

THE VALLEY HAM NEWS

The Voice of the Yuba Sutter Amateur Radio Club

July, 2005

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Paul Johnson, N6XVL
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Manna Whelchel, KG6PNE

REPEATER TRUSTEE

Dave Gartner, WD6AXM

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, July 9 at 9:00AM - VE Session
Saturday, July 9 - Amateur Radio Demo Table at Butchies Pool
Time to be announced.
Saturday, July 16 - Breakfast and Board Meeting
Monday nights at 7:00PM - Weekly Club Net*
Monday nights at 8:00PM - Butte County ARES Net**
Wednesdays - breakfast or coffee and donuts at 9:00AM, Location varies
Second Wednesday at 7:00PM - The ARRL
monthly Sacramento Valley Section Net*
Thursday nights at 7:PM - Weekly ARES Net*
* On the WD6AXM Repeater 146.685 in, 146.085 out
** on the Chico repeater; 146.250 in, 146.850 out

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Saturday, June 11, 2005

The monthly meeting of the YSARC was held at the Eagle's Nest Restaurant in Marysville.

9:36 – President Chris Levi opened the meeting. As Board Member Leonard Wilkerson has shifted to night duty at his job for a while, he and Club Officer Tricia, Secretary YSARC, were unable to attend the Saturday morning meeting. Board Member Manna Whelchel was drafted into service. Club Officers in attendance at this meeting were: President Chris Levi; VP Ron Murdock; Treasurer Clara Ansley. Board of Directors in attendance at this meeting were: Howard Fairbanks, Paul Johnson and Manna Whelchel. Lee Sheffield and Leonard Wilkerson were unable to attend.

President Chris Levi stated that Field Day, which is on the weekend of June 24, 25, and 26, 2005; Friday, Saturday and Sunday, will consist of Class 1A or 2A, and will be conducted under the licenses of: W6KJ – Ron Murdock and/or W6HBU – Herb Puckett. There will be a GOTA station.

It was suggested that we make a note of these Wednesday morning, Eagle's Nest breakfast meeting dates: June 15, 2005, and July 20, 2005 (or every third (3rd) Wednesday.) Reservations will be made for our Board Meeting and breakfast here on Saturdays. Alternate Wednesday morning 'Coffee and Doughnut' breakfasts will be at Sam Brannan Park at the usual 9AM – ish.

The July Board Meeting on the third (3rd) Saturday – July 16, 2005, will be at the Eagle's Nest. There will be a VE Session on the second Saturday in July, that being July 9th.

Clara Ansley KC6JPP, submitted a copy of the YSARC Treasurers Report for the month of May, 2005. Our balance at the end of May after the monthly receivable and expenditure activities Clara took care of is \$1,476.30.

There being no further business at this time, this meeting was adjourned at approximately

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10:07AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Manna Whelchel, KG6PNE, Board Member, YSARC

YUBA SUTTER AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
TREASURER'S REPORT
JUNE, 2005

In May's Report the Total of the Receipts was copied wrong. It should have been \$2342.56, not \$2242.56. All other totals are correct.

CHECKING BALANCE: MAY, 2005 \$2,295.51

RECEIPTS/DEPOSITED:

6/10/05: Dues: All of the deposit made on this date was credited to Michael Cook. A portion should have been credited to KG6JOM. I accidentally left out the remainder of KG6JOM's dues. \$ 6.00

TOTAL: \$ 2,301.51

BILLS:

913	PIP Printing: Newsletter:	\$ 15.97
934	POSTMASTER, - Olivehurst - 40 stamps	\$ 14.80
935	FIRST METHODIST CHURCH; Donation	\$ 50.00
	TOTAL:	\$ 80.77

CHECKING BALANCE: Checkbook/Bank Statement Agree	\$ 2,220.74
Less Repeater Balance:	\$ 684.80
Less VE Balance:	\$ 124.41
Total:	\$ 819.21
CLUB BALANCE:	\$ 1,401.53

SUBMITTED BY: CLARA M. ANSLEY, KC6JPP TREASURER

ROSTER UPDATES

Please make the following additions and corrections to your copy of the Club Roster.

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Chris Levy, KG6TTN New phone number: 530-671-1393

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EDITOR'S RAMBLINGS

Well, let's see. Field Day did not happen as a club event. Too bad, but there was no apparent interest on the part of club members, so a club effort was cancelled. And this was after we had a good location for the weekend. Why??? Maybe people want to go to the mountains or at least out

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of town to spend the night and set up the stations and antennas. I do know your Editor remembers past Field Days as a camp out in the woods or pine trees in the Sierras. Is this your problem?? Maybe you just don't give a darn. How about letting the Board know? Let it all hang out and talk about things.

There was a limited effort on the part of KC6MCI, W6KJ, W6OWH and WD6SCD. I don't think they all operated, and I heard something to the effect that there were either equipment problems or cockpit troubles. At any rate, only a few contacts were made, but the view and atmosphere were magnificent from the site chosen by Lee. Even this small effort paid off, because now Lee knows more about the equipment and how to correct his problem. Also all involved shared an experience out in the high mountains with some good fellowship and a shared view of the mountains east of the Sacramento Valley.

