

VALLEY HAM NEWS

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A California Non-profit Organization

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NEXT MEETING

The next combined Club and Board meeting will occur at 7:00PM on November 10 at Jerry's Restaurant at Live Oak Boulevard and Colusa Avenue (Highway 20) in Yuba City. Our location at the Yuba City Mall has been rented so it will not be available for the next few months. Nomination and election of Officers and the Board of Directors for 1999 will occur. Be there to vote for your candidate (even if it's yourself).

Final preparations for the Christmas Dinner will be discussed.

Clara will be poised to collect dues and our \$2.00 for the Dinner.

CLUB OFFICERS

President: Ron Murdock, W6KJ
Vice President: Barry Barnes, KE6LW
Secretary: Jean Knox, KF6EIN
Treasurer: Clara Ansley, KC6JPP

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Russell Decker, KB6YAF Bill McJunken, N6FAB
John Ellison, KE6ZIM Thomas Robinson, N6PGK
Herb Puckett, W6HBU

REPEATER LICENSE TRUSTEE

Dave Gartner, WD6AXM

YUBA SUTTER AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Present:

Officers: Ron Murdock-W6KJ and Jean Knox-KF6EIN.

Board Members: Herb Puckett-W6HBU, Thomas Robinson-N6PGK and Bill McJunkin-N6FAB.

Members: Gary Knox-KF6CIT, Ernie

Royat-KB6VHW and Mertis Oliver-KC6PFT.

Guest: Ed Sanford-WA6FZO.

The meeting was called to order by President Ron Murdock at 7:00 PM at Jerry's restaurant.

Treasurer's report submitted by Clara Ansley,

Treasurer: Balance Sept. 1998, \$3,232.66. Receipts, \$68.16. Disbursements, \$58.88. New Balance,

\$3,241.94 Less repeater balance of \$504.00 and VE balance of \$238.61. New club balance, \$2,499.33.

New Business:

The meetings will be changed to the 2nd Tuesday of the month. The Nov. meeting will be held at Jerry's restaurant. The Christmas party was discussed at length, and it was decided to send a letter to members informing them of the festivities. We talked about having a guest speaker for the Feb. potluck. Nominations for the upcoming election of officers were made. Herb Puckett (President), Jean Knox (Secretary), and Clara Ansley (Treasurer) have agreed to serve if elected. We need one more (Vice President). Russell Decker and Bill McJunkin have agreed to stay on the board. Ernie Royat volunteered. We need two more.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.
Jean Knox, Secretary

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50th ANNUAL DX CONVENTION

The 50th annual DX Convention is coming up on April 9-11, 1999. It's to be hosted by the Northern California DX Club, who asked that we put out the information for all you DX'ers.

Here are the details:

Holiday Inn Centre Plaza
2233 Ventura Street
Fresno, CA 93709

Registration forms can be downloaded at <http://www.amateur-radio.org/ncdxc.htm>. You can also get information from Jerry Bliss, K6III. E-Mail him at k6iii@juno.com.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

You should have already received the notice of the Club Christmas dinner and bash. Once again, it should be a fine feast and with music and a gift exchange, we look forward to a good time for all.

If you haven't been to the Legion Hall, it's at 5477 Feather River Boulevard in West Linda. There should be a talk in on the repeater for those of us who get lost.

See you there.

EDITOR'S RAMBLINGS

Once again, it's head-scratching time as we try to dream up something for the Newsletter that will entertain and inform but not get the Editor run out of town. Incidentally, that's not always easy. I'll leave it to the reader as to whether it's the entertaining or informing part that might get us in trouble.

The first storm of winter has now come and gone, and the sun is back out. How did your antenna farm make it? Your Editor, like most, has work to do on the antennas, and it's a slow process. With the fear of falling off the roof now more real than in past years, he's staying on the ground now. That means help up top. There is also a thing or two to be done under the house. This is a rather morbid thought, but it has always been a small fear that I will get in back in the far corner from the crawl hole and have a fatal heart attack. Then it would take a chain saw to get the remains out. The XYL doesn't even want to consider having her hardwood floor ruined like that! It's not high on the OM's list either. I wonder if the

proximity of Halloween has some responsibility for such bad thoughts?

