

# VALLEY HAM NEWS

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## **CLUB OFFICERS**

Pres.: Daniel Weber, KM6RHC  
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## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Joe Visalli, N9BD  
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Mike Morris, KK6ISQ  
Paul Hyatt, W6PNH  
Robert Kelly, K6VNR  
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## **REPEATER TRUSTEE**

Dave Gartner, WD6AXM

## **LIAISONS**

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

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

03 Dec – Club Christmas Party  
06 Dec – Board Meeting  
10 Dec – Fox Hunt

03 Jan – Board Meeting  
07 Jan – VE Session

14 Jan – Fox Hunt  
17 Jan – 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 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

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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



Nov 12<sup>th</sup> Fox Hunt

The next Fox Hunt will be Dec. 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)

## SANTA NET

For the 16th consecutive year, The 3916 Nets will be presenting The Santa Net on 3.916 MHz. Good girls and boys can talk to Santa Claus, via amateur radio, nightly at 7:00 PM (Central) starting Friday, the day after Thanksgiving, through Christmas Eve, December 24th.

Youngsters can talk to "Santa at The North Pole" via strategically placed operators who relay the voice of Santa. Thomson said that The Santa Net is a team effort that involves the efforts of a number of 3916 Net members. He said, "In our first year, we connected 10 kids to Santa on Ham Radio and it's grown steadily since. This year, we're expecting over 1,000 children to participate."

Prior to each night's Santa Net, pre-net check-ins can be made at [www.cqsanta.com](http://www.cqsanta.com).

## 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.

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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](mailto:KF6VFP@arrl.net), on the air, or at one of the club meetings.

## CHRISTMAS PARTY



This year the club will hold its Christmas Party at Lee's Canton Restaurant. The party will be from 6:00-8:30 P.M. on Saturday, 4 December. It will be held in the banquet room. Seating is available for about 70 people.

Lee's is located at the corner of Plumas and Bridge Street in Yuba City. The entrance is facing Bridge Street. Parking is available in front of and at the side of the restaurant.

The cost of the dinner is, \$20.00 per person. Tickets will be available at the November General Meeting. Come and buy tickets for the drawing!

**Prizes:** Yaesu FTM-400DR/XDR 2m/70 cm dual band mobile, 1 \$100 Ham Radio Outlet (HRO) gift card, 2 \$50.00 HRO gift cards, 2 \$50 Visa gift cards, and miscellaneous tools, etc.

## TECHNICIAN CLASS

Coming in January and February 2023 is the next technician class. Do you know of anyone interested in becoming a ham? Encourage them to attend and then become their Elmer. Help your hobby to grow.

Classes will be held on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30

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P.M. at the American Red Cross Center in Yuba City beginning Jan. 4, 2023. They will run through Feb 27<sup>th</sup>. The Red Cross building is located at 125 E. Onstott Road, Yuba City. We will be meeting in Classroom 2.

So far we have one signed up for the class.

Those interested in signing up can do so by sending an email to Curtis at [KF6VFP@arrl.net](mailto:KF6VFP@arrl.net) or calling 530.743.3003 and leaving a message.

## VETERANS DAY PARADE



This year the YSARC and YSARES supported the Veterans Day Parade. There were about 170 participating groups that marched in the parade. Next looks to be even bigger.

Many thanks to the following for helping out this year:

Steve Shepard, KN6IJD  
John Rogers, KI6UDF  
Bud Myers, KK1BUD  
Robert Kelly, K6VNR  
Daniel Shelsta, LN6VNR  
Neil Bossard, N6CNY

Looking forward to working with you again next year.

Curtis, KF6VFP

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

Results of the YSARC election on 15 Nov.:

Officers:

President: Chris McLain KK6VZD  
V Pres.: Steve Shepard KN6IJD  
Secretary: Linda Maas KK6SOZ  
Treasurer: June McJunkin N6JEY

Board Members:

Joe Visalli, N9BD  
Paul Hyatt, W6PNH  
Robert Kelly, K6VNR  
Bud Myers KK1BUD  
Ryan Mather K6RCM

Non-elected positions to be filled:

Nominating committee: vacant

Club Store: Curtis KF6VFP

Field Day Committee: vacant

Tech Class Instructors:

