

VALLEY HAM NEWS

January 2002

OLD BUSINESS:

Art Nelson volunteered to fill the vacancy for President for the coming year. Herb Puckett volunteered to replace Art Nelson as Vice President for the coming year. Both were unanimously elected, and the board expressed its heartfelt gratitude.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

VE testing session to be held Saturday, January 5th.

A Tech class will start on Tuesday, January 8th, and will meet on Tuesday and Thursday evenings for approximately eight weeks. Class to be taught by Ron Murdock, Herb Puckett, and Barry Barnes.

A potluck dinner is scheduled for Tuesday, February 12th at Lindhurst High School.

Curtis Sylvester-Jose will start working with Herb Puckett on writing the Valley Ham News with the intent of Curtis becoming the editor in a few months.

NEW BUSINESS

1. A discussion was led by Art Nelson regarding the recruitment of young people into the amateur radio hobby. Discussion to be continued at the next meeting. Suggestions from the club membership are welcome.

2. Due to low attendance and lack of interest YSARC has decided not to hold its annual swap meet. Art Nelson volunteered to communicate with the Chico club (GEARS) regarding the possibility of holding a joint swap meet.

The next board meeting will be held at the Kalico Kitchen in Live Oak on January 12th at 8:30 AM.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Jo Anne Murdock,
Secretary.

EDITOR'S RAMBLINGS

Although this is being written on the last day of the year, how were your holidays???

Ours have been hectic, joyful and full of love and the good fellowship of family. All the kids and grand kids were here for the weekend before Christmas, then we enjoyed another feast with

daughter Lori and her family in Gridley. This was followed that evening by dessert at daughter Linda's home west of Yuba City. Son Lane hosted 25 of his family and in-laws at his home in Merced on Christmas day. He reported it was quite a feast, and everyone ate too much as usual.

New Year's Eve will be very low key here at W6HBU. We have for years brought in the New Year with a sigh and perhaps a snore or two. After more than seventy of them, it isn't much more than another evening.

We are now faced with a new year of activities, challenges and unknowns for the new slate of Officers and Board Members. As always, they can use your help and encouragement. Especially your encouragement, if you for some reason can't help. There are some fun events that can happen throughout the year, but they don't just occur. They are planned and worked on.

To our outgoing leaders, a big thank you. You made it happen. It wasn't easy, but it never is. You gave it your best shot, and that's what counts.

One of the products of that effort was a Christmas Party that saw 42 signups. Unfortunately, not all who signed up made the party. It was still a success, thanks in no small part to the efforts of the cooks, led by none other than Ed, N6VRH, in his usual red apron at the slicing table. Ed, your feet may hurt, but you can still out perform most of the group in the kitchen when the prime rib is involved. Next year, we'll have a big, comfortable chair with your name on it.

It was not all sweetness and light at the party. See the article in this issue. If this was you, I'm sure what happened was an honest mistake. Please make it right.

Amateur radio has once again been at a low ebb here at W6HBU. What with the holidays, a rather bad cold just before Christmas (I'm still coughing from that!) and playing with the computer system, we haven't done much on the Ham Bands. There is a new hardware firewall between W6HBU and the Internet, and the same box is networking the computers in the shack together. Getting the thing to work was a real learning experience. However, all is going full bore ahead now, and the old Dad is

proud of himself for getting the system to work with minimal outside help. It's sort of like finally getting that antenna system just right after numerous false starts and mismatches.

TOM IS NOT A HAPPY CAMPER

I had a visit from Tom, KB6WID, the other day. It seems he received an "OM's" gift in the gift exchange at the Christmas party.

The only problem was, it was missing a part. The item was a small version of the paper cutter that uses a large lever to make a straight cut on letter-size or larger paper. It was a perfect replica of its larger cousin. It would make a valuable addition to anyone's collection of home office tools.

However, the stationary blade was missing. It had apparently been glued to the base, and the glue let go and it was lost.

Tom is, of course disappointed. If this was intended as a joke, it surely was not appreciated. I would much prefer to believe that it is the result of an unfortunate accident, and the gift giver did not realize the problem.

If you brought this item to the party, please contact Tom or your Editor to make the thing right. Tom really has a use for that type and size paper cutter, thus his disappointment and frustration.

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VE SESSION SLATED FOR JANUARY 5

Saturday, January 5, is the date for the next Volunteer Examination Session.

