

VALLEY HAM NEWS

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CLUB OFFICERS 2020

Pres.: Daniel Weber, KM6RHC
Vice Pres.: Mike Morris, KK6ISQ
Secretary: Linda Maas, KK6SOZ
Treasurer: June McJunkin, N6JEY

05 Sep – VE Session, Location TBD
08 Sep – Cancelled
17 Sep – Board Meeting TBD

BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2020

Joe Visalli, N9BD
Chris McLain, KK6VZD
Brandon Guthrie, KM6JID
Kevin Klatt, KM6WFW
Vandell “Bud” Myers, KK1BUD
Herb Puckett, W6HBU

YSARC Weekly Breakfast

Wednesday mornings – Cancelled
until further notice

REPEATER TRUSTEE

Dave Gartner, WD6AXM

LIAISONS

ARES: Andy Boone, KJ6IYM
ARRL SM: Carol Milazzo, KP4MD
VE Liaison: LeRoy Smith, KJ6DKM

Local Nets

Monday night at 7:00 P.M. – weekly net (146.085+) PL 127.3 with swap shop and help sessions.

Monday night at 8:00 P.M. – **Butte County ARES net** (145.280–), PL 110.9

Tuesday night at 8:00 P.M. – **GEARS Club net**, (146.850–), PL 110.9

Thursday night at 7:00 P.M. weekly – **ARES net** (146.085+) PL 127.3.

Third Thursday of each month at 7:30 P.M. – the ARRL Sacramento Valley Section (VHF) Net, on club repeater followed by an HF Net on 3987 KHz LSB.

Sunday night at 8:00 P.M. – **OARS Net** (146.655-), PL 136.5.

Other nets (From the GEARS Radiator Newsletter)

Sac Valley Net: 7:00 P.M., 2nd Wed

UPCOMING EVENTS

04 Aug – Cancelled
15 Aug – Technician Cram Session
16 Aug – Exam Test Session
20 Aug – Board Meeting TBD

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of the month (146.850-), PL 110.9

440 Wed. Night Net: 8:00 P.M. each
Wednesday, 440.650 MHz.

Golden Bear Net: 7:00 P.M. daily
3975 kHz.

Willie Net: 8:00 P.M. Mondays,
1930 kHz.

CA Traffic Net: 3906 kHz nightly at
6:00 P.M. for traffic listing and 6:30 P.M.
for roll call.

California TALARC (The American
Legion Amateur Radio Club) net.
Sunday at 1:00 P.M. weekly on 7278
KHz.

BUTTE COUNTY CERT EXAM CRAM AND TEST SESSION

The Butte County CERT (Community
Emergency Response Team) will be
hosting a Technician Exam Cram
Session on Saturday, 15 August from
8:00 AM to 5:00 PM at the Sheriff's
Posse, 1222 Openshaw Road, Oroville,
95965.

If you wish to reserve a spot, send
an email to: cert@buttecounty.net.

On Sunday, 16 August, CERT will be
having an exam session from 9:00 AM
to 12:00 PM at the same location as the
cram session.

If you want to attend, you must
request a spot by sending an email to
cert@buttecounty.net. This will help
ensure we can maintain significant
space between everyone and that
enough material is provided. The cost
for the exam, set by the FCC, is \$15.

MORE FIELD DAY RESULTS

From Dave Gipson (KC9EI):

I had 149 CW, 59 Digital contacts for
a total score of 832 with multipliers.
Worked contacts on 40m, 20m, 15m,
10m. Submitted under my callsign and
YSARC.

If anyone else has some results
please email them to KF6VFP@arrl.net
or KI6CSN@arrl.net for next months
newsletter.

QSO TODAY VIRTUAL HAM EXPO

Coming to your laptop, tablet, and
smartphone on:
August 8 and 9, 2020



Get ready for a free virtual
international amateur radio expo. More
than 70 speakers over two days will lead
expo classes. Exhibitors and special
conference rooms are built on a virtual
reality platform.

And don't forget the great prizes
offered!

