

Valley Ham News March 2014

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President's Desk

Greetings one and all!

We find ourselves in the middle of a busy summer. With the MS bake sale, we had great success, not only due to local club members, but by four non hams as well! Many thanks to all who participated, and I know the MS folks were very happy.

I got to play net control for the MS walk (a first for me) and had a great time. We had a runner from the MS group between the two groups, which helped everything run super smooth. We also got some practical use out of Ted's APRS system, with him bringing up the last of the walkers while carrying an HT and a self-contained APRS unit. We also had 2 radio equipped bike riders, one with an APRS as well. This was something we had never tried before. The APRS units were spread though the course all morning, so I could easily monitor where they were by laptop at anytime.

I also find myself getting excited about our hamfest June 7 (see flyer). The site Larry found for us is beyond superb, with virtually endless growth potential.

BATB also used Ted's APRS, which helped a long day run smoothly. The weather was perfect, and aside from a little first aid at my station, I think everything went great with Ted and Steve as net control. This was the initial test of Ted's "digipeater", and by all accounts helped keep track of all the SAG units quite well.

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Our club store order finally arrived, so if you need RG8X, PL-259 connectors, etc., give me a call.

With that I'll say 73 for now, Mike KM6EBY

P. S. Anyone have any 3 quarter to 1 inch wide tape measures that are broken and can be used for the fox hunt antenna build party?

March Club Meeting

Our February Meeting was cancelled, so we had to do some catching up at the March Meeting. The 2 Bits Café was not available for this meeting, so we ended up at the Dancing Tomato. Nice place, but a bit small for our group. Several got to stand and watch.



Our first outing at the Dancing Tomato



Paul N6XVL listens as our leader, Mike KM6EBY tells us all about it.

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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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Lee KC6MCI and Stan KN7ZYZ



Shari K6AVW chatting with Don KJ6HZN and his wife Diana.

To be fair, those standing chose to do so. However, it was a bit crowded from one end of that long narrow room to the other. We had a great time though.



Andy KJ6IYM and Chris KD6CP exchange stories



Chris KD6CP, Ted KN7TED (doing show & tell), Ron W6KJ and Lee KC6MCI

It is a lot of fun participating in these meetings, rubbing shoulders with those who know a lot more about this hobby than you. Thanks to all.

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Paul N6XVL, Marsha KI6CSN (working the drawing tickets), Eleanor KI6CSO (waiting to get her tickets) and Clara N6VRH (looking at the ticket that would win her the Boafeng HT being drawn this evening



Andy KJ6IYM and Vice President Steve KJ6VCF visit while Marsha KI6CSN calls the winning ticket numbers in the background

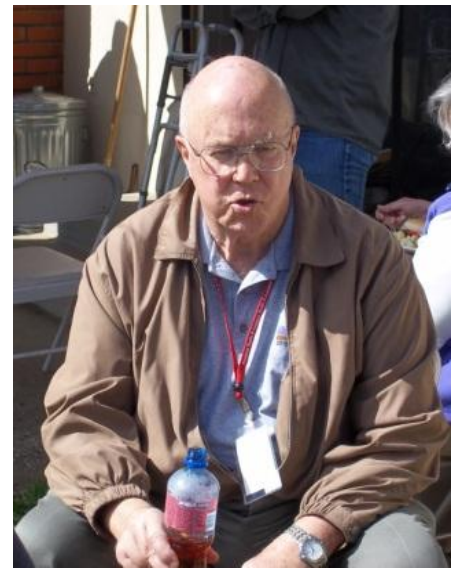


Sitting: Clara N6VRH, Udell Smith (wife of LeRoy KJ6DKM – standing), Bob N6BOB, Paul N6XVL and Mike KM6EBY. Standing: LeRoy KJ6DKM and Dave KC9EI. Each of them are listening to see who will win the radio.

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.

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The only hams that won't recognize this guy will be brand new. Ron W6KJ has been a large part of the world of ham radio for many a year. He has served as President of this club and is currently serving as the Sacramento Valley Section Manager for the ARRL.

He would probably chastise me for saying this, but Service should be his middle name. If there is a VE session in the area, he will be there as a full fledged VE willing to serve where ever he is needed.

When Field Day rolls around, you won't find Ron relaxing in the shade of a tree. He will be putting hundreds of miles on his vehicle trying to visit every Field Day location in his district. We were lucky a few times in years past when Ron stopped to have breakfast with us. Heck of it is, he is a member of our club and lives here in Yuba City, but we have to share him with the Sacramento Valley district.

One of the many things I like about Ron is his ongoing quest for knowledge and improving his station. I don't get to stop by very

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often, but when I do, I find he has completely changed his station around. And I always go away with a few ideas for my own station.

While I haven't seen Ron doing any CW, he has inspired me to collect CW apparatus with his own static display. Ask Ron about the Hamvention in Ohio each year and I'll bet you get a big smile and a story or two. Thank you Ron and we hope you continue inspiring us.

Recent Activities...

Half way through the month of February, several of us gathered at the home of Curtis KF6VFP & Marsha KI6CSN in Loma Rica to help them get a G5RV multi-band HF wire antenna in the air.



Lonnie KI6ZYY (on the ground), Lee KC6MCI (on the ladder) & Curtis KF6VFP (on the shed roof). We are standing the center mast up and uncoiling the guy wire.

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Mike KM6EBY, Augustine KK6ICE, Lonnie KI6ZYY, Dan KJ6RGX and Lee KC6MCI watch as Curtis KF6VFP goes up the ladder.



Dan KJ6RGX (up ladder), Lee KC6MCI and Lonnie KI6ZYY prepare one of the end support masts.

