

The VALLEY HAM NEWS

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May 14-16 – Dayton Hamvention.
May 22-23 – EMCOMM West.
Jun 19 – Kids Day.
Jun 26-27 – Field Day.

Monday nights at 7:00 p.m. – weekly
net with swap shop and help sessions.
Second Wednesday of each month at
7:00 p.m. – the ARRL Sacramento Valley
Section (UHF) Net.
Thursday nights at 7:00 p.m. – weekly
ARES net.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next Board Meeting will be at Kalico
Kitchen in Live Oak on April 10th at 9:30 a.m.
Come join us for breakfast at 8:30 a.m. before
the meeting.

Bring your suggestions, gripes and
offers to help as well as your appetite.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Apr 3 – MS Walk-A-Thon.
Apr 13 – CERT Classes begin.
Apr 17 – Bike Around the Buttes.
May 11 – Potluck.
May 16 – Swap meet at Bella Vista
School in Sacramento.

VE EXAMS RESULTS

We had one candidate: Mike Cook,
KG6TTN. He took and passed the Code Test.
He is now a General. He was one of the
people in the class this year. He took and
passed the General written test along with the

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Tech test at the end of the class.

Herb Puckett (W6HBU)

BOARD MINUTES

The Meeting was called to order at 9:45 am by our Vice President Herb (W6HBU). Motions were made to accept the minutes from the previous board meeting and the treasury report, both motions were passed.

Old Business

The transmitter for the fox hunt is ready to be used and there have been a couple of get together at Lee's (KC6MCI) for those interested in making a 3-element Yagi for Direction Finding.

Herb (W6HBU) would like to find a few more volunteers for Bike around the Buttes, if you are interested contact Herb or Paul. For those who are working the ride check in with the net control station 7-8am on April 17th, for assignments. Please remember to limit your time at the net control station to help prevent missed contacts. This will be a directed net so all traffic must pass through net control. It is recommended that a mobile radio with a 5/8 wavelength or better antenna be used. Handheld Tranceivers do not seem to do very well in this event especially if there is a need to switch to simplex.

May 5 is the tentative plan for the next potluck at Lindhurst High School.

New Business

When the club roster is ready there will be a test email sent out to all current email addresses on the roster, when you receive this test email you will need to send a response back to let it be known that it was received at a correct email address. The email addresses WILL NOT be published on the club website... only names and call signs will be accessible there.

World Radio has contacted Paul (N6XVL) about doing an article on the club's work on the MS Walk this year. Paul also

mentioned the club's involvement in Bike around the Buttes. For those who are working the MS Walk this year meet at the Feather Down shopping center at 7:30am on 4-3-04. If you are interested in volunteering contact Paul (N6XVL).

It is time to start thinking about field day and the location to set up this year. There will be a Sun. breakfast (\$3.50 per person) on March 14th at 9am, with a meeting to follow at 9:30 to discuss field day. The American Legion Hall has been suggested as a possible location.

Announcements:

There is a swap meet in Sacramento at Bella Vista School on May 16th, the thought is to take some of the excess donated club gear to the meet and sale it to raise some funds for the club. Leonard and Tricia (KG6PND & KG6PNC) have tentatively volunteered to man the club table.

A quick reminder for the Treasury desk..... Dues not accompanied by the application WILL NOT be processed.

Reports:

ARES: The emergency vehicle will be picked up on March 16th 2004. It is planned that on the way to the Sacramento area under the call of K6OG there will be opportunities to make contacts on 80-m, 40-m, 20-m, and as they get close enough some 2-m and 70-cm as well. Mike (W6CUJ) will be among the passengers/ operators. They will be operating under the call of K6OG. Some of the planned frequencies. are 3.987 MHz, 7.232 MHz (checking in to noon net if possible), 14.252 MHz. There is a special QSO card that will be sent to all contacts.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45am

