



# THE VALLEY HAM NEWS



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## HAM RADIO RESOLUTIONS

I read the other day about a relative of mine posting her success on completing her 2011 resolutions. Needless to say, I was quite impressed. What really impressed me was the fact that she kept her 2011 resolutions and had a plan all year to achieve her goals. She said out of all her resolutions, she completed all but one, but was still working on that. She figured her average at over 80%.

I rarely hear of people making personal assessments of their resolutions during the last week of December. The more I thought about that, the more I thought it was a great idea.

Putting this concept of resolution making into our ham radio hobby, I present to you a challenge to come up with a minimum of 5 resolutions for the 2012 year. Two of these Ham Radio Resolutions (HRR) should be easily attainable with little effort.

The next two resolutions should be ones that will take some effort on your part, whether it be time, financial, or both. The last and final resolution should be one that will take the most effort. Let me offer some suggestions:

1. Attend a ham fest
2. Give a talk at a ham radio meeting
3. Help someone with a ham radio project
4. Work a band or mode you've never worked before.
5. Be 'net control'
6. Volunteer as a ham at one of the scheduled events.
7. Volunteer for a club position
8. 'Elmer' a new ham
9. Upgrade your current license
10. Make something requiring solder!!

So, there you have it. Please email me with your resolutions. I'd like to hear from you!

73 de KB6YAF

### YSARC

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Lonnie Moore, KI6ZY9

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### MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

1st Wednesday: Club Meeting

3rd Wednesday: Board Meeting

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

All newsletter submissions are due on or before the 4th Wednesday of the month

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan 4th - Wed. @5:30pm - **YSARC Dinner Meeting @ the "2 Bits Cafe"**  
Yuba City - Topic: SSTV & PSK31

Jan 7th - Sat. 9am **VE Testing - 715 King Ave. Yuba City, CA**

Jan 18 - Wed. 7pm **YSARC Board Meeting - QTH of Herb, W6HBU**

### 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

# MEG'S MINUTES



## YSARC Board of Directors Meeting Minutes of December 21st, 2011

A regular Board of Directors Meeting of the Yuba Sutter Amateur Radio Club was held at the QTH of Herb Puckett, W6HBU. The meeting was called to order by President Lonnie Moore, KI6ZYY at 1900-hours. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Club Officers present were: President Lonnie Moore, KI6ZYY, Secretary Meg Burgin, KI6TLS, and Treasurer Clara Ansley, N6VRH. Vice President Andy Boone, KJ6IYM was absent.

Club Board Members present were: Mike Eby, KM6EBY, Allen Hill, W6WPF, Herb Puckett, W6HBU and Lee Sheffield, KC6MCI. Russell Decker, KB6YAF was absent.

Guests were: ARRL Section Manager Ron Murdock, W6KJ, Marilyn Hill, and Ramona Traub.

Officers Reports: Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read. Correspondence received were from the Salvation Army and the 2012 General Liability Insurance Policy from Marsh Affinity Group Services.

Secretary Meg Burgin, KI6TLS, updated the board on the work done for the clubs non-profit status and ARRL requirements for the annual transition of officers. Several club documents are missing. Board members agreed to review and search archival documents in order to fulfill the requirements for both projects. President Lonnie Moore-KI6ZYY, asked that Meg Burgin-KI6TLS, Russell Decker, KB6YAF and Larry Witcher, KE6LAW continue to work together on the non-profit status. The Board approved the secretary's writing a letter to the IRS requesting a copy of the last set of papers filed with them for reference.

The Treasurer's report was approved as corrected. Clara Ansley, N6VRH stated that she had the preliminary figures for the non-profit reinstatement, but needed more time to put together the required supporting documents.

Under old business: President Lonnie Moore, KI6ZYY briefly reviewed club meetings and events of the previous month. Forty four members had attended the Christmas Party. The ICOM 2200H 2 Meter Mobile Radio was won by Don Elder, KC6PPF.

