

# VALLEY HAM NEWS

The Voice of the Yuba-Sutter Amateur Radio Club, A California Non-Profit Organization  
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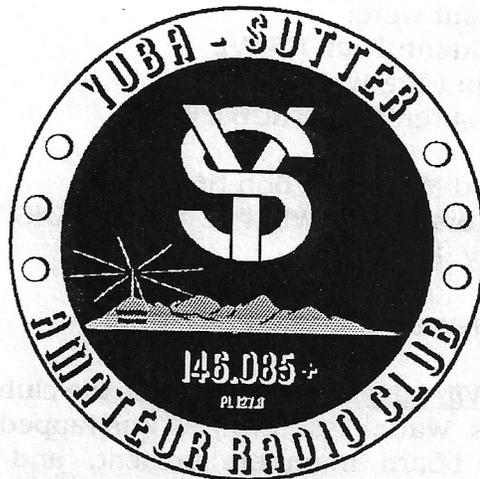
September 1994

## CLUB OFFICERS

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

## BOARD MEMBERS

Russ Decker, KB6YAF  
Tom Galbrath, KB6WID  
Bob Anderson, N6XOP  
Herb Puckett, W6HBU  
Wade Fiske, KN6WX



## REPEATER TRUSTEE

Dave Gartner, WD6AXM, takes care of all the hairy details that go along with maintaining and operating a quality, high level repeater.

## EDITOR OF VALLEY HAM NEWS

Nate, KD6HNR was happy doing the job last month, and has decided to edit the September edition as well. Herb Puckett will resume his editorial duties for the October issue. Thanks go to Randy for filling in admirably for the past few months so Herb could learn underwater basket weaving.

## CLUB TYPE STUFF

- \* The next general meeting of YSARC will be on Tuesday, September 13 at 7:30 inside of the Yuba City Police Dept. located on Poole Blvd. in Yuba City.
- \* The next board meeting of YSARC will be on Wednesday, September 27 at 7:00 inside of the Yuba City Police Dept. located on Poole Blvd. in Yuba City. Directions can be obtained from any member on 146.085 (+), the talk in freq.
- \* YSARC holds a weekly net for members and guests on the WD6AXM repeater 146.085 MHz (+) Mondays at 7:00 pm. If you wish to be a net control operator, please contact Wade, KN6WX or Paul, N6XVL.
- \* Amateur testing is regularly conducted by a local V.E. team. If you are interested in obtaining a license for Ham Radio or upgrading to a higher license class, please contact Homer Oliver at (916) 673-0868. Advanced Registration is required for each test session. Homer has the details.

## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of the Yuba Sutter Amateur Radio Club Board of Directors meeting for August, 1994. The meeting was called to order at 1920 on 27 of August at the Yuba City Police Dept. by the President of the Yuba Sutter Amateur Radio Club, Paul Johnson, N6XVL.

Present were:

President: Paul, N6XVL

Veep: Nate Walls

Treasurer: Clara, KC6JPP

Board Members: Bob N6XOP

Visitors: Ron WB5FIX, Wade KN6WX, Betty, KC6RNX

Treasurers report: \$1,220.02

**Vital Business:** Pursuant to the club by laws, Wade Fiske, KN6WX was tapped by the board members present, and by absentee board member Russ, KB6YAF, who's vote was collected over the phone. Wade replaces Jerry, KM6AM, who resigned his position on the board. If any member has a question about this procedure, please consult the club by laws by contacting Clara, KC6JPP, or by downloading them from the club directory on the KE6LW-1 PBBS (144.99)

**Old Business:** Calendar of Upcoming Events:

**September:** Review of the OO program is the primary item of business.

**October:** 8 Oct, the second Saturday of October, will be an Antenna Saturday again. Meet at the Linda American Legion Hall with your antenna projects. Don, W6AAQ, will be there again to lend his expertise.

Nominations for new club officers will take place at the meeting. All positions except repeater trustee are up for grabs. A demonstration of ATV was selected as

the general meeting activity.

**November:** 9 Nov is the big date for club elections. The meeting activity will be sage advice from the clubs more experienced hams. (See separate note in the newsletter. Ed.)

### **New Business:**

**Prune Festival Parade:** The positions for radio operators at the Annual Prune Festival Parade have been filled. Item: Closed. POC: WA6ISR

**Bok Kai Parade:** The Board has selected to send a member of the club to officially represent YSARC at the organizational meetings of the Bok Kai festival. A delegate will be selected at a later date.

