

VALLEY HAM NEWS

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20 Aug – General Meeting

03 Sep – Board meeting

07 Sep – VE Session

17 Sep – General Meeting

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Joe Visalli, N9BD
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Dave Gartner, WD6AXM

LIAISONS

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

02 Jul – Board meeting
06 Jul – VE Session
13 Jul – Hot RF Night
16 Jul – General Meeting

06 Aug – Board Meeting
10 Aug – Fox Hunt

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

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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, 103 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, 34 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) 713-9068, 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.

JUNE GENERAL MEETING

At the June general meeting, the club demonstrated amateur radio to the students at Vacation Bible School in Marysville, grades K-6. Here are a few pictures courtesy of Linda (KK6SOZ).



Paul (W6PNH) demonstrating HF to the kids.

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Curtis (KF6VFP) talking about the various radios and answering questions from the kids.



Kevin KV6OTT, Paul W6PNH, Karla K6KDS, Jeff KN6MXB, Ryan KN6RCM, Devin N0DVE, Gordon (non-HAM, Devin's husband). Not pictured are Ginger KN6JZW and A.J. K6AJH

Karla (K6KDS)



YSARC FOXHUNT

The next Foxhunt is scheduled for Sat., August 10th. 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.

Photo of the participants in the last Foxhunt:

FIELD DAY RESULTS

This is an overview of the QSO's from the site at Sutter High School:

We worked:

5 bands (80-10 minutes)

267 Digital Contacts

128 Phone

1324 QSO points

450 Bonus points

1774 total points

47 States worked

17 Countries worked

Total Contacts by Band and Mode:								
Band	CW	Power	Dig	Power	Phone	Power	Total	%
80	0		0		2		2	1
40	0		0		50		50	13
20	0		22		48		70	18
15	0		199		27		226	57
10	0		46		1		47	12
Total	0		267		128		395	100

I have not received any reports of

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other members who operated on their own,

Joe - N9BD

GENERAL MEETING

The next general meeting will be Tuesday, 16 July at the Marysville First UMC, Pioneer hall.

SILENT KEY

It is with sadness that we report the passing of club member Harold Spies (KD6GVQ) on June 2nd. Below is the obituary from the Appeal Democrat.

Harold Raymond Spies, 94, of Yuba City, CA, passed away on June 2, 2024, at his home at The Courtyard Assisted Living.

He enlisted in the US Air Force in 1951 and, except for a 2-year period, proudly served his country until his retirement in 1975, having achieved the highest enlisted rank of Chief Master Sergeant.

He began his career in the Air Force as an Aircraft Radio Mechanic and went on to become the Shop Chief of Aircraft Mechanic and Radio Shops for various aircraft, his longest and final assignment being with the SR 71 Blackbird. Harold served as an Advisor to Vietnam's Avionic Field Maintenance support personnel in Bin Thuy, Vietnam, from April 1971-April 1972. He retired as the Com/nav Chief & Assistant Avionics Maintenance Superintendent for the 9th Recon Wing/9th Avionics Maintenance Squadron at Beale AFB, CA.

After retirement from the Air Force,

Harold was a Realtor and Real Estate Broker for a few years. His final retirement came in 1994 after 12 years of civil service as an Electronics Mechanic with the Department of the US Air Force at McClellan AFB, CA.

Harold's courage, perseverance and positive attitude, even through the most difficult challenges, are an example to live by for those who knew him.

After a stroke robbed him of his speech and writing skills in 2016, he studied daily with determination and humor, and was successful in regaining most of his speech, although it remained a struggle for him. He loved nothing more than to laugh to the point of tears with anyone who found humor in his misspeaks.

He never gave up working through frustration in order to speak his thoughts, tell a joke or compliment someone.

Harold was a compassionate, thoughtful, kind, sweet, smart, giving, stubborn, independent, strong, grateful, funny and joyful man who loved to laugh, dance and sing, especially his favorite song, Amazing Grace.

He was always a gentleman. He loved meeting new people and making new friends wherever he went. He remained interested in politics and new technology even during his last days.

He was an aficionado of corny dad jokes. He was a man of God and of profound faith and said his prayers before bed every night to his last breath.

Harold was eager to help any who needed it. He was a jack-of-all-trades and could build or fix anything with his skills as a blacksmith, welder, carpenter, cabinet maker, auto mechanic, siding

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installer, roofer, upholsterer, plumber and electrician, to name a few.

He loved whittling, painting landscapes, fixing electronic equipment and generally tinkering in his garage.

He was an excellent self-taught jeweler and made many beautiful pieces of jewelry for his family with his faceting and lapidary equipment. He studied geological maps and took his family rock hunting in the hills east of Beale AFB in order to find unusual rocks to make into rings and pendants.