It will be held at the Evangelical Church in Yuba City. The church is at Clark and King Avenue. The session will start at 9:00AM. Walk-ins will be accepted between 9:00AM and 10:00AM.

Contact Herb, W6HBU, or Clara, KC6JPP, for forms and further information.

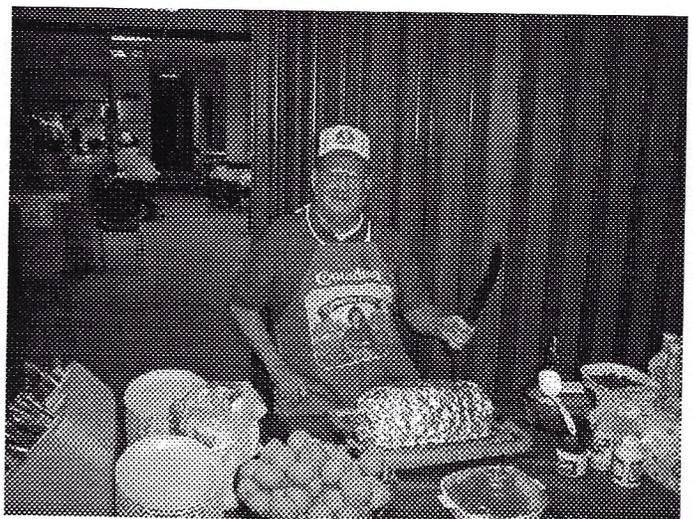
TECH CLASS TO START JANUARY 8

There will be a No-code Technician class beginning January 8 at Gray Avenue School in Yuba City. The class will meet every Tuesday and Thursday for about 8 weeks. Times are 7:00PM to 9:00PM.

Instructors will be Ron, W6KJ, Barry, KE6LW, and Herb, W6HBU. Contact Herb at 530-674-3648, or Ron at 530-674-8533 for more details.

PICTURES

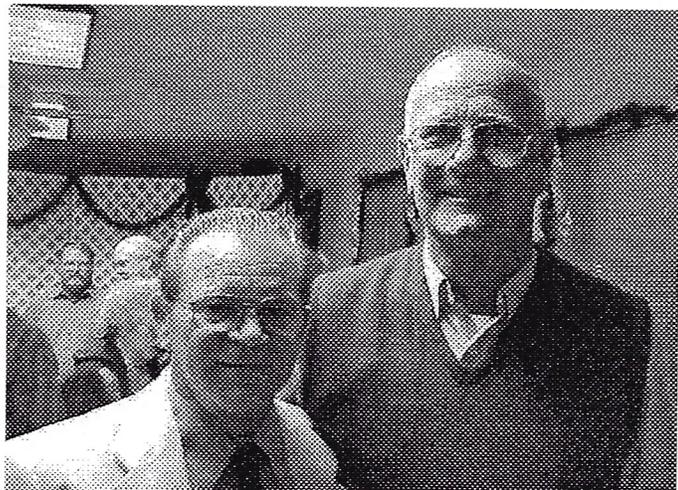
Following are a few of the pictures of the Christmas Party taken by Herb, W6HBU, and Lee, KC6MCI.