When your Editor was an eager young amateur, Field Day meant going camping with friends who shared a love of the hobby, getting dusty and dirty, fighting the ever-present problems presented by Murphy and just generally having a fun weekend in the out-of-doors. While I know why the rules are there, I have a small problem with the way the point system favors setting up in a local

parking lot or park and gaining publicity for the hobby. I keep seeing in my mind the young ham fighting the bugs and other outdoor critters while trying to keep the equipment going. And through it all were the chuckles and laughs at our problems and accomplishments. Oh, well, I guess it's all another sign of the aging process. I'm hearing a lot about that these days.

As this is being written, I'm reading the mail on the repeater. There are plans being discussed concerning setting up some demonstrations of Ham Radio, especially some of the digital modes, over the fourth of July. There several events in town, and maybe we will have a presence there. Incidentally, this is apparently being done without club assistance. These people are doing things on their own without being nudged by the club Officers or Board. Does this mean the club is a follower rather than a leader? I don't know, but just about when I get really discouraged about club things in general, something like this comes along. So those of you who are working to put forth a good image of Amateur Radio, congratulations. Go for it!!!

Your Editors's summer is really out of whack. Our XYL is having some real problems with her back. It came on suddenly, and the docs are still scratching their heads about it. After several tests and scans and such, there is still no solid answer as to what to do about it, or what caused it to come on so suddenly. Until this is cleared up, your Editor may be staying close to home. There is a car trip in mid and late July that I really want to make, but it may fall victim to health problems. We'll see.

Don't forget the show and tell on JULY 9 at Butchies Pool in Yuba City. This is part of a day

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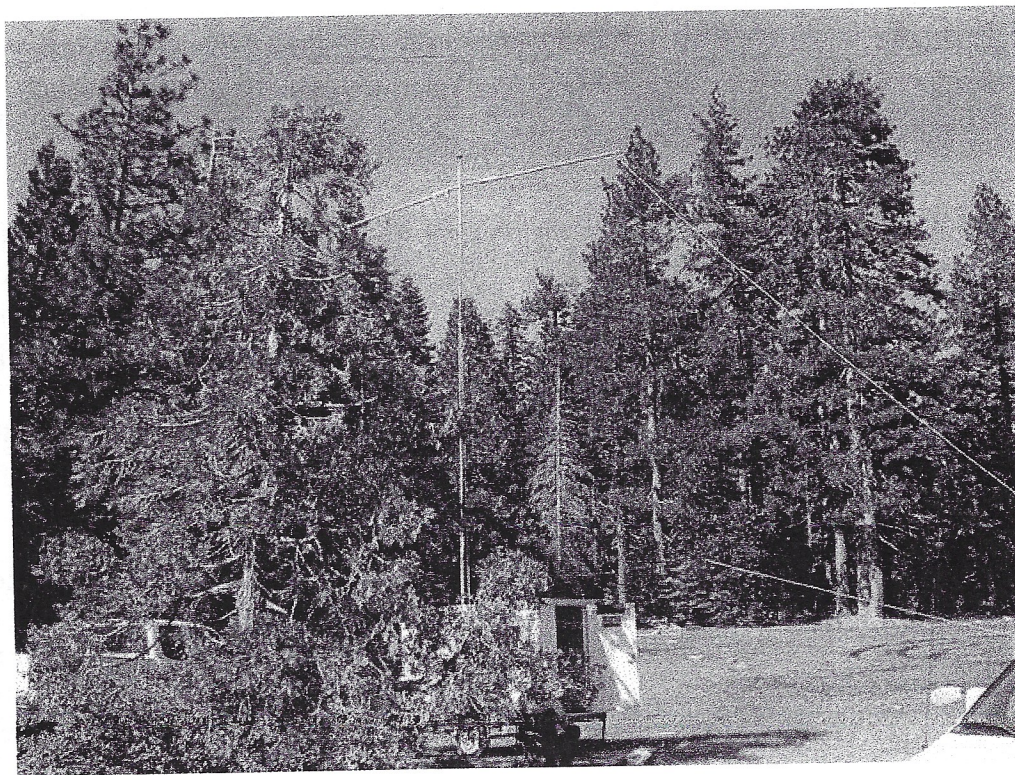
camp run by the local Diabetes Society for the diabetic kids. We have been asked to give some sort of demonstration of Ham Radio for the kids, perhaps letting them talk on the radio. Chris, KG6TTN, is ram rodding the preparations for the thing. He should have information on the Monday night net. Please get hold of him if you want to help. Note his new telephone number above.

PICTURES FROM THE KC6MCI FIELD DAY SITE

We received several pictures from Ron, W6KJ, of the KC6MCI Field Day operation. Here are three of them below and on the next page for your enjoyment.