Under new business: President Lonnie Moore, KI6ZYY, recommended that, due to liability issues, all future mail be sent to the club's U.S. Post Office Box 1169, Yuba City, CA 95992-1169. Lee Sheffield, KC6MCI, volunteered to pick up the mail at least weekly. Outgoing Club Secretary Meg Burgin, KI6TLS, passed her key on to Lee Sheffield, KC6MCI. A duplicate key is currently held by Russell Decker, KB6YAF.

A date for the Ham Cram session, with BBQ by club member for the month of February still needs to be decided. The session will be limited to 15 Technicians only and the exam will be held the same afternoon at the QTH of Meg Burgin, KI6TLS in Live Oak. President Lonnie Moore, KI6ZYY, has study materials ready to be mailed out. He said the 5 seats have already been spoken for. Section Manager Ron Murdock, W6KJ, recommended that the Citrus Heights and Nevada County clubs be contacted for their suggestions on running a successful ham cram session.

A date for the Spring Yuba Sutter Ham fest still needs to be set before proof of insurance can be obtained for application to to city of Yuba City. The event also needs a committee.

The discussion of club vests, hats, badges and colors was tabled for the time being.

Inventory of the club's store is now being housed by President Lonnie Moore, KI6ZYY.

President Moore, KI6YYZ, reviewed activities and meeting places for the beginning months of 2012:

The January 4th - General Membership Meeting will be held at 2-Bits Cafe.

The program has been changed to Slow Scan TV and PSK31 by Moore and Sheffield.

Members are asked to bring their ideas for club activities to share at this meeting.

Herb Puckett, W6HBU, wants to teach an Extra Class at his place. Date TBA.

January 7<sup>th</sup> - VE Session @ 715 King Avenue. – Guest VE's from Oroville will be treated to lunch at 2-Bit's Cafe following the exam session.

February 1<sup>st</sup> - General Membership Meeting – Valentine dinner @ 2-Bit's

? Antenna Saturday @ Linda American Legion.

? Ham Cram for Technicians, BBQ & VE Session @ Burgin's QTH.

March 7<sup>th</sup> - General Membership Meeting & Ham Workshop @ Burgin's QTH

? Possibly a Special Event Station.

April 21st - Bike Around the Buttes and MS Walk.

May ? - YSARC Ham fest @ Sam Brennan Park. Andy Boone, KJ6IYM, coordinator.

June – Another radio drawing for Membership Meeting or Field Day?

There being no time for further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 2030-hours.

Ramona Traub served cake to everyone and “Happy Birthday!” was sung to Treasurer Clara Ansley, N6VRH.

The next Board Meeting will be held Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at the QTH of Herb Puckett, W6HBU. This will be the first meeting for the incoming board members and club officers.

Respectfully submitted by Meg Burgin, KI6TLS, YSARC outgoing Secretary



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*When your state comes up, click on the name of your Weather Forecast Office*

*Once at your local WFO home page, in the blue bar on the left, look for the SKYWARN link to find a schedule of classes and other local information.*

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# THE YSARC “NEW YEARS” MEETING

The YSARC January (“New Years”) meeting will be held at the (drum roll please.....)  
“2 Bits Cafe” located on Rocca Way in Yuba City. Doors will open around 5:30pm on Wednesday,  
Jan. 4th. If all goes as planned, we will have a drawing for some goodies. Everyone who attends will  
receive a free ticket for the drawing. You can buy extra tickets also to increase your chances of  
winning. Along with having dinner, there is a meeting topic. Lonnie, KI6ZYY and Lee, KC6MCI  
will be giving a presentation on SSTV and PSK31.