Ron, WB5FIX brought up the point about club members being extended beyond their intended function as radio operators, and their expertise as such. Discussion about club liability and the increased potential for accidents at events such as Bok Kai followed. Item: OPEN POC: Paul, N6XVL

**Newsletter Policy:** The Board discussed and adopted a policy that no material openly critical or derogatory to any individual shall appear in the club newsletter. The monthly editor of the newsletter shall reserve the right to edit any material submitted for publication to concur with this policy. Item: Closed

**World Radio Advertising:** Clara, KC6JPP reported that it is time to renew the club's ad in *World Radio* for 1995. The Board decided to continue the ad, and the club will receive 6 subscriptions to *World Radio*. The Board decided that some will be raffled off at a general meeting, while others will be given away as door prizes at the Christmas Party.

Donations: A donation was made by Ernie, KB6VHW at the August meeting in memory of Angus James. It was decided that the money (\$100) would be transferred from the general club fund to the repeater fund. Item: CLOSED

Reminder: The California QSO party is October 1 and 2. Yuba and Sutter counties are considered hot DX to the rest of the country as not many hams in the area participate. POC: Wade, KN6WX

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2009. Submitted, Nate, KD6HNR

## VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Nate Walls, KD6HNR

Just a couple of quick notes for this month. The club has a new board member, Wade Fiske, KN6WX. The board went through an exhaustive search for candidates to replace Jerry, KM6AM, who resigned in July. The background security checks for the two individuals (No, you won't know who the other one is. At least, not by me) who submitted letters of interest were scrutinized, and in the end Wade came out ahead.

So what were some of the tests that these two went through? First of all, we checked license class. Then we checked antenna climbing skills, value of shack, value of the ham (according to third and eight grade instructors) and a flip of a two headed coin to determine the outcome. After a close race, a tie through all events, Paul, N6XVL made the decision. Okay, it's embellished a bit, but anyway, welcome aboard Wade.

Another interesting note; all of our more experienced hams, those that have been licensed a couple complete sunspot cycles (or thirty years) are invited to attend, as featured guests, the November general membership meeting to share anecdotes, tips, tricks, and outright lies,

with themselves and (we hope) the rest of the club.

There is also another event that will occur at the November meeting, the annual club elections. If you wish to be railroaded into office, uh, I mean, if you want to run willingly, don't attend the October meeting, and club nominations. If you *don't* want to run, or actually wish to have a say in your political destiny, attend both meetings.

Really folks, the club has need for qualified individuals to run for office. All five board positions, the Prez, the Veep, Secretary, and Treasurer, are all up for grabs. Don't hesitate to run, there is a dam good chance you might (quite possibly) win. A definite maybe.

Also, don't hesitate to start thinking about future club activities, the club participates in several events every year, and constantly needs radio operators to provide communications. Consult **VALLEY HAM NEWS** for further info on these events. Until next month. . .

## FOR SALE: DJ-120T

Nancy, KE6HLU

I mainly run packet and right now I have to borrow a radio as mine has mechanical switching and a permanent battery save feature. This makes it unusable for packet. But it is a great little radio. It has the manual, 2 batteries plus charging units for both of them, a speaker mike, the rubber duckie antenna, a 12 volt noise filtered power cord, very interesting extended receive, 10 memories, pl, plus a call channel and if it is wanted, a home made roll-up twin lead j-pole antenna. I am looking for a good working electronic switching, packet compatible radio. It can be either ht or mobil. Must have manual and charger for ht. do not need anything fancy. Please leave any response to me KE6HLU @ KE6LW on packet or to me at:  
P.O. Box 1583 Williams ca 95987

## TIPS AND TRICKS

By Nancy, KE6HLU

Are you one of thousands that use a mag mount antenna? If so, do you ever think about doing a little 'house cleaning?' The thing to do is clean under the mag mount once and a while. This will stop the moisture and grit from getting a head start, and acting like sandpaper, when the car is moving. This happens when the grit and moisture have been allowed to sit for a long time. When you take the mount off, you could take part of the roof with it. What you should do is once and a while just clean under it and dry up the water and wipe off all of the grit and dust. Then put a piece of plastic in the shape of the mount on the roof then put the base of the mag mount on it. This should solve this kind of problem.

## IN PERSPECTIVE: Q SIGNALS

By Nancy, KE6HLU

Does the use of the CW 'Q' signals on phone really disturb you? You think that it is not proper radio procedure?

