

# VALLEY HAM NEWS

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## **CLUB OFFICERS**

Pres.: Daniel Weber, KM6RHC  
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Secretary: Linda Maas, KK6SOZ  
Treasurer: June McJunkin, N6JEY

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Joe Visalli, N9BD  
Chris McLain, KK6VZD  
Brandon Guthrie, KM6JID  
Kevin Klatt, KM6WFW  
Neil Bossard N6CNY  
Herb Puckett, W6HBU

## **REPEATER TRUSTEE**

Dave Gartner, WD6AXM

## **LIAISONS**

ARES: Neil Bossard, N6CNY  
ARRL SM: Carol Milazzo, KP4MD  
VE Liaison: LeRoy Smith, KJ6DKM

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

01 Jun – Board Meeting  
15 Jun – General Meeting  
19 Jun – Kid's Day  
26-27 Jun – Field Day

06 Jul – Board Meeting  
10 Jul – VE Session  
20 Jul – General Meeting

03 Aug – Board Meeting  
17 Aug – General Meeting

## **YSARC Weekly Breakfast**

Wednesday mornings – Cancelled  
until further notice

## **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 the  
WD6AXM 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

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

## ***UPCOMING WEBINARS/SWAP MEETS***

### **Ask the Lab: How ARRL's Technical Information Service Can Help You**

Presented by Ed Hare, W1RFI, ARRL Laboratory Manager

Learn all about the ARRL Technical Information Service (TIS) and the expert ARRL Laboratory staff who answer thousands of questions each year from members. Tuesday, June 8, 2021 @ 1 pm EDT.

### **Improving Your Club's 2021 Field Day Score**

Presented by Paul Bourque, N1SFE, ARRL Contest Program Manager. Thursday, June 10, 2021 @ 8 pm EDT.

### **Introduction to Remote HF Operation**

Presented by Davide Lanfranconi, W6DGE, and Kevin Shin-Wheeler, N7KSW, from the Cal Poly Amateur

Radio Club. Tuesday, June 22, 2021 @ 1 pm EDT. [www.arrl.org](http://www.arrl.org)

### **N7RCA Northern Nevada Swap**

**Start Date:** 06/05/2021

**End Date:** 06/05/2021

**Location:** N7RCA ranch

1780 Bobcat Ct.

Minden, NV 89423

**Website:** <http://n7rca.com>

**Sponsor:** N7RCA

**Type:** ARRL Hamfest

**Talk-In:** None

**Public Contact:** Brad Hollander, N7RCA

1780 Bobcat Ct Minden, NV 89423

Phone: 775-721-2301

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~Marsha, KI6CSN

## ***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

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- feet. Cost is \$1.38 per foot.
8. LMR240 Double Shielded Coax, 584 feet. Cost is \$0.26 per foot.
  9. RCA Male to BNC Female Adapters, 5 each. Cost is 2.00 each.
  10. BNC Male Crimp 20 each. Cost is 2.00 each.
  11. BNC Male to Male Adapter 3 each. Cost is 3.00 each.
  12. SO-239 to SO-239 4 each. Cost is 2.00 each.
  13. TNC Male Crimp 10 each. Cost is 2.50 each.
  14. 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](mailto:KF6VFP@arrl.net), on the air, or at one of the club meetings.

## **FIRST-TIME EXAM APPLICANTS MUST OBTAIN FCC REGISTRATION NUMBER BEFORE TAKING EXAM**

From the ARRL Letter for May 13, 2021

“Beginning May 20, 2021, all amateur examination applicants will be required to provide an FCC Registration Number (FRN) to the Volunteer Examiners (VEs) *before* taking an amateur exam. This is necessary due to changes the FCC has made to its licensing system.

Amateur candidates who already have an FCC license, whether for amateur radio or another service, and

already have an FRN may use the same number. All prospective new FCC licensees, however, will be required to obtain an FRN *before* the examination and provide that number to the volunteer examiners on the Form 605 license application. An FCC [instructional video](#) provides step-by-step instructions on how to obtain an FRN through the FCC's COMmission REgistration System (CORES).

The FRN is required for all new applicants to take an amateur exam and is used afterward by the applicant to download the license document from the FCC Universal Licensing System (ULS), upgrade the license, apply for a vanity call sign, and to submit administrative updates (such as address and email changes) and renewal applications.

In addition, after June 29, all applications will be required to contain an email address for FCC correspondence. Applicants will receive an email directly from the FCC with a link to the official electronic copy of their license whenever a license is issued or changed. ARRL VEC suggests that those without access to email should use the email address of a family member or friend. Licensees will be able to log in to the ULS using their FRN and password to download the latest version of their license at any time. The FCC no longer provides paper license documents.”

## **GENERAL MEETING**

At the last general meeting Dave Gibson gave a great presentation on baluns.

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Next month, at the General Zoom Meeting, on 15 June, final preparations will be made for Field Day.

If the general meeting is in person, the meeting date may be either 8 June or 22 June and will be announced at a later time.