A Memorial Mass for Harold will be held at St. Isidore Catholic Church, 222 Clark Avenue, Yuba City, CA, on Friday, June 21, 2024, at 10:30 a.m. and will be immediately followed by inurnment with full military honors at Sutter Cemetery in Sutter, CA. Arrangements are under the direction of Ullrey Memorial Chapel & Crematory, (530) 673-9542.

MONDAY NIGHT NET CONTROL

Net controls needed for August!

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:

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

Month	Name	Call
Jun	Curtis Marsha	KF6VFP KI6CSN
Jul	Matthew	KN6WNR
Aug		
Sep	Ernest	KN6GTN
Oct		
Nov		
Dec		
Backup		
	Steve	KN6IJD
	Smitty	WB1G

Thanks to all who have volunteered.
John (KI6UDF)

HOT RF NIGHTS

From Smitty (WB1G)

I hope you're all doing well. I wanted to take a quick opportunity to send you guys a formal invitation to YSARC to join the Sierra Foothills Amateur Radio Club for Hot RF Nights on Sat., July 13th. The event has really morphed into a carnival for amateur radio operators – it's a lot of fun. Last year we had over a half dozen local served agencies set up with over 150 attendees.

Do you think you guys could/would come and re-present YSARC? If so, please visit:

w6ek.org/activities/hotrfnights/rsvp

and RSVP for the event so we can build our database of attendees and make sure we have room allocated for your needs.

Please include any special needs in

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the notes within the RSVP. Thanks in advance.

73,
Smitty (WB1G)

The Sierra Foothills Amateur Radio Club (W6EK)

(530) 492-0920

Start Date: 07/13/2024

End Date: 07/13/2024

Sponsored by: Sierra Foothill ARC

Setup: 3 p.m.

Event Start: 5 p.m.

Event Ends: Sunset

To be held at: Crossroads Church
Auburn

1101 Auburn Ravine Road, Auburn

“Hot RF Nights is a chance to show off mobile rig installs or go kits and build fellowship among Northern California amateur radio operators and groups.”

For more information goto:
w6ek.org/activities/hotrfrnights

VE TEST SESSION

The next VE session will be Sat., July 6th 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

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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!

JULY QSO AND OTHER CONTESTS

13 Jul: IARU HF World Championship; CW, Phone

20 July: YOTA (Youth on the Air) Contest; CW, Phone

20 July: North America QSO Party (RTTY); Digital

27 July: Alabama QSO Party; CW Phone

Many other contests can be found at the following websites:

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

<https://www.contestcalendar.com>,
www.qrpfoxhunt.org,
www.ncccsprint.com,
www.cwops.org.

Curtis (KF6VFP)

BOARD MEETING

The next board meeting will be held

on Tues. July 2, 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 May 7, 2024 Held on Zoom platform, hosted by June

Meeting called to order by Steve Shepard at 19:05 hours.

Officers and Board Members present unless noted:

President: Chris McLain KK6VZD - absent	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	Director: Neil Bossard N6CNY
	Director: Eric Walton KM6QQT - absent

Members and Guests present: Curtis Sylvester-Jose KF6VFP, and Claire Schloenvogt KI6VWG, Ed Bischoff KO6DVL

Secretary's Report:

- Motion to approve minutes from April 2, 2024, Bud/Neil, passed.
- No new member applications received.

Treasurer's Report:

- Motion to approve June's financial report for May 6, 2024, Joe/Neil, passed.
- June reported that her mailbox is secure and she would rather have donations dropped off there, rather than via PayPal because we lose about 3% to PayPal fees. She reminded us that Chris, Joe, and Linda are also signers on the account and could deposit funds at the bank.

Old Business

- The May 21 club meeting will be held at Crossroads Community Church.
- Joe mentioned that a student from the January tech class passed his Extra Class last Saturday.
- POTA will be held at Gray Lodge Wildlife Area on May 18. Set-up starts at 8am. Parking fee is \$5.50 unless you have a valid hunting or fishing license, in which case it is free. Bring insect repellent.
- Neil received a letter from Maggie Robison, secretary of the Lions Health Foundation District 4, thanking us for our help at Bike around the Buttes in April.

New Business

- Sierra Foothills ARC is hosting Hot RF Nights again this year at 5pm on July 13 at Crossroads Church, 1101 Auburn Ravine Road in Auburn.
- The possibility of another BBQ picnic in September or October was discussed briefly.
- Field Day location will be set by the May club meeting.

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Motion to adjourn at 19:41 hours, Neil/Joe, passed.

Respectfully submitted by Linda Maas KK6SOZ, YSARC Secretary