

# 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 occur on October 14 at the Yuba City Police Training Room on Poole Boulevard in Yuba City. There will be information on the new RF Exposure rules by FCC. We will also nominate officers and the Board of Directors for next year.

## NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next Board Meeting will occur on October 22 at 7:00PM somewhere. We don't have a location yet, but it should be available at the club meeting. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend. Come to the meeting to be sure that your voice is heard.

## CLUB OFFICERS

**President: Ron Murdock, W6KJ**  
**Vice President: Barry Barnes, KE6LW**  
**Secretary/Treasurer: Clara Ansley, KC6JPP**

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**Tom Galbreath, KB6WID**  
**Jerry Whitney, WA6ZZK    Lee Sheffield, KC6MCI**  
**Tom (Robby) Robinson, N6PGK**  
**Herb Puckett, W6HBU**

## REPEATER LICENSE TRUSTEE

**Dave Gartner, WD6AXM**

## **BOARD MEETING MINUTES** YUBA SUTTER AMATEUR RADIO CLUB September 24, 1997

The meeting was called to order by President Ron Murdock - W6KJ, at 7:20pm in his home.

Present were: President Ron Murdock - W6KJ and Secretary/Treasurer Clara Ansley - KC6JPP.

Board Members: Robby Robinson - N6PGK, Tom Galbreath - KB6WID, Tony Ramos - KF6CXL, Herb Puckett - W6HBU and Guest Barbara Ramos - KF6FBW.

Treasurer's Report: Checking Balance on August 27 - \$3,705.12. Receipts for the month - \$138 and Disbursements of \$97.05. Checking Balance this date - \$3,756.07, less Repeater Balance of \$479 and VE Balance of \$194.86 leaving a Club Balance of \$3,082.21.

President Ron stated that we need to establish a monthly meeting program to present to the new slate of officers for 1998, as it is unfair for them to take office without any plans being in place for them. If a member has an idea for a program for any meeting, please present it to the present officers. We need your ideas.

Part of next months meeting will be the nomination of a new slate of officers and Board members. If you would like to nominate someone or volunteer for a position yourself, please come to the October meeting. **YOU ARE NEEDED!!!**

President Ron will order the ARRL Program tapes which we had previously agreed to do.

President Ron has the Novice-Tech No Code Study Tapes, which any club member may use.

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Paul Johnson will be invited to attend the Club Christmas dinner in appreciation of his being our liaison with the American Legion Post.

Robby Robinson, N6PGK, stated there would be a Club breakfast on Saturday, October 11 from 9:00 until 10:30am at the Peach Tree Restaurant in Linda.

He also stated there would be a campout of the unofficial club RV'ers, on October 18 and 19 to the Gem and Mineral Show at the Fairgrounds in Redding. The cost is \$12 per night with full hookups. POC: Lee Sheffield - KC6MCI

Our Christmas Prime Rib Dinner will be on Tuesday, December 9 at the American Legion Hall in Linda. We will begin with a Salad Bar at 6:00pm and Dinner at 7. We are requiring a reservation fee of \$2 for adults to 12 years of age, and \$1 for those under 12. We will have a flyer about the dinner with the November Bulletin. Reservations MUST be in by November 30.

POC: Nancy Barlage - KE6JJZ.

The club was given a "Weather Resistant Fibreglass" Gem Quad to sell as a fund raiser. Stated in paper work, "A 2 element quad antenna designed for better signal discrimination and directivity on 10, 15, and 20 meters". This antenna is still in its original tubes, and has never been put together. We are asking \$100 for this antenna. If you are interested, you may check out the written materials at the home of Clara, KC6JPP. The antenna itself is being stored at the home of Robby, N6PGK.

Dave Gartner, WD6AXM, has stated he will call a work day, when he has a day available and will need the help of others to finish up the work that needs to be done from moving the repeater.

Secretary Clara, KC6JPP, was given permission to purchase a heavy duty plastic storage box in which to store club records.

The October club meeting will be on Tuesday the 14th at 7:30pm in the Yuba City Police Training

room. Tony Ramos, KF6CXL, will bring us information on the new ruling that will affect us about RF.

It will be related at that meeting the location of our October Board Meeting. Robby, N6PGK, has offered us the use of his garage as the weather will probably still be pleasant.

The November Board meeting will be held on the 19th and the December meeting on the 17th. These two meetings are being held a week earlier than usual because of their falling on the eve of holidays on our regular dates.

There will be a VE session on Saturday, November 1 at 9am in the Training room of the Yuba City Police Station. 610 forms and proper fee must be received by Homer Oliver, KB6EJ, no later than October 28.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. Our thanks go to President Ron and his wife Jo Anne, N6YLO, for allowing us to use their home for our meeting and providing us with cookies and coffee.

