

THE VALLEY HAM NEWS

"The Voice of the Yuba Sutter Amateur Radio Club"

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Y.S.A.R.C. SPONSORS "ANTENNA SATURDAY"



Pictured is Allen, KG6EBL holding a 2m Twin Lead Antenna to test

Several of our local hams met at the American Legion Hall in West Linda last Saturday, March 20th to build 2m "Twin Lead" roll-up antennas. It all started at 8am with an "all-you-can-eat" breakfast. The antenna started with a 54" piece of 300 Ohm twin lead that had to be

cut and notched just right. Added to the twin lead was a piece of RG-58 coax and a PL-259 connector. Each antenna was trimmed and analyzed for the center of the 2m ham band. Each participant walked away with a great emergency antenna that can be carried in a coat pocket!

YSARC

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MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

First Wednesdays: Club Meeting
Third Wednesdays: Board Meeting

(Check the minutes for details on the Club and Board Meetings)

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 7 (7-9 PM) - Club Meeting - Yuba Co. Library

April 17 (6:30 AM) - Bike Around The Buttes - Sutter, CA

April 24 (8 AM) - MS Walk - Sam Brannon Park - YC
(contact Paul, N6XVL on 146.085+)

CLUB ACTIVITIES

Monday Night Net - (7 PM) - Weekly net w/swap shop
(146.085+ PL 127.3)

Monday Night Net - (8 PM) - Butte Co. ARES Net
(146.850- PL 110.0)

Tuesday Night Net - (7 PM) - YSARC ARES Net
(146.085+ PL 127.3)

2nd Wednesday - (7 PM) - ARRL Sac Valley Net
(146.085+ PL 127.3)

MANNA'S MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at approximately 1905 hours by President Russ Decker. The Club started the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: President Russell Decker, KB6YAF; Vice President Lonnie Moore, KI6ZYY; Treasurer Clara Ansley, N6VRH; Secretary Manna Whelchel, KG6PNE.

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Herb Puckett, W6HBU; Teeje Jamison, NE1CQ; Paul Johnson, N6XVL.

BOARD MEMBERS UNABLE TO ATTEND: Barry Barnes, KE6LW; Nancy Strong, KI6INC.

Recognition of Guests: Bob McClard, N6BOB; Ron Murdock, W6KJ.

Treasurer's Report: Clara read the balanced/updated to date Treasurer's report. The Club's checking account balance is \$3,225.86.

Secretary's Report: Manna read minutes of meeting of Wednesday, February 17, 2010.

Amendments and corrections as follows: Under Recognition of Guests: Ken Curtz, W6KEN was also in attendance. Russ moved that these minutes be accepted as amended. Clara seconded.

Motion: to mail out via snail mail, a complete membership list of the YSARC, between now and next month. Russ made the motion to do this as a proxy for Ron. Herb seconded the motion. Passed 3 to 2. This information will be mailed out to the Club Website and Yahoo Groups before our next Board meeting.

Old Business:

- 1) At antenna Saturday, on March 20th, at the location of the American Legion, the breakfast will be offered at 8AM. The function of making antennas will begin at 9AM.
- 2) For Bike Around the Buttes, in Sutter California, on Saturday April 17th: all workers and Supply & Gear (SAG) people should plan on arriving about 7am, at Perry Hall at the corner of Butte House Road and Acacia Road. Plan on an all day event.
- 3) For the M-S Walk, in Yuba City, on Saturday April 24th: all workers and Supply and Gear (SAG) people should plan on arriving by 8am at Sam Brannan Park on the west side of Gray Avenue south of K-Mart. Plan on 8am till 12 noon.
- 4) Web-Site Updates: Comments were to make it more simplistic and eliminate redundancy. Trim and make links on the first page. Update and simplify. Lonnie suggested he would like to see a tech page.

New Business:

- 1) There was discussion about our Mission statement.
- 2) At our next Club meeting, Lt. Colonel Keppler will be there to discuss PAVE/PAWS. So, you are requested to ahead of time, think up and write out your questions you wish to submit to him.

MANNA'S MINUTES - CON'T

3) An email was received from Dave Gartner, WD6AXM, Repeater Trustee in reference to the repeater controller on the Buttes. He said it was very old and out of date. Dave suggested we get a new one. Clara stated we have enough money in our YSARC club kitty. It is the intent of the Board to keep it current. Herb made a motion to pre-approve up to \$1,000. for the purchase of a new repeater controller. Dave will bring information to the Board for discussion before purchase. Lonnie seconded the motion.

4) Battery Store Discounts/Club Member Discounts: Lonnie had spoken to Tom at Batteries Plus, located at 1199 Butte House Road, Yuba City, 671-9905. Tom helped Lonnie rebuild a battery. Tom stated that he would need one (1) application from the YSARC to keep on file. Then club members would just go in and for any purchases, just show our YSARC membership card. Lonnie made the motion that the YSARC fill out a credit application for members to receive a discount at Batteries Plus. Herb seconded the motion.

5) Club Sponsored supplies for members: Have the club purchase HQ Co-ax; connectors, etc. Get a list of items to Lonnie in reference to a list of items the Club can provide at cost, instead of purchasing any sub-standard equipment that may be available. Lonnie will check with Steve Fortenberry in Auburn relative to supplies and/or access to same.

The YSARC Newsletter Editor wants to retire. Lonnie noted that we should thank Herb Puckett, W6HBU, for ALL these years of his commitment and service.

Manna brought up that the monthly Newsletter should be dated the same month as the meeting is held.

Clara stated that there has been an equipment decrease on premium to \$7000. We will be receiving a refund of \$8.50.

Clara also state that the Insurance from Certificate of Liability in reference to our May Field Day testing event at Franklin School in Yuba City, was in error. Clara is having it redone and it will be received by email.