Submitted By,
Tricia Wilkerson, (KG6PNC) Secretary

TREASURERS REPORT

02-10-04 **Checking Balance** \$2021.07

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Deposits

01-16-04	Dues: NE1CQ, KG6PUU \$36	\$111.00
03-05-04	Sales: Radios: 75 Dues: WB6AIL, KB6VHW	\$36.00
	Total Deposits	\$147.00

Checking Balance \$2157.17

Bills

872	Herb Puckett – VEC	\$22.00
873	PIP – Newsletter	\$15.17
	Total Bills	\$37.17

Checking Balance \$2120.00

Less Repeater Balance \$677.00

Less VE Balance \$106.56

Total: \$783.56

Club Balance \$1336.44

Submitted By,
Clara M. Ansley, KC6JPP
Treasurer

PRSIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to all the new hams in the club. This month is a busy one for us, with all the volunteer activities. I am glad to hear that many of you have jumped right in to help out, even bring some of your friends with you. I look forward to meeting with you at these events.

I'll be returning to the mainland on April 1st and plan on attending the breakfast and board meeting. Until then – Aloha!! And have a wonderful time.

73's
Curtis (KF6VFP)

ARES NEWS

The ECVR trip has changed from a trip to Austin, TX to drive it back, to a trip to San Francisco to drive it to Sacramento. It is being driven right now to San Francisco where Dan Hardesty, KG6TVS and I will meet it on Tuesday, March 16. We will spend about 4 days doing a refresher course on the vehicle and then participate in an exercise involving the San Francisco chapter on March 20 and 21. We will drive it to Sacramento on Sunday, March 21.

On March 6th an HF antenna was installed on the roof of the American Red Cross Building in Yuba City. Ron Murdock (W6KJ), Tricia Wilkerson (KG6PNC), Leonard Wilkerson (KG6PND), Lee Sheffield (KC6MCI), and David Spyres (KG6JOM) responded to Mikle Colvin's call for assistance. Thanks to all of you for installing this much needed antenna for emergency use.

The first CERT training classes will begin on Tuesday, April 13 from 7-9:30PM at the Three Rivers Red Cross chapter offices at 2125 E. Onstott Road, Yuba City. The classes will be held each Tuesday and Thursday evening until May 6, and will conclude on Saturday evening, May 8 with a dinner and presentation of certificates and safety equipment to the trainees.

The CERT basic training classes cover the following:

Introduction to Disaster Preparedness and Response.

Emergency Medical Practices for Responders (Triage, Head-to-Toe injury assessment, Advanced First Aid techniques, Field Hospital and Morgue organization).

Wildland Fires and Basic Fire Suppression.

Flood Fighting (sandbag making, berm construction, levee patrolling, etc.).

Hands-On Flood Fight training and Fire Suppression training at the YCFD training yard

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on Saturday, April 24 from 9-12 Noon.

ICS/SEMS and CERT team organization.

Disaster Psychology and dealing with victims and their families.

Hazardous Materials and Weapons of Mass Destruction.

Instructors will include Yuba City Police and Fire Department, FBI and OES personnel.

Additional classes will be offered periodically as refresher courses or to introduce new skills.

CERT graduates will be registered with the California Disaster Service Workers Volunteer Program (DSWVP) and will be issued a DWSVP identification card, CERT certificate, and basic emergency response gear (backpack, hardhat, vest, leather gloves, goggles, and First Aid supplies). Plans are being made at the county and city level to incorporate CERT teams into the area's Emergency Operations Plan (EOP).

There is no cost for the course. All instruction, materials, and equipment are provided by a FEMA/Office of Homeland Security grant. However, certificates and equipment will be given only to those who complete all course classes or modules. If you miss a class, there will be an opportunity to take a make it up the later this spring or in the fall when the course is offered again.

Those interested in receiving CERT training should call me at 530-632-8080 or 673-1460 to sign up. Registration is open until April 12, 2004. There is an obvious natural connection between CERT teams and amateur radio. Many CERT teams around the country have amateur radio support as their primary source of communications during emergencies.

