

VALLEY HAM NEWS

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01-02 Oct – CA QSO Party
04 Oct – Board Meeting
08 Oct – Fox Hunt
14-16 Oct – Pacificon
18 Oct – General Meeting

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Joe Visalli, N9BD
Chris McLain, KK6VZD
Mike Morris, KK6ISQ
Paul Hyatt, W6PNH
Robert Kelly, K6VNR
Herb Puckett, W6HBU

01 Nov – Board Meeting
05 Nov – VE Session
12 Nov – Fox Hunt
15 Nov – General Meeting

03 Dec – Club Christmas Party
06 Dec – Board Meeting

REPEATER TRUSTEE

Dave Gartner, WD6AXM

LIAISONS

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

03 Sep – VE Session
06 Sep – Board Meeting
10 Sep – Fox Hunt
20 Sep – General Meeting

Local Nets

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

Butte County ARES Net: Monday night at 8:00 P.M. (145.290-), PL 110.9

GEARS Club Net: Tuesday night at 8:00 P.M., (146.850-), PL 110.9

ARES Net: Thursday night at 7:00 P.M., (146.085+) PL 127.3.

YL Net: Sunday nights at 2000, (146.970- MHz) PL 123.0.

ARRL Sacramento Valley Section (VHF) Net: Third Thursday of each

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month at 7:30 P.M.: on the WD6AXM repeater followed by an HF Net on 3987 kHz LSB.

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

Other nets (From the GEARS Radiator Newsletter)

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.

FOX HUNT



Photos from August fox hunt.



Grant W6JIB the first to find the fox and Paul W6PNH the fox hunt host (Karla K6KDS the other host not shown).



A.J. K6AJH, Jeff KN6MXB, Brandon KM6JID, Ginger KN6JZW, Paul W6PNH, Neil N6CNY, Robert K6VNR, Grant W6JIB

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The next Fox Hunt will be Sept 10th. Beginning at 9 AM. The Fox will be transmitting from somewhere in Yuba City on 146.565 MHz. When you arrive at the location, you'll have an opportunity to find a second, low-power transmitter on foot. We'll have some refreshments and a chance to share hunting stories. After about an hour the APRS will be turned on.

Contact: Paul Hyatt, W6PNH. He will be available on the repeater.

Bring your transceivers and antennas. Can you find the hidden transmitters?

Paul (W6PNH) and Karla (K6KDS)

CLUB STORE

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

1. PL259 Coax connectors, 21 each. Cost is \$1.84 each.
2. RG8X reducers, 84 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
5. RG8X Black Coax, 1 spool 85 feet, 1-spool 100 feet and 1 coil of 125 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, 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 2 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.

Also available are 25 Watt soldering irons that can be checked out for up to 1 month.

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

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HAMFESTS

Sixteenth Annual Sacramento Valley Hamfest

Date: 09/17/2022
Location: McBean Park
65 McBean Park Drive
Lincoln, CA 95648
Website: <http://wparc.us>
Sponsor: Western Placer Amateur Radio Club
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Talk-In: 147.300 (+) 67 Hz
Public Contact: Michael Buck, K6BUK
203 Brockman Court Lincoln, CA 95648
Phone: 916-765-5910
Email: mrbuck@pacbell.net

San Diego Hamfest 2022

Start Date: 09/24/2022
Location: Lakeside Rodeo Grounds
12584 Mapleview Street
Lakeside, CA 92040
Website:
<http://www.lakesidearc.org/sdhamfest/sdhamfest.php>
Sponsor: Lakeside ARC
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Talk-In: 146.550
Public Contact: Paul Rios, KC6QLS
12207 Valhalla Dr Lakeside, CA 92040
Phone: 619-593-9445
Email: KC6QLS@cox.net

QSO TODAY VIRTUAL HAM EXPO

The next QSO Today Virtual Ham Expo, a full featured virtual ham radio convention, is September 17 -18, 2022. The online event includes speakers and

presentations, fully interactive video lounges where participants can meet each other and chat, and an exhibit hall full of vendors and organizations.

