

# VALLEY HAM NEWS

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## **CLUB OFFICERS**

Pres.: Chris McLain, KK6VZD  
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## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Joe Visalli, N9BD  
Paul Hyatt, W6PNH  
Eric Walton, KM6QQT  
Bud Myers, KK1BUD  
Neil Bossard, N6CNY

## **REPEATER TRUSTEE**

Dave Gartner, WD6AXM

## **LIAISONS**

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

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

02 Mar – VE Session  
05 Mar – Board Meeting  
09 Mar – Bok Kai Parade  
10 Mar – Sacramento County ARES  
Foxhunt

16 Mar – Loomis Ham Fest  
19 Mar – General Meeting  
  
02 Apr – Board Meeting  
13 Apr – Fox Hunt  
13 Apr – Bike Around the Buttes  
16 Apr – General Meeting  
18 Apr – World Amateur Radio Day  
  
04 May – VE Session  
04 May – Star Wars Day  
07 May – Board Meeting  
21 May – General Meeting  
31 May – Memorial Day

## **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.

## **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, 83 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 122 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.

There is a Power Pole crimper that can be checked out.

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

## **MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**

The club is reminding everyone to renew their membership for 2024. 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

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available on the club website: ysarc.net.

## **SACRAMENTO COUNTY ARES FOXHUNT**

Our Big Game Hunting event is scheduled for March 10, 1300-1500 Pacific Time. This is a direction finding event but without all of the driving and walking around. A directional antenna is the tool of choice, but your standard vertical antenna will also be very useful – especially combined with the observations of others. In other words, the more the merrier.

So, now is the time to sign up for our event. By officially signing up it will let me prepare some observation sheets and some maps we can all use during the event. Also, by knowing where you all will be operating from it will suggest which location might be best for me to hide and transmit from.

Liaisons, this is also your chance to spread this information-of-interest to your team letting them know that this is open to all amateur operators. You do not have to be a member of ARES to participate.

You can find information and the signup for on our website at:

<https://sacramentoares.org/big-game-hunting-march-2024/>

Jay Ballinger - N6SAC  
Emergency Coordinator  
Sacramento County ARES

## **YSARC FOXHUNT**



l to r: Bud, KK1BUD; Karla, K6KDS; AJ, K6AJH; Kevin, KV6OTT; Jeff, KN6MXB; Eric, KJ7ZCW; Marvin, KQ4BAZ; and Ernie, KN6GTN. Also participating but not shown (he's behind the camera) Paul W6PNH

Karla (K6KDS)

The next Foxhunt is scheduled for Sat., April 13<sup>th</sup>; however, due to the Bike Around The Buttes event the date is subject to change. The Fox will be transmitting on 146.565 MHz. When you find the location, you'll have an opportunity to find a second, low-power transmitter on foot. After about an hour the APRS will be turned on.

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

## **TECHNICIAN CLASS**

We've had an average of 6 to 8 students show up for each class sessions. Some of them have also been studying for their General Class License. They will be testing Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Good luck to all of them.

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## MONDAY NIGHT NET CONTROL

To date, John (KI6UDF) has the following hams volunteering for 2024.

You can volunteer for a single net, several nets, or a whole month. The choice is yours. Several net control positions are still open for this year:

May, July, Aug., Oct., Nov., and Dec.

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

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Month	Name	Call
Jan	Chris	KK6VZD
Feb	Bud	KK1BUD
Mar	Paul Karla	W6PNH K6KDS
Apr	Ernest	KN6GTN
May		
Jun	Curtis Marsha	KF6VFP KI6CSN
Jul		
Aug		
Sep	Ernest	KN6GTN
Oct		
Nov		
Dec		
Backup		
	Steve	KN6IJD
	Smitty	WB1G

Thanks to all who have volunteered.  
John (KI6UDF)

## HAMFESTS

Loomis Hamfest

**Start Date:** 03/16/2024

**End Date:** 03/16/2024

**Location:** Historic Loomis Train Depot

Plaza

5775 Horseshoe Bar Road  
Loomis, CA 95650

**Website:** <https://hamfest.w6ek.org/>

**Sponsor:** Sierra Foothills Amateur  
Radio Club

**Type:** ARRL Hamfest

**Talk-In:** 146.535

**Public Contact:** Mike “Smitty” Smith,  
WB1G

6484 Osprey Court Rocklin, CA 95765

Phone: 916-773-1999

**Email:** [smittyontheair@gmail.com](mailto:smittyontheair@gmail.com)

## VE TEST SESSION

The next VE session will be Sat., Mar 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 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

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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 at no additional cost.

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

Licensing 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!

## **BIKE AROUND THE BUTTES**

The annual Bike Around The Buttes (BATB) will be held April 13th, 2024. Neil (N6CNY) is heading up this event this year. All participation is greatly appreciated. If you would like to volunteer, but cannot do a full day, that is perfectly fine! We can work things around. Packets will be going out ASAP to everyone who is participating via email.

BATB Supports the NorCal Lions Health Foundation. The routes have a 20-mile, 40-mile, 71-mile, and 100-mile routes. The 100-mile riders start from 0600-0630, 71-mile riders start from 0630-0730, 40-mile riders start from 0730-0830, and the 20-mile riders start from 0830-1000 hrs.