As you can see from the pictures, this was a cool, overcast day and none of us got too hot. Curtis and Marsha had done a great job of preparing for this antenna party with one of Lee's (KC6MCI) push up masts, a push up mast for each end of the G5RV, rolls of guy wire, antenna support ropes, pulleys and the G5RV.

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Lonnie KI6ZYY, Augustine KK6ICE and Dan KJ6RGX making sure there were no kinks in the guy wiring.



Dan KJ6RGX, Lee KC6MCI, Lonnie KI6ZYY and Augustine KK6ICE look the new G5RV over.



Lonnie & Curtis discussing how to fix the one fly in the ointment. We had the wrong kind of pulleys for the halyards.



Curtis supervises the unraveling of his G5RV.



A quick trip to the local hardware store for better pulleys gave Mike KM6EBY, Marsha KI6CSN, Lee KC6MCI and Dan KJ6RGX a chance to kick back and relax.

Did we have fun? Of course we did. Beautiful place, nice equipment to work with and a nice cool day. Oh, a lot of great people to work with too.

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Mike KM6EBY and Lonnie KI6ZYY (foreground) eyeball the center mast while Curtis KF6VFP and Augustine KK6ICE work one end of the antenna over the tree.

Unwinding a wire antenna can be a challenge and the next picture illustrates that point.

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Dan KJ6RGX shows how easily a wire antenna can get twisted and kinked up. Dan did a great job of preventing any kinks.

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From the Editor...

Problems with my computer have created difficulties for me in getting the Valley Ham News out since the first of the year, but a fresh desk top PC has made a difference in me starting to catch up. I offer apologies for this and am working hard to get caught up.

It is important to me to capture what this club is doing so club members and others interested in this can get a glimpse of what we do. If you have pictures, story ideas, etc, please contact me.

Lonnie KI6ZYY

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Upcoming...

The 2nd Annual Yuba Sutter Hamfest is set for June 7th in the parking lot at the old Peach Tree Mall in Linda which is south of Marysville just across the river. Check our website at YSARC.ORG for updates and you'll find directions on the brochure on the next page. Hope you'll come have fun with us at this great event.



Upcoming...

Two of the many things we do as a club are providing communications for BATB and the MS Walk. They both take place in April and for the previous three years, have been scheduled on the same day. This meant spreading ourselves out a bit, but we always got it done.

This year, these two events take place on separate weekends. BATB on April 12th, the MS Walk on April 26th and a special bake sale on April 19th to benefit the MS Walk.



Yuba Sutter Amateur Radio Club



Proudly Presents Its

2nd Annual Yuba Sutter Hamfest

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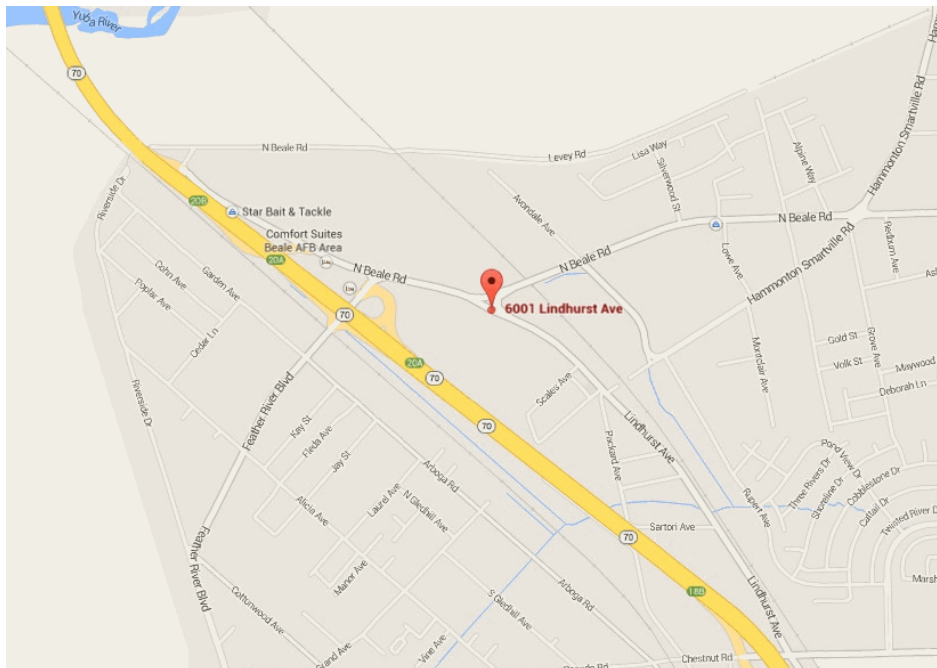
Saturday June 7th, 2014

07:00 – Noon – Peach Tree Mall (Feather River Center)
6000 Lindhurst Avenue, Marysville (Linda), CA 95901



- *Free Admission
- *Lots of Food Nearby
- *Vendor Fee - \$10 (Set-up @ 06:00)

- *Free Parking
- *Handicap Accessible
- *Door Prizes (Starting at 08:00)



DIRECTIONS

Northbound Hwy 70...

Take the Feather River Blvd exit
Turn right, right again @ the light.
Mall will be on your right.

Southbound Hwy 70...

Take the N Beale Road exit
Keep to right thru lights,
Mall will be on your right.

From the West or East...

Travel to Marysville, head south on
Hwy 70; follow Southbound
Directions

Northbound from Roseville...

Travel north on Hwy 65 Past
Wheatland; follow Northbound
Directions

Southbound from Sacto...

Traveling northbound on Hwy 99,
Take Hwy 70 at the split and follow
Northbound Directions

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