

VALLEY HAM NEWS

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VE Liaison: LeRoy Smith, KJ6DKM

UPCOMING EVENTS

02 Apr – Board Meeting
08 Apr – Solar Eclipse
13 Apr – Bike Around the Buttes
16 Apr – General Meeting
18 Apr – World Amateur Radio Day
20 Apr – Fox Hunt

27 Apr – International Marconi Day

04 May – VE Session

04 May – Star Wars Day

07 May – Board Meeting

21 May – General Meeting

31 May – Memorial Day

04 Jun – Board Meeting

08 Jun – Fox Hunt

15 Jun – Kids Day

18 Jun – General Meeting

22 – 23 Jun – Field 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 month at 7:30 P.M.: on the WD6AXM

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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, on the air, or at one of the club meetings. At most club meetings he has the club store available excluding cable.

BOK KIA PARADE

On March 9th, ten Yuba Sutter Amateur Radio Club members and two visitors volunteered their time to assist in the 144th running of the Bok Kai Parade in Marysville. This was the year of the Dragon.

YSARC provided organization, direction and control to more than 50 parade participants to insure smooth and orderly staging and entrance into

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the parade route. All of our volunteers were very well prepared and performed flawlessly. What a great group work with!!

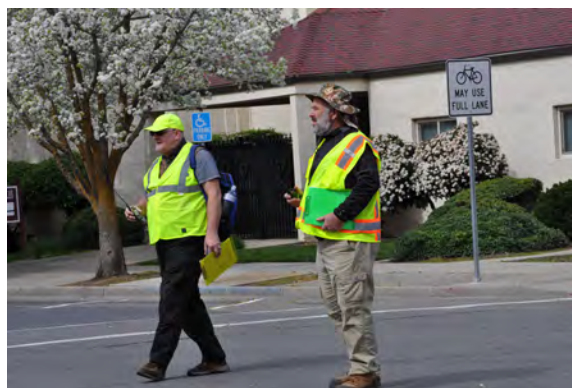
The weather was perfect and the Parade Committee was very organized so everyone had a great time representing YSARC in our community. John Lim (Festival Director) and Heather Thompson (Parade coordinator) were very impressed and appreciative of our services and requested that we do it again next year.

Club volunteers included: Chris KK6VZD, Bud KK1BUD, Paul W6PNH, Steve KN6IJD, Neil N6CNY, (with helpers David and Liz) Matthew KN6WNR, Eric KN6QQT, John KI6UDF, Daniel N6APX, Curtis KF6VFP.

Great job everyone, Thank you all so much!!

Bud Meyers (KK1BUD)

Photos from the Parade:



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YSARC FOXHUNT

The next Foxhunt is scheduled for Sat., April 20th. 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.

FCC TO REQUIRE TWO FACTOR AUTHENTICATION FOR CORES USERS

“ARLB007 FCC to Require Two Factor Authentication for CORES Users

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has announced an upcoming change to the Commission Registration System (CORES) that licensees use to pay any application or regulatory fees, manage or reset a password on an existing FRN, or request a new FRN. Beginning March 29, 2024, multifactor authentication will be implemented. Users will be prompted to request a six-digit secondary verification code, which will be sent to the email address(es) associated with

each username. The user will then need to enter the code into CORES before they can continue.

In a public notice, the FCC said this change will make the system more secure. "This additional layer of security will further safeguard against unauthorized access, thereby enhancing the overall integrity of information contained within the CORES system and improving the security of user data," it read.

The Public Notice can be found in PDF format at,

<https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/DA-24-219A1.pdf> .

The FCC recommends that users confirm they have access to their username account email and to add a secondary email address, if need be.

Resources are available for those who need assistance with the system. For inquiries or assistance regarding the implementation of multifactor authentication on CORES, submit a help request at <https://www.fcc.gov/wtbhelp>, or call the FCC at 877-480-3201 (Monday through Friday, 8 AM to 6 PM ET).”

BEWARE OF DOCUSIGN EMAIL PHISHING SCAM

From ARRL Sacramento Valley Section, Section Manager: Dr. Carol F Milazzo, KP4MD

“One of our Section Members reports receiving a "DocuSign" email for a document claiming to be from ARRL. ARRL HQ informs us that other

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members have received such emails, and those are a "phishing" scam. Do not open any such emails."

