a lower site and a leader. The high site will again be QRP, and that group is well along in planning. They vow to do better than last year. If we get a lower site going, the QRP guys will be hard to beat.

For the new license holders --- if you operate the repeater, please be aware of the local guidelines and the FCC regulations regarding repeater operation, and Amateur operation in general. Remember that we are in Dave's home and shack using his license every time we bring the machine up. Remember that our repeater is within easy monitoring range of the FCC monitoring station down in the Bay Area. Questions can be answered by almost any club member or any of the Board of Directors. Also, the guidelines were recently published in the Valley Ham News, and are on the "J" directory of the KE6LW Packet BBS.

Editor's note: The following is part of a large file of humor from the local Packet BBS. Maybe you'll get a kick out of some of it.

The Pace of Progress:

Society is a mule, not a car... If pressed too hard, it will kick and throw off its rider.

GINSBERG'S THEOREM:

1. You can't win.
2. You can't break even.
3. You can't even quit the game.

FREEMAN'S COMMENTARY ON GINSBERG'S THEOREM:

Every major philosophy that attempts to make life seem meaningful is based on the negation of one part of Ginsberg's Theorem.

To wit:

1. Capitalism is based on the assumption that you can win.
2. Socialism is based on the assumption that you can break even.
3. Mysticism is based on the assumption that you can quit the game.

EHRMAN'S COMMENTARY:

1. Things will get worse before they get better.
2. Who said things will get better?

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Quad A's Electronic Supply

Samuel E. Ansell
WA6POM

HOWE'S LAW:

Everyone has a scheme that will not work.

WYNNE'S LAW:

Negative slack tends to increase.

ZYMURGY'S FIRST LAW OF EVOLVING SYSTEMS DYNAMICS:

If you open a can of worms, the only way to recan them is to use a larger can.

STURGEON'S LAW:

90% of everything is crud.

THE UNSPEAKABLE LAW:

As soon as you mention something...
...if it's good it goes away.
...if it's bad it happens.

NON-RECIPROCAL LAW OF EXPECTATIONS:

Negative expectations yield negative results.
Positive expectations yield negative results.

SIMON'S LAW:

Everything put together falls apart sooner or later.

SODD'S SECOND LAW:

Sooner or later, the worst possible set of circumstances is bound to occur.

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: _____

Associate Family Member (Living in Same Household Only)

Name: _____ Callsign: _____ License Class: _____

Dues: \$ _____ (18.00 per year)

Associate dues: \$ _____ (4.00 per year)

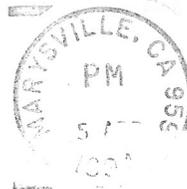
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