

VALLEY HAM NEWS

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

E-Mail: ysarc@jps.net

Web Page: <http://pweb.jps.net/~ysarc/index.html>

**P.O. Box 1169
Yuba City, California 95992**

November 2001

Edited by Herb Puckett, W6HBU
712 King Avenue, Yuba City, CA 95991
Telephone 530-674-3648
Internet: <http://home.pacbell.net/firtree1/>
E-Mail: firtree1@pacbell.net

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, W6ARN Ernest Royat, KB6VHW
Herb Puckett, W6HBU Russ Decker, KB6YAF
Lee Sheffield, KC6MCI

REPEATER LICENSE TRUSTEE

Dave Gartner, WD6AXM

NEXT BOARD MEETING AND BREAKFAST

The next Board Meeting and breakfast will be set at the November Annual Meeting. If you have a preference for location or day (IE, day of week), now is the time to let the powers that be know. We need your input.

NEXT CLUB MEETING AND POTLUCK

Our next regular meeting will be the annual November election meeting. The date is Tuesday, November 13. The location is the Lindhurst High School cafeteria in Olivehurst. Be there about 6:00PM, and we will start eating at about 6:30PM. Bring your own table service (BIG plate, knife fork, spoon, etc.) And your favorite dish for sharing. The club will furnish coffee and sodas.

We need nominees for officers and Board members. If you haven't been contacted, please let an officer or Board member know that you will serve next year. Without you, the club is in danger of ceasing to exist.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 13, 2001

The meeting was called to order at 9:15 AM by President Curtis Sylvester-Jose, after breakfast at the Kalico Kitchen in Live Oak.

A number of the members present volunteered to take some of the vacant positions for office. We're still looking for a President and Vice President. Ron Murdock, Russ Decker and Robby Robinson agreed to be board members if elected, and JoAnne Murdock said she would run for

VALLEY HAM NEWS

November 2001

secretary. Curtis will contact other members to see if they would be willing.

Curtis said he would continue to do net control duties when he's in town, but we need alternates.

The next general meeting will be held on Nov. 13, at 6:30 PM. Election of officers will be held after a potluck dinner.

The Christmas party will be on Dec. 11, at the American Legion Hall in Olivehurst. Reservations should be in to Clara by Dec. 3. The cost will be \$3.00 per person.

Don't forget, membership dues need to be paid by Jan 1, 2002

Herb noted that our web page on Earthlink is paid up until April of 2002, but the cost is going up. He's looking into changing to CUNET.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Knox, Secretary

THE PREZ SEZ

Well, looks like this will be my last newsletter as President. My thanks to all of you who help make the job easy and taught me about amateur radio.

Speaking about President, we are still looking for a volunteer to step in and take over. You do not need to be an experienced ham. Willingness to run the board meetings and get involved is all that is needed.

The potluck dinner and election of officers is coming soon - Nov. 13, at Lindhurst High School cafeteria. Set up at 6:00 PM and dinner at 6:30 PM. Good food, good conversation, great company. If you are interested in a specific position, be there and volunteer.

Well, time for me stop, have to teach my son how to drive a stick shift.

73,

Curt, KF6VFP

EDITOR'S RAMBLINGS

BRRRRR... I do believe that Autumn is here for sure. It's grey and cool outside, and last evening I heard the first flock of wild geese go over.

Remember when we wished for something other than the 90 and 100-degree days and hot nights? We haven't started the furnace yet, but I can see that it's not far off.

At W6HBU, the recent push has been on the computer and its problems. I guess I have to admit that I just have too many things hung on that poor old Gateway. I NEED A NEW COMPUTER!!! 'Course, I also need to pay for repairs to the car, the power bill, food bill and all the other necessary things in life. Oh, well, maybe later.

I have been working on the club roster, and if things work out, I'll have the new revised edition posted on the Web Site just in time to start all over with revisions for the new year. Be sure to get your dues in to Clara. If everyone renews, I won't have to tear the roster apart again. I would appreciate it.