Curtis KF6VFP

Joe N9BD

Elmers Steve Shepard KN6IJD

Christmas Party: Joe Visalli  
N9BD

CA QSO Committee: vacant

Bike Around the Buttes:

Vacant

Veterans Day Parade:

Curtis KF6VFP

Net Control Manager: John  
Rogers KI6UDF

Club Prizes: Joe Visalli N9BD

Fox Hunt: Paul W6PNH and  
Karla K6KDS

Technician class: Curtis KF6VFP  
and Joe N9BD

If you are willing to volunteer for a

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position please let any officer or board member know. You can do so by emailing to board@ysarc.net.

Note: even if someone has volunteered for a position, you can still volunteer for that position.

## **MONDAY NIGHT NET CONTROL**

To date, Manna has the following hams volunteering for 2022. Net control positions are open for 2023.

If you wish to sign up let Manna know.

2022		
Dec	Neil Bossard	N6CNY
2023		
Jan	Steve Shepard	KN6IJD
Feb	Chris McLain	KK6VZD
Mar	Karla Hyatt Paul Hyatt	K6KDS W6PNH
Apr	Marsha Curtis	KI6CSN KF6VFP
May		
Jun		
Jul		
Aug		
Sep		
Oct		
Nov		
Dec		

Thanks to all who have volunteered.  
John (KI6UDF)

## **VE TEST SESSION**

At the last VE session two technician exams were given. Both people passed the exam. Congratulations to:

Matthew Anderson (KN6WNR)  
Venisa McAllister (KN6WNS)

The next VE session is scheduled for Sat. Jan 7<sup>th</sup> 2023 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: 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

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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.

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!

## **DECEMBER QSO AND OTHER CONTESTS**

02 Dec: ARRL 160 Meter Contest; CW

10 Dec: ARRL 10 Meter Contest; CW, Phone

18 Dec: ARRL Rookie Roundup; CW

30 Dec: YOTA (Youth on the Air) Contest; CW, Phone

Many other contests can be found at:

[http://www.arrl.org/files/file/ContestCorral/2022/December 2022 Corral.pdf](http://www.arrl.org/files/file/ContestCorral/2022/December%202022%20Corral.pdf)

The December issue of QST Magazine also has a list of contests.

## **MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**

It is getting to be that time of year again when we remind everyone to renew membership for 2023. Full membership is \$20. Second ham in same household is \$5. Associate (non-voting) membership is \$5.

You can also make a donation to the repeater fund or to YSARES at the same time if you are so inclined.

A copy of the club application form is available on the club website: [ysarc.net](http://ysarc.net).

## **BOARD MEETING**

The next board meeting will be held on Tues. December 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](http://ysarc.net). 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 YSARC's **Facebook** page.

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

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✓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](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, in person 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 October 4, 2022 Held on Zoom platform, hosted by Paul



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: Steve Shepard KN6IJD  
Secretary: Linda Maas KK6SOZ  
Treasurer: June McJunkin N6JEY - absent

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

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

### Treasurer's Report:

- Motion to approve June's October financial reports, Joe/Paul, passed.

### Secretary's Report:

- Motion to approve minutes from September 6, 2022 as written, Joe/Chris, passed.
- ARES provided us with a document showing who has authorization to access funds in their account.

### Old Business

- Cal QSO party – Joe is waiting for people to submit their logs.
- October club meeting will be a potluck. The church has dropped their Covid restrictions.
- Motion to allow YSARC to supplement Christmas party restaurant costs by \$2/ticket to keep ticket prices at \$20, Chris/Paul, passed.
- Motion to transfer \$350 from Club Meeting Prize account to Drawing for Christmas account, Paul/Robert, passed.
- Motion to spend \$100 to provide a Santa for the Christmas Party, Chris/Joe, passed.
- Curtis still needs volunteers for the Veterans Day parade. 9 are needed; 2 have signed up.
- We need volunteers at the next club meeting to fill vacant board and officer positions at the November election. Budget can remain the same as last year.

### New Business

- We will need to hold a zoom board meeting in December to approve election results.

Motion to adjourn at 19:33 hours, Joe/Chris, passed.

Respectfully submitted by Linda Maas KK6SOZ, YSARC Secretary