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NEXT CLUB MEETING AND POTLUCK DINNER

The next regular club meeting will be the annual February Potluck Dinner and meeting. Date will be February 13, 2001, the second Tuesday of the month. Time, like always, is "Show up at 6:00PM, we eat at 6:30PM". Location is the Lindhurst High School Cafeteria.

We are presently working on a speaker or other program for the evening.

Stay tuned to the Monday night net for final information.

CLUB OFFICERS

President: Curtis Sylvester Jose, KF6VFP
Vice President: Bill McJunken, N6FAB
Secretary: Jean Knox, KF6EIN
Treasurer: Clara Ansley, KC6JPP

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Art Nelson, KF6UEV Ernest Royat, KB6VHW
Herb Puckett, W6HBU Russ Decker, KB6YAF
Lee Sheffield, KC6MCI

REPEATER LICENSE TRUSTEE

Dave Gartner, WD6AXM

BOARD MEETING MINUTES **JANUARY 13, 2001**

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Bill McJunken, N6FAB after breakfast at the Kalico Kitchen.

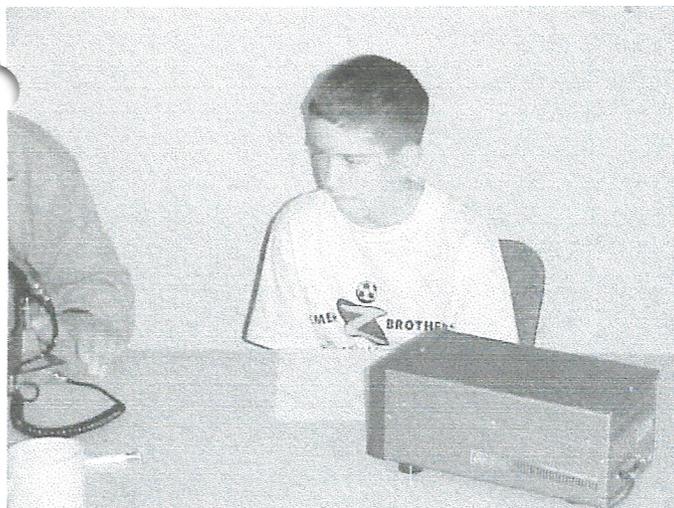
Other officers present: Treasurer Clara Ansley, KC6JPP and Secretary Jean Knox,

NEXT BOARD MEETING AND CLUB BREAKFAST

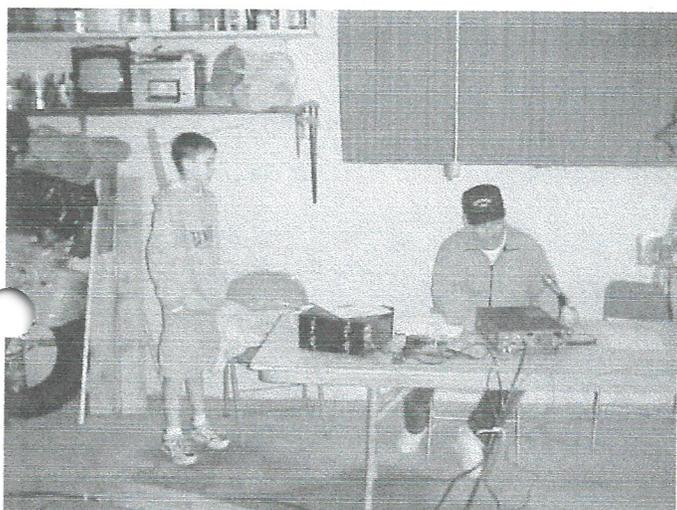
The next Board Meeting and breakfast will be at the Willow Glen Cafe on February 10, 2001. Breakfast is at 9:00AM, and the Board meeting will convene at approximately 10:00AM after breakfast.

We will continue the process of planning the club activities for the year at this meeting. We would appreciate your thoughts and input.