Well let's take a look at the reasons behind it. Once a long time ago in the world of AMATEUR RADIO, a new operator had to learn Morse Code before they could go on the air. While these new hams were serving their apprenticeship on CW, the 'Q' signals became a habit and were carried over by the amateur when they began to use phone. I can understand this and it might explain why the older radio operators still use the Q's, on phone. What can be said about new TECH'S that do not have the NOVICE background? All I can say in our defence is that we learn by example. I can think of other things that offend me more than the 'Q' signal on phone.

Think about it.

"It takes a wise ham to consult the owner's manual in times of trouble."

## RANDOM MUSINGS OF HUMOR

Gleaned from the KE6LW-1 PBBS  
(144.99)

### "My computer and I"

By Bettie Dendekker (Fido 1:271/236)

My computer and I don't see eye to eye; it thinks that it's perfect, you see.

Which causes such stress

(Enough to depress) when it says,

"I have no drive C:"

I panic! I scream!

You silly machine!

Enough of this kind of talk!

The drive's in the slot

don't tell me its not!

Do you think it went out for a walk?

Please try once again,

my dear little friend.

I feel you have just overlooked it.

Take a good look around;

it's sure to be found

you mindless, electronic nitwit!

While I sit befuddled,

the computer unruffled

disdains and ignores me completely.

It digs its toes in,

(If it could it would grin!) and repeats,

"I have no drive C:"

I plead, I cajole, I offer my soul!

(By now I'm becoming quite desperate.)

I offer it bribes --

Two more floppy drives!

Find C:, I really do need it!

That fiend with a screen

is loathsome and mean,

it cares not one whit about me.

I swear I hear chortles,

remarks about mortals and

STILL it won't find drive C:

I'm beaten I know it,

but darned if I'll show it!

I push retry just to annoy.

As I live and breathe,

do my eyes deceive?

There's DOS! Oh, rapturous joy!

Wait a minute, I cry!

You're caught in a lie!

Explain this discrepancy to me!

It says not a word to explain the absurd. It

thinks that its perfect you see!

## "I have a Spellink Cheker"

Author Unknown

I have a spelling checker,  
It came with my pc;  
It plainly marks four my revue,  
Mistakes I cannot sea.  
I've run this poem threw it,  
I'm sure your please too no,  
It's letter perfect in it's weigh,  
My checker tolled me sew!

## "The Radio Amateur's Metric Conversion Table"

*The Society of Technical Communications 'Intercom' via the ARNS Bulletin and the SCRA 'Short Skip':* Earl Roger, President of Precision Monolithics, has uncovered the following useful conversion factors.

10 <sup>12</sup> microphones	= 1 megaphone
10 <sup>12</sup> pins	= 1 terrapin
10 <sup>21</sup> piccolos	= 1 gigolo
10 rations	= 1 decoration
10 millipedes	= 1 centipede
3-1/3 tridents	= 1 decadent
0.5 x 10 <sup>6</sup> bicycles	= 1 megacycle
10 monologues	= 5 dialogues
	= 1 decalogue
10 <sup>9</sup> micrometers	= 200 pentameters
2.0 x 10 <sup>3</sup> millineries	= 1 binary
	= 4 seminaries (*)
10 <sup>-5</sup> dollars	= 1 millicent
nano-nano	= prefix designating
10 <sup>-18</sup> 1 milliHelen	= amount of
beauty required to launch 1 ship	

(\*) The enlightenment generated by a seminary can be measured in luminaries.  
73 John

## NEW CLUB MEMBERS

Submitted by Clara Ansley, KC6JPP

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Marysville, CA 95901  
Phone: 742-3518

Marvin Lemberg, KE6JNT  
5 Romo Road  
Oroville, CA  
589-1655

Wade Fiske, KN6WX  
Change phone to: 749-1842

## ARRL AFFILIATION

We still need six more members of the Yuba Sutter Amateur Radio Club need ARRL membership to requalify YSARC as an ARRL affiliated club. The cost is \$30 per year (\$15 for hams under 17 with no other ham in the family) plus \$4 for each other ham in the same household.

The ARRL is your advocate to the FCC and to Congress, and has a long history of preserving our valuable frequency allocations. Your support is important! Join today. For more info on membership and its benefits, see any recent issue of QST or official ARRL publication.

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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)

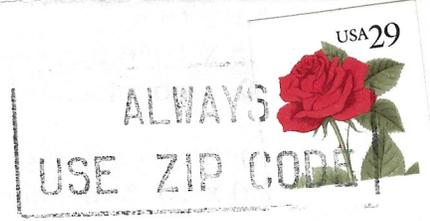
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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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