

VALLEY HAM NEWS

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UPCOMING EVENTS

01 Aug – Board Meeting
12 Aug – Fox Hunt
15 Aug – General Meeting

02 Sep – VE Session
05 Sep – Board Meeting

09 Sep – Fox Hunt
19 Sep -- General Meeting/BBQ

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.

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, 105
red/ black pairs. Cost is \$1.09
per pair.
4. RG8X strain relief boots, 5 at
\$0.50 each.
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, 500 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. There is also a Power Pole
crimper that can be checked out.

If you are interested in checking out
a soldering iron, the crimper 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. At
most club meetings he has the club
store available excluding cable.

FOX HUNT



A great fox hunt on Sat., July 15th.
Thanks to all who came out.



Left to right participants were Ernie
(KN6GTN), Kevin (KV6OTT), Paul (W6PNH),
Karla (K6KDS)

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GENERAL MEETING

The next Fox Hunt will be Sat. Aug. 12th., starting at 9 A.M. 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.

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Due to all the issues, I had with yahoo, I have a new Outlook.com account! My email address is yubasutterares@outlook.com. Please update your contact list with my new address so that we can stay in touch.

This email is solely for Ham Radio and ARES related communications. Hopefully, the issues I had with yahoo will not replicate here. I had sent an email out in April to one of our AEC's...and he just received it today. Please, discontinue using the yubasutterares@yahoo.com address as I am in the process of closing that account.

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SKYWARN: SU-34

The next General meeting is Aug 15th. Topic To Be Determined.

MONDAY NIGHT NET CONTROL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR DECEMBER

To date, John (KI6UDF) has the following hams volunteering for 2023. Net control positions are open for 2024.

You can do a single net, several nets or a whole month. The choice is yours.

John can be contacted on the net or email him at KI6UDF@gmail.com.

Month	Name	Call
Aug	Matthew/Paul	KN6WNR /W6PNH
Sep	Ernie Rissler	KN6GTN
Oct	Chuck	KI6HK
Nov	Joe Visalli	N9BD
Dec		

Thanks to all who have volunteered.
John (KI6UDF)

VE TEST SESSION

The next VE session will be Sat., Sep 2nd 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. **Please Note: You must have a FCC Federal Registration Number (FRN) to take an exam and for any transactions with**

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the FCC. You will need this number for the forms you'll complete. You will not be allowed to take the exam without this number. A FRN can be obtained at:

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

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.

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.

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!

SUMMITS ON THE AIR: NORTH AMERICA (SOTA)

Summits on the Air (SOTA) in North America has three events scheduled between August 4 - 7, 2023.

The Colorado 14er annual event will run from August 4 – 7.

The **SoCal SOTAFest** event will run from August 4 – 6

The Pacific Northwest Not-Quite-Fourteener event will run from August 5 – 6.

SOTA is an award contest for radio amateurs encouraging portable operation in mountainous areas. It provides opportunities for summit climbers (known as activators) to scale some of the highest peaks in North America and contact amateur radio stations locally and around the world.

Many different frequencies and modes will be used during the August events, but the recommended 2-meter FM frequencies have been changed to

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146.58, 146.55, and 146.49 MHz to align with the use of the North America Adventure Frequency for SOTA (146.58 MHz). Operation is also permitted on select HF frequencies. The National Simplex Frequency (146.52 MHz) may also be used. Each event website provides a list of operating frequencies. All amateur radio operators and shortwave listeners are invited to participate.

AUGUST QSO AND OTHER CONTESTS

05 Aug. North America QSO Party; CW

05 Aug. 222 MHz & up Distance Contest; CW, Phone, Digital

12 Aug. EME 2.3 GHz & up; CW, Phone, Digital

12 Aug. Maryland-DC QSO Party; CW, Phone, Digital

19 Aug. 10 GHz and &, round 1; CW, Phone, Digital

19 Aug. North America QSO Party; Phone

20 Aug. Rookie Roundup—RTTY; Digital

26 Aug. Hawaii QSO Party; CW, Phone, Digital

26 Aug. W/VE Islands (US Islands) QSO Party; CW, Phone, Digital

26 Aug. Kansas QSO Party; CW, Phone, Digital

26 Aug. Ohio QSO Party; CW, Phone

Many other contests can be found at:

<https://www.contestcalendar.com>

~Marsha (KI6CSN)

BOARD MEETING

The next board meeting will be held on Tues., August 1st at 1900 (7 p.m.) via zoom. Details for the zoom meeting will be emailed.

COMMENTS

✓ YSARC's web page is: **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.

✓ How many of you have checked out the ARRL Sacramento Valley Section web page? There's lots of good information about what's happening with many of the different clubs in the Northern California area. Check it out!

<https://www.arrlsacvalley.org/home>

✓ 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

✓ Send your "Ask Curtis" questions to kf6vfp@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 June 6, 2023 Held on Zoom platform, hosted by June



Meeting called to order by Chris McLain KK6VZD at 19:00 hours.

Officers and Board Members present unless noted:

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

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

Members and Guests present: Claire Schloenvogt KI6VWG, Curtis Sylvester-Jose KF6VFP, LeRoy Smith KJ6DKM, and Neil Bossard N6CNY.

Secretary's Report:

- Motion to approve minutes from May 2, 2023, Joe/Ryan, passed.
- Motion to approve new member application from Scott Marshall N6SDM, Joe/Robert, passed.

Treasurer's Report:

- We had a major expenditure this past month - \$1658.10 for the new WD6AXM repeater antenna, which came out of the repeater fund that many members have contributed to. Motion to approve June's emailed and verbally presented Financial Report for June 6, Paul/Joe, passed.

Old Business

- Antenna workshop on May 20 was cancelled due to lack of individuals planning to attend.
- We provided a basket of ham radio-related items for the Sutter Buttes Day drawing.
- Discussion of transfer of domain and Paypal account. Joe will contact Kevin to confirm he is still the PayPal administrator.
- Paul reported that the Fox Hunt was postponed to June 17th.
- Discussion of Field Day (June 24-25) details. Neil offered to bring grills, Chris offered to provide corn. Motion to spend up to \$200 for food for Field Day, Joe/Paul, passed.

New Business

- Neil reported that ARES is starting to implement GMRS into ARES's communications.
- Joe suggested we participate in POTA from the east side of New Bullard's Bar Reservoir.
- Motion to reschedule the next board meeting from July 4 to July 11, Joe/Paul, passed.
- Proposed July club meeting topic: tools & equipment for new hams + potluck
- Proposed August club meeting topic: foxhunt + barbecue
- Motion to adjourn at 19:56 hours, Joe/Robert, passed.
- Post-adjournment comment: Christmas Party venue was reserved for December 2nd at Lee's

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Canton Restaurant. This can be changed if needed.

Respectfully submitted by Linda Maas KK6SOZ, YSARC Secretary