## **MONDAY NIGHT NET CONTROL**

To date, Manna has the following hams volunteering for 2021:

|      |                |        |
|------|----------------|--------|
| 2021 |                |        |
| Apr  | Grant Mitchell | W6JIB  |
| May  | Steven Shepard | KN6IJD |
| Jun  | Manna Whelchel | KA6ETB |
| Jul  | Joe Visalli    | N9BD   |
| Aug  | Bob McClard    | N6BOB  |
| Sep  | Joe Visalli    | N9BD   |
| Oct  | Neil Bossard   | N6CNY  |
| Nov  | Manna Whelchel | KA6ETB |
| Dec  | Joe Visalli    | N9BD   |
| 2022 |                |        |
| Jan  |                |        |
| Feb  |                |        |
| Mar  |                |        |
| Apr  |                |        |

If you wish to volunteer for 2022 let Manna know.

Thanks to all who have volunteered.  
Manna (KA6ETB)

## **VE TEST SESSION**

At the last YSARC VE session, 2 technician and 3 general exams were given. There were 2 new technicians, 3 upgrades to general. Congratulations the following people for passing the Technician Class exam:

Ryan Mather (KN6OTB)

Mikael Charter (KN6OTA)

Also, congratulations to the following people for passing the General Class exam:

John Rogers (KI6UDF)  
William Meyerpeter (KN6MLT)  
Dennis Santos (KN6ONK)

All upgraded to Extra.

The next VE session is scheduled for Sat. July 10, 2021 at 715 King Ave., Yuba City at 9:00 A.M. VE's are needed to administer the exam. The elements for Technician, General, and Extra class will be offered.

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.

**Please Note: Effective 20 May 2021 you must use a FCC Federal Registration Number (FRN) for any transactions with the FCC. You will need this number for the forms you'll complete. A FRN can be obtained at:**

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<https://www.fcc.gov/licensing-databases/commission-registration-system-fcc>

Good luck to everyone taking exams.

## **CLARA AINSLEY (N6VRH) SK**



Clara Mae (McNew) Ansley, 88, of Olivehurst, passed away April 3, 2021, in Marysville, California.

Clara was active in YSARC for many years. She held the positions of Secretary, Treasurer, and Tester for the Yuba-Sutter Amateur Radio Club.

She is preceded in death by her husband of 57 years, Eddie Owen Ansley; her father, and stepmother, Findley (Bill) and Nettie McNew; mother, and stepfather, Gertrude and Ben Boone; sisters, Doris McLaughlin, and Sandra Boone; as well as many cousins, nieces, and nephews.

She is survived by her children, Cynthia Ansley, Jeffrey Ansley (Lisa), and Nancy Barlage (Richard); grandchildren, Sharilyn Johnson (William), Nicholas Hodge, Alexis Gray (Ryan), Brenna Ansley, Shayna Ansley, Derek Ansley (Molly), and Anthony Barlage (Amanda); 9 great-grandchildren; and several nieces, and

nephews.

Clara was a highly active member of the Yuba-Sutter Community for 79 years. She was a substitute teacher for Marysville Joint Unified School District for several years and retired as a teacher with the California Human Development Corporation where she taught English to migrant children.

She held offices in many organizations over the years including Past Matron of Friendship Chapter #48 Order of the Eastern Star, Worthy High Priestess Camelia Shrine-White Shrine of Jerusalem, Guardian Secretary of Bethel #332 International Order of Job's Daughters, she held many offices with the Golden Feather Bowmen Archery Club, Secretary for the Olivehurst-Linda Little League, the Yuba County Election board as well as the Yuba County Grand Jury.

Clara was not only dedicated to her community and family, but she was also a loving, loyal and compassionate person to anyone she considered a friend. She loved to crochet and made many, many baby buntings over the years. She liked to camp, hunt, fish, and just loved to "go". She touched the lives of many people and will not only be missed by her family, but by all that knew and loved her.

A graveside service for Clara was held on May 7, 2021, at 1:00 pm at the Sierra View Memorial Park. Donations can be made to any of the organizations to which she was a member or to the [American Heart Association](#).

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## **JUNE QSO AND OTHER CONTESTS**

05 June, Kentucky QSO Party; CW, digital, phone.

12 June, ARRL June VHF Contest; CW, digital, phone.

19 June, West Virginia QSO Party; CW, digital, phone.

19 June, ARRL Kids Day; phone.

26-27 June; ARRL Field Day; CW, digital, phone.

Many other contests can be found at:

[http://www.arrl.org/files/file/Contest\\_Corral/2021/June 2021 Corral.pdf](http://www.arrl.org/files/file/Contest_Corral/2021/June_2021_Corral.pdf)

## **AMATEURS' EMAIL ADDRESSES WILL CONTINUE TO BE KEPT PRIVATE, FCC SAYS**

(From ARRL Letter for May 21, 2021)

"Starting on June 29, all applications filed with the FCC must include an email address for FCC correspondence. After receipt of the initial announcement that all future applications would require an email address, ARRL was concerned for the privacy of its members and requested that amateurs' email addresses not be made public. This week, the FCC agreed, stating in an email to ARRL counsel that it will continue to "mask" amateurs' email addresses from public view in the Universal Licensing System (ULS). The FCC will use the email address supplied by amateurs to correspond with applicants, including to send a link to the official electronic copy of the license when an application is granted.

