
VALLEY HAM NEWS

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NEXT CLUB MEETING AND POTLUCK DINNER

The next regular club meeting will be the
May 9 Potluck dinner.

Location will be the Cafeteria at Lindhurst
High School in Olivehurst. We start eating at
7:00PM. The club will provide the coffee, sodas
and dinner rolls. Bring your own table service and a
favorite dish to share.

Present plans are for Mr. Kelly Purdom of
the Yuba County Office of Emergency Services
Office to speak on Emergency Preparedness from
the County point of view. Since he has a later
meeting that evening, we have scheduled his talk
for 6:00PM before the Potluck.

NEXT CLUB BREAKFAST AND BOARD MEETING

The next Club Breakfast is on Saturday,
May 13 at 8:30AM. Location will be at the Kalico
Kitchen in Live Oak. Time will be 8:30AM. The
Kalico Kitchen is on the left side of Highway 99 in
the north portion of Live Oak.

The Board Meeting will follow at
approximately 9:30AM.

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
Herb Puckett, W6HBU Ernest Royat, KB6VHW
Lee Sheffield, KC6MCI Dennis Hively, KD6DFY

REPEATER LICENSE TRUSTEE

Dave Gartner, WD6AXM

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 22, 2000

The meeting was called to order by
President Curtis Sylvester-Jose'-KF6VFP at 11:05
AM, at the home of Herb and Agnes Puckett. The
meeting was held after the paper filing session.
Other officers present:
Clara Ansley-KC6JPP, Jean Knox-KF6EIN and
Russ Decker-KB6YAF.

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Board members present: Art Nelson-KF6UEV,
Herb Puckett-W6HBU and Bill McJunkin-N6FAB.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved. The financial report was given by Clara. Checking acct. balance March 11, 2000, \$2,978.13. Deposits \$698.25. Disbursements \$886.34. Repeater balance \$592.00. VE balance \$42.80. April 22, 2000, club balance \$2,155.24.

OLD BUSINESS:

It was agreed that "Bike Around the Buttes" was a big success. We had one medical emergency which was handled in a speedy and efficient manner by Dennis Hively-KD6DFY. Everything else went quite smoothly.

NEW BUSINESS:

We will have a potluck dinner at Lindhurst High School on May 9, 2000. We should arrive at 6:00 PM, as we have a speaker from OES and his program will take place before dinner. Food will be served at 7:00 PM.

The next VE session will be on Saturday May 6, 2000 same time, same place.

The next club breakfast will be at the Kalico Kitchen in Live Oak, on May 13, 2000 at 8:30 AM. There will be a board meeting following breakfast.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Knox, KF6EIN, Secretary

EDITOR'S RAMBLINGS

Spring is here! Your Editor made a scouting trip to the favorite pine tree(s) west of Chester on Tuesday, April 25. The weather was ideal, the snow is off the road into the camp area and the road is passable for the trailer.

We will spend the weekend of May 6 there with son Lane and his two daughters while he opens the trout season. Sadly, the trailer will have to come back down to the valley, since we are to be in

Merced the next weekend (Mother's Day).

However, the calendar is getting wiped clean for a time after that, and the old Dad will soon be watching the birds and squirrels and catching up on some reading. The DK3 will go along so we can make the scene on HF as well as the local 2-meter repeater. I took some pictures, and if they come out satisfactorily for the Newsletter, you will get a look at the area. If not, ask Ed, N6VRH, and Clara, KC6JPP, about it. They have been there, and they have camped about 10 miles from there for many years.

This has been a very busy year so far, with the scramble for upgrades due to restructuring, and the usual Club and personal activities. Perhaps there will be an article or two as well as pictures later this year as your Editor lollygags in the mountains. Speaking of upgrades and such, see the article in this issue. Some of the statistics are very interesting. Also, the work done by the club members is worthy of a big Thank You from the overworked VE Liaison person.