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:

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	Joe	N9BD
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

75th Annual International DX Convention

Start Date: 04/12/2024

End Date: 04/14/2024

Location: Visalia, California Convention Center

303 E. Acequia Ave.

Visalia, CA 93277

Website: <http://www.dxconvention.org>

Sponsor: Southern California DX Club

Type: ARRL Convention

Talk-In: NO Talk-in

Public Contact: Bill Kendrick, N6RV

1677 256th Street Harbor City, CA 90710

Phone: 1-310-938-9763

Email: n6rv@dxconvention.org

Valley of the Moon ARC Annual Hamfest

Start Date: 04/27/2024

End Date: 04/27/2024

Location: First Congregational Church of Sonoma

252 West Spain Street

Sonoma, CA 95476

Website: <http://VOMARC.ORG>

Sponsor: Valley of the Moon ARC

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Talk-In: 145.35 88.5

Public Contact: Darrel Jones, WD6BOR

358 Patten St. Sonoma, CA 95476

Phone: 707-799-6382

Email: WD6BOR@VOM.COM

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VE TEST SESSION

At the last VE session 7 technician exams, 4 general exams and 2 extra class exams were given. All 7 people taking the exams passed the technician exam and 2 of them also passed the general exam.

Congratulations to Stanley Cleveland, Avery Lanigan (KO6DVT), Jocelyn Biscoff (KO6DVU), Jeremy Biscoff (KO6DVS) and Wesley Peterson (KO6DVO) who made technician. Also, congratulations to Lenard Lanigan (KO6DVW) and Edward Biscoff (KO6DVL) who passed their general exams.

The next VE session will be Sat., May 4th 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 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!

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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 are: 20-miles, 40-miles, 71-miles, and 100-miles. 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

Position	Name	Call Sign
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

Position	Name	Call Sign
SAG 5	Ted	KN6TED
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

Remember, SAG's are to check in at Net Control by 0545 Saturday morning. At 0545, we will do a safety and information brief for any last minute changes. Rest Stops can check into Net Control via radio. Rest stops please arrive on your post 15 minutes prior to it's opening. If you are running late, please notify Net Control.

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

FCC GMRS: WRXH675

SKYWARN: SU-34

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APRIL QSO AND OTHER CONTESTS

06 Apr: Louisiana QSO Party; CW, Digital, Phone

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06 Apr: Missouri QSO Party; CW, Digital, Phone

06 Apr: Florida State Parks on the Air; CW, Digital, Phone

08 Apr: Solar Eclipse QSO Party; Solar Eclipse QSO Party

13 Apr: New Mexico QSO Party; CW, Digital, Phone

13 Apr: Georgia QSO Party; CW, Phone

20 Apr: Nebraska QSO Party; CW, Digital, Phone

20 Apr: Texas State Parks on the Air; CW, Digital, Phone

20 Apr: Michigan QSO Party; CW, Phone

20 Apr: Ontario QSO Party; CW, Phone

20 Apr: North Dakota QSO Party; CW, Digital, Phone

21 Apr: Quebec QSO Party; CW, Phone

21 Apr: ARRL Rookie Roundup, SSB; Phone

27 Apr: Florida QSO Party; CW, Phone

Many other contests can be found at the following websites:

[http://www.arrl.org/files/file/ContestCorral/2024/April 2024 Corral.pdf](http://www.arrl.org/files/file/ContestCorral/2024/April%202024%20Corral.pdf)

<https://www.contestcalendar.com>

Curtis (KF6VFP)

BOARD MEETING

The next board meeting will be held on Tues. April 2nd, 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 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 February 6, 2024
Held on Zoom platform, hosted by June



Meeting called to order by Chris McLain at 19:01 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: Bud Myers KK1BUD
Director: Neil Bossard N6CNY
Director: Eric Walton KM6QQT

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

Secretary's Report:

- Motion to approve minutes from January 2, 2024, Joe/Bud, passed.
- We received a postcard from the Registry of Charitable Trusts reminding us to file.
- We should look into moving to a digital membership card in the future.

Treasurer's Report:

- June presented 2 financial reports: for the year ending Dec. 31, 2023 and for Feb. 5, 2024. We spent a lot more in 2023 than we brought in. The Registry of Charitable Trusts has switched to a more complicated form that nonprofits are required to file annually.
- Motion to approve financial reports, Neil/Paul, passed.

Old Business

- Paul reports that Smitty WB1G may contribute to website.
- Curtis reports 8 people are regularly participating in the Tech class. Class was cancelled last night due to power outages and other results of Sunday's "atmospheric river" storm.
- We have 8 volunteers for the Bok Kai parade on March 9.

New Business

- Motion to set aside up to \$50 for a new bulb for the projector, Neil/Bud, passed.
- Neil is looking for 6 more SAG drivers for Bike around the Buttes on April 13.
- Neil reports that Yuba Sutter ARES now has 33 members. ARES was very close to being called in for the storm on Sunday. The power went out to the repeaters on the Sutter Buttes and they were operating on battery power.
- Possible upcoming meeting topics: QRP, new FCC rules on RF exposure (in March), ARRL or ARES videos, Go Kits, manually programming HTs, potluck, Field Day presentation by Joe (in May).

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Motion to adjourn at 20:06 hours, Joe/Neil, passed.

Respectfully submitted by Linda Maas KK6SOZ, YSARC Secretary