While the Ham Expo was originally created in August 2020 as an alternative to canceled in-person ham radio conventions due to the COVID-19 pandemic, it has evolved into a regularly-held event for amateur radio learning through peer submitted presentations on nearly every amateur radio subject, lively discussion, and interaction.

The Expo uses virtual event technology using platforms produced by vFairs and Kumospace. "The Kumospace lounges were a fantastic edition to the Expo last March and were full of hams and conversation during the entire Expo weekend", said Eric Guth, 4Z1UG, the founder of the QSO Today Virtual Ham Expo. Kumospace is a video chat platform for hosting and participating in immersive virtual events. Guth said there are new enhancements that will make the lounges even more enjoyable for attendees. Kumospace and vFairs are now supported by apps for Apple and Android. Expo personnel still recommend a fast internet connection and big screens for the best user experience.

New for this Ham Expo is a Poster Gallery Hall that includes a product showcase and interactive projects submitted by amateurs. The product showcase is as a way for vendors who may or may not have a booth to demonstrate individual products through videos, white papers, and slides. Each showcase is fully interactive through text

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chat and supports opportunities for vendors to follow-up with interested visitors. The Poster Gallery will also include an opportunity for individuals to submit papers, projects, and articles to be enjoyed by Expo delegates. Accepted gallery submission will include a free ticket to the expo.

The \$10 ticket for the Expo will go on sale in August. Anyone can attend the Expo from anywhere in the world, over the internet. For more information go to qstodayhamexpo.com. ARRL The National Association for Amateur Radio® is a QSO Today Virtual Ham Expo Partner.

MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING

The next general meeting will be Tues. Sept 20th. The club store will be available if you need anything.

CA QSO

The California QSO Party (CQP) is held every year on the first weekend of October. The first CQP took place in 1966. Since 1974, the Northern California Contest Club (NCCC) has sponsored CQP. CQP has traditionally opened the annual contest season by providing an opportunity for contesters to prepare for the ARRL November Sweepstakes since the format is similar.

Stations outside of California, worldwide, work stations in California only. The 58 counties of CA are the multipliers. California stations work all stations in or out of CA. The 50 US states and 8 Canadian areas are the multipliers. Stations outside of Canada

and the US add to one's QSO total but do not count as multipliers. See the full set of CQP Rules for more details.

More information is available at: <http://cqp.org/>.

MONDAY NIGHT NET CONTROL

To date, Manna has the following hams volunteering for 2022. **We still need 2 volunteers for November and December 2022.** If you wish to sign up for 2023 let Manna know.

2022		
Sep	Steve Shepard	KN6IJD
Oct	Manna Whelchel	KA6ETB
Nov		
Dec		
2023		
Jan		
Feb		
Mar		
Apr		
May		

If you wish to volunteer for 2022 or 2023 let Manna know.

Thanks to all who have volunteered.
Manna (KA6ETB)

VE TEST SESSION

The next VE session is scheduled for Sat. Sept. 3rd, 2022 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

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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: You must use a FCC Federal Registration Number (FRN) to take an exam and for any transactions with the FCC. You will need this number for the forms you'll complete. A FRN can be obtained at:

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

Also note: new licensing fees are in effect. The fees will be the responsibility of the applicant regardless of filing method and must be paid within 10 calendar days of FCC's receipt of the application. For applications filed by a VEC, the period does not begin until the application is received by the Commission, a ULS file number assigned, and an email sent by the FCC directly to the applicant."

VECs and Volunteer Examiner (VE) teams will not collect the \$35 fee at license exam sessions. New and upgrade candidates at an exam session

will continue to pay the \$15 exam session fee to the ARRL VE team as usual, and pay the new, \$35 application fee directly to the FCC by using the CORES FRN Registration system (CORES - Login).

When the FCC receives the examination information from the VEC, it will email a link with payment instructions to each successful candidate who then will have 10 calendar days from the date of the email to pay. After the fee is paid and the FCC has processed an application, examinees will receive a second email from the FCC with a link to their official license or explanation of other action. The link will be good for 30 days.

Good luck to everyone taking exams!

COMING UP SOON

Coming up at the Nov. general meeting, our annual election of officers and board members and budget approval. Volunteers are needed for the various positions. Please step forward and help continue making the great club it is.

