

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 be at the Yuba City Police Department on June 14th, 1994. Scheduled is ????? (sorry, editor did not get info on the next meeting. So just show up!!)

Next Board of Directors Meeting

The next Board Meeting will be held on June 29th, 1994 at 7:00 P.M. in the Yuba City Police building on Poole Boulevard.

Club Net

The Yuba-Sutter Amateur Radio Club holds a regular net for members and guests each Monday evening at 7:00 P.M. on the WD6AXM (Trustee) repeater. The input frequency is 146.685 MHz and the output is 146.085 MHz. If you wish to be a Net Control Operator, contact: Wade, KN6WX; or Paul N6XVL.

Amateur Testing



The next test by the YSARC VE testing team will be held July 14th, 1994 at 5:30 P.M. till the start of the meeting. Contact Homer, KB6EJ at 673-0868 for more information. You will need to preregister for the tests!!!

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Minutes of the Last Board Meeting

The meeting was called to order on May 25, 1994 at 1902.

Present were:

Paul, N6XVL-President
Clara, KC6JPP-Secretary
Herb, W6HBU-Board Member
Russ, KB6YAF-Board Member
Bob, N6XOP-Board Member
Tom, KB6WID-Board Member
Wade, KN6WX-Acting Scribe in Hugh's, N7OKM, absence

Treasures report

Repeater donation: \$ 50.00

5/25/94 Club Balance: \$1,243.23

Clara further stated that she received some money from Hugh that was not used for the Colgate Club Meeting this past weekend. She couldn't remember the exact amount.

Item Closed:

Colgate Leftovers:

A motion was made concerning the leftover Hamburgers, Hot Dogs and Soda Pop from the Colgate weekend for disbursement to the Upper and Lower Field Day Sites.-Board Approved-

Item Closed:

Colgate Future:

Paul said he had spoken with Ernie and gained approval for the use of the Colgate Picnic for a meeting next year. Everyone appeared to have had a good time including Paul who (Jokingly) said he had shown a few women his bunkhouse.

=HI HI=

Item Open:

Yagi Antenna:

The subject of the clubs Cushcraft A-3, three band Yagi was brought up before the board. The subject began two weekends ago when a local Amateur, Pat-KI6ZX, under the direction of the Upper Field Day Site Director, Wade-KN6WX, went to another Amateurs house, Jim-KB6NMY, to pull down and acquire the club's Yagi for use at the Upper Site. Hugh-N7OKM, was the first Board Member to be notified of this and thought that the Lower Site may

also wish to use it and that Pat should have obtained permission from the Board of Directors before retrieval efforts began.

At the board meeting, arguments from those who were present and knew of the incident were heard. It was the decision of the Board to thank Jim for safeguarding and his efforts in retrieving the antenna from his roof. Jim acquired the antenna about three years ago and hasn't been a club member for almost as long.

The Board also sends Pat their thanks and appreciation for his time, effort and money in finding, acquiring and for the any repairs he has already done to the antenna.

The Board further decided that the Field Day Directors work out, between them, who gains use of said antenna for Field Day.

Item Closed:

President's Input:

Paul, N6XVL, wished to have noted in the minutes that anything he asks for of a club member, to be reported back to him.

Item Closed:

Equipment Records:

A motion was made and seconded to Institute a record keeping system of club equipment; card, book, etc. for the sign out/sign in for use and storage by club members. The Board approved and Tom, KB6WID, volunteered to take charge of the matter.

Note: If you have any information regarding the whereabouts of any club equipment. Please contact either Paul, N6XVL, or Tom, KB6WID. Thank you!

Item Closed:

Sutter Bike Ride:

General Info: All Amateur Operators participating should be at the Sutter Youth Center in Sutter, Ca. at about 7:00 A.M. The event begins at 8:00 A.M. with final sweep of the bike route planned between 1 and 2 P.M. A total of 8 operators are wagons, Headquarters station and Balloon Ride.

Paul said he currently has four definite volunteers and one possible. He needs 3-4 more volunteers. Those wishing to volunteer please contact

Paul, N6XVL.

Item Closed:

Club Breakfast:

The June Club Breakfast conflicts with the Sutter Bike Ride. Paul said he would contact Jay, KE6CTU, about changing it to another day, possibly June 18th. Contact Jay or Paul for any changes.

Item Closed:

Other Field Day Notes:

Paul made mention that if any Amateur knows of a person holding a CSCE but, has not received their ticket yet. Will be allowed to participate in Field Day as third party as long as a licensed Amateur is willing to sit by them as a Control Operator. If you know of such a person, encourage them to come to the lower site and be sure they at least bring a photostatic copy of their achievement. Let's make them radioactive for a day!

Item Closed:

Amateur Classes:

It was noted at the meeting that two Amateurs are planning to instruct Amateur Radio Classes this Fall.

Wade, KN6WX, is planning to teach the Technician w/HF Amateur license theory and CW. The location will be the Parish Hall of St. John's Episcopal Church at 800 D St. in Marysville. The times will be Wednesday evenings between 4-6 P.M. starting around mid-September. For more information contact Wade-KN6WX at 742-2072.

Hugh, N7OKM, has also mentioned teaching a class in Gridley. It isn't quite

clear as to which license class but, a few suspect the General Class. For further details, times and dates contact Hugh.

Item Closed:

Prez Sez

Sorry, could not find the Prez this month, so there will be no presidents message

Hams & Computers

As more and more computers are becoming part of the ham shack, there are more uses for them than packet and DXCC Tracking. (both of these are great though) If you have a phone modem and a telephone line, there is a wealth of amateur related info to be had. You can download latest shareware programs, Satellite elements, Weather and amateur satellite pictures, code practice programs, and electronic theory programs. You can even E-Mail (electronic mail) other hams. Here are a few BBS's to help you get started:

e Amateurs Place
(916) 678-1535

The ARRL BBS
(203) 666-0578

CARES BBS
(916) 323-4826

CDMG Online
(California Department of Mines
and Geology)
(916) 327-1208

Monitoring Times BBS
(704) 837-9200

QST Info System
(Not part of the ARRL!)
(916) 920-1288

A Sad Story

Editors Note (I hate when this happens, hi hi)

I am writing in response to your request for additional information for block #3 of the accident reporting form. I put "poor planning" as the cause for my accident. Your letter said I should explain more fully, and I trust the following will be sufficient.

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

Securing the rope at ground level, I went to the top of the tower and loaded the tools and the materials into the barrel. I went back down to the ground and untied the rope, holding it tightly to insure a slow decent of the 300 pounds. You will note in block #11 of the accident reporting form that I weigh only 155 pounds.

Surprised 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 on 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 onto the rope in spite of the 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, the barrel was approximately 20 pounds. I refer you again to my weight in block #11. As you can imagine, I began a rapid decent down the tower. In the vicinity of the 40 foot level, I met the barrel on its way up. This accounts for the fractured ankles and the lacerations on my legs and lower body.

The encounter slowed me enough to lessen my injuries when I fell onto the pile of tools and fortunately only 3 vertebrae were cracked. I'm 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.

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Samuel E. Ansell
WA6POM

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) ARRL Member? (Y/N) _____

Name: _____ Callsign: _____ License Class: _____

Dues: \$ _____ (18.00 per year)

Associate dues: \$ _____ (4.00 per year)

Total:

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Signature: _____ Date: _____

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