

# VALLEY HAM NEWS

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## **CLUB OFFICERS**

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

01 Oct – Board Meeting  
05-06 Oct – CA QSO Party  
15 Oct – General Club Meeting  
18-20 Oct – Pacificon  
18-20 Oct – Jamboree On The Air

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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

## **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

## **REPEATER TRUSTEE**

Dave Gartner, WD6AXM

## **LIAISONS**

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

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

06 Aug – Board Meeting  
10 Aug – Fox Hunt  
20 Aug – General Club Meeting  
  
03 Sep – Board meeting  
07 Sep – VE Session  
17 Sep – General Club Meeting

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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, 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](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.

## YSARC FOXHUNT

The next Foxhunt is scheduled for Sat., August 10<sup>th</sup>. 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.

## JAMBOREE ON THE AIR

Boy Scouts Golden Empire Council will be joining the "Jamboree On the Air" effort this year during their fall Camporee. The camporee will be held Oct 18 - 20 and the scouts are trying to

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enlist local hams to set up rigs at their Camporee site and join in the "Jamboree on the Air". The camporee will be held at the NorCal Adventure Center on Oregon Hill in Camptonville. The big day for operating will be Saturday, October 19th. Neil / N6CNY is coordinating efforts with the scouts so if you're interested in participating please contact him and he can give you more details. This is a great opportunity to show off ham radio to the scouts and yet another excuse to get out in the field and practice your deployed radio skills.

Nor Cal Adventure Center is located at 15356 Oregon Hill Rd, Camptonville, CA 95922

## GENERAL MEETING

The next general meeting will be Tuesday, 20 Aug at the Marysville First UMC, Pioneer hall.

At this meeting we are asking for people to bring and show off their go-kits. What's in your kit?

## ELECTIONS

The election of new officers and board members is quickly coming up. The club will be casting their ballots at the Tuesday November 19<sup>th</sup> general meeting. See you all there!

We need volunteers for the elected positions of President, Vice president, Secretary, Treasurer and 5 board members. We also need volunteers for Club Store; Ramrods for Field Day, Veterans Day, Bok Kai Parade, CA QSO, Bike Around the Buttes; Net Control Manager; Technician Class Instructor

and Club Prizes.

If you are willing to volunteer for a 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

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:

**Oct., Nov., and Dec.**

**You can also start signing up for next year.**

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

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Month	Name	Call
Aug	Joe	N9BD
Sep	Ernest	KN6GTN
Oct		
Nov		
Dec		
2025		
Jan		
Fed		
Mar		
Apr		
May		
Jun		
Jul		
Backup		
	Steve	KN6IJD
	Smitty	WB1G

Thanks to all who have volunteered.  
John (KI6UDF)

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## **FCC EXTRA CLASS QUESTION POOL REVISED AS OF 07/01/2024**

The ARRL Extra Class License Manual, 13<sup>th</sup> edition, is now available. Questions and answers are valid through 07/30/2028.

If you are going to be taking the Amateur Extra exam be sure you are studying from the new question pool.

## **VE TEST SESSION**

The next VE session will be Sat., Sept. 7th 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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## **AUGUST QSO AND OTHER CONTESTS**

03 Aug: North America QSO Party;  
CW

03 Aug: 222 MHz & Up Distance  
Contest; CW, Phone, Digital

10 Aug: Maryland-DC QSO Party;  
CW, Phone

10 Aug: Kentucky POTA; CW, hone,  
Digital

17 Aug: 110 GHz & Up Contest; CW,  
Phone, Digital

17 Aug: North America QSO Party;  
SSB

18 Aug: Rookie Round Up; Digital

24 Aug: ARRL EME Contest; CW,  
Phone, Digital

24 Aug: Hawaii QSO Party; CW,  
Phone, Digital

24 Aug: US Islands QSO Party; CW,  
Phone, Digital

24 Aug: Kansas QSO Party; CW,  
Phone, Digital

24 Aug: Ohio QSO Party; CW,  
Phone

For more info, visit:

[www.arrl.org/files/file/Contest](http://www.arrl.org/files/file/Contest)  
[Corral/2024/August 2024 Corral.pdf](#)  
[www.qrpfoxhunt.org](http://www.qrpfoxhunt.org)  
[www.ncccsprint.com](http://www.ncccsprint.com) and

[www.cwops.org](http://www.cwops.org).

## **BOARD MEETING**

The next board meeting will be held on Tues. August 6, 2024, at 1900 (7 p.m.) via zoom. Details for the zoom meeting will be emailed.

## **COMMENTS**

- YSARC's web page is: **ysarc.net**. Check out more photos of foxhunts and public service events!
- Past VHN's are available on the website.
- Thanks to our web master, Paul Hyatt, W6PNH.
- Click on the upper right-hand icon "**Join Now**" on the YSARC homepage to become a member of the club. Mailing instructions are provided.
- 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)

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## Yuba-Sutter Amateur Radio Club Board of Directors Meeting Minutes June 4, 2024 Held on Zoom platform, hosted by Paul

Meeting called to order by Chris McLain at 19:01 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: Neil Bossard N6CNY - absent
	Director: Eric Walton KM6QQT

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

### Secretary's Report:

- Motion to approve minutes as written from May 7, 2024, Bud/Joe, passed.
- Karla K6KDS has graciously agreed to take minutes at the July board meeting in Linda's absence.

### Treasurer's Report:

- No financial report from June for June.

### Old Business

- Possible caravan to Hot RF Night in Auburn.
- Field Day will be at Sutter High School. Joe hasn't heard from anyone interested in bringing their own radio. Field Day will be discussed at June club meeting.
- Discussion of possible locations for BBQ picnic in late Sept or October: SYO building, Sutter Baptist Church, Butte Star Ranch, D&B Stables. Board members will get more info.

### New Business

- The Methodist Church asked if we could start our June 18 meeting at 6:30 instead of 7pm in order to demonstrate radios to the Vacation Bible School kids. Discussion ensued of what to bring.

Motion to adjourn at 19:45 hours, Joe/Eric, passed.

Respectfully submitted by Linda Maas KK6SOZ, YSARC Secretary