

# 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**

02 Sep – Labor Day  
03 Sep – Board meeting  
07 Sep – VE Session  
17 Sep – General Club Meeting  
21 Sep – Sacramento Valley Hamfest  
28 Sep – Club Picnic

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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.

## SACRAMENTO VALLEY HAMFEST 09/21/2024

**Location:** 65 McBean Park Dr.  
Hwy. 193  
Lincoln, CA

**Website:** [www.wparc.us](http://www.wparc.us)

**Sponsor:** Western Placer Amateur Radio Club

**Talk-in:** 147.300 + 67 Hz

Drawing Prizes!  
0700-1200 Hours

## VETERANS DAY PARADE

The 2024 Veterans Day Parade is coming up on Sat., November 11 at 1100 a.m.

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Approximately 9 volunteers are needed for the annual parade in downtown Marysville. Our club needs two people minimum on each street; 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and D streets.

Curtis (KF6VFP) is the ramrod for this event. If you wish to volunteer please email him at [KF6VFP@arrl.net](mailto:KF6VFP@arrl.net) and let him know. To date, one person has volunteered.



Ginger KN6JZW and Karla K6KDS

## **RENO HAM SWAP**

**09/14/2024**

**Location:** Cabela's Reno  
8650 Boomtown Garson Rd.  
Reno, NV 89501

**Website:** <http://renohamswap.com>

**Sponsor:** Sierra Nevada Amateur Radio Society

**Type:** ARRL Hamfest

**Talk-In:** 147.210 + PL 100.0

**Public Contact:** Wes Vick, KG7QXE

PO Box 7727 Reno, NV 89510

Phone: 775.453.4142

**Email:** [info@snars.org](mailto:info@snars.org)

## **YSARC AUGUST FOXHUNT**



Dave WD6AXM, AJ K6AJH, Kevin KV6OTT, Linda and Paul W6PNH

The next Foxhunt is scheduled for Sat., October 12th. 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 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.

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

## CA QSO

The California QSO Party (CQP) is held every year on the first weekend of October. The first CQP took place in 1966. Since 1974, the Northern California Contest Club ([NCCC](#)) has sponsored CQP. CQP has traditionally opened the annual contest season by providing an opportunity for contesters to prepare for the ARRL November Sweepstakes since the format is similar.

Stations outside of California, worldwide, work stations in California only. The 58 counties of CA are the [multipliers](#). California stations work all stations in or out of CA. The 50 US states and 8 Canadian areas are the multipliers. Stations outside of Canada and the US add to one's QSO total but do not count as multipliers. See the full set of [CQP Rules](#) for more details.

<http://cqp.org/>

## PACIFICON

**The Mt. Diablo Amateur Radio Club presents**

### PACIFICON 2023

The ARRL Pacific Division Convention

October 18-20, 2024

San Ramon Marriott Hotel: 2600 Bishop Dr. San Ramon, California 94583

General Admission\*

\$35 in advance online until October 1 – for all 3 days! Youth 17 and under

admitted free and college students with a valid student ID (25 and under) \$5. Mail-in registrations must be postmarked by September 26.

Unique Forums and Programs

Pacificon 2024 features a long list of interesting forums and presentations from some of the most well-known and respected names in amateur radio.

For events, schedules, and online registration visit: [pacificon.org](http://pacificon.org)

Come and Experience the Many Facets of Ham Radio!

## GENERAL MEETING

The next general meeting is scheduled for September 17th at the Marysville First UMC, Pioneer Hall. Since the club has a picnic on Sep 28<sup>th</sup>, the general meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup> may be canceled and combined with the picnic. Stay tuned to the repeater for updates!

At this meeting or the club picnic we will be finalizing our CA QSO plans.

## CLUB PICNIC

The club will be having a picnic on Saturday, Sep 28<sup>th</sup>. It will be held at the home of Ed and Jocelyn Bischoff and their son Jeremy in Loma Rica. The address is 12501 Loma Rica Road. Cost of the picnic will be finalized at the next Board meeting on Sep 3<sup>rd</sup>. Listen in on the Monday night net for further details.