Please note that the club now has its own E-Mail address, as well as its own Web Page. This separates the club from my personal server. The change came about when I converted to a new DSL phone line for the computer. If you haven't seen DSL in action, I can tell you it SCREAMS as far as speed is concerned. Download rates have been as high as one million bits per second. A file over 18 megabytes in size downloads in a few seconds over three minutes. I'm not totally happy with the PacBell server, but they say "We're working on it." Yeah, and the check is in the mail.

We will try to keep the club web page current, but remember that the pine tree calls.

Since the crystal ball is cloudy, we can't tell you when we will need a stand-in Editor. However, any volunteers will be considered. You, too can get your name in print and on the Internet. Think about it and give it a shot.

Speaking of volunteers, the ever-present scramble for Net Control People for the Monday night net is still going on. Please consider giving it

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try. It's really not that bad, and we all need the practice. Get hold of a Board member or club officer and make his or her day.

BIKE AROUND THE BUTTES REPORT

Another Bike Around the Buttes has come and gone. This was year 15 for the Diabetes Society, and somewhere around 10 or 12 for YSARC.

This year included a new course of 100 miles for the hard core bikers. We had been concerned about the two crossings of Highway 20, but the problem, when it occurred, was on the old course on Pennington Road west of Township. A lady from Antelope near Roseville experienced chest pains and difficulty breathing. She was picked up by Dennis, KD6DFY, who was acting as a SAG. He transported her to a meeting with the ambulance just north of Butte House Road east of Sutter. She made the trip to Rideout Emergency, and after staying overnight, she was released from the Hospital at about 1:00PM on Sunday. She was to check with her doctor in Sacramento later. There was apparently no permanent damage, and as it turned out, it was not a major attack.

Dennis stated that about 10 minutes elapsed from his pickup until she was at the ambulance. Incidentally, this was the first Bike Around the Buttes for Dennis, and this was the first incident of this sort since the event has been run. There was a fall where a person injured an arm, I believe, but I don't think an ambulance was called that time.

I hope Dennis comes back next year. He did have an exciting half hour or so, as did your Editor and a few others at Headquarters.

It needs to be said that net discipline was perfect during the emergency, and hopefully, some of this was due to working the Monday night net. My personal thanks to all who participated, most especially to those who stood by and let the thing play out. Those are the times when "Silence is golden".

VE SESSION STATISTICS

Following are a few numbers comparing January 1, 1999, to April 30, 1999, to the same period this year.

Elements Given	1999	2000
1A	1	12
1B	1	1
1C	2	5
2	12	19
3A	13	25
3B	2	27
4A	1	2
4B	<u>0</u>	<u>34</u>
Totals	32	125

New Licenses and Upgrades

Novice	0	0
Tech	7	13
Tech+	2	8
General	1	19
Advanced	2	1
Extra	<u>0</u>	<u>18</u>
Totals	12	59

Number of sessions in 1999: 3

Number of sessions in 2000: 6.

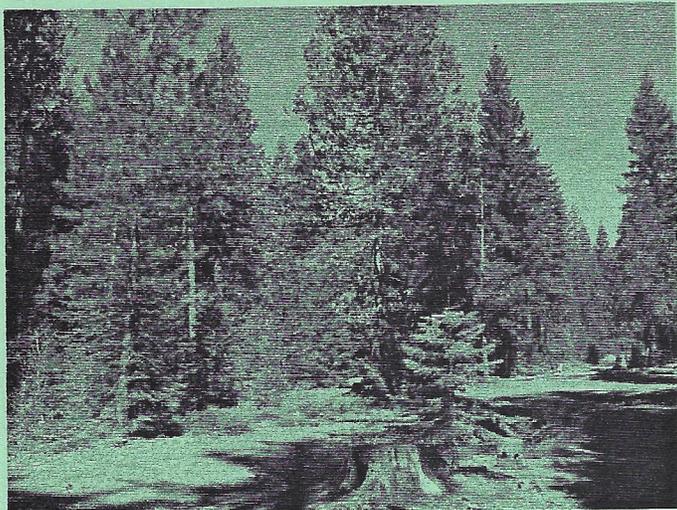
Incidentally, the paper pile from the sessions this year is slightly more than 2 inches high.