By the way, Clara would really appreciate it if you would renew with the renewal form on the Web Site or on the back of the newsletter. It gives her the information she needs for things like club affiliation with ARRL, and so on. Please include your E-Mail address if you have one . If you don't want something published, include a note to that effect, and we'll do our best to keep the information out of the roster that is published. I have not included anything other than name and call sign in the roster on the Internet, since it is potentially visible to many people.

AMATEUR • CB • SCANNERS • SHORTWAVE
CELLULAR • COMMERCIAL

The Radio Place

SALES • SERVICE • INSTALLATION

5675A POWER INN ROAD
SACRAMENTO, CA 95824
(916) 387-0730
FAX (916) 387-0744

ARRL Pacific Division Convention, 2001

Pacificon 2001 was a change from previous years as there was no flea market/swapmeet as part of the proceedings. Half the reason I go to that event is to walk through the flea market.

The next time Pacificon rolls around I will pay more attention to the flea market or lack thereof, you may be sure. Having been to Dayton Hamvention again this year should have been all the flea market I needed, but hey!

With Jo Anne being under the weather (she is better now) we canceled the plans we had made to see Pacificon and then head for San Jose, attend a family get-together and return Sunday evening. So my reason for going this year boiled down to meeting up with IOOK (International Order of Krazies) fellow vice-president Rich, KJ6RA, from Shasta. He needed an old ST-6 Hal Teletype converter someone parked in my garage years ago, so we made contact. Rich was with us in Dayton this year and last, and we stop and have coffee with him and his buddies as we pass through Shasta on the way to Oregon twice each year.

In the exhibitors hall, I bought one of WorldRadio's 20 foot tall (long) telescoping fiberglass masts. I will probably fly my beach flag from it. My other mast broke off in a high wind at the beach one day. I don't need it for backpacking portable because I don't do that anyhow, but it may come in handy for a real emergency antenna some day.

I also bought a 2 position coax switch that sure looks like the CS-201 Daiwa switch (but is called a CX-201). I use it between the TS-570Sg and the IC-746. Now all I need is the room to put my trusty Heathkit SB220 on with the Kenwood rig and I will be back in business.

In other matters....

Actually, I am in business, fine business, on the ham bands. The CQ Worldwide SSB contest is just over and I was sneaking around the edges, working the stations that go to a lot of trouble to get to rare locations. Most I did not need the power amplifier to work, like YZISG, S50C, IG9A, 9A1P, VR2BG, 8P5A, ZV2Z, LT1F, VP5T, HC8Z,

YV4A, LO0D, BA4ED, to name a few. 10, 15, 20 meters were wide open Friday night, all day Saturday and Sunday. I did not venture to 40 or 75 meters, or 160 for that matter, but I am sure the contesters kept those bands hopping too.

I hope this finds all active on some sort of ham radio adventure and keeping out of trouble...take your pick.

73,

Ron, W6KJ

RANDOM THOUGHTS

It is after 11:00PM as this is written, and it will be interesting to see if it survives when I re-read it tomorrow morning.

Many thanks to Ron, W6KJ, and Curtis, KF6VFP, who both came up with material for the Newsletter on short notice. It is appreciated by your burned out Editor.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the November meeting and then the December Christmas party. I really look forward to hearing indications of more people helping by running for office in the club, and also helping with arrangements for the Christmas party. Believe me, you're needed.

I think we may get one more note from Curtis before he enjoys the luxury of "Former President". You're not quite off the hook yet, Curt.

I have nothing new to report on the Club Web Site thing. I haven't checked again with CWNet. If I understand them correctly, we can get our own domain (like ysarc.org) for about \$10.00 per month. If that works out, we'll be moving when our present paid-up year with One-Main expires.

It's not too early to think about your dues for next year. A good plan is to get your dues to Clara along with your \$3.00 for the Christmas party. By all means if you can't make the Christmas party, you can still pay your dues. When you do renew, please use the renewal form in the Newsletter or print out the one on the club Web Site.

73 to all, and to all Good Night.

-30-