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NEXT CLUB MEETING AND PICNIC

The next regular club meeting will be the annual Club Picnic in August.

Location will be at the Forbestown Museum in Forbestown.

Time and directions will be forthcoming in the July and/or August issue of the Valley Ham News.

This is a fine opportunity to tour the museum, which has been expanded from last year when we were there. It even has a telegraph exhibit where you can check your fist on a landline telegraph circuit.

CLUB OFFICERS

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

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NEXT CLUB BREAKFAST AND BOARD MEETING

The next Club Breakfast is on Saturday, June 10, 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.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

YUBA SUTTER AMATEUR RADIO CLUB MINUTES MAY 13, 2000

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Russ Decker-KB6YAF after breakfast at the Kalico Kitchen in Live Oak. Other Officers present: Clara Ansley-KC6JPP and Jean Knox-KF6EIN. Board members present: Art Nelson-KF6UEV, Ernie Royat-KB6VHW and Lee

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Sheffield-KC6MCI. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The financial report was given by Clara. Checking acct. balance as of April 22, 2000, \$2,790.04. Deposits \$399.50. Disbursements \$379.85. Repeater balance \$592.00. VE balance \$76.80. May 13, 2000 club balance \$2,141.09.

OLD BUSINESS:

Art checked on having badges made in Chico. The price would be \$6.00 There would be a one time set up fee of \$35.00. He will make inquiries at some of the local establishments and report back at the next meeting.

Russ has found a place to have embroidery of the club logo done on clothing of our choice for 5 or 6 dollars. There will be a set up charge of \$75.00. The club voted to pursue both of these options.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 AM.

The next club breakfast will be held on June 10th at 8:30 AM, at the Kalico Kitchen.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Knox-KF6EIN, Secretary

EDITOR'S RAMBLINGS

Your Editor hasn't been very active lately, with Spring here and Summer just around the corner. The weather has been the topic of conversation lately with everything from snow to rain to temperatures in excess of 100 degrees.

The day of the May 6 VE Session we were in the shade of the pine tree west of Chester. We didn't really need the shade as it was cool, then cold and then we had snow flurries that afternoon. The unpaved road (5 miles of it) to the highway was too muddy to pull the trailer out, so the old Dad stayed while everyone else went home on Sunday afternoon. We finally arrived home on Tuesday afternoon with a muddy pickup and trailer.

The next weekend included a trip to Merced on Saturday of Mother's day weekend. It was 82 degrees Saturday afternoon. Back home on Sunday

it was lunch with our daughter in Gridley and dinner with our daughter in Yuba City. We were indeed well fed that weekend!

During all of this, the only Ham activity was on VHF, checking into the Monday night net from up north. Strangely, we could copy Ed, N6VRH, loud and clear on the local Chester repeater, but Ed couldn't even hear a carrier from that machine. This was a great change from last year, when communication was very good. I wonder if the antenna system has been changed? I can think of no other explanation for the situation. We'll be trying it again later this year, and we'll keep you advised.

The HOT weather has kept the old Dad in the house these last few days. I heard that Robby, N6PGK, and Marv, KE6JNT, changed a well pump on one of the warmer days. They are much hardier than your Editor! I find as I get older, that the heat and cold have a much greater effect on my well-being. I guess it's OK when you consider the alternative to getting old.

Things have been relatively quiet on both the repeater and the local 220 MHz simplex channel. 'Course, I haven't listened a great deal; so maybe everyone is on there when I have it turned off.

Future Summer plans at W6HBU are rather nebulous at present. It seems that there is a dance recital (grand daughter), Father's Day, a wedding in Oregon (In-law), archery deer season in the Chester area and then Oregon and who knows what else. Oh, yes, there will be the VE Session in July. I think we may be in town for that one. The Oregon trip for mid July got canceled (Grand Kid sitting instead).

I would like to get the 2-meter antenna system fixed, and the 2-meter and 220 MHz coaxial cables need to be changed in the pickup. The HF beam has been up for almost ten years and it doesn't look good on the SWR meter. I'll bet the spiders have been at work again in the traps. That needs attention, but I have been banned from wandering around on the roof. (I fall down too much on the flat ground, so no climbing around on