No wonder we're tired.

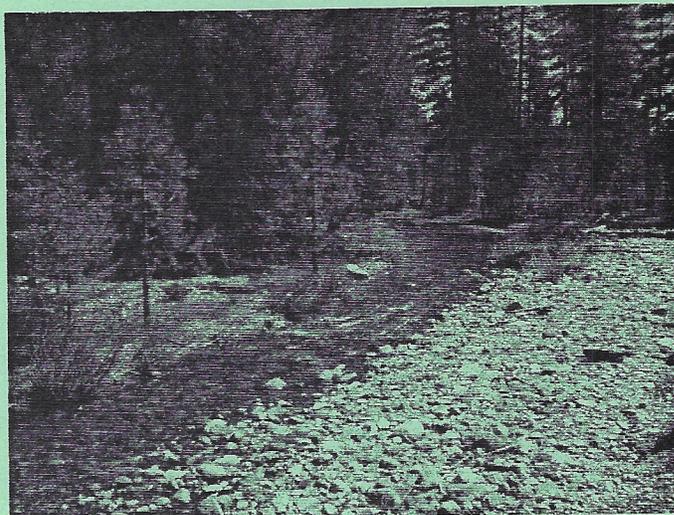
There were 19 General and 16 Extra upgrades as a result of the April 22, 2000, filing session.

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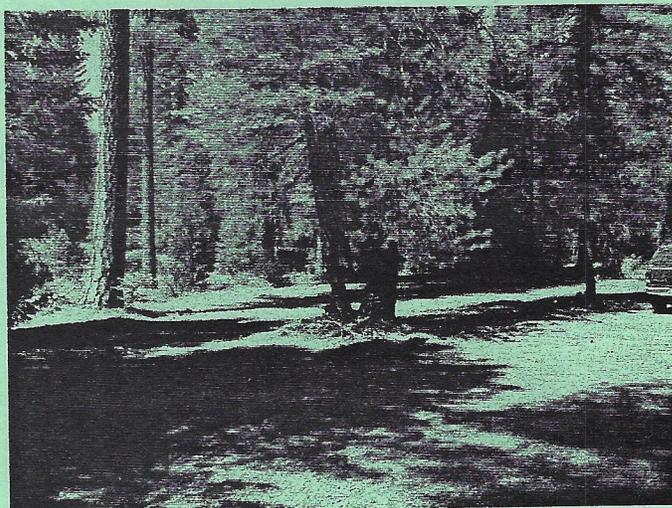
The original "Pine Tree" location



The new location on Slate Creek



This is another view of the same location as above



Same as above. The creek is behind us

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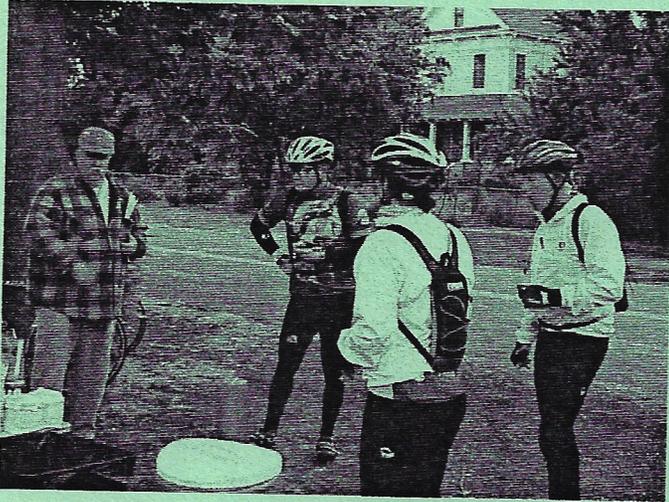
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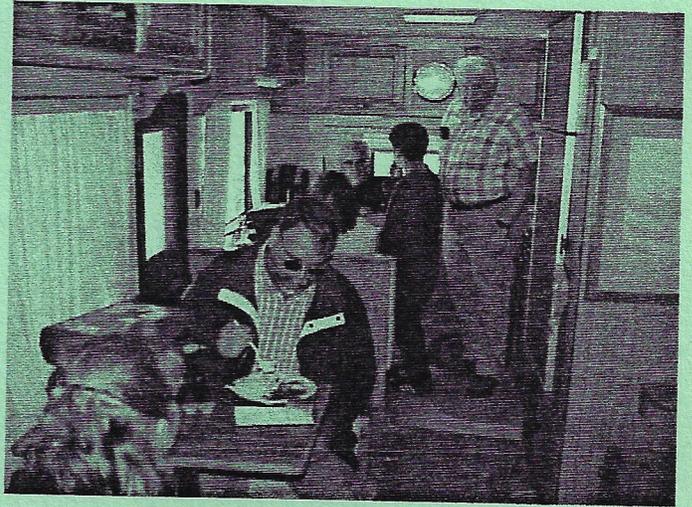
PICTURES FROM BIKE AROUND THE BUTTES