## OUR PREZ SAYS.....

Hello from the shack of KI6ZYY. Another crossroads, the end of one year and the beginning of another. 2011 was a great year for YSARC. We had a few activities here and there. Some of us learned a few things. We had a little fun. Well, I don't want to get carried away and brag too much. Fact is, 2011 was a great year because of you, the members. You attended the activities and meetings and had fun doing it. You brought new people along with you. Some of you came to ‘antenna parties’ hoping to gain knowledge and experience. Others patiently took you by the hand and taught. Still others asked for help at their QTH. Most of these thought they were getting the best part of the deal. In fact, they gave the most by providing these opportunities for learning and sharing. Having their antenna up or repaired was just icing on a good cake.

We had a few changes in our leadership over the year. Several had to step away from their positions for various reasons. Andy Boone, KJ6IYM stepped in as Vice President to replace Alfred Herrmann, KD6NSQ. Andy had been serving as a Board Member. Mike Eby, KM6EBY filled the empty board position. Allen Hill, W6WPF stepped up to replace Barry Barnes, KE6LW as Board Member. So, we finished the year with the following serving as your leadership:

President –	Lonnie Moore (KI6ZYY)	Vice President –	Andy Boone (KJ6IYM)
Secretary -	Meg Burgin (KI6TLS)	Treasurer -	Clara Ansley (N6VRH)
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Board –	Lee Sheffield (KC6MCI)	Board –	Mike Eby (KM6EBY)
Board –	Allen Hill (W6WPF)		

As President, I offer a heart felt thanks to all that served in 2011.

2012 is shaping up to be a good year. We have a few new officers / board members. Larry Witcher, KE6LAW steps up to replace Meg Burgin, KI6TLS as our Secretary. Marsha Sylvester-Jose, KI6CSN and Jeremiah DeLaOssa, W6DLO are the newest Board Members, so your leadership for 2012 follows:

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Board –	Mike Eby (KM6EBY)	Board –	Allen Hill (W6WPF)
Board –	Jeremiah DeLaOssa (W6DLO)	Board –	Marsha Sylvester-Jose (KI6CSN)

I hope you have had as much fun with this club as I have, if not more. Seasons Greetings from Ramona, Bu and your President.

Thank you & 73, Lonnie Moore, KI6ZYY “CU on the air”

# HAM FUNNIES

(from AC6V)

## OLD MEGAWATT

Ham 1 -- Hey I hear Old Megawatt is retiring from Ham Radio

Ham 2 -- Yeah I heard him say that before

Ham 1 -- I know, but this time the FCC said it!

## WORKING ROYALTY

(The following was related to me by a fellow W6 who prefers to remain Anon, but swears it is true!)

W6 -- JY1 Here is W6ANON -- How did you get such a fancy call sign?

You must have some political pull

JY1 -- It helps when your King!!

## EINSTEIN ON RADIO

"I am often asked how radio works. Well, you see, wire telegraphy is like a very long cat. You yank his tail in New York and he meows in Los Angeles. Do you understand this? Now, radio is exactly the same, except that there is no cat." .....Attributed to Albert Einstein

## THE BOOTLEGGER

A bootlegger walks into a radio store and tells the salesman that he would like to buy the new HF rig over in the corner. The salesman says, "Sorry, we don't sell to bootleggers". He leaves, goes home, puts on a brown wig and sunglasses and goes back to the store and tells the salesman he wants to buy that new rig over in the corner. Sales guy says, "Sorry, we don't sell to bootleggers". Old boot asks, "How do you know I'm a bootlegger?" and the salesman replies, "Because that's not a rig, it's a microwave oven."

## GOODIES FROM CLINTON HERBERT, AB7RG

"If at first you don't succeed, try calling CQ again."

"Hams never go senile, they just QSY a little with age."

"You know it's bad when... you start hearing CW all the time, and there really isn't any..."

"You're an addict when... You start carrying your HT with you everywhere, even into the bathroom..."

"There's no effective DSP or Notch Filter for a parrot!"

"There shortest distance between two paths depends upon propagation."

"The shortest distance between two paths is often a repeater or node."

"Elmer or complain, you choose. Which is more fun for you?"

"It's pretty bad when your baby's first words are; "CQ"!"