Submitted By: Clara M. Ansley, KC6JPP, Secretary.

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**CAMPING**

We have unofficially started a monthly camping (Whatever) in our club (YSARC), although non club members are encouraged to come along with us.

Our first outing was September 12-13 at Little Grass Valley Lake in Little Beaver camp ground. Bob Mills was the Camp Master with Lee Sheffield assisting. We had 8 YSARC families and 2 families outside the club. We had a lot of fun and enjoyed the outing as Bob kept the camp fires going and Lee churned up the strawberry ice cream. A few fish were caught, but I didn't hear anyone shouting anything about a fish fry, and no one came in with a boat load. One word of caution -- if you play horse shoes, split Lee and

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Wilma up. They are good and could beat about any team.

Lee, KC6MCI, will be the Wagon Master for the October camp out. He has it set for October 18-19 at the Redding fair grounds. The cost is \$12.00 per night with hook-ups, probably water and electric. I don't know just what the hook ups are, but that's my guess.

We have come up with only 3 bylaws(?) thus far..

- 1..Don't go any place where chains are required.
- 2..A new Camp Master (to obtain info where to go etc.) each Month.
- 3..Try to keep it within a 200-miles radius so we can keep it down to a nice 2-3 day trip.

I suggested Elk City, Oklahoma for next June and immediately got shot down..

Let us know how you feel about this camping thing. We know every one isn't going to make all the trips. Work, etc. seems to get in the way. Let us know where you want to go and what you want to do. Join us and let's see if we can get this thing off the ground or at least rolling.

For more information on the October Gem and Mineral Fest in Redding, contact Lee.

Submitted by Robby, N6PGK

Found on the Internet -----

Dick received a parrot for his birthday. This parrot was fully grown with a bad attitude and worse vocabulary. Every other word was an expletive. Those that weren't expletives were, to say the least, rude. Dick tried hard to change the bird's attitude and was constantly saying polite words, playing soft music, anything he could think of to try and set a good example... nothing worked. He yelled at the bird and the bird got worse. He shook the bird and the bird got more angry and more rude.

Finally, in a moment of desperation, Dick put the parrot into the freezer. For a few moments Dick heard the bird squawking and kicking and screaming -- then suddenly there was quiet. Dick was frightened that he might have actually hurt the bird and quickly opened the freezer door. The parrot calmly stepped out onto Dick's extended arm and said: "I'm sorry that I might have offended you with my language and actions, and ask for your forgiveness. I will endeavor to correct my behavior."

Dick was astounded at the bird's change in attitude, and was just about to ask the parrot what had made such a drastic change in his attitude, when the parrot spoke again and said: "May I ask what the chicken did?"

Have a Nice Day....

## *EDITOR'S RAMBLINGS*

Well, here we are, back to scratching our head and trying to think of something to fill the newsletter. First of all, a big "Thank you!!" to Ron for a fine job while your lollygagging editor took an extended vacation from the world. He did a fine job as usual and we very much appreciate his filling in.

You know, I've been sitting here thinking of what to say about the activities, or lack thereof, of the Club. I thought about ranting and raving about a few people doing all the work and always seeing the same few faces at the meetings. That might make somebody mad, so then I thought about begging for more activity. That might make me mad, so that's out. Then I thought about saying that apparently nobody cares, but I know better, so that's out.

So what do I say?? Well, first of all, activity is down this year; that we know. The camping thing is good and there are enough RV's in the club to get something going along those lines. I don't know who started it, but I think it's a good idea. The VHF Contest in June had zero participation. Field Day had

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low participation, but those who came to the thing had a good time. Your Board of Directors is climbing the wall trying to come up with good meeting ideas. Meeting attendance is down drastically, and that's bad. The Board asks for guidance from the membership for meeting activities, and gets silence. Hmmmmm ---- . Maybe the Board should really foul up big time. I can tell you for sure that when the Editor fouls up in a big way he will find that lotsa people read this thing, though one would never know it from the very few comments we get.

We have to have a slate of officers and Board members nominated at the October meeting, and I'll bet you that we scratch like mad to get a slate. YOU need to come to that meeting, volunteer just a little bit, and help your club along. Many years ago, I watched an early copy of this club die, and I don't want to see that happen again!!!