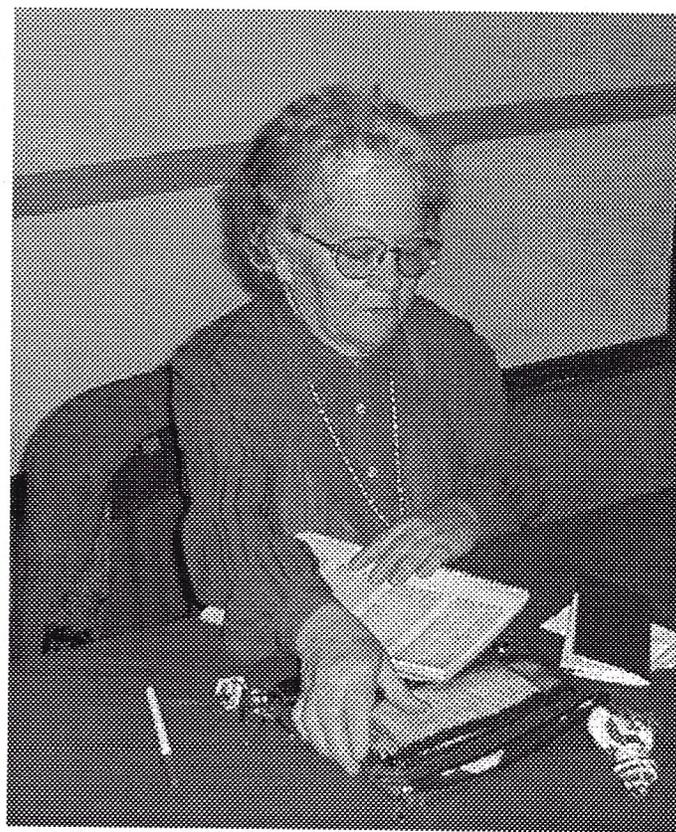
Ed, N6VRH, Ready to start the carving

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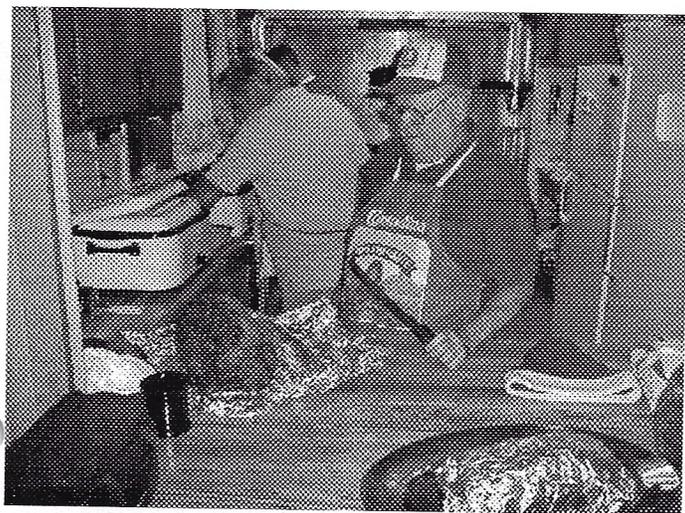
Lee, KC6MCI, AND Bob, KC6OXX



