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# **VALLEY HAM NEWS**

**The Voice of the Yuba Sutter Amateur Radio Club  
A California Non-profit Organization**

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## **NEXT CLUB MEETING AND POTLUCK DINNER**

The next regular club meeting will be the June Potluck dinner.

Location will be the Cafeteria at Lindhurst High School in Olivehurst. Be there at 6:00PM, and we start eating at 6:30PM. The club will provide the coffee, sodas and dinner rolls. Bring your own table service and a favorite dish to share.

As this is written, the topic of the evening (other than eating) is undetermined. As more details come from the Board meetings, they will appear here.

Stay tuned for further information.

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## **NEXT BOARD MEETING**

The next Board Meeting will occur after breakfast and the Swap Meet on March 11. Location is the American Legion Hall on Riverside Boulevard in West Linda.

Breakfast will be available from the Legion beginning at 6:30AM. to 7:00AM.

The Swap Meet should be finished by mid to late morning.

## **CLUB OFFICERS**

**President: Curtis Sylvester Jose, KF6VFP  
Vice President: Russ Decker, KB6YAF  
Secretary: Jean Knox, KF6EIN  
Treasurer: Clara Ansley, KC6JPP**

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Art Nelson, KF6UEV      Bill McJunken, N6FAB  
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## **REPEATER LICENSE TRUSTEE**

**Dave Gartner, WD6AXM**

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## **BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

February 12, 2000

The meeting was called to order by President Curtis Sylvester-Jose, KF6VFP, at about 10:00 AM at the Eagle's Nest Restaurant. It was preceded by the monthly breakfast, attended by 20 members and friends. Other Officers present: Russ Decker, KB6YAF and Jean Knox, KF6EIN. Board members present: Art Nelson, KF6UEV, Herb Puckett, W6HBU and Lee Sheffield, KC6MCI. The minutes were read and approved

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with one correction. The financial report was unavailable.

## OLD BUSINESS:

1. The swap meet will be held on March 11, at the American Legion Hall. There will be a breakfast at the same location at 6:30 AM. The club voted to purchase prizes for a raffle to be held at the swap meet.

2. Russ has been looking into purchasing hats, tee shirts, etc. with the club logo on them. He is checking on sources.

## NEW BUSINESS:

1. The annual "Bike Around the Buttes" will be held on April 15. Sign-ups will be called for on a future Monday night net.

2. The club agreed to sell a beam antenna to Tom Pea, KB6YAD for \$20.00.

3. The books containing the new question pools will be available in mid May. The old and new pools are available on the Internet now, and can be printed out by Herb at his cost for people without a computer on an as needed basis.

4. The VEs will come up with a date for the paper filing session, as soon after April 15th as possible.

5. The next breakfast and board meeting will be held at the swap meet.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 AM

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Knox, KF6EIN, Secretary

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## NEXT VE SESSION

The next examination session is scheduled for Saturday, March 4, at the Evangelical Free Church in Yuba City. The church is located on the corner of Clark Avenue and King Avenue. You can enter the parking lot from either Clark or King, though the church address is 700 Washington Avenue. Washington Avenue is one block north of King Avenue.

Testing and sign-up will start at 9:00AM.

We would appreciate pre-registration, but walk-ins **AS SPACE AND TIME PERMIT** will be

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accepted until 10:00AM. Pre-registrants will be tested first, then walk-ins. The sessions generally last slightly more than two hours.

As we have said before, bring a photo ID or two other types of ID, the original and a copy of your license and/or CSCE if applicable, a completed NVEC Quick-Form 605 and the fee of \$6.65. Checks should be made out to YSARC or Yuba Sutter Amateur Radio Club.

Forms and other information can be had from Ed or Clara Ansley at 530-742-2674, or from Herb at 530-674-3648.

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## FEBRUARY MEETING PICTURES

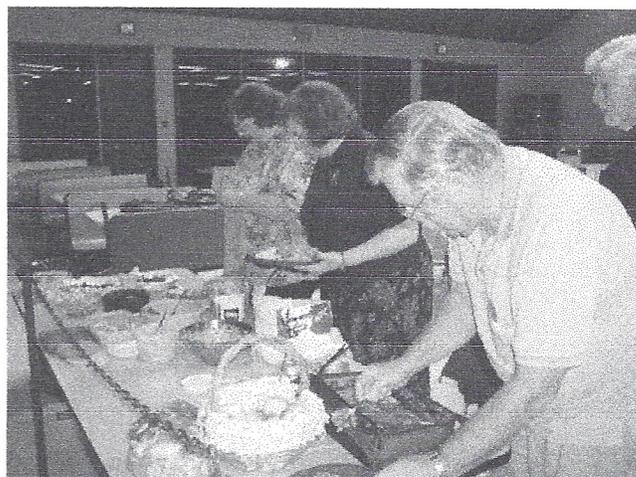
On the next page are pictures of the February Meeting and Potluck taken by Russ, KB6YAF.

