

THE VALLEY HAM NEWS

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, August 13 at 8:30AM - Monthly Breakfast and Board Meeting
Saturday, September 10 - Volunteer Exam Session
October 1,2 - California QSO Party
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

NEXT BOARD MEETING AND BREAKFAST

The next Board meeting will take place at Perko's Restaurant in Yuba City. The date is Saturday, August 13, and breakfast starts at 8:30AM with the Board Meeting to follow at 9:00AM. Since this is vacation time, some of our members are out of town. Please make every effort to be there if you're in town enjoying the heat.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

At the July Board meeting, there was not a quorum present, so there was no business conducted. Please make the scene at the August meeting and let your wants be known.

RST REVISITED

RST — Readability, Signal Strength, Tone Quality (CW)

Readability on a scale of 1 to 5, with 1 being no copy and 5 being solid copy.
Signal strength on a scale of 1 to 9 or 9+, with 1 being barely audible and 9 or more being a very strong signal.
Tone on a scale of 1 to 9, with 1 being a tone with hum and other bad things present, and 9 being a perfect, pure tone.

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So --- how often have you heard a report of 59 or 599 "solid into the repeater" followed by a request for a fill?

The following from Bob, W6OWH, talks about this.

Roger copy? QSL?
You're five by nine, repeat.
I missed your name and weather,
My report, that would be neat.

This rig's a brand new Garbletron,
My beam is turned around;
You've got a real good signal here,
Please say again your town.

QSL? My audio? How do I sound to you?
Is my 1500 watts still getting through?
The rig's a little hot, I'll give this mike a shot,
And just what does an RF clipper do?

QRZ? Are you still there? I must retune the amp;
I don't seem to be hearing as I should.
Give me a listen to, does my voice sound deep and true?
I'm trying something else that might work good.

Ah, QSB; You faded out. I see the reason why:
The coax melting at the tuner, there.
I'll replace it with hardline and call another time,
Seven three, and see you later on the air.

Cortland Richmond, KA5S, 2003

EDITOR'S RAMBLINGS

Thanks to Bob, W6OWH, and Ron, W6KJ, for material for the newsletter this month.

As some of you know, your Editor's XYL was diagnosed with multiple myeloma in early July. This has caused a lot of changes in the household. The expressions of support and offers of help along with support of my children have made it possible to continue. I cannot adequately express

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my appreciation to each and every one of you who have offered and given of yourselves. I am humbly grateful to all of you.

If you're interested in knowing more about the condition, just do a "Google" search on the Internet and you will get tons of information.

Being a house husband and care giver has taken time away from our radio activities, though we usually have the radios on in the listening mode. All hamming activities are now on hold indefinitely until we get the cancer under control. Please bear with us; we will attempt to check in to the net when possible, and will try to get the newsletter out somewhere on time.

Ron, W6KJ, with some help, put up his monster antenna in July. He reports that it works according to plan and he has worked some good DX with it. South Africa was one, and when I last talked to him he trying to get in line for a contact with Sable Island off the East coast of North America.

ROSTER UPDATES

Parm Binning, a student of the last class, now has his call: KG6YQJ.
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