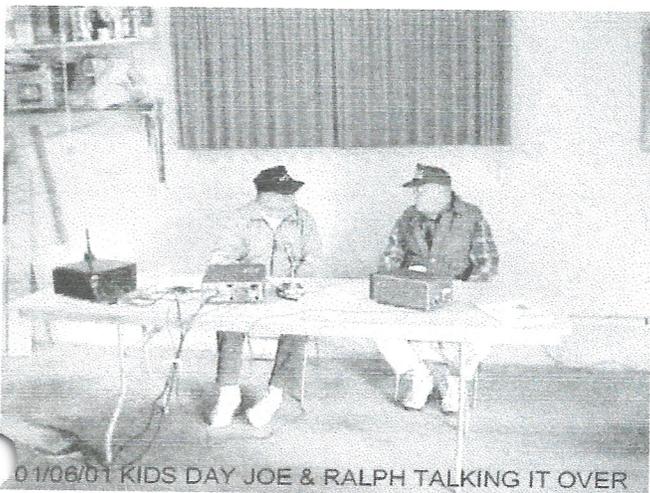
The Willow Glen Cafe is at the intersection of Willow Glen and Marysville Roads east of Marysville.



Greg waits for Joe to make a contact



Michael asks a question while Joe looks for a contact



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

LEE, W6LSD	03
WALT, K6CPI	05
BILL, W6YLH	06
LEE, KC6MCI	06
JOANNE, N6YLO	13
SCOTT, K6EVP	15
BRUCE, W6WFW	24

Happy birthday to all. If we missed you, or if the information is incorrect, let the Editor know. The data is from the QRZ data base on the Internet, thanks to Robby, N6PGK.

MORE RAMBLING

Have you noticed? Along with the much-needed rain, there have been periods of sunshine. If you get out of the wind but in the sunshine, it's quite comfortable.

Your Editor has been nursing his cold in the trailer parked in the driveway. If things cooperate, the sun is bright and warm as is the interior of the trailer. Only thing is, this is a reminder of the pine tree up north.

Yeah, I know, there is snow waist deep to a basketball player up there, but the fantasy is still there. Maybe it's a sign of cabin fever.

By the way, we will most likely need an editor and a temporary web master this summer. I plan to spend time in the mountains and possibly on the seashore this summer. Ron will most likely not be in town while I'm away, and Bill, N6FAB will be out of the country. (Boy we are sure a bunch of travelers!) So think about it. How would you like to be Editor for a month or two? Nancy, KE6JJZ, did it one summer and did a very good job. You, too, could reap the rewards of fame, notoriety and glory that result from that job.

Oh, yes. I just got word that Bike Around the Buttes is scheduled for April 21 this year. More details will be in the next newsletter.

73 and have a good one.

KF6EIN. Board members present: Art Nelson, KF6UEV, Herb Puckett, W6HBU and Russ Decker, KB6YAF.

The treasurer's report was approved as presented. Receipts deposited \$811.75. Disbursements \$514.32. Checking Acct. Balance \$2815.23 less Repeater and VE balance of \$704.97, for a total of \$2110.26.

Activities planned

Feb. 10, 2001 - 900 AM. Club breakfast - Willow Glen Cafe, Corner of Willow Glen and Marysville Roads.

Feb. 13, 2001 - 630 PM. Club potluck - Lindhurst High School.

March 3, 2001 - VE session - First Evangelical Church

March 10, 2001 - Swap meet - American Legion Hall.

New Business

Dave Gartner, WD6AXM, our Repeater License Trustee, announced that Motorola has sold the property on which we have our repeater. The new owners will be raising the rental fee considerably. We might get a reduction if we were to do the physical maintenance on the surrounding area. We will need some income producing ideas to meet this obligation. We agreed that we should contact the users not already supporting the upkeep of the repeater to either join the club and pay dues or give a donation. Dave has agreed to continue as spokesperson for our club on all matters concerning the repeater.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 AM

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Knox, KF6EIN, Secretary

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EDITOR'S RAMBLINGS

Hack, hack, hack. Cough, cough, cough.

Yeah that's right, the Editor caught a cold. I guess that's par for the course this time of year, but that doesn't make it any less miserable.