I know that each and every one of us has many things going all through the year. That includes your Editor, who took most of the Summer off from all activities outside the family. June is a frantic month in our family, with birthdays, anniversaries, school graduations and heaven knows what else that always seems to come up at the last moment. July is the month that they have a Quilt show in Oregon that is important to the XYL and daughters. It's also a time to do other things in Oregon that have become important in their own right. August is the time of deer season in the Chester area. The kids hunt, and the old dad guards camp during the week so the tents and trailers, etc. don't have to come back to the valley every week. (Yeah I know, it's a tough job but somebody has to do it.) Late August and early September this year involved a hunting trip to Oregon, and it looks like this may be a yearly thing. Now it looks like there will be a family conflict with the camp out at Redding in October!

All this is beginning to sound like a bunch of excuses for your Editor's lack of participation in club events. Well, I didn't make many of the events, but while Ron did five of the newsletters, yours truly will do

seven of them during the year. Believe me, sometimes that can be an EVENT!

I guess the bottom line is, the club and the Board desperately need your input to make the thing go. You don't have to make every event or activity; it's unreasonable to expect anything approaching that. However; surely there are some ideas and skills out there that we can tap. Are we missing things that you would like to see happen? Are there ARRL contests you would like to see a club effort on? Are there non-ham things you would like to see covered at the meetings? Has the club offended you in some way in the past? If so, we have broad shoulders. Let somebody know. Maybe it can be fixed.

In recent times, the club has been closely tied to the repeater. This is OK, as it gives the new ham an inexpensive way to get on the air and work a wide area with little effort. However, maybe we should be doing more in the area of the HF Bands. There is far more activity below 30 MHZ. than many of you may realize. Would you as a no-code Tech be interested in a meeting devoted to HF demonstrations and recorded traffic nets and public service nets with an explanation of what's going on during these things? Yeah, I know, your license doesn't let you participate, but you can always take that huge step to upgrade.

Again, let somebody know. Don't be silent!!!

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**PREZ SEZ**

So what? Who cares? No one reads this anyway, right? As I come to (nearly) the end of a two year stint as president of our club, I realize that it is time to hand over leadership to another. I hope someone will step forward to help this club grow and do more than we have in the past.

There is a good foundation on which to continue. We have several successful events each year that we all enjoy. Our organization can point to real service to

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the community this last year, and we know it will continue. But we have to involve more people.

A small corps of activists has carried the load for a long time. Maybe you feel that you haven't been called upon, or that when called upon, you were temporarily unable. Consider that rectified now. You are hereby called up to activist duty. Report immediately to your next club meeting and sign up for something, anything, to help keep our club going. Every club officer and board member is up for reelection. We need you to show your interest and assume a more active role.

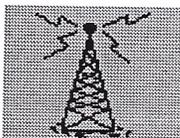
At mid-month in September, several club and non club members took their trailers or motor homes to Little Grass Valley Lake and we camped out over the weekend. We had a great time. There will be more things like this (but we don't have to call them club activities) in the future, and perhaps this is the way it should be. We do things that interest us, and we don't have to make it a "club activity".

On the other side of the coin, there are things that have obvious need for the club umbrella. The Christmas party and the March swap meet are good examples. Field day comes to mind, as do other events the scale of which demand more participation and planning.

It has been a while now since we have conducted new ham training. We bought tapes that were to help us train new hams but didn't get much response; probably because of bad timing. There are lots of things to do, and all we need is some folks to do them.

One or two are not sufficient. They would soon burn out. Don't just sit there, VOLUNTEER!

73, Ron, W6KJ



## RS-12 IS NOW ON MODE A.

RS-12, which has always had the capability to go on mode A, but was on modes K and T, has been switched over to mode A. In this mode of operation, one transmits on 2 meters, usually on ssb, but CW is ok too, and listens on 10 meters in the same mode. There is no inversion so if you transmit on Upper Sideband, you listen on upper sideband. Transmit from 145.91 to 145.95 and listen for the downlink on 29.41 to 29.45 MHz. Signals on mode A from RS-12 are said to be strong.

Dove-17 is back on 2 meters also. This is a downlink only operation on 145.825 MHz, FM and 1200 baud AFSK. There is also a beacon on 2401.220 if you have that equipment. Just listen for the downlink and enjoy.

Both of these satellites are listed in the Keplerian bulletins transmitted twice each week from W1AW, and AMSAT. If you don't have packet, or a computer to predict the passes, contact W6KJ, or one of the many other members of this club who can give you some basic information.

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WA6POM

**Membership Application: YUBA SUTTER AMATEUR RADIO CLUB**

Type: New \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_

**Member Information: (Full voting rights and privileges)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Call Sign: \_\_\_\_\_ License Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Associate Family Member (Living in the same Household only) ARRL Member? (Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Call Sign: \_\_\_\_\_ License Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Dues: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$18.00 per year)

Associate dues: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$4.00 per year)

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