April 15, 2000

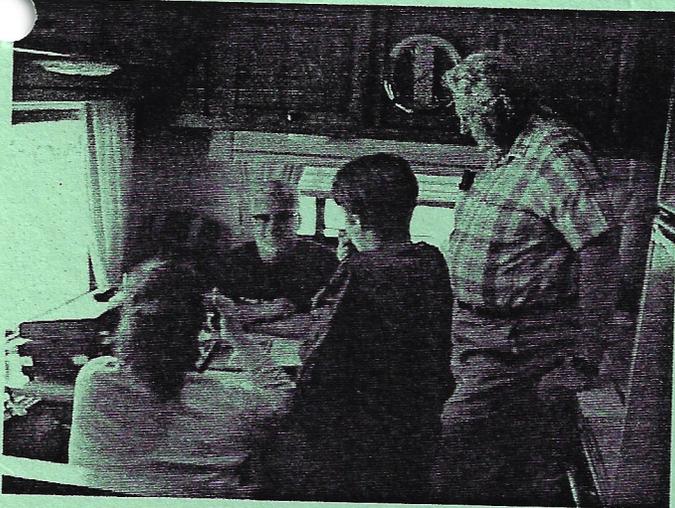
Taken by Russ, KB6YAF, Herb, W6HBU and Mike, KC5DWF
(Mike is the OM of Kristen, KB6RHL)



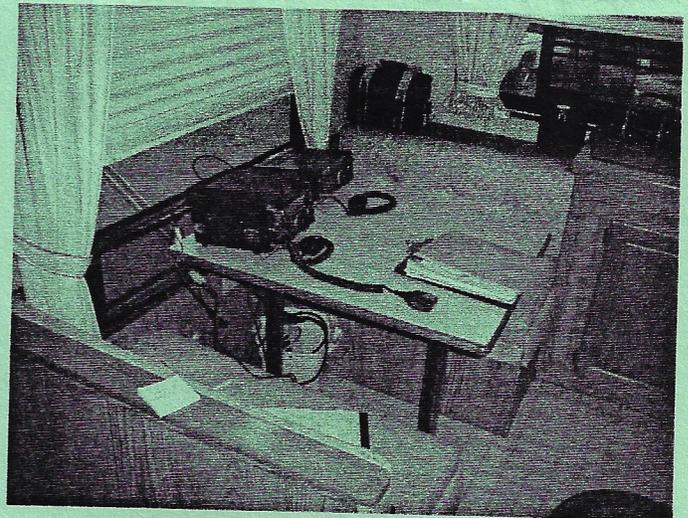
Rest Stop 6, Manned by N6XVL



Kristen, KB6RHL, Curt, KF6VFP, Nancy, KC6JJZ;
Russ, KB6YAF; Nancy's son; Herb, W6HBU



Net Control. L to R, Nancy, KC6JJZ; Russ,
KB6YAF; Nancy's son, Herb, W6HBU



Net Control Radio Equipment: Russ' Yaesu FM
Mobile, Herb's 220 MHz and 2-Meter All-Modes

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