

Valley Ham News Dec. 2013

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President's Desk....

Greetings from my desk to you as your out-going President.

Four and a half years in Club leadership. 1.5 as Vice President and 3 as President. Some would say time for a recap. Club membership is way up. Our Monday Net has quadrupled in size. This Club and her members offer a shining example of what hams can be and what they can do, both in Northern California and beyond. Collectively, we have brought new hams into the hobby, elmered those hams, provided service to our communities, upgraded our licenses, risen to the cause when called upon and we have had a lot of fun doing this and more.

It has been my pleasure to serve this fine group of people. Thank you for giving me this opportunity. Some worry I'll go off in a corner and rust away, but I'll stay busy with antennas and improvements to my station. I'm willing to continue working as Net Manager and as VHN editor if the new board wants it.

December Club Meeting

November's meeting is our most important meeting of the year with the annual election. Special thanks to Lee KC6MCI & Matthew AC6MF for providing all the pictures for this article. Great Job.

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Our club leadership for 2013. Left to right, President Lonnie KI6ZYY, Secretary Larry KE6LAW, VP Mike KM6EBY, Board Members: June N6JEY, Steve KJ6VCF, Bob N6BOB, Marsha KI6CSN and Shari K6AVW. Lee KC6MCI served on the board most of the year before resigning. Treasurer Clara N6VRH is seen in the below picture.



Our leadership for 2014. (l to r) President Mike KM6EBY, Steve KJ6VCF, Secretary Larry KE6-LAW, Board Don KC6PPX, Treasurer Clara N6VRH, Board Ted KN6TED, Board Shari K6AVW, Board June N6JEY, and Board Curtis KF6VFP.



Ken W6KEN (center) looks on as Larry KE6LAW & Lonnie KI6ZYY prepare the club's projector for the meeting.

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Yuba Sutter Amateur Radio Club

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Monthly with YSARC:

1st Tuesday – Club Meeting

3rd Tuesday – Board Meeting

4th Tuesday – Deadline for

submissions to the editor

Each Monday – YSARC Net @ 19:00

on the WD6AXM repeater

(146.085 + / PL 127.3)

Please join us!!

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(November Club Meeting continued)

We began with the election, giving each person running for a position a chance to stand up and tell the club why they should receive a vote. Great group of hams running for these positions.

This was a record setting meeting with a packed house. We needed more than half our membership there to vote on the updates to our bylaws and we made it.



Claire KI6VWG & Don KC6PPX enjoying a good time.



Bob N6BOB, Mike KM6EBY (behind), and Marsha KI6CSN pause for a grin.



Diana, Matthew AC6MF (behind) and Don KJ6HZN study their ballots.

The business of the evening kept us busy, so we did not have any door prizes for this meeting. As much time as the door prize segment usually takes, we chose to postpone until next month.

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Working out the pre-game jitters!!

Stump speeches follow:



Mike KM6EBY for President



Steve KJ6VCF for VP



Larry KE6LAW for Secretary. Larry also presented all the bylaws info to the group using the projector. Quite a task.

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Clara N6VRH for Treasurer



June N6JEY for Board Member



Ken W6KEN for Board Member



Votes were cast and are being counted in this shot.

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(November Club Meeting continued)



Larry KE6LAW & Curtis KF6VFP confer on some fine points in the bylaws



New Board Member Ted KN6TED & outgoing President Lonnie KI6ZYY talking APRS for Bike Around The Buttes



Larry KE6LAW passing ballot sheets out. Eleanor KI6CSO on left and Marilyn KK6GNL on right.

A Character...

The purpose of this column is to say a few words about a ham who has gone above and beyond. It will not be an extensive bibliography, or go into great detail. Rather, a few observations to thank them and inspire us.

Lee Sheffield KC6MCI has many gifts & talents which he has been sharing for years. My first encounter with Lee was at a club meeting in Marysville in March of 2010. He

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sat on the back row and didn't say much. It was several months before I got to know him.



Here is Lee KC6MCI at our February, 2012 Sweethearts Dinner.

It is difficult to determine where to start with telling you a little about Lee. When Lee heard I was interested in relearning Morse Code, he took it upon himself to steer me down the road to CW. He patiently taught and coached me from zero words per minute to in excess of 20. He continues to teach classes.

At one point, I decided to learn to use my left hand with my paddle. I was excited about the prospect, but Lee had to put up with a whole new crop of mistakes from me each day. I could just imagine him shaking his head back and forth during those first few weeks.

Any time I've needed help as President of the club, Lee is one of many I could count on. He would rather work Field Day from a cool mountain top, but has helped us with Field Day since June of 2010.

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We needed one more person to run for a board position last year & Lee answered the call.