You know, it used to be that two days in bed and the cold was gone. I went back to work none the worse for wear. Now, it's at least a week, and going to bed doesn't seem to help. I wonder if the fact that I keep having birthdays has anything to do with this??? Oh, well, I think I'll survive this one and rejoin the land of the living.

Having said the above, it's reasonable to assume that there has been little hamming at W6HBU the last week or so. Now you know why we haven't been heard on the repeater.

A birthday (number 73) has come and gone, with the usual birthday meal and celebration at our daughter's in Gridley. I am fortunate in that her two boys 10 and 12 this year, have birthdays in January. The younger of the two shares my day of January 23, and the older marks January 26 as his day. We almost got the oldest one in the Tech class this year, but school and his heavy social calendar won out. Mom decided that getting to bed late two nights per week along with homework and other obligations was just too much. Sadly, I had to agree, so the license will be put off again. His Mom has a Novice ticket (KC6HEL), but hasn't been on the air in quite a long time. Kids, job, family etc., etc. It's amazing how quickly the time fills up with obligations when you're raising kids.

Now I know why we have them when we're still young!!

Please note the information on the repeater situation in the Board Meeting Minutes. This could be a major factor in the future of the machine up on the hill. It is possible that if we can't come up with a lot more in rent that we will lose the site to the commercial interests. Dave is working on this, and he deserves our support and encouragement.

It looks like the new roster will be mailed with the March issue of the newsletter. When your Editor doesn't feel well, things don't get done.

We'd like to call your attention to the Club Internet Site. It has some good things on it (OK, so I'm prejudiced.), as well current and back copies of the newsletter. Also, if you have Internet capability and aren't getting the newsletter via the Internet, please give some thought.

THE PREZ SEZ

The FCC in Part 97 list five (5) basic purposes of Ham operators. These are:

1. Recognition and enhancement of the value of the amateur service to the public as a voluntary noncommercial communication service, particularly with respect to providing emergency communications [97.1(a)].
2. Continuation and extension of the amateur's proven ability to contribute to the advancement of the radio art [97.1(b)].
3. Encouragement and improvement of the Amateur Radio Service through rules which provide for advancing skills in both the communication and technical phases of the art [97.1(c)].
4. Expansion of the existing reservoir within the Amateur Radio Service of trained operators, technicians and electronic experts [97.1(d)].

5. Continuation and extension of the amateur's unique ability to enhance international goodwill [97.1(e)]. [ARRL Handbook for Radio Amateurs, 67th Edition, Electronic Version 5, 2001, pg. 29.4+] As we get into fall and then winter, the first purpose comes to mind - Emergency Communications. In this area we can be called upon to provide emergency communications. The main types of emergencies where we might be called upon are earthquakes, floods, and fires. We can add power outages now that California is so short of power.

We are in the process of establishing a presence with the local Office of Emergency Service (OES) to assist them during major emergencies. To assist during an emergency you will need a OES ID in order to get into and out of the areas affected by the emergency. If you are interested in helping contact Russ Decker (KB6YAF) for information. We are also looking into obtaining and equipping a trailer for our use, that we can transport to the site and quickly get on the air.

Almost every emergency has a net set up to insure smooth handling of emergency traffic. Every Monday night at 7 p.m. we practice these procedures via the Yuba-Sutter Amateur Radio Club net. It is conducted on the WD6AXM repeater at 146.685 MHz in and 146.085 MHz out. Please join us and get some practice. It is also a good place to catch up on the news of what's happening within our hobby, thanks to Ron (W6KJ) and his ARRL bulletins. You can also put up for sale or find a purchase during the swap shop portion of the net. Finally, it's a good place to get help and pass on messages of interest to the club and other hams. If you are willing you can act as the net control and get practice - believe me you don't want to have that job without some practice under non-threatening conditions. Learn now, not during an emergency - we need to put on as professional face as possible during an emergency.

Another way we get to practice is during the "Bike Around the Buttes" in April. We set up a net control, assign people to checkpoints and