## ELECTIONS

The election of new officers and board members is quickly coming up. The club will be casting their ballots at

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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.**

**Signups are open for next year.**

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

**2024**

Month	Name	Call
Aug	Joe	N9BD
Sep	Ernest	KN6GTN
Oct		
Nov		
Dec		
<b>2025</b>		
Jan		
Fed		
Mar		
Apr		

Month	Name	Call
May	Curtis	KF6VFP
Jun		
Jul		
Aug		
Sep		
Oct		
Nov		
Dec		
Backup		
	Steve	KN6IJD
	Smitty	WB1G

Thanks to all who have volunteered.  
John (KI6UDF)

## 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

At the last VE session only one person tested. He took all three elements and passed the Technician and General class elements. Congratulations to Alexander J. (Jay) Hyatt III (KO6FRJ) who received his General class license.

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,

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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!

## **SEPTEMBER QSO AND OTHER CONTESTS**

01 Sep: Tennessee QSO Party; CW, Phone, Digital

07 Sep; Ohio Parks on the Air; Phone

08 Sep: N. America Sprint CW; CW

14 Sep: ARRL Sep VHF Contest; CW, Phone, Digital

15 Sep: N. America Sprint RTTY; Digital

21 Sep: ARRL EME Contest; CW, Phone, Digital

21 Sep: ARRL 10 GHz and Up Contest; CW, Phone, Digital

21 Sep: New Jersey QSO Party; CW, Phone, Digital

21 Sep: Iowa QSO Party; CW, Phone, Digital

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21 Sep: Texas QSO Party; CW, Phone, Digital

21 Sep: Wisconsin Parks on the Air; CW, Phone, Digital

21 Sep: New Hampshire QSO Party; CW, Phone, Digital

28 Sep: Maine QSO Party; CW, Phone, Digital

For more info, visit:

[www.arrl.org/files/file/ContestCorral/2024/September 2024 Corral.pdf](http://www.arrl.org/files/file/ContestCorral/2024/September%202024%20Corral.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. September 3, 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 July 2, 2024 Held on Zoom platform, hosted by June



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

Members and Guests present: Curtis Sylvester-Jose KF6VFP, Claire Schloenvogt KI6VWG, Ed KO6DVL, Cindy KM6YXO, and Kevin KM6WFW.

### Secretary's Report:

- Motion to approve minutes from June 4, 2024 as written, Neil/Joe, passed.
- Motion to approve new members Paige Gascon KO6EPU and Cora Gascon KO6EPV, Paul/Bud, passed.
- Motion to approve payment of Post Office box fee of \$232/year, Joe/Neil, passed.

### Treasurer's Report:

- June presented the financial reports for July 2, 2024 and noted that the repeater fund is greater than the general fund. Motion to approve financial reports, Joe/Neil, passed.

### Old Business

- We received an email from Smitty inviting us to participate in Hot RF Night in Auburn.
- Motion to reimburse Joe \$31.91 for Field Day expense of gas for the generator, Bud/Neil, passed.
- Motion to approve expenditure of \$73.98 for pizzas on Field Day which was charged to the club credit card, Bud/Neil, passed.
- More research needed on location for late Sept or early Oct picnic. New suggestions include Sam Brannan Park, Gauche Park, and Ed offered his place.
- Radio demo at the church went well. Both kids and parents showed interest.

### New Business

- July club meeting topic may include a video and discussion of California QSO Party, October 5-6.
- August club meeting topic may be Go-Kits.
- We were invited to set up stations, once again, at the BSA Jamboree on the Air, October 19, at Norcal Adventure Area 15356 Oregon Hill Road, Camptonville. They will give us more space this year.



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Motion to adjourn at 19:59 hours, Joe/Paul, passed.

Respectfully submitted by Linda Maas KK6SOZ, YSARC Secretary