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Left to right: Ron, W6KJ, Jean, KF6EIN and Gary, KF6CIT



Jo Anne, N6YLO, June, N6JEY and Bill, N6FAB



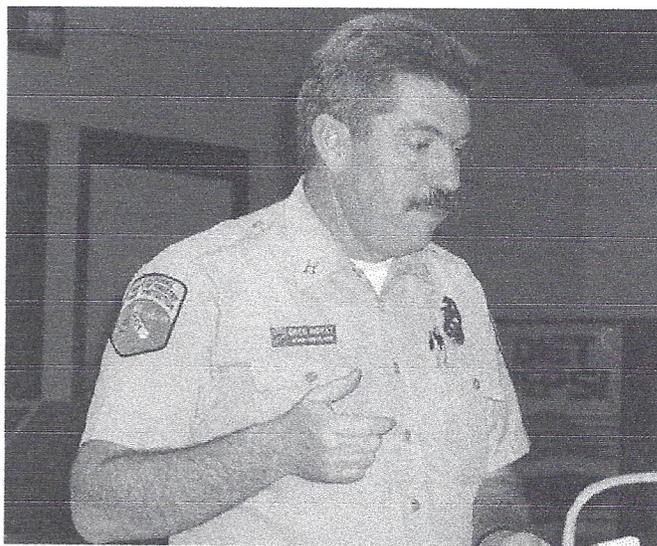
Grace, KB2CIQ and Walt, K6CPI



Ernie, KB6VHW, and our speaker, Greg Royat of CDF



Lee, KC6MCI and Wilma, KF6ZCR



Greg Royat, CDF Fire Captain

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## ***MORE FEBRUARY MEETING NOTES***

Our speaker at the meeting was Greg Royat, Fire Captain at Dobbins. If the name looks familiar, that's because Greg is the son of Ernie, KB6VHW.

As part of his talk, Greg mentioned there are still a few fire lookouts manned each summer. If you're interested in such things, call him for more information. He can be reached at 530-692-1616 at the Dobbins fire station. If you're interested in being a part of the State of California department of Forestry Communications volunteer group, Greg advised that you get in touch with Steve Foster, who is stationed at the Auburn CDF office. Call him at 530-889-0111 Ext. 122.

We have no further information on these subjects, but especially if you like solitude, maybe the lookout tower is for you.

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## ***BIKE AROUND THE BUTTES*** ***Preliminary Information***

This year Bike Around the Buttes will occur on April 15.

There will be significant changes from previous events. The 17.5-mile and 40-mile rides will be retained, but the 60-mile ride will be eliminated. In its place they will offer a 100-mile ride. The 100-mile route has not been finalized, but it will approximate the following:

From Sutter, go around the Sutter Buttes on the 40-mile route through Rest Stops one through four, and then back through Sutter. Then go back along Pass Road and west across the Sutter Bypass to the Sacramento River Road near Lovey's Landing. Then go south on the river road to Meridian, under Highway 20 and continue south past Tisdale to Coles Road. Then go to Reclamation Road and continue north on Progress Road to Moroni Road. Continue west on Moroni road to the river, and then continue back to Meridian. Then go north on

Mawson(?) road to South Butte Road and back home to Sutter and the starting point.

The new course is preliminary depending on the conditions in the Bypass on April 15. If past years are an indication, the bypass will be dry, but just in case, the organizers are working on an alternate course as this is written in late February.

One new rest stop is planned with the probability that there will be a minimal facility at the southernmost point in the course. The entire event will require seven SAG vehicles, which YSARC will provide. We will need to provide communication at all rest stops and a Net Control facility in Sutter.

Remember that this is not cast in concrete at this time.

We anticipate there will be a need for 20 operators with a minimum of 5-watt hand held radios. Mobiles are preferred, but since we will be using the repeater as primary, the lower power HT's will be adequate in most areas. If at all possible, you should plan on an antenna other than the "Rubber Duck" on the hand held.

To sign up for this event, please contact Herb, W6HBU, or Robby, N6PGK. We will be looking for sign ups at the Swap Saturday and at the breakfast that morning, as well as the Monday night Nets.

Watch here and on the Nets for further details as they become available.

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## ***YSARC SWAP MEET SATURDAY*** ***INFORMATION***

This year the YSARC Swap Meet Saturday takes place on March 11.

The location will be the American Legion Post 807 Parking Lot at 5477 Feather River Boulevard in Linda.

The Legion will be serving breakfast for \$3.00 per person starting at 6:30AM to 7:00AM for the early birds, and ending when they run out of customers.