We are still looking for Officer and Board candidates for 1999. It will be a tough year, with club activity at a low ebb recently. Next year's Officers and Board will have their work cut out for them. A little help would surely be appreciated.

If you feel you've been slighted or downright insulted, don't slink away into the night. Get it out in the open and let's talk about it. Maybe something can be worked out, and you too can be a president. Nobody wins when we let our temper get the best of us. If you're simply too busy with other things (and gosh knows there is plenty going on out there), maybe something like one event during the year could be your thing. Please think about it.

We still need a permanent meeting place. Every location we've tried so far has some major drawback. We are currently out in the cold because the Mall was able to rent out all of their space during the Holiday season. Good business for the Mall, bad situation for the club. Between popularity, liability concerns, and just plain "It's not our policy.", we've so far drawn a blank on a new location.

THE PREZ SEZ

As we near the end of 1998, I am appalled at how many close friends have passed away this year. Homer Oliver, Bob Anderson, Chris Brettrager, Walt Wilhelm, Nate Clary, Bill Harriman, and Frank Johnson were all valued members of our local ham community. They are gone and we will miss them.

Herb, W6HBU, has agreed to stand for president of the club on the board provided slate. He will retain editor-ship of the club newsletter. In the interim period until we find a VE team leader, Herb is doing that as well. Herb will need lots of help. Please step up and take some of this responsibility. We could use a few more board members, since at present only three have stood in. Of course, each office is open for election. It is just that so few people have volunteered in the last few years, that the slate the board comes up with is the slate that gets elected.

Tom Galbreath, KB6WID, has resigned as our Sutter County Emergency Coordinator. We would like to have a new one. If you are a member of the ARRL and can serve a year or more as EC, please contact me or our Section Manager, Jettie Hill, W6RFF.

My job with the 5th grade has come to an end--just in time--before the teacher and the class

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got tired of each other. I am pursuing all the little jobs I have put off since January 3rd or whenever it was I went back to work full time. I retired 11 years ago, didn't I?

Last evening I renewed an old acquaintance via ham radio. Ron Wright, ZL1AMO, is on Fiji as 3D2RW. I heard him on 10 meters, called and he came right back. I had to introduce myself all over again since my call sign change. I was Ron's guide at the Air Force Museum in Dayton, Ohio, a few years ago, just after the Hamvention was over. He wanted to see it, and I wanted to show it to him. We had a great day and it was very nice to hear him on the air.

I intend to continue as Bulletin Manager, but we could use an Official Bulletin Station. If you would like to get started as an ARRL Field appointee, just let me know. You do need ARRL membership for this one too.

Have you sent in your comments to the FCC regarding the restructuring proposal? Maybe you just want to complain about it later--I will. No matter how it comes out, I am guaranteed to be unhappy. But at least I am going to comment--to them--before the deadline. Hope you do too.

73, Ron

COMING EVENTS

- November 7: VE Session, Call W6HBU
- November 7-9: ARRL CW Sweepstakes, see October QST
- November 10: Club Meeting/Election
- November 21-23: ARRL Phone Sweepstakes, see October QST
- November 28-29: CQ WW DX Contest: see October QST
- December 8: Club Meeting/Christmas Potluck
- December 25: Merry Christmas
- January 1: Happy New Year
- January 12: VE Session
- January 12: Board/Club meeting
- February 9: Club meeting/Potluck
- March 9: VE Session
- March 13: Swap Meet
- April 13: Club Meeting

GRIST NEEDED

We need input for the Newsletter. A story, a picture of radio parts in close formation (your shack), your Ham Radio biography, anything along the lines of the hobby and suitable for a fine family-oriented periodical such as this.

No input, and it's all from W6HBU. If you complain, then write. By the way, we have some feel for what the readership likes, but if we are missing the mark, we accept constructive criticism. Just remember that the Editor gets the last word.

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