Sign up at:

<https://www.qsotodayhamexpo.com>

Marsha, KI6CSN and Curtis,
KF6VFP, are signed up and looking
forward to this event.

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CLUB STORE

The club has the following items available for purchase at cost.

1. PL295 Coax connectors, 29 each. Cost is \$1.84 each.
2. RG8X reducers, 51 each. Cost is \$0.64 each.
3. Power Pole connectors, 25 red/ black pairs. Cost is \$1.00 per pair.
4. RG8X strain relief boots, 5 each. Cost is \$0.50 each.
5. RG8X Black Coax, 1 spool 185 feet, 1 spool 210 foot feet. Cost is \$0.39 per foot.
6. BNC Female to SMA Female Adapter, 7 each. Cost is \$3.50 each.
7. Red/Black Power Cable, 45 feet. Cost is \$1.38 per foot.
8. LMR240 Double Shielded Coax, 644 feet. Cost is \$0.26 per foot.
9. Dacron rope, 3/16" 770 pound pull strength. About 800 feet. Cost is \$0.15 per foot.
10. RCA Male to BNC Female Adapters, 5 each. Cost is 2.00 each.
11. BNC Male Crimp 20 each. Cost is 2.00 each.
12. BNC Male to Male Adapter 3 each. Cost is 3.00 each.
13. SO-239 to SO-239 4 each. Cost is 2.00 each.
14. TNC Male Crimp 10 each. Cost is 2.50 each.
15. BNC Male to RCA Female Adapter 7 each. Cost is 2.00 each.

If you are interested in purchasing any of these items contact the club store manager, Curtis (KF6VFP) at (530) 743-3003, by email at KF6VFP@arrl.net, on the air, or at one of the club meetings.

WEBSITES

Want to study for your Technician, General or Amateur Extra license – check out Dave Casler KE6OG you tube channel. His videos closely follow the ARRL manuals. He also has other videos of interest to hams; such as, ground, antennas, etc.

You tube channel Ham Radio Testing:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCg7hejy7ObVY15JcWY4cpTA>

MONDAY NIGHT NET CONTROL

Manna (KA6ETB) has again volunteered to coordinate the Monday Night Net Control operators. To date she has the following:

2020		
Jul	Chris	KK6VZD
Aug	Joe	N9BD
Sep	Mike	N6MRB
Oct	Chris	KK6VZD
Nov	Mike	N6MRB
Dec	Manna	KA6ETB
2021		
Jan		
Feb		
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May		
Jun		

You'll notice that we have volunteers

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for the remainder of 2020. So, now is the time to start volunteering for 2021.

Thanks to all who have volunteered.

Manna (KA6ETB)

ARRL EXTRA CLASS LICENSE MANUAL

NOTE: The Extra Class (Element 4) current question pool is valid until June 30, 2020. Beginning July 1st the new question pool will take effect. That means if you plan on testing for Amateur Extra on July 11th you need to study the new question pool. The new questions are available at:

www.ncvec.org/page.php?id=356.

Be sure to download the diagrams also.

The new extra class license manual is available with shipping in mid June.

FOR SALE

Herb (W6HBU) has for sale:

1. 2012 iMac for \$450.00. Operating system 10.11.6 OS X El Capitan, 2.8 GHz, 4 GB RAM, 320 GB harddrive, 3 USB ports, 24 inch display, CD-DVD Superdrive, mini display port, 10/100/1000 ethernet, audio in/optical digital audio in port, headphone out/optical digital audio out port, firwire 400 port, firewire 800 port, keyboard and mouse.
2. MFJ1704 quad antenna switch for \$70.00
3. MFJ 1702 dual antenna switch for \$40.00



iMac for sale

Contact Curtis (KF6VFP) if you wish at KF6VFP@arrl.net to purchase these items.