Mike Colvin (W6CUJ)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We currently have about 18 volunteers for the Bike Around The Buttes. Herb

(W6HBU) says we could use 3 or 4 more. If you are interested please contact him.

We currently have 8 volunteers for the MS Walk. Paul would like to have 3-4 more. If interested please contact Paul on the repeater.



MIKE'S 2-Way Radio Shop!



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WE HAVE A NEW RADIO DEALER!

Above is a sample of Mike Sunser's business card. He has opened a dealership of various and sundry radio supplies of interest to the radio amateur. As you can see, he is located in Lodi south of Sacramento. The shop is only a short distance east of Highway 99. Go to Map Quest on the internet to see how to get to his place.

Mike says he plans to handle most of the popular brands and models of equipment. Since he is a small store, he does not plan to have an extensive stock, but he can order just about any make or model of your choice. He currently has several new VHF and UHF mobile rigs, several accessories, power supplies and antennas. He also has some used HF gear and other gear. It looks clean and appears to be reasonably priced. Check out his web site for a view of the shop.

He is also a technician and does repairs as needed.

Mike may become a regular advertiser in the Valley Ham News. The Board will discuss pricing, etc. at the next meeting.

Please think of Mike the next time you need a new rig, antenna or other goodie. We need stores like his.

brilliant part) sends it right back to the customer again.

This means that an electric company can sell a customer the same batch of electricity thousands of times a day and never get caught, since very few customers take the time to examine their electricity closely. In fact, the last year any new electricity was generated was 1937; the electric companies have been merely re-selling it ever since, which is why they have so much time to apply for rate increases.

Today, thanks to men like Edison and Franklin, and frogs like Galvani's, we receive almost unlimited benefits from electricity. For example, in the past decade scientists have developed the laser, an electronic appliance so powerful that it can vaporize a bulldozer 2000 yards away, yet so precise that doctors can use it to perform delicate operations to the human eyeball, provided they remember to change the power setting from "Vaporize Bulldozer" to "Delicate."

Thanks to Ron (W6KJ) for this fun email.

ARES NEWS

Season's greetings!

Even though I have been away from the local ARES scene for the last few weeks, a lot has been happening. We had a total of 6 people who played a role in the EMSA drill on November 13: Ron W6KJ, Michael KG6PNG, Curt KF6VFP, Manna KF6PNE, Paul N6XVL, and me. We provided communication for Rideout Hospital, Colusa Hospital, Yuba Co. OES, and Yuba Co. Social Services. Official traffic was passed to the MAR Region III EMSA office in Redding via HF, and Paul received their reply to us. Though a small number of people were able to commit the

time, since it was on a week day, our turnout was reasonable.

Reports from observers outside our area applauded the way our part of the drill was conducted. There was little or no off-topic conversation during our net. I want to thank all who participated, as well as those of you who kept the repeater frequency clear for our traffic.

In other news, Art Craigmill is working on the GPS project of mapping Yuba Co. levees. He intends to have a practice session sometime after January 1st.

Yours truly has been very involved since the 1st of December with the anticipated arrival of a new national Red Cross resource coming to the Central California Zone: one of 9 Emergency Communications Response Vehicles (ECRVs) that have been donated to the American Red Cross by the Ford Motor Company and the UAW. Valued at around \$300,000 each, the ECRVs are equipped with the latest in communications technology. Rather than list all of the equipment and capabilities here, go to http://emcomm.org/red_cross/ for a pictures and a complete description of the vehicle. While you are there, see a seasonal use of the ECRV at http://emcomm.org/red_cross/christmas.htm.

I spent from December 6 to December 15 in Austin, Texas at the Disaster Services Technology Integration Project warehouse at an ECRV Train The Trainer training. During the training class some time was spent explaining what is probably going to be a new role for hams working in Red Cross disaster response. The national Red Cross organization is planning to increase the use of the Red Cross low-band frequency, 47.42MHz. The ECRVs can be used to create an ad hoc repeater at that frequency using the JPS switch and autopatch, which will also allow