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NEXT CLUB MEETING

The next club meeting will occur on June 10 at the Yuba City Police Training Room on Poole Boulevard in Yuba City. Field Day and VHF Contest planning will be the main topic for the evening.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next Board Meeting will occur on June 25 at 7:00PM at the Yuba City Police facility on Poole Boulevard. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend. Come to the meeting to be sure that your voice is heard.

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BOARD MEETING MINUTES **YUBA SUTTER AMATEUR RADIO CLUB** **BOARD MEETING MINUTES** **May 28, 1997**

Present: President: Ron Murdock-W6KJ.
Board Members: Lee Sheffield-KC6MCI, Jerry Whitney-WA6ZZK, Robby Robinson-N6PGK, Herb Puckett-W6HBU, Tony Ramos-KF6CXL.
GUEST: Barbara Ramos-KF6FBW.

The meeting was called to order at 7:10pm at the Yuba City Police Station.

Jerry-WA6ZZK, gave the Treasurer's Report. Checking Balance April 23: \$4,799.22. RECEIPTS:\$390.75. DISBURSEMENTS: \$412.06. Checking Balance: \$4799.91. Less Repeater Balance: \$479.00 and VE Balance: \$235.66; leaving a Club Balance of \$4063.28.

President Ron-W6KJ, reported that the motorhome had been paid in full.

VHF QSO Party, June 14 and 15. Route 162, from Oroville to 4 Trees is not recommended for RV's or trailers due to wash outs. In order to get there, you will have to come in via Quincy over Buck's Summit. Some members plan on going up on Friday afternoon, the 13th. All units need to be self contained and everyone needs to bring their own ham gear. Lee-KC6MCI, has a 21 foot pushup pole, and Ron-W6KJ, has a 440 antenna.

2 doppler monitors have been received and distributed.

A motion was made by Lee-KC6MCI, seconded by Herb-W6HBU, that the Club purchase a trailer, for Club's antenna, for \$650.00. Motion passed.

Next Club Meeting will be Tuesday, June 10 at 7:30pm at the Yuba City Police Station. Discussion will take place

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on the QSO Party, Field Day and pictures of the Dayton Hamfest will be shown by Ron-W6KJ.

Next Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 25th at 7:00pm at the Yuba City Police Station. Members are always welcome to attend.

Being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm.

Thank You Robby for taking the minutes for me. We have been enjoying the visit with our son and his family visiting us from Michigan.

Submitted By:
Clara M. Ansley-KC6JPP

THE PREZ SEZ

Wow! If you only have a chance to do it once, go to the Dayton Hamvention. This was my 14th trip there in the last 20 years, and there is nothing else like Dayton. It is huge, make that HUGE!

Several important changes over the years have altered what you see and do at Hamvention without fundamentally altering the experience itself. Offsite parking is the rule, since site-based parking is \$5 a day now and limited. A surprising number of handicapped people park in the designated area (1000?) and manage to walk all over the flea market and exposition halls for all three days. Amazing.

Several years ago, the inside exhibit space was increased

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by 20 percent. The flea market has thousands of places, not scores, not hundreds, and they are all full. If it was ever made for or used by a ham operator, there is a good chance of finding it at the Dayton Hamvention Flea Market.

Inside, the bulk of the experience is new toys, the latest technology, computer related everything.

This year, Ten Tec, Icom, and a new company to ham radio, Kachina, offered previously unshown PC based HF radios. Kachina has a \$2000, 100 watt transceiver with a band scope, DSP, and so many goodies you just sit and drool. Icom's is about the size of box of stationary, but it is a receiver only.

The other big hit was the race to see who can build the smallest HT. Now they are the size of a box of cigarettes but soon (this year) we'll see HT's the size of a small pocket calculator. It will put out 300 mw, but with an external supply will deliver 1 watt.

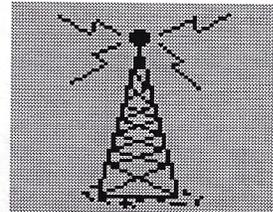
Still, all of this would not have brought me back to hamvention year after year. What does is the chance to see old friends and visit face to face. This year, it was my IOOK gang (International Order of Krazies) Dayton support group, and WICX and XYL Donna. They are very happy in Vermont and Loyd bought an Alinco HF rig and a new Sommer vertical Monopole all band hf antenna as his hamvention toys. He is now operating a new Kenwood TS 870 and enjoys the DSP features it offers. Donna was enjoying her new Volvo sedan, and both looked great.