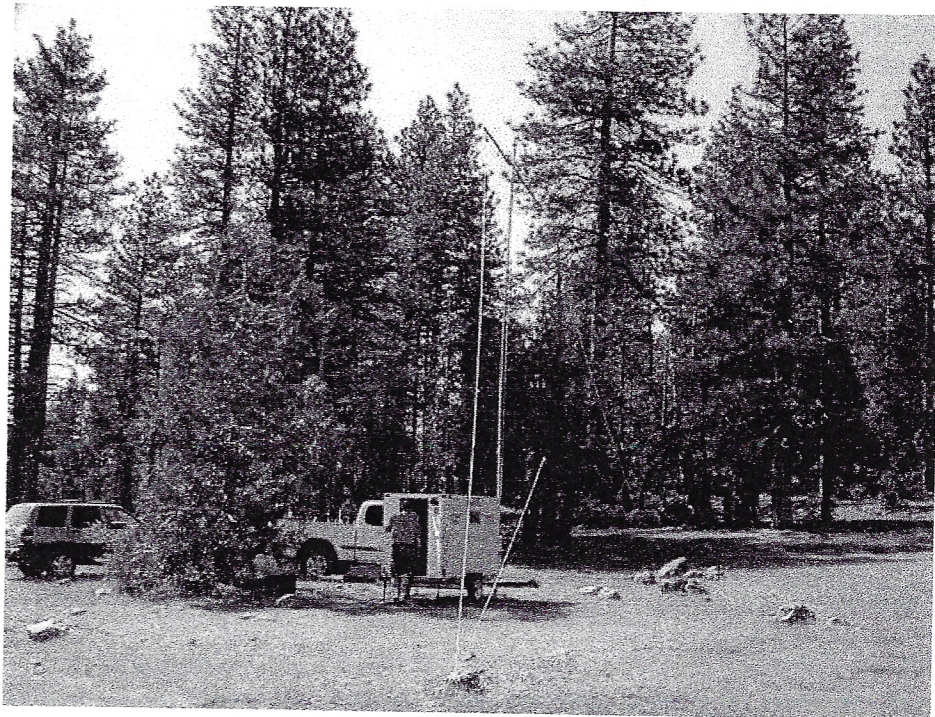
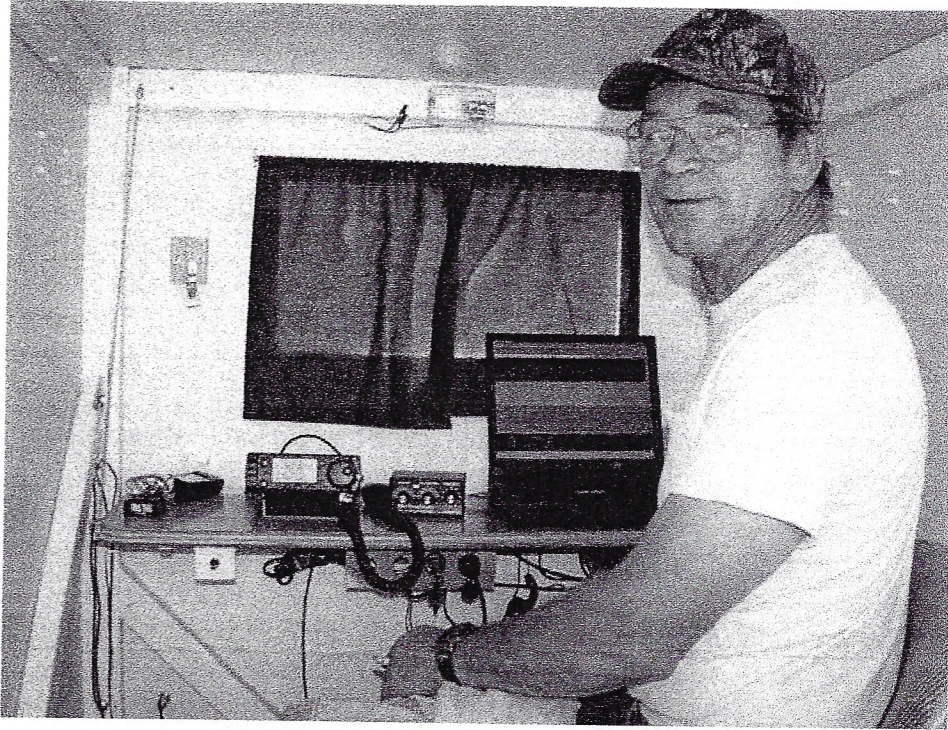
Below is a shot of the general area.

On the next page, the top picture shows Lee, KC6MCI, at the operating position of his trailer. The bottom picture is a view of the Field Day location.



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Membership Application: YUBA SUTTER AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

Type: New _____ Renewal _____

Member Information: (Full voting rights and privileges)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone: (_____) _____

ARRL Member? (Y/N) _____

Call Sign: _____ License Class: _____

Associate Family Member (Living in the same household only)

Name: _____

ARRL Member? (Y/N) _____

Call Sign: _____ License Class: _____

Dues: \$18.00 (\$18.00 per year)

Associate Dues: \$ _____ (\$4.00 per year)

Total: \$ _____

Email: _____

Prefer Electronic Copy of Newsletter (Y/N) _____

The newsletter can be viewed online at <http://users.cwnet.com/ysarc/>. By selecting this option you'll receive an email telling you the new newsletter is online.

Signature: _____

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