When Lee expressed his enjoyment of digital modes, we came together to hold a digital net over the course of several months to teach and practice a few of the many digital modes available to us.

Many talents and a willingness to share them. I've only scratched the surface, but thank you Lee.

In the Area...

Hams Giving Back to Those That Have Served

by Chris KD6CP

Veterans Day is a time to pay tribute to all that have served in this great nation's armed forces. Without the willingness of those that volunteer we would not have a nation with as much freedom as we do today. The Yuba Sutter Amateur Radio club is proud to get a chance to give back and show support to our veterans in supporting the Marysville Veterans Day parade held on D Street every year.



Club members getting signed in as volunteers ahead of the parade.

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The annual Marysville Veterans Day parade was a big success this year with a large turnout of volunteers from the Yuba Sutter amateur radio club. This year's communication organizers and net control for the Veterans Day parade have pulled off a great leadership while overcoming some difficulties faced during the event, and for that a big thanks must go out for Paul Johnson, N6XVL, and Ted Herman KN6TED for a job well done. One of the biggest challenges that came up for net control was not the event itself, but someone misusing the repeater during the Veterans Day parade. With the repeater tied up, net control quickly moved to the events set simplex frequency to finish out the tasks at hand. The job of net control is truly a challenging task for any event and can be a challenge even to the most experienced.

force that helped stage the participants of the parade and help keep control of their staging areas. Without the help of this year's volunteers the event like this could not run as efficiently, and big thanks goes out to all that helped out this year. We were invited to come back next year and continue to help out with this great event, and hope to see even more volunteers next year participate.



Paul N6XVL talking to Ted KN6TED



Eleanor KI6CSO



Lonnie KI6ZYY



A Family Affair. Marilyn KK6GNL & Stan KN7ZYZ with grandson Steven KJ6QEA are ready to do their part during the Veteran's Parade.



Mike AG6IP



Ellie KJ6KZP & Bob N6BOB



Ted KN6TED, Ron W6KJ & Larry KE6LAW

Along with quick thinking of our communication organizers we had a great amateur radio volunteer
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Thank you Ted for a great story about a great event. Until you've been there, it is difficult to realize how fulfilling participation in this remembrance of our nation's veterans can truly be. (Editor)



Chris KD6CP, Curtis KF6VFP & Steve K6TAZ who is the Emergency Coordinator for Yuba Sutter ARES

Upcoming...

This issue of the VHN is very late going to press, but I'll mention the Christmas Party here even though it has already happened. More in the next issue....

Contest Corner

by Bob N6BOB

Lonnie asked me to write a Contest Corner for the Valley Ham News as he knows I like to operate and promote contests. A contest is a good way to check out the operation of your equipment and operating skills in an intense few hours. Some contests last for a few hours and others last for a weekend. Most hams in the club are familiar with Field Day on the third weekend in June where hams nationwide set up under field conditions for a weekend of fun and operation. This tests man and machine under emergency conditions. A normal contest is operated from home under pleasant conditions.

For this month I am listing a few of the contests that I think most California hams would be interested in. If you are not an experienced contester don't worry as we all had to start somewhere and we learned by jumping in and getting experienced. When you listen in to a contest station the exchange may seem like a foreign language at first but after a little listening one can get what the exchange is or just ask the station calling CQ what information he/she needs for a completed contact. So here is a list of the major contests for December 2013.

December Contest Corner

ARRL 160 Meter Contest Dec 6 (22:00z)-8 (16:00z)
Bands: 160 Mode: CW
Exchange: RST and ARRL Section

ARRL 10 Meter Contest Dec 14 (00:00z)-15 (23:59z)
Bands: 10 Mode: Phone & CW
Exchange: RST and State and Prov. or Serial number

ARRL Rookie Roundup Dec 22 (18:00z)-22 (23:59z)
Bands: 10 - 80 Mode: CW
Exchange: Both calls, name, check, State / Prov. or DX

ARRL Straight Ken Night Jan 1 (00:00z)-1 (24:00z)
Bands: 6 - 80 Mode: CW
Exchange: General QSO information- Fun

All dates are UTC and may be different from our local calendar dates. No contests occur on 60, 30, 17 and 12 meter bands. If you Google: ham radio contest software, you can download a program that helps with logging or you can use pencil/paper.

Good luck and let me hear you talk up contesting on the repeater. 73 Bob N6BOB



Here is a peek at the South Butte. Squeeze your eyes a bit and you might see the 145.085 Mhz WD6AXM repeater antenna just left of center.

Contact Us...

Mailing information is located at the top right of the first page. Our web site is located at www.ysarc.org and we welcome your visit there.

Membership applications can be found on our web site.

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