SEPTEMBER QSO AND OTHER CONTESTS

03 Sep: Colorado QSO Party; CW, Phone, Digital

04 Sep: Tennessee QSO Party; CW, Phone, Digital

10 Sep: Alabama QSO Party; CW, Phone

10 Sep: ARRL VHF Contest; CW, Phone, Digital

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11 Sep: North America Sprint; CW
15 Sep: BCC (Bavarian Contest Club) QSO Party; CW, Phone, Digital
17 Sep: ARRL EME Contest; CW, Phone, Digital
17 Sep: ARRL 10 GHz and Up Contest; CW, Phone, Digital
17 Sep: Iowa QSO Party; CW, Phone, Digital
17 Sep: Texas QSO Party; CW, Phone, Digital
17 Sep: New Jersey QSO Party; CW, Phone, Digital
17 Sep: New Hampshire QSO Party; CW, Phone, Digital
18 Sep: North America Sprint; Digital
17 Sep: Maine QSO Party; CW, Phone

Many other contests can be found at:

[http://www.arrl.org/files/file/ContestCorral/2022/September 2022 Corral.pdf](http://www.arrl.org/files/file/ContestCorral/2022/September%202022%20Corral.pdf)
or in the September issue of QST Magazine.

BOARD MEETING

The September board meeting will be held on Tues. Sep 6th at 1900 (7 p.m.) via zoom. Details for the zoom

meeting will be emailed later.

COMMENTS

✓YSARC's web page is: ysarc.net.

The web page is currently updated. Past VHN's are available on the club's website. Check out more photos of fox hunts and public service events!

Thanks to our webmaster, Paul Hyatt, W6PNH.

Click on the upper right-hand icon on the club's homepage to join the our **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 parties, field day, Bike Around the Buttes, Fox Hunt, etc. are appreciated. Send them to KI6CSN@arrl.net or KF6FVP@arrl.net

✓If anyone has ideas/suggestions for club activities that we can do online, in person or virtually please contact any club officer or board member or email your suggestions to board@ysarc.net.

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Yuba-Sutter Amateur Radio Club Board of Directors Meeting Minutes July 5, 2022 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 noted¹:

President: Daniel Weber KM6RHC
Vice President: Steve Shepard KN6IJD
Secretary: Linda Maas KK6SOZ
Treasurer: June McJunkin N6JEY

Director: Joe Visalli N9BD
Director: Chris McLain KK6VZD
Director: Mike Morris KK6ISQ
Director: Paul Hyatt W6PNH
Director: Robert Kelly K6VNR

Members and Guests present: Claire Schloenvogt KI6VWG and LeRoy Smith KJ6DKM.

Treasurer's Report:

- June explained the \$5 discrepancy in the financial report. Motion to approve the July financial reports, Joe/Paul, passed.

Secretary's Report:

- Motion to approve minutes from June 7, 2022, Paul/Joe, passed.
- We received a bill from the U.S. Postal Service. Motion to pay the Postal Office box fee of \$212, Joe/Mike, passed.
- A thank you was sent to Linda Perkins for the \$200 repeater fund donation.

Old Business

- Field Day was successful. Two guests came. Carol KP4MD stopped by and donated a Grounding & Bonding book to our club. Discussion of making a donation to Sutter H.S. for use of their facility. Joe is still waiting for everyone to turn in their logs to him. There will be drawing at the July club meeting for Field Day participants.

New Business

- Discussion of offering discounted YSARC memberships to Sutter H.S. radio club students. It was decided that the Associate Membership for \$5/yr is a good fit, since it offers all the benefits of Full Membership except voting privileges.
- Coordinator needed for the Veterans Day parade on November 11.
- LeRoy has been in contact with ARRL regarding a blind radio amateur who wishes to test for his Extra license on September 3rd. They will send the appropriate test.
- June will be gone for the August 2nd board meeting; Paul will host the Zoom meeting.
- Joe thanks Mike and Steve for helping take down antennas last Saturday.

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Motion to adjourn at 19:37 hours, Joe/Mike, passed.

Respectfully submitted by Linda Maas KK6SOZ, YSARC Secretary