The FCC is transitioning to fully

electronic correspondence and no longer mails hard-copy licenses. Amateurs are able to view, download, and print their official license grant using the ULS. When a license is first granted, each applicant will receive an email with a direct link to the license. Although the link expires in 30 days, the license itself will remain available in the ULS and may be downloaded at any time by signing into the licensee's account using their FCC Registration Number (FRN) and password.

On or after June 29, a valid email address must be provided with each application, and must be kept current by filing a modification application, as necessary. Under the amended Section 97.23, "The email address must be an address where the grantee can receive electronic correspondence. Revocation of the station license or suspension of the operator license may result when correspondence from the FCC is returned as undeliverable because the grantee failed to provide the correct email address."

Applicants lacking an email address should consider using the email address of a friend or family member on their FCC applications.

*Reminder:* Due to changes the FCC has made to its licensing system, starting today, Thursday, May 20, all amateur exam applicants must provide their **FRN** to the Volunteer Examiners (VEs) *before* taking an amateur exam. Prospective new FCC licensees will be required to obtain an FRN before the examination and provide that number to the VEs on the Form 605 license application. An FCC [instructional](#)

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The FRN is used afterward by the applicant to download the official license document from the FCC's Universal Licensing System ([ULS](#)), to upgrade a license, apply for a vanity call sign, and to submit administrative updates (such as address and email changes) and renewal applications."

## **BOARD MEETINGS**

Our next board meeting is Tues., 1 June. It will be an in-person (with social distancing) and zoom meeting. Zoom details to be provided by email, later. Note: Zoom meetings can be attended via computer Zoom application (app), mobile phone app, iPad, or Android app, or dial in (landline or mobile phone).

## **COMMENTS**

✓YSARC's web page is: [ysarc.net](http://ysarc.net).

The web page is currently updated. All of the past VHN's are available on the club's website.

Thanks to our webmaster, Kevin Conde, K1KMC.

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

✓Check out the [New England ARES Academy](#) channel on YouTube for a series of excellent ARES training videos.

✓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. Send them to [KI6CSN@arrl.net](mailto:KI6CSN@arrl.net) or [KF6FVP@arrl.net](mailto:KF6FVP@arrl.net)

✓If anyone has ideas/suggestions for club activities that we can do online or virtually please contact any club officer or board member or email your suggestions to [board@ysarc.net](mailto:board@ysarc.net).

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Yuba-Sutter Amateur Radio Club  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes April 6, 2021  
Held on Zoom platform, hosted by June



Meeting called to order by President Daniel Weber KM6RHC at 19:00 hours.

## Officers and Board Members present unless noted:

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

Director: Joe Visalli N9BD  
Director: Chris McLain KK6VZD  
Director: Neil Bossard N6CNY  
Director: Brandon Guthrie KM6JID  
Director: Kevin Klatt KM6WFW – absent

Members and Guests present: Claire Schloenvogt KI6VWG, Dave Gipson KC9EI, Brenda Gipson KC9EIO, LeRoy Smith KJ6DKM, Curtis Sylvester-Jose KF6VFP, Grant Mitchell W6JIB.

## Secretary's Report (presented by others):

- Motion to approve minutes from March 2, 2021, amended with John's call sign, Chris/Neil, passed.
- Motion to approve 5 new Full memberships: Henry Combs KN6JZV, William Meyerpeter KN6MLT, Karla Hyatt K6KDS, Anthony Ramos W6ROC, Barbara Ramos N6BJR, and one Associate Member: Paul Hutchinson N5PCT, Joe/Brandon, passed.
- Motion to comp Mike Bell N6MRB membership for 2021, Neil/Joe, passed.

## Treasurer's Report:

- June emailed the Financial Reports for April 6, 2021. Motion to approve, Neil/Joe, passed.
- Herb W6HBU donated \$350 to the club from the sale of a radio.
- Delinquent notice from Registry of Charitable Trusts received last month claiming no filings since 2012. This is the first such notice since the current treasurer and secretary have been in office. June researched and submitted forms for 2013 to present. Sent USPS Priority Mail on March 18 along with \$25 fee. Motion to reimburse June \$7.95 postage, Brandon/Neil, passed.

## Old Business

- Daniel working on solar presentation for April club meeting.
- Daniel still researching transmitters for the Foxhunt, others board members will assist.
- Discussion of best month to schedule John W6NBC's presentation on slot antennas.
- Kevin Conde K1KMC has been updating the old club website.



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## New Business

- Discussion of holding Field Day, June 26-27, in empty lot by Dr Bui.
- Mike proposed allowing folks to use PayPal to purchase club store items. Board agreed, with discussion of how to add PayPal fee back into cost of items.
- Daniel would like to host a social for club members at his house

Motion to adjourn at 20:11 hours, Joe/Brandon, passed.

Respectfully submitted by Linda Maas KK6SOZ, YSARC Secretary