Positions as of 20 Feb 2024

<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Call Sign</b>
Net Control 1	Mike	KK6ISQ
Net Control 2	Curtis	KF6VFP
Runner		
Rest Stop 1	Robert	K6VNR
Rest Stop 1	Kim	KN6KIP
Rest Stop 2	Chris	KK6VZD
Rest Stop 2	Linda	KK6SOZ
Rest Stop 3	Paul	KK0BGY
Rest Stop 3	Justin	KO0X
Rest Stop 4	Paul	W6PNH
Rest Stop 4	Karla	K6KDS
SAG 1	Bud	KK1BUD
SAG 2	Eric	KN6QQT
SAG 3		
SAG 4	Andy	KJ6IYM
SAG 5	Ted	KN6TED

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Position	Name	Call Sign
SAG 6		
SAG 7		
SAG 8		
SAG 9		
SAG 10	Daniel	N6APX
SAG 11	Matthew	KN6WNR
Bike Path	Paul	W6PNH
Victor 1	Neil	N6CNY
Victor 2	Brandon	KM6JID

We are currently looking for 5 more SAG's and a Net Control Runner. Anyone available to volunteer, please contact Neil at:

yubasutterares@outlook.com

or text him at 530.844.4776 or 530.788.2569 with your Name, Callsign, and email address

Neil 'Buck' Bossard (N6CNY)

**Emergency Coordinator:** Yuba-Sutter ARES

**Board Member:** Yuba-Sutter Amateur radio Club

**Communications**

**Coordinator:** Bike Around the Buttes

**Cell/Text:** (530) 788.2569

**Cell/Text:** (530) 844.4776

[yubasutterares@outlook.com](mailto:yubasutterares@outlook.com)

**FCC GMRS:** WRXH675

**SKYWARN:** SU-34

## **BOK KAI PARADE**



On Sat., Mar 9, YSARC will volunteer by staging and lining up entrants in marching order in the Bok Kai parade.

Chris (KK6VZD) and Bud (KK1BUD) are the ramrods for this event. Nine volunteers have signed up.

Contact Bud, KKIBUD@arrl.net for more information.

## **MARCH QSO AND OTHER CONTESTS**

02 March: ARRL DX International Contest; SSB Phone

09 March: Oklahoma QSO Party; CW, Phone, Digital

09 March: Idaho QSO Party; CW, Phone, Digital

10 March: North America Sprint; Digital

10 March: Wisconsin QSO Party; CW, Phone, Digital

16 March: Virginia QSO Party; CW, Phone, Digital

21 March: Netherlands Telegraphy Club (ntc) QSO Party; CW

21 March: First Class CW Operators' Club QSO Party; CW

Many other contests can be found at the following websites:

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[http://www.arrl.org/files/file/Contest Corral/2024/March 2024 Corral.pdf](http://www.arrl.org/files/file/Contest%20Corral/2024/March%202024%20Corral.pdf)  
<https://www.contestcalendar.com>

Curtis (KF6VFP)

## **BOARD MEETING**

The next board meeting will be held on Tues. March 5, 2024, 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 web master, 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](mailto:KI6CSN@arrl.net) or [KF6VFP@arrl.net](mailto:KF6VFP@arrl.net)

✓ Send your "Ask Curtis" questions to [kf6vfp@arrl.net](mailto: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](mailto:board@ysarc.net)

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Yuba-Sutter Amateur Radio Club  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes January 2, 2024  
Held on Zoom platform, hosted by Paul



Meeting called to order by Chris McLain at 19:02 hours.

## Officers and Board Members present unless noted:

President: Chris McLain KK6VZD	Director: Joe Visalli N9BD
Vice President: Steve Shepard KN6IJD	Director: Paul Hyatt W6PNH
Secretary: Linda Maas KK6SOZ	Director: Bud Myers KK1BUD
Treasurer: June McJunkin N6JEY - absent	Director: Eric Walton KM6QQT
	Director: vacant

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

## Secretary's Report:

- Motion to approve minutes from December 5, 2023 as written, Joe/Bud, passed.

Treasurer's Report: none

## Old Business

- Motion to appoint Neil Bossard N6CNY as a board member, Joe/Paul, passed. Neil had previously agreed to become a board member.
- Foxhunts will be held on the even months unless stated otherwise by Paul.
- Chris Conde paid the 2024 fee to our web host, as the admin transfer couldn't be completed before December 31. Motion to reimburse Chris the \$174.85 fee, Paul/Bud, passed.
- Paul registered yubasutterarc.org domain name as a fallback plan.
- Bud has 7 volunteers for the Bok Kai parade on March 9. He's looking for at least 8. We will assist with entry line-up starting at 9am; parade starts at 11am.
- Curtis will look into getting a larger room at the Red Cross due to the large number of people who have expressed an interest in the Tech class.

## New Business

- Chris is planning to do a presentation on EchoLink at the January club meeting. He is also considering a presentation on RF in the shack for later this year.
- Chris will donate a radio for a drawing for those who complete the Tech class.

Motion to adjourn at 19:53 hours, Bud/Joe, passed.

Respectfully submitted by Linda Maas KK6SOZ, YSARC Secretary