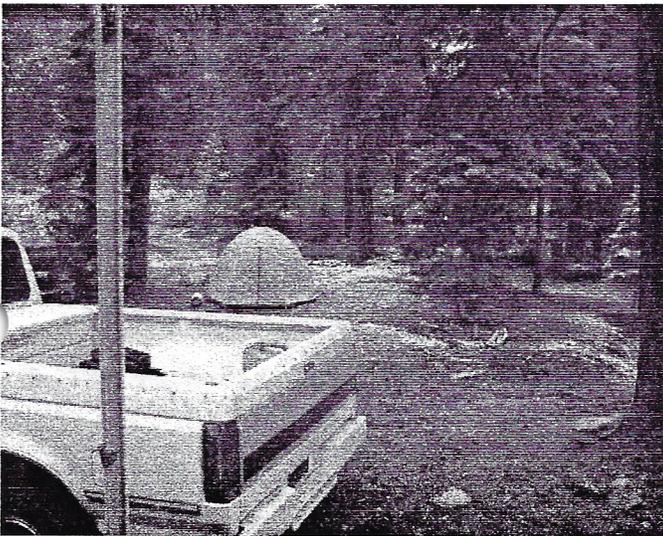
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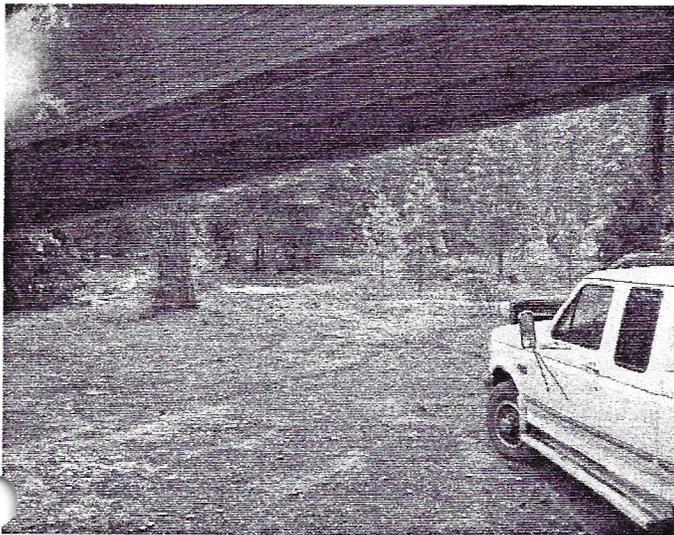
the roof or in trees any more). I guess I'll have to have a few hot dogs and hamburgers and some tall cold ones for an antenna party one of these days. It will NOT be in 95 or 100+ degree weather!!

I believe our President is back in town for awhile, though I haven't heard of or from him. Maybe he'll conjure up a President's message for this month.

Can't think of much more. Have a good summer and see you next month.



May 6, 2000, from the trailer at the Pine Tree



Just a good dusting, but it did really snow!

BIRTHDAYS

The following club members celebrate a birthday in June. If I miss you, let me know and there will be a birthday plus one month next month.

Doug, KE6LOK	Al, KB6BLK
Tom, KB6WID	Roger, W5VKU
Hugh, N7OKM	James, KQ6GW
Jack WA6CYR	Mertis, KC6PFT
Everett, KM6RO	

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL!!!!

We are indebted to Robby, N6PGK, who did all the work to put together the birthday list. Thanks a heap.

WHERE'S MY LICENSE???

If you are waiting for your upgraded license from FCC, you're not alone. It seems that ARRL is running four to six weeks behind in getting the data to FCC. They processed about 2000 applications in the first two weeks or so after April 15. There were several thousand to go as of the week of May 15.

Your Editor's best guess is that for the April 22 session, things should begin happening in the week of May 29, but don't quote me on it. If you have Internet capability, check the ARRL Web Site for the ARRL Letter, which has the latest information. You will find it at <http://www.arrl.org/arrlletter/00/0526/#arrl>.

For those of you who are not on the Internet, ARRL as of Friday, May 26, was processing applications received on April 24. Our April 22 session was received at ARRL on April 27. The week of May 22, they processed 5000 applications.

They estimate the first 30 days of restructuring will yield 17,200 new Generals and 13,100 new Extra class licensees.

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THE PREZ SEZ

Just returned from a business trip to England and Spain this last weekend. Leaving on another trip Monday (29 May) to San Diego. England was like any large city, crowded and boring. Spain was more fun because one of the team members lived there and he is also a ham. Wayne Lydick, (EA7AIV/KE6EBP) lives in Rota, Spain. He and his wife Shadi acted as our hosts during our stay. They took us around tapa bar hopping and to the Rota festival. Tapa's are a small plate of food (pork sandwiches, fried squid, fried shrimp, clams, cheese, etc. that you eat while drinking the fino (sherry), coffee, soda or water. Bars in Spain are family places unlike the US.

Wayne also took me up to his rooftop shack where I got to listen in while he made contacts across Europe (in Spanish, so I didn't follow too much). Since he was operating on 20 meters, I was unable to talk, not having my General Class license yet.

I've enclosed some pictures from the festival. One of a young couple decked out in the caballero costume and flamingo dress and one of Wayne and Shadi dancing the Serriava, a local variation of the flamingo dance. The others are pictures of the festival Bodegas where they serve tapa's, food, and drink.

Until next time. 73,
Curtis (KF6VFP)