I was able to see my way clear to a new Icom IC 820 for satellite work and a new Alinco 2m mobile rig for N6YLO. But in general it was the chance to see old friends and renew acquaintances.

With the big operating month of June upon us, it is imperative that we get our act together for VHF contest (June 14-15) and Field Day (June 28-29). We want you to participate. We need you to come out for setup and teardown and everything in between. We want to operate on all bands 24 hours a day and win the contest and have lots of fun. There will be if you are there. An ice cream social on Friday June 27, in the evening after we set up the Field Day site, is planned--with homemade ice cream. At Four Trees (a snow mobile start stop site 32 miles this side of Quincy on the Oroville-Quincy Hiway, we will operate the VHF QSO Party on June 14-15. For both of these events we need you!

See you at the meeting on June 10th where we will have last minute details.

73, Ron



EDITOR'S RAMBLINGS

It must be the summer doldrums. We can't think of anything earth-shaking to pass on this month. As things stand at this time, you will have a different editor for the next three months. This is the "get out of the heat" season, and that is our intent here. If everything goes as planned, it starts Monday, June 2. (This is being written on Saturday, May 31). That week is still somewhat in limbo, due to a 90th birthday bash next Saturday. There's that heavy social calendar again.

We did get up to the Chester area for a few days recently. The HF gear and the DK3 went along, and provided several fine HF contacts. Dave, KE6HRO, was on 75 meters and we were able to have a good rag chew. I need to do something about a lack of 75-meter antenna at home. Like many chores, it gets shuffled to the back burner far too often. I guess we can call it "work in progress".

Dayton has come and gone this year, and Ron's report makes for interesting reading. That has to be a one of a kind happening in the Amateur Radio World. We were glad to hear that Loyd and Donna Wilbur, formerly local Ham and XYL, were there. We've exchanged E-mail and letters with them, and as Ron says, they are very happy with the move to the East Coast. It seems that the life style is very much laid back in that area, compared to the hectic pace here in California. Maybe that's what makes some areas of northwest Nevada attractive to your Editor. When you're the only soul for miles and miles, there is a peace and quiet that can't be matched anywhere.

Don't forget the VHF Contest and Field Day this month. They are always a lot of fun, and your club has made some good plans, especially for Field Day.

If time and schedule permits, we'll have something in the next three Newsletters, but don't count on it. There are things to do, places to go and people to annoy.

See you later and a good summer to all.

BREAKFAST (NOT)

Due to the other scheduled activities and events, there will not be a breakfast this month.

We will more than make up for it at Field Day, which is just adjacent to the eatery. Be sure to do your part to make sure the facilities don't go to waste!

BISCUITS AND HONEY

We've said it before, but it's been some time; so maybe we can pass it off as original or new. Stop and think about it. The biscuits and honey never quite come out even. That is, you never use the last drop of honey on the last bit of biscuit. Well, that is the case this month, with space and material for the Newsletter. Contributions have been down lately, and your Editor just can't seem to engage the brain to put down something on paper that makes sense. We therefore have space and not enough information to fill it up.

I could go to the Internet and find some humor, but Ham Radio-related humor is not overflowing the Internet. There is always the next trip to the wilds of Nevada, but right now we have nothing planned along those lines. We are finishing up the Newsletter on Sunday afternoon, and as the temperature gets warmer, the cool, clear nights and peaceful days of the desert begin to make lotsa sense. 'Course, it's not really hot, and family responsibilities take precedence over even Nevada lollygagging. Anyway, there are no tales to tell about the great signal conditions over there, where the only noise in the radio is lightning and background noise from outer space. There are no power lines or other things electrical to mask that weak one on the low end.

I cleaned up in the shack yesterday (That means rearranged the junk.), and it has already resulted in a trip to the garbage can out back. I'll bet not one reader of this thing has not had the same thing happen. You throw it away or give it away, and within days it is suddenly needed in the worst way. I even purchased a part once that I had previously taken to the county dump. It was still in the pile where it had been thrown away. To add insult to injury, the project didn't work when finished. Back to the dump with the whole mess and off to another project.

After reading the above, do you really believe you can't write something for the Newsletter to help your Editor? Give it a try. It can be fun and the Editor will thank you.

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