Have you paid your dues yet?????

As there was no further business the meeting was adjourned at approximately 2133.

Our next Board meeting will be held at Clara's QTH, on Wednesday, April 21, 2010 at 7PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Manna Whelchel, Secretary, KG6PNE

CLARA'S REPORT ON THE YSARC TREASURY

TREASURER'S REPORT: MARCH 26, 2010

Checking Balance: February, 2010 \$3,225.86

Receipts Deposited:

03/10: Dues: KI6NY	20.00
Doug Forster	20.00
VE Exam: 14 candidates:	210.00
Return cash for VE Session:	50.00
Donation: To General Fund: K6CEL	15.00
For Meeting room:	12.00
03/24 Dues: KI6PZK (Martin Hadley)	20.00
KJ6CEJ (Hannah Hadley)	5.00
K6CEL:	20.00
Antenna Sat: KI6PZK	5.00
K6CEL	5.00
KG6EBL:	5.00
KI6CSO:	5.00
KG6PNE:	5.00
Donation: GF K6CEL	15.00

03/26/10 Dues: WB6WID 20.00
Total: \$3,487.86

Bills:

1226	Cash: change for VE Session:	\$ 50.00
1227	ARRL VEC	112.00
1228	CW Net: Domain Renewal/Registration: 1 yr.	72.40
1229	Cornerstone Evangelical Free Church: VE donation:	100.00
	Total Bills:	\$ 334.40
	CHECKING BALANCE:	\$3,213.46

LESS SPECIAL FUNDS:

Repeater :	\$1,003.70	
Christmas Drawing:	95.40	
Memorial:	65.00	
VE \$173.50 - \$100	73.50	
Total:	\$1,227.60	\$1,227.60
CLUB BALANCE:		\$1,986.86

Submitted By: Clara M. Ansley N6VRH

SWAN SONG



It is said that all things, good and bad, must come to an end. Such is the case of the tenure of your Editor of the Valley Ham News. This is my last action as Editor, though Russ, KB6YAF, will actually put the thing together.

The first issue from W6HBU came out in November, 1985. With only a few breaks, it has been a continuous job ever since. It is finally time to really hang it up and give someone else a chance at the task. I have too many jobs in the club presently, and there are also some possible health issues that are presently unresolved.

So, to each of you who have read the efforts and enjoyed or ignored them, my thanks. It has been a long ride, but worth the effort. There have been times when the computer has become the enemy, but most of the time it chugged along with my feeble efforts. My heartfelt thanks to all of you who have read the thing. My thanks to people like

Manna, KG6PNE, who helped with proofing of my efforts. She is the best. Many people made contributions over the years. They were all appreciated, and keep them coming for whomever finally succeeds me. They are a big help in putting the thing together.

Producing something like a periodical requires much more than the average person may realize. The monthly deadline, of course, is the big thing. People pay dues to the organization, and they expect (and rightfully so) that the monthly Newsletter will be available monthly. It can be an exasperating experience to meet that deadline EVERY month. When we suspended publication for a couple of months in the summer awhile back, some people were very unhappy and complained long and loud about the situation. However, not one of the complainers offered to take the job and give the Editor a rest. Hmmmm --- 'nough said.

So, get out any pictures you may have that could be of interest to the membership and get them to the Editor. If you have a project that may be interesting to the membership, write about it and send it to the Editor. It doesn't have to be a work of literary art. We are not journalists, just people trying to keep the membership informed. Remember, the Editor can take care of your spelling (Spell check is wonderful.) and don't worry about your grammar. Once again, the Editor is not a professional journalist. Anyway, some of the things I've seen in print by professionals leaves something to be desired.

So – it's been quite a ride, and I will miss parts of it, but not all of it. Give the new Editor all the help you've given me over the years, and things will work out.

73 and 30,

Herb, W6HBU

EDITOR'S TX

When I was very young, I remember going into my dad's closet and trying on his shoes. I thought, "Wow, these are huge!". My feet were flopping around in them so much, I couldn't keep them on my feet. I wondered if my feet would ever grow enough to fill shoes that big!



Well, I feel like that little kid long ago now when I think of the shoes I have to fill as temporary editor of the VHN. I am speaking of course of our editor, Herb, W6HBU that has been the editor even before I was a ham! I am not sure if I can come close to

filling his shoes since he has set the bar so high. This is my first attempt at this so you obviously notice many different things. I hope these changes will not be distracting to the readers of our club newsletter. It is my intent to maintain the basic outline and format that Herb has created and brought to you every month since 1985. So, if I misspell names, omit items, or generally screw up, I ask for "a little slack"

I don't mind taking a stab at this editor-thing until we can find someone to take it on a more permanent basis. So, if you would like to try on these big shoes, just let me know, and we'll arrange a time when we can do a custom-fit.

I want to thank Herb for all of his hard work throughout the years as editor. Many a time I was on the listening end of the phone to him being discouraged because the computer or software was not cooperating with him. So Herb.....Thank you for your service to our club as VHN editor.

YAESU FT 1000 NEEDS A GOOD HOME



This is a Yaesu FT 1000 MP MkV HF transceiver from the estate of Bill Mock, KN6VB (sk). It is only one of two items left from his ham shack that needs to go to a good home. This radio is in MINT condition and can be purchased for \$1,400.00 If interested, please contact Herb, W6HBU at 530-674-3648 or Russell, KB6YAF at 530-821-5882.

Also available is an Ameritron AL 811H Linear Amplifier.

MORE ANTENNA SATURDAY PHOTOS



Manna, KG6PNE



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Paul, N6XVL



Russ, KB6YAF; Lonnie, KI6ZYY
& Allen, KG6EBL