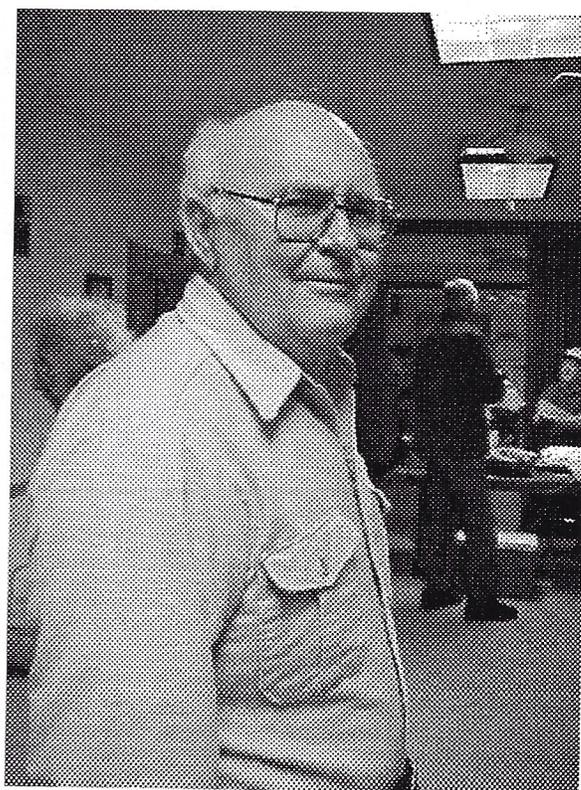
Clara, KC6JPP, keeps track of the money



Wilma, KE6ZCR, and OM Lee, KC6MCI



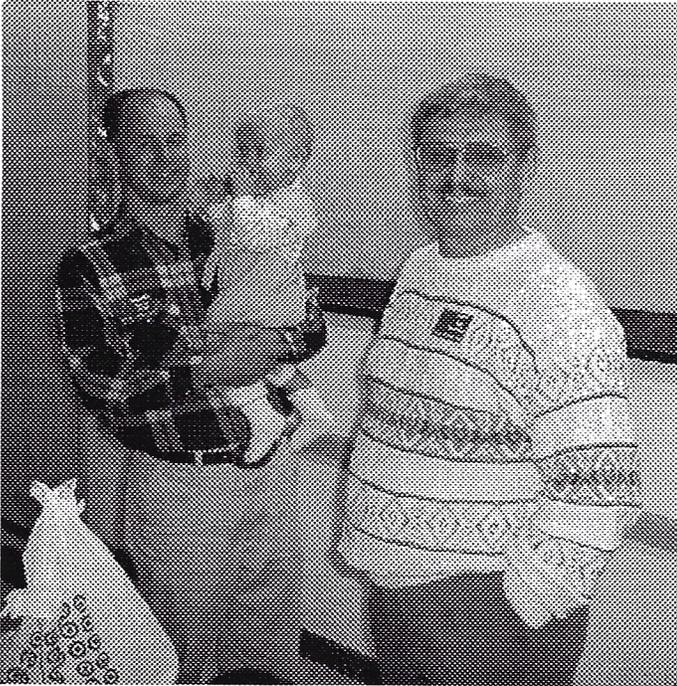
Ed contemplates one of the Prime Rib Roasts



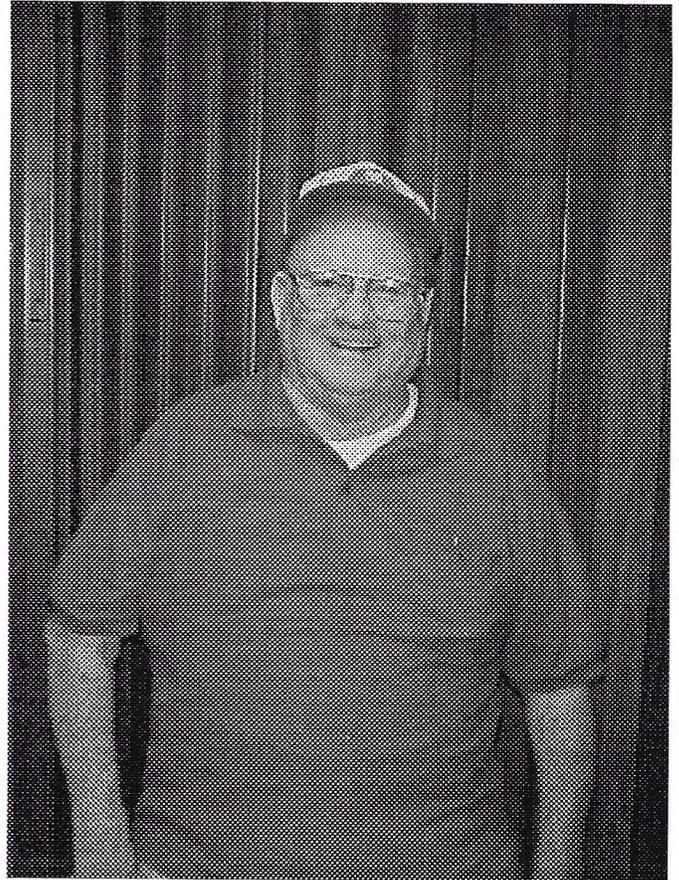
Tom, KB6WID

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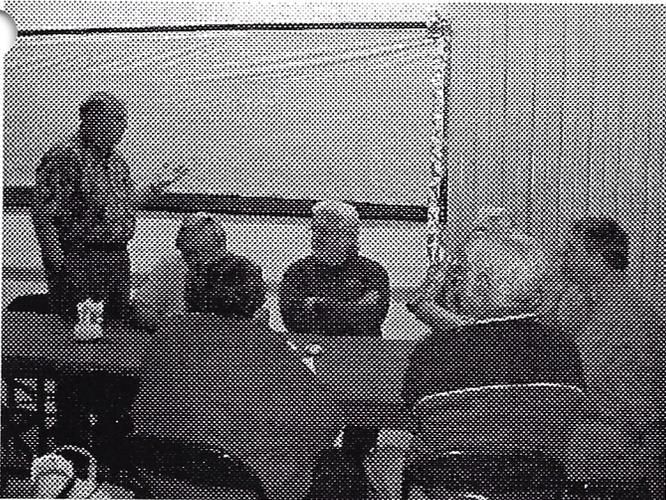
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Terry, WA6OBC, The little boss and Bob, AD6VU



Our Chief Cook



The Board of Directors in Action



Mark, K6MEV, and XYL Dawn, KG6AIM



Jean, KF6EIN, and OM Gary, KF6CIT