Clarence (N6DUK) in Redding is offering 4 items for sale:

1. A Henry 2K3 Amplifier w/2 new tubes that need to be installed - \$650 Will have to pick up locally due to weight
2. A Yaesu FT-767GX transceiver 160m - 70cm all mode inc hand and/or desk mic - \$550
3. A Heathkit HW24 20 channel 10 watt FM mobile VHF/UHF with tone generator - \$95 [\[rigreference.com/rigs/5362-heathkit-hw-24\]](http://rigreference.com/rigs/5362-heathkit-hw-24)
4. An Icom IC-706IIG Ultra Compact HF/6 Meter/2 Meter/440MHz Transceiver - Make Offer [\[eHam.net/reviews/view-product?id=63\]](http://eHam.net/reviews/view-product?id=63)

For more info on any of these items

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Clarence can be contacted at 530-200-3659 or N6DUK@yahoo.com

AUGUST QSO AND OTHER CONTESTS

Aug 02 - North American QSO Party, CW

Aug 02 - ARRL 222 MHz and Up Distance Contest, CW, Digital, and Phone

Aug 10 - 4 States QRP Group Second Sunday Sprint, CW and Phone

Aug 16 - ARRL 10 GHz and Up Contest, CW, Digital and Phone

Aug 16 - North American QSO Party, SSB Phone

Aug 16 - ARRL Rookie Roundup, RTTY (Digital)

Aug 24 - Hawaii QSO Party, CW, Digital, and Phone

Aug 24 - Ohio QSO Party, CQ and Phone

Aug 30 - W/VE Islands (US and Canadian Islands) QSO Party, CW, Digital and Phone

Aug 30 - World Wide Digi DX Contest, Digital

Aug 30 - Kanas QSO Party, CW, Digital and Phone

Many others can be found at: [http://www.arrl.org/files/file/Contest/Corral/2020/August 2020 Corral.pdf](http://www.arrl.org/files/file/Contest/Corral/2020/August%202020%20Corral.pdf)

VE TEST SESSION

At the last VE session 7 exams were given – 3 technician, 2 general and 1 extra class.

Congratulations to the following who obtained their technician license:

- Virginia Gerard (KN6JZW)
- Janet Stott (KN6JZU)
- Henry Combs (KN6JZV)

Congratulations to the following who upgraded:

- Archival (Archie) Urbano (KN6JHI) Extra Class
- Michael Lawson (KN6JNS) General Class
- Grant Mitchell (W6JIB) General Class

The next VE session is scheduled for Sept 5th at 715 King Ave., Yuba City at 9:00 A.M. Presently LeRoy (KJ6DKM) says three people are signed up to test.

VE's are needed to administer the exam. The elements for Technician, General, and Extra class will be offered. **Please note: the new EXTRA exam pool will be used.**

The exam requires two forms of ID. At least one of them must be a picture ID. A fee of \$15.00 is required.

A calculator may be used as long as it has had all of its memories cleared and there are no built in or preprogrammed formulas.

Upgrades to a higher class also require two forms of ID. At least one of them must be a picture ID. Also, bring your license and a photocopy of the license.

If you take an exam and pass, you can take the next higher class exam for no additional cost.

If you do not pass and wish to try again an additional fee will be required.

Good luck to everyone taking exams.

BOARD MEETINGS

Our next board meeting is to be

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determined. At present the American Red Cross classroom we used is closed until further notice. Once things return to some semblance of normality the date will be in the VHN, an email from Daniel (KM6RHC) and announced on the Monday Night Net. Check in on Monday at 1900 (7:00 P.M.) for further information. Guaranteed you cannot catch the virus via radio.

COMMENTS

✓YSARC's web page is: **ysarc.net**.

Past and current issue's of the VHN are available on this website.

Click on the upper right-hand icon on the homepage to join the club's **Facebook** page.

✓Send your ham related articles and pictures to share in your VHN. Pictures of ham shacks, antenna projects, antenna parties, field day, Bike Around the Buttes, etc. are appreciated KI6CSN@arrl.net or KF6FVP@arrl.net

✓For more information about QSO parties state by state: ysarc.net - Event